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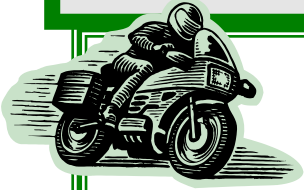
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What’s missing? My 650 GS lost it’s front wing & headlamp glass after a 60 mph collision with a red kite! Ian Joyce is getting me a new one+ a screen protector) *(See page 9 within—I’m not the only one!)*

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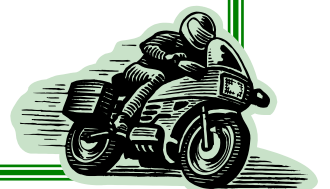
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FROM THE CHAIR



Happy new year — bit belated but better late the never?

2023 should be a more 'normal' occasion as we have seen some challenges in the last 2 with Pandemics etc. probably this time it will be the economy but we are a bit more used to that screwing up?

NAM is pressing on with what we do which is to provide top level training and coaching and be a happy group of like minded individuals enjoying our personal 'hobby'!

The diary is starting to fill with extended rides and other activities so please keep an eye on that and if you have something in mind that you think could appeal, let us know (bike related activities only please missus ahemnn.)

Its dry at the time of writing and the weather is improving so maybe this could be the longest riding season for some time? Global warming has to have some advantages...?

Ride safe and see you soon

Geoff





NAM Events Calendar 2023

Members are recommended to log on to our website to keep themselves up to date on what's on and see fuller details of events, published on the website.

Members' suggestions for ride-out destinations and off-bike activities are always welcome.. Contact any NAM official to discuss their suitability for you. *(Ours are in green)*

2023 Events are being sought & will be advised asap.

Monday, 20th March . NAM AGM 19.00 at The Obelisk. A guest Speaker is being sought.

Refreshments after. Partners & friends are welcome.

(Also check the calendar on our own website or ask an official..)

Editor

Want to contact the Group Secretary?

**Our website- www.nammc.org.uk with link to Members' Forum and IAM-
www.iamroadsmart.com or Email:- sec@nammc.org.uk**

Northamptonshire Advanced Motorcyclists Group 7226, The Obelisk Centre, Obelisk Rise, Kingsthorpe, Northampton NN2 8UE (where we normally meet every Sunday) Tel. 01604 385082. - (but emails are preferred to ensure a prompt reply)

Important Notice to Members

Members are reminded that, for insurance reasons, membership of both NAM and IAM RoadSmart is required to take part in any NAM activities.

NAM membership is due for all members on 30 April each year – except that anyone who joins after 1 December will have their membership extended until the April after next. Subscription cost is:-

£15 paid if paid by standing order (easiest – you won't forget) or BACS to Sort Code 30 96 09, Account No 01475729.

£16 by PayPal (includes PayPal fee).

Please note – we no longer accept payment by cheque.

N.B. -IAMRS membership renewal date varies by individual. Membership can be renewed via your Dashboard on;- <https://www.iamroadsmart.com/> or by contacting IAM Support.

**Some useful services
which some of our
members have used and
can be recommended.**

Mick Berrill Motorcycles

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NN4 8HZ

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www.motorvation-ltd.co.uk

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Speak to Darren Smith

HUMOUR

1. An engineering student meets a second engineer riding up on a shiny new motorcycle:-

“Where did you get such a rocking bike?” asked the first.

The second engineer replied “Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, ‘Take what you want.’”

The first engineer nodded approvingly “Good choice, the clothes probably wouldn’t have fitted.”

2. A man was riding his motorcycle through the border of Germany and Austria every week carrying 2 bags filled with sand:-

The border guard, an older man, searched both bags every time, but never found anything so he let him through. This goes on for a while until the border guard had his last day before retirement. Again the man comes to the border, both bags filled with sand. The guard asks him: "Look man, today is my last day. I know you are smuggling SOMETHING so please tell me, I won't bust you. I'm dying of curiosity since I never seem to find anything in the bags." The man grins and says: "I'm smuggling motorcycles."

3. I got a motorcycle for my wife last week!

Best Trade Ever!

4. I just got a wooden motorcycle. It has a wooden frame, wooden handle bars, wooden wheels, and a wooden seat. Guess what?

It wooden start!

5. An accident between a motorcycle and a car occurred yesterday.

The cause was determined to be the motorcyclist riding recklessly.

It was wheelie bad.

(I know what you're thinking; but such crap jokes are hard to find! - Ed)

Recent Advanced Motorcycle Test Passes

Guys & Gals, the easiest way we will get to know if you've passed is if you tell us or another member, like one of your Observers or the Committee,

Nothing to report this time



Several new members have joined recently too so we expect more good news now we are able to continue our normal activities. Perhaps only the weather may be a nuisance for a month or three...

On becoming a fully qualified member NAM lapel badges are presented at the first opportunity— usually on a Sunday morning) when we hope they will continue to hone their skills by riding out with us! Ed.

Mid-Week Observes 2022/3

Please note:-.The Observer's contribution is £10

Our official meeting dates are normally only on Sundays. *(See current situation shown)*

However, for those members who have difficulty attending regularly on Sundays there are a few Observers who are available to conduct these during the week, by appointment, to suit work schedules etc. The Associates Secretary can try to arrange these for you if required. Normally, this would be in daylight hours, *Monday to Saturday - allow for 2/3 hours duration.*

*Observers please note; any such appointments must be advised to the Group Secretary **BEFORE** the ride. This is to ensure that both parties are protected by IAM RoadSmart's Group liability insurance which otherwise is only automatically in force on our official published ride-outs and events. So let him know if you make any direct arrangements to observe. Notice for observed rides is essential as there is only a limited number who can assist in working hours. Ed.*

Please also note that on reaching the required Test standard, in your Observer's opinion, a mock test with a National Observer prior to applying for a Test date with IAM is advisable. This is to confirm the necessary standard has been reached and to avoid the expense of a re-test if there is any doubt remaining. This might have to be on a Sunday.

Group Sec. sec@nammc.org.uk

Please sign me up to an Advanced Rider Course for just **£175**

Call: 0300 303 1134 Click: www.iamroadsmart.com

or just fill in this form and post to:

FREEPOST IAM RoadSmart

(no need for any postcode or other details)

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Visa Mastercard Maestro Cheque - made payable to IAM RoadSmart

Card no

Expiry

Please do not include your three digit CVV code – we will call you when we receive your booking

Please add any extra information here

Data protection: The IAM and affiliated local groups will use the information you provide on this form to process your enquiry and for related purposes. Transfer of your records may be made between the IAM and its affiliated local groups. We do not share this information with any third parties. If you have provided an email address we will send you information on our work within road safety. If you do not find this information useful please unsubscribe on receipt or online.
*Price valid at time of printing.

This is an open invitation to website viewers wishing to improve their riding skills

You too can join on-line or direct with **IAM RoadSmart** or you can come and see us at any of **NAM's Sunday meets** as shown in this newsletter, available to view [here](http://www.nammc.org.uk) or find us on: www.nammc.org.uk (Also check first with **IAM RoadSmart** for any special seasonal offers/discounts which may be available.) www.iamroadsmart.com

If you prefer, you can come and have a free riding assessment (the free taster session) one-to-one with an IAM qualified Observer. Afterwards you can sign up for **IAM RoadSmart's Advanced Rider Course**. A Training Manual and Logbook and the latest copy of the Highway Code is included. There is no obligation on your part, but you will be doing yourself a big favour. Go on, cut this form out and deal with it today or just email us or get in touch if you have questions or want to book a freebee! **Group Secretary.**

I know several of you have Innovv camera systems and thought this might be of interest.

My front camera was smashed a few months ago by a stone and the replacement cost £75. I therefore asked my nephew – who is a highly-qualified engineer – to produce a lens protector. He came up with this simple, inexpensive solution

The protector is a push fit and requires no tools, but is very secure. There is no personal gain for me in recommending this item, other than now having a well-protected camera.

https://www.etsy.com/uk/listing/1377518352/innovv-k2-camera-stone-guard?gpla=1&gao=1&&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=shopping_uk_en_gb_delectronics_and_accessories-electronics_cases-camera_bags_and_cases-camera_accessories&utm_custom1=k_CjwKCAiArNOeBhAHEiwAze_nKN9KGfHv3g2-tz-1AIHD4wssv3HfmkiqjY-Urdl8N12u2OTqXbiechoC3MsQAvD_BwE_k_&utm_content=go_326241888_51879272847_230144478386_pla_349009377264_c_1377518352engb_102858184&utm_custom2=326241888&gclid=CjwKCAiArNOeBhAHEiwAze_nKN9KGfHv3g2-tz-1AIHD4wssv3HfmkiqjY-Urdl8N12u2OTqXbiechoC3MsQAvD_BwE

(Just click on this hyperlink to view on website)



CAMERA LENS PROTECTOR

Secretary Karl has sent this pic.

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(Having also just replaced my headlamp glass, I'm buying a glass protector to install with a new front wing! - Editor)

NAM'S BIKE PANNIER SALE (Like a Car Boot Sale - but smaller)

Hello Members,

Member, Paul Ollett has again sent me a some pics of the riding gear he wishes to sell.

This kit belongs to his wife who has now decided to give up riding pillion.

You can see these on page 11 *Editor*

TEN TOP TIPS TO PASSING THE IAM ADVANCED RIDING TEST

1 *Be prompt and timely, take the initiative*

This is your decision and your course. You will be the main beneficiary of this learning experience and we'd appreciate it if you keep us on our toes – be prompt, chase us if we are not providing enough information and tell us if there is anything else we can do for you. We're here solely to help you achieve success.

2 *Read the book*

'How to be a Better Rider' contains all the information you will need to know in a simple, clear style with plenty of photos and diagrams. Invaluable bedtime reading!

3 *Ask questions, get advice, request demonstrations*

People learn in different ways so please ask as many questions as you need to, speak to fellow associates, visit forums and request to see advanced skills demonstrated. Your group is here to help you pass the advanced test in whichever way suits you best.

4 *Don't switch on and off*

Advanced road skills need to become embedded as your normal everyday behaviours. You cannot switch between advanced skills and your 'everyday driving or riding' behaviours.

5 *Tell us if you need any help or support*

We provide our time to coach and help you to pass the advanced test. If we are not meeting your expectations or there is something we are not doing for you then please let us know – speak to your group or call Customer Support on 020 8996 9600 customer-care@iam.org.uk We can only put things right if we know about them.

6 *Practice*

You won't be able to change and develop your road skills without putting in considerable practice time. The benefit will be from the changes that your passengers or fellow riders notice and comment on – try it and see!

7 *Engage with your local IAM group*

Your local IAM group receive great satisfaction every time one of their members passes the advanced test. As volunteers they all give their time willingly so that you can pass the test – make sure you make good use of their skills and knowledge.

8 *Set a 'test ready' target date*

Possibly our most important tip is to set a 'test ready' target date with your group as soon as possible. This gives you a set date to work towards. Your group will help plan your development to reach 'test ready' status – stick to the plan!

9 *Don't drift away*

It's only natural that the early enthusiasm and commitment wears off a little as 'real life' takes over. Please try to stay focused and make the effort to attend your observed sessions regularly. Our groups love nothing more than to nag lagging Associates!

10 *Enjoy the experience*

We saved the best until last. You'll find that you will enjoy and have great fun developing advanced road skills with us. If you love the experience then please tell your family and friends about it – the majority of our new members come via word of mouth and we'd like that to continue.

*NB. The above advice was first printed here in May 2015 and is reprinted for the benefit of recently joined Associates and is as true today as it was then. Since then the IAM has re-branded to IAM RoadSmart and **Customer Care is now on 0300 303 1134.*

The item 2 - Read the book—now refers to the Advanced Rider Course handbook/logbook being used by current Associate members. Ed.

For Sale - Ladies Motorcycle Kit

These items are being offered by member, Paul Ollett, who many of you will know.



Black Boots – Size 38 Price £25

Caberg ‘Classic’ helmet in Silver with flip visor - Size – Small 55-56 Price £30

Black textile gloves – Size - Small Price £10

Frank Thomas Touring Jacket in black textile with armour to elbows and shoulders. Zip out liner - Size LM Price £40

Frank Thomas ‘Lady Rider’ Touring Trousers in black textile trousers with zip-out liner – Size LS Price £20

All little used and in excellent condition

Single Items total £125 sold separately, or £110 if all purchased together

Interested? If so, contact Paul on 07599 209745.

Editor.

SUNDAY RIDE-OUT DESTINATIONS

****We meet at The Obelisk Centre, Obelisk Rise, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 8UE (there's a map on our website . Meet 9 am—Leave 9.30am**

****Check first for the latest information and rules relating to the present Covid-19 pandemic**

But -Until further notice, some destinations will be decided on the day—as shown below

1st Sunday- Kettleby Cross (Wetherspoons) Wilton Rd., Melton Mowbray.

***2nd Sunday-** The Market Square, St. Neots - choice of cafés, incl. a Wetherspoons.

3rd Sunday - The Old Mill Café, Chipping Norton, OX7 5LH.

***4th Sunday-** The Swan, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1EA The car park is to the rear accessed from the mini roundabout opposite the petrol station (turn right & immediately left.) **Tel. 01525 380170**

5th Sunday (*when there is one*) Group ride for test-passed members + Observes as usual**

****Extended rides usually also start at the same time and place. These are usually limited to Full members and approved Associates. Places to more distant events should be booked with the organiser well before you arrive as this is useful to assess interest and may be needed to organise suitable facilities for the number going. Don't be disappointed, check the Events regularly on website: www.nammc.org.uk for latest details. Associates; if not sure whether you are eligible -ask!**

Remember 'POWDERS' as your bike check & come with a full tank of petrol, suitably dressed for riding and the weather on the day.

**** also see note below—>**

****Current members are made aware of changes by group-mail but If you are new to the Group and feel we may not have your information, or would like to join us, please email:- sec@nammc.org.uk.**

New Committee Members & Observers

The Group would be pleased to welcome any qualified member who would like to get involved with its running. It's a good opportunity to help and also continue to develop your own skills & interest in advanced riding in either category. Volunteers do run the Group.

Several members have had to retire recently for business or family reasons and replacements are needed. Interested? Good, it's not onerous; just let any Official know! *Editor*

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NAM Committee Members 2023

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Forum Administrator: Chris Capewell, forumadmin@nammc.org.uk Tel. 07946 008950
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Also; Rob Corbett Dep. Treasurer

GROUP OBSERVERS

National Observers: - Andrew Beckett, Colin Buck, Jonathan Crossland, Richard Debell, John Durrant, Geoff Keats, John Martin Mick Nealis, Tom Palacio, Steve Rawlings
Geoff Russell, Carl Sturman, Dave Wilkinson, Karl Williams.

Local Observers: - Chris Capewell,

Observers in Training: - Liam Anderson, Owen Jervis.

N.B. -Associates' Observed Ride Contribution- £10 per ride - give it to your Observer

NAM Group Membership & Subscription Rates 2023/24 due next April

**(£15/24 if paid by BACS/Standing Order—(also see page 4)) -
by BACS—SORT CODE: 30 96 09 -ACCOUNT NO. 01475729**

(Payment can also easily be made via our website using PayPal at £16 Single or £25 Joint, - use your IAM RoadSmart no. omitting the prefix letter.—we'll know who you are!

N.B. - Both IAM RoadSmart and Group subscriptions need to be in force to participate in Group activities. (This is a Group insurance requirement)

(N.B. The Group Treasurer is able to claim Gift Aid on your NAM subscriptions as we are registered charity.)

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GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018

Members are advised that name and address details are held on a computer database. These details are not divulged to anyone other than fellow members. All Members have been advised by the Secretary, in writing, of these regulations, with a contract statement, giving options to members not wishing participate so the Group may not be in breach of these regulations, which came into force in May 2018.

Group Privacy Policy

As directed by

IAM RoadSmart



Group Required Contract Statement to Members

Here at **Northamptonshire Advanced Motorcyclists Group** we would like to thank you for becoming/renewing your membership with us, as part of your membership contract with us, we will contact you with information on training, committee, and social events, together newsletters/magazines relating to the group and Road Safety.

Pictures, videos and written updates of **Northamptonshire Advanced Motorcyclists** events such as training, committee and social events at which you may be in attendance or referred to, will also be regularly published on Social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter etc, group newsletters/magazines and group related websites.

Northamptonshire Advanced Motorcyclists also share your information with IAM RoadSmart in order to administer membership activities.

Option to Withdraw from the above

You have the right to withdraw from receiving or participating in any of the above, by contacting **Northamptonshire Advanced Motorcyclists**.

I do not wish to:-

- receive information on training, committee, and social events, together newsletters/magazines relating to the group and Road Safety.
- to appear in or be referred to in or on any group social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter etc, group newsletters/magazines and group related websites.

Signature: _____

Name (in capitals): _____

Date: _____

Membership Number _____

Please notify the **Northamptonshire Advanced Motorcyclists** by email to sec@nammc.org.uk or by letter to:-

Group Secretary

Northamptonshire Advanced Motorcyclists

Group Secretary

The Obelisk Centre, Obelisk Rise,

Kingsthorpe,

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