Northumbria Advanced Motorcyclists

NAM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

NAM OPEN DAY

The Open Day was held on Saturday 12th April, we had glorious sunshine once again. It was a very successful day with 11 new associates signing up on the day. Many thanks to all members that helped make it happen, special thanks to Keith for pulling it all together and advertising the event. Great to see members popping in throughout the day.
The Police brought along their new S1000RR bike which drew a lot of attention and the other exhibitors had a good day to so overall a great success.

Further photos of the event can be seen here: Open Day 25

MACHINE CONTROL

The day after the Open Day the Training Team and Observers put on the first Machine Control Session. This was well attended and enjoyed by all. It was great to see some new associates getting involved. Thanks to Steve Allport for giving an informative and interesting presentation on basic bike maintenance, this again was helpful to many attendees.

Chief Observer casting his eyes over the proceedings

MAY RIDE OUT

By request, we're repeating a short ride-out from 2023 this weekend, Sunday 4th May. We will stop at Capheaton Village Tearoom for cake/sandwiches then head across country to Chipchase and Wark Forest. We will stop at Stonehaugh picnic site in the afternoon, so bring water/flasks/sandwiches etc. There is a toilet at the site which may or may not be stocked with paper (if the recce is anything to 'go' by)! Be prepared for emergencies!

For route details, and to download a gpx file containing waypoints, route and track, scan the QR code or visit https://dannyholmes.com/motorcycle-routes/2023-08-06-capheaton-chipchase-wark/

Thanks to Michael Sutherland, John Cunliffe and Sharon Russell for help leading and back-marking.

MAY CLUB NIGHT

To be held on Tuesday 13th May at The Station in Killingworth, 7.30pm start.
This evening we will be treated to a Quiz night, our Quizmaster will be Don Fraser, promises to be a good night.

RECENT TEST PASSES

Congratulations to all new Full Members. Looking forward to seeing you at our social events and the club Ride Outs, well done.

	12th April **Sean Lyons** Examiner: Dave Slade Observer: Jon MIlls

48 STATES 48 DAYS

This summer our member Gordon Wilson is planning to ride the 48 contiguous States of the USA in 48 days, to raise awareness and funds for ALS/MND and in memory of his sister Sandra. This is a worthy cause and we wish him well. You can find details of Gordon's trip, and further links, on his Facebook page (link is https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571159121448). Gordon is usually there at club nights, where we're sure he'd be delighted to answer any questions.

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CAMPING WEEKEND 2025

The date for this year is **Fri 4th July to Sun 6th July**. We will be going to Orcaber Farm Campsite again. Please book online if you would like to join us. Very simple to book online and the cost is £28 for 2 nights. Please let me know at newsletter@namrider.com once you have booked, I will then maintain a list so we can arrange the ride to the campsite.

Instructions to book online

ORCABER CARAVAN & CAMPING

DISCOUNTS OFFERED TO NAM MEMBERS

All discounts are available if you mention you are a NAM member and you show your current IAM RoadSmart membership card. All discounts apply to non-sale items.	
Outlet	***Discount offered***
Ian Bells Motorcycles Bedlington	10% on Clothing
Custom Lids, Team Valley	10% on most items
Hermod, Team Valley	10% on most items (Touratech and SW Motech 5%)
Proto, Westgate Road	10% on most items
J and S Accessories, Metrocentre	5% on clothing but can give further discount on some items. Just ask for best offer!

RIDE OUTS

Some confusion regarding indicating whilst marking a right turn at a junction exists. When marking a right turn the indicator is ***NOT*** to be used as it may cause confusion to other road users. Arm signals should be used to direct the riders in the group.

Section 14 of the IAM Ride out guidance is as follows:

14. When you are the marker

Never compromise your personal safety or the safety of others by stopping in a dangerous location. No one in the group wants to get lost, but that is preferable to putting yourself at risk. When the leader signals for you to stop, do so only where you are safe and visible to the following riders. It is your decision where to stop but remember that to be an effective marker you need to be visible to the following bikes and point out the direction to follow. Do not move until the tail-end rider appears. If the tail-end rider fails to appear, do not move. If something has gone wrong, someone will return for you. REMEMBER - you are all that's going to help the following bikes find the correct route. If you see other riders from the group take the wrong direction do not attempt to chase after them. Wait until the tail-end rider arrives and inform them. If the riders return in the meantime, then you don't need to inform the tail-end rider if you are sure that all riders that took the wrong direction have returned to the junction you are marking. Make sure that what appears to be the last bike is really the tail-end rider who will slow down as they approach to enable you to pull out safely in front.
Always remain on your machine and be ready to move off.

We also require ride leaders for the following Ride Outs:

June 1st – Short Ride
Sept 7th – Short Ride
Oct 5th – Short Ride
Oct 29th – Long Ride

Once again thanks to the ride leaders and back markers that have done the ride outs so far and the ones that are planning the rest of the rides.
Please contact John Sinclair, ride@namrider.com if you would like to volunteer or need further information.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

2025

	Club Night	Shorter Full Member Ride	Full Member Ride	Committee Meeting	Observer Meeting	Pitlochry residential Weekend	Open Day	Drift Fish n Chip Run	Camping Weekend	Machine Control	Ride Leader Training	Associate Meet Up
January	14			23								
February	11											
March	11			6	22						29	
April	8	6	20	24			12			13		27
May	13	4	18			23,24,25,26						
June	10	1	15	5				10				
July	8	6	20	17					4,5,6			
August	12	3	17									
September	9	7	21	11						28		
October	14	5	19	16	11							
November	11			13								
December	9			11								

YOUR COMMITTEE

Role	Name	Email address
Chair	Colin Irvine	chair@namrider.com
Secretary	Vacant	secretary@namrider.com
Treasurer	Dave Baston	treasurer@namrider.com
Chief Observer	David Steedman	chief-observer@namrider.com
Membership Secretary	Chris Fahey	membership@namrider.com
Ride Out Coordinator	John Sinclair	ride@namrider.com
Marketing Lead	Keith Miller	marketing@namrider.com
Social Lead	Vacant	social@namrider.com
Newsletter Editor	Rick Henderson	newsletter@namrider.com

The sole aim of your committee is to ensure the club continues to run and meet its objectives. They are selected by the membership to serve all members of the group, so it is both the right and responsibility of each member to ensure any issues, queries, concerns etc. are brought to the attention of the committee as soon as possible.

Honorary President - Michael Sutherland