Northumbria Advanced Motorcyclists

NAM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

MAY CLUB NIGHT – TUESDAY 12TH

The Station Hotel, Killingworth, 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Donna - Maria Mear and her colleagues at Mental Health Motorbike will give a brief presentation.

RECENT TEST PASSES

Congratulations, well done!

6 Apr

Joe Biggs F1rst

Examiner:
Dave

Observer:
Danny Holmes

ALL MEMBER RIDE 3RD MAY

Organiser: Michael Sutherland:

Our third ride of the season is an "All Members Ride", so is open to all members of NAM. Associate members (with the approval of their Observer) and new members who have not yet been on a group ride are especially welcome. Details to follow, keep an eye on the website and the FB page.

FULL MEMBER RIDE 17TH MAY

Organiser: John Sinclair:

Our second Full Member Ride of the season. Details to follow, keep an eye on the website and the FB page

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND

Friday 22nd May to Monday 25th May 2026
Many thanks go to ***Michael Sutherland*** for doing another great job arranging this event again, we all hope those attending have a cracking time.

CAMPING WEEKEND 3RD, 4TH, 5TH JULY

The Camping weekend will take place again at the beginning of July, hoping for great weather. Pizza and Fish n Chips are always good! Please let me know if you have booked at newsletter@namrider.com

Link to booking instructions

MACHINE CONTROL HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2026

The first **Machine Control** event of the year was well attended, with a broad range of motorcycles represented. The session provided all full members and associates with the opportunity to practise and refine slow-riding and manoeuvring skills.

The event was held in a slightly different location to normal which gave us a lot more room to manoeuvre than we had in the past, well it seemed to be that way.

Proceedings concluded with a slow-riding competition, held in good spirit.

New drills are planned for future events with the next session scheduled for **13 September**.

JUNE CLUB NIGHT AT THE DRIFT CAFÉ TUESDAY 9TH JUNE

The Drift Café is now being run by The Sidecar Guys, and they have advised us we can continue to hold our June club night there. Michael Sutherland has spoken to them regarding the event, and they have agreed to provide Pizza and Ice Cream.

Pizza prices are –

Margherita £9.50
Pepperoni £11.50
BBQ Chicken £11.50
Roasted Vegetable £11.50
Garlic Bread £7.50

Ice Cream – paid for by the club!!

We look forward to seeing ***members, partners and friends*** at this **ever-popular** event.

If the weather is good a ride in from Seaton Burn Services is usually arranged, keep an eye out for further details.

NAM CHIEF OBSERVER

The role of Chief Observer is an important position in the club. Over the past 4+ years this position has been filled successfully and diligently by David Steedman. The number of new associates, the quality of the training and the continuous Advanced Test passes is testament to the work and effort put in by David and his training Team and Observers.
David will be handing over the reins of **Chief Observer** this year to our current **Ride Coordinator** John Sinclair. We thank David for his professionalism and dedication he has shown in the role and indeed in all activities he has undertaken for the club, many thanks David!
John will bring his wealth of experience as a National Observer to the role, since joining NAM John has been an active Observer and he quickly got involved in club activities. He willingly took on the essential role of Ride Coordinator, and he has ensured that the club rides have gone ahead successfully over the past two+ years. Many thanks to John for keeping the club rides going and we wish him well as he takes on his new role.

This of course leaves us requiring a new Ride Coordinator for next season. As always please contact John or any committee member if you would like to volunteer for the role.

CLUB RIDE SCHEDULE

A big thank you to all who have volunteered to organise a club ride. Our first couple of rides have both been a success. As mentioned at the club night we still have a number of dates that ***need members to organise***. If we do not get volunteers the ride will not place!
The following dates still need to be allocated; please let John Sinclair our Ride Coordinator if you are able to fill one of the dates.

AMR June 7th

FMR Jul 19th

AMR Aug 2nd

FMR Aug 16th

AMR Sep 6th

FMR Oct 18th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026												
	Club Night	All Members Ride	Full Member Ride	Committee Meeting	Observer Meeting	Pitlochry Weekend	Open Day	Drift Pizza Night	Camping Weekend	Machine Control	Associate Meet Up	Ride Leader Training
January	13											
February	None			5								
March	10				21							22
April	14	5	19	9			11			18	26	
May	12	3	17			22 23 24 25						
June		7	21	4				9				
July	14	5	19						3 4 5			
August	11	2	16	6								
September	8	6	20							13		
October	13	4	18	8	24							
November	10 (AGM)											
December	8			3								

YOUR COMMITTEE

Role	Name	Email address
Chair	Colin Irvine	chair@namrider.com
Secretary	Neil Patterson	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