

GORDON ADVANCED MOTORISTS



Alison Leith proudly shows her IAM F1rst Test Certificate.

Photo Courtesy J&A Photography

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

We are coming once again to the end of our year. We have tried to find something for everyone for our monthly meetings but the same few usually get the benefit. The Better Driving Course went very well and our new Associate, Alison Leith who only came for one night in order to get a feel for an article she was writing for the Inverurie/Ellon/Buchan Advertiser literally stayed the course and on her test did so well that she achieved one of the first, F1rst IAM awards for an outstanding score. Photo on front cover.

The Chairman's Challenge Fun Run went very well, the weather was kind and numbers "manageable" and the burgers excellent. The "Defending Champion" won again so it looks like a more challenging run next year or maybe a handicap? Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Norman Hall

Chairman

GROUP/MEMBER NEWS

As you will be aware by the inclusion of the AGM notification it is also time for the group membership fee renewal. We had managed to keep the fees at the same level for a few years. But unfortunately, we too are subject to the ravages of rising costs. We have endeavoured to keep the rise in member fees to a minimum at £2, making the membership fee now £12. We trust that you will understand our reasons.

Group Supporter membership remains the same at £10. This is designed for those who are not members of the IAM but wish to support the good work of the group. If you are interested, or if you know of anyone who you think would be willing to support the group in this way, please let Pascale know gordonam.info@btinternet.com.

I would appeal to members when returning your renewal forms to include your email address. This will let us communicate much more quickly with you. And will also help to keep the running costs down. Thank you to those who are already on the email list. We have had good feedback from you and it always means that you are up to date with the Group's events.

It is not our current intention to email the newsletter as the feedback received is that you prefer to be able to thumb through the pages.

An exciting new opportunity for the group has arisen.

From the start of our group year (1st October) we will be putting in place a motorcycle section. We are looking to have a course in place for Spring of next year. We have been fortunate to have been approached by a wee band of bikers who were looking to set up an Advanced Motorcyclist Group in the area. If you are interested please let Pascale know and we will keep you informed.

Motorcycle membership has been one of the fastest growing area of membership within the IAM.

SYLLABUS

Aug 30	Safety Camera Partnership. <u>Town Hall</u> 19:30
Sep 27	AGM <u>Town Hall</u> 19:30
Oct 25	Pamela Park. J.P. Talk on new legislation. <u>Town Hall</u>
Nov 29	Group Quiz Night <u>Town Hall</u>
Dec 6	Annual Festive Meal Morris's Oldmeldrum

SYLLABUS BITS

We will continue emailing reminders of the Group meetings to the members in an effort to encourage you to come along. If you do not wish to be emailed please let me know at the usual address. If you do not receive an email reminder and wish to, please email me secretarygordonam@btinternet.com



Winners of the Allan Moir Trophy Andrew Smith for the Group Full member and Patricia Dunn for the Associate Trophy. Well done to both.



ALLAN MOIR TROPHY



Left) Alison Leith goes though the paces.

Below) Somebody's got a bigger boot than they think.



Was it really that hard Neil?



Alan is more used to having somebody sitting beside him. I think he's feeling lonely.



CHAIRMAN'S FUN RUN



The general crowd at the Fun Run.

Photos N Hall/ R Cunningham



Below left the Challenge winner (again) is Alan Adams and below is the Runner up Lorna Bell
Well done to both.



Photos
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JBuchan



TEST PASSES

Congratulations to our recent test passes. Alison Leith for achieving IAM F1RST Award.

Alison is pictured with Norman and Alan Adams who was her observer.



Photo courtesy J&A Photography



Yvonne Bedwell who is also a recent pass receives her certificate from Norman Hall at the Fun Run in July.

Mark Bloch was Yvonne's Observer.

Bill Loudon receiving his certificate at the Allan Moir Trophy evening in June.

Photo N Hall



VISIT TO FIRST BUS DEPOT

In June some of our members were treated to a visit to First Bus, courtesy of group member Dave Walker, who happens to be a driver trainer. Dave, you may remember gave a talk on the Smith System of driving earlier this year.

The outing to First Bus Depot was a great success, thanks to those who came along. We were given an interesting presentation on the history of First Group a tour of the depot and best of all a shottie on a bendy bus and a double decker as well ! If we get another chance of this I'd recommend going along.



Photos on both pages J Buchan

VISIT TO GRAMPIAN TRANSPORT MUSEUM



Just a few of the exhibits on show at the museum. Above shows an early version of in car entertainment.

Our thanks to Mike Ward the museum... curator for allowing us the run of the place and for giving us a wee tune on the Organ.



IAM News Release 3 August 2011

New study proves worth of supporting road safety charities.

Investing in the work of road safety charities pays high dividends, according to a new report by accountants Baker Tilly. Their study on the social return on investment of road safety charity the IAM reveals that for every £1 invested in its work, the IAM returns £21 to society. A summary of the report is available in this month's copy of the IAM member magazine Advanced Driving.

The study has enabled the IAM to understand the social and economic value of its contribution to society – estimated to be £128 million every year. The figure was calculated by examining the effects of the IAM's work in reducing the number and severity of road traffic accidents – plus a reduction in the costs of motoring.

The benefit to society of people taking the IAM advanced driving and riding programmes is £39 million.

The fatality rate in crashes for advanced drivers is 0.9 per cent compared to 1.1 per cent for the wider motoring population. The serious injury rate is 10.75 per cent compared to 11.5 per cent for the wider population. The savings attributed to reducing the number and severity of accidents for IAM advanced drivers and riders is £37.5 million.

Advanced drivers and motorcyclists also achieve greater savings in motoring costs because advanced driving techniques reduce vehicle wear and fuel consumption. Many IAM members also benefit from cheaper insurance.

By training those who drive as part of their work, the IAM's corporate driver training company, IAM Drive & Survive, makes an economic contribution of an estimated £35 million. This is the outcome of training and assessing nearly 20,000 professional drivers. Training includes risk assessments, e-learning and on road training. Corporate training typically raises drivers' skills above those of the average motorist – but not to the same level as the advanced test.

Finally, by campaigning and by directly influencing the government and other decision makers on road safety issues, the IAM's policy, research and communications services provide an estimated £54 million in savings to the economy.

IAM chief executive Simon Best said: “This report demonstrates how independent charities contribute to society. Contributing £128 million to road safety is something to be proud of, especially as so much of our work is carried out by volunteers.

“And we never forget the side of our work that cannot be measured financially: the reduction in anguish for families and friends of loved ones who suffer in accidents because of better standards of road safety.”

Report author, Jim Clifford of Baker Tilly said: “This report carefully maps the outcomes of the IAM’s important work and demonstrates an enormous contribution to public safety.”



We now have more regular access to an IAM Mobile Display Unit which is now stored in the North East Area. Can you think of any events, exhibitions or places that you think we can perhaps organise free driver assessment days, or just set up the MDU to advertise the Group? Let me know. *John*



Honesty is the best policy



Model Car, Ijmuiden, Holland. Photo by Ally Shaw

GROUP/MEMBER NEWS



If there are any updates or changes to the syllabus we will be posting these on the group website.
The website address is

<http://gordonadvancedmotorists.org.uk>

Please visit the site and we would be grateful for any comments as to the content and layout. If there is anything you think should or should not be there, let us know.

Wanna be my friend?

You can now find us on [Facebook](#) at '[Gordon Advanced Motorists](#)' where we will update with regular postings. This will enable us to get information out to you much more quickly.



And why not tell us what you are up to. Please log on and become a 'friend' of the group so that we can keep in touch with you all.

When returning your Group renewal form please check your details are correct. We would ask that you let us know your email address as this will help us to communicate much more quickly with you. And will also help to keep the running costs down.

Membership for the Group currently stands at 114 including 15 associate members. Over the years numbers have slowly been dropping. We are not alone, as this seems to be a trend spread out over most charity organisations. We will need to keep the membership up to remain a viable group. It does cost money to run the Group. My thanks to all of you who are still with us and for your many years of support.

An adult hedgehog is teaching two smaller hedgehogs how to cross the road without getting killed. 'It's easy,' it tells them. 'If you're in the middle of the road when a car comes just curl up in a ball and the vehicle's wheels will pass harmlessly on either side of you.' To illustrate this the hedgehog walks into the path of an oncoming car and curls up in a ball. The vehicle passes harmlessly over it. One of the younger hedgehogs then has a go. It walks into the middle of the road, waits until a car approaches, and curls into a ball. The car passes over, and the hedgehog is unscathed. Now it's the turn of the third hedgehog. It walks to the centre of the road, sees a car, and curls into a ball. The car passes over it and squashes the hedgehog flat. 'What did he do wrong?' asks the second hedgehog. 'Nothing,' replies the first. 'But it doesn't really work with Reliant Robins.'



Gordon Advanced Motorists and the other Groups within the Northern Forum area are grateful to Dyce Carriers for their sponsoring of the Northern Forum Observers Day in June 2011. Dyce Carriers are one of the North's biggest carriers with depots in Aberdeen, Cowdenbeath, Newcastle and Poole.

A police officer pulls over this guy who's been weaving in and out of the lanes. He goes up to the guy's window and says, "Sir, I need you to blow into this breathalyzer tube." The man says, "Sorry, officer, I can't do that. I am an asthmatic. If I do that, I'll have a really bad asthma attack." "Okay, fine. I need you to come down to the station to give a blood sample." "I can't do that either. I am a haemophiliac. If I do that, I'll bleed to death." "Well, then, we need a urine sample." "I'm sorry, officer, I can't do that either. I am also a diabetic. If I do that, I'll get really low blood sugar." "All right, then I need you to come out here and walk this white line." "I can't do that, officer." "Why not?" "Because I'm drunk."



A farmer living by a country road is increasingly concerned by speeding traffic. Worried that he and his livestock are in danger he calls the police and asks them to put up a sign. They put up a 'Slow' sign but it has no effect. They try putting up a 'Pedestrian Crossing' sign, but that has no effect either. Finally they try erecting a 'Children at Play' sign, but the traffic still keeps whizzing past. Eventually the farmer asks if he can put up his own sign and the police agree. A few days later a policeman stops by to see how things are going. He's amazed to see the traffic moving at a snail's pace, then he notices the farmer's home-made sign by the roadside, it reads, 'Nudist Colony'.



As always, we are grateful to I & K Motors for their help with the Allan Moir Trophy and we thank them for their continued support of the Group.



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The IAM Skill for Life package for Cars is only £139.

Tell someone about it, or better still, give them a Skill for Life Gift Voucher.

Details on the IAM website. The Better Driving Course Starts soon.

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We are always looking for ideas for the syllabus.

If you have any news, views, information or gossip that you think your fellow members should like to know. TELL US and we can put it into the next newsletter. A newsletter is only as good as the contributions put forward.

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Now you know whom you should contact, you have NO excuse for not getting in touch!

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Please remember that the committee administers the group on YOUR behalf. If there is anything that you think should be done differently, or if you have suggestions in what the group should be doing to promote road safety in our area, NOW is the your opportunity to get your point across.

Please do not ignore this page

WORD PUZZLE

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Boggle	Goose	Merils	Scoop	Uno
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Chess	Hex	Rat Race	Snap	Cluedo
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PASCALE'S QUIZ

1. What did the Warren Commission investigate in the US in the 60s?
2. What type of amenity is a 'natatorium'?
3. What is the name of John Travolta's character in Saturday Night Fever?
4. What is the name of the circular collapsible tent of felt or skins used by Mongolian nomads?
5. What Spanish conquistador conquered Mexico in 1519?
6. Who played the Riddler in the 1995 film Batman?
7. Which is the largest Castle in England?
8. Which mountain was known as Peak XV until 1865?
9. Which Rodgers and Hammerstein musical features Prince Chula Longkorn?
10. Brock is a nickname for which animal?

Answers to Last Quiz

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| 1. Light Emitting Diode | 6. The Caspian Sea (28m below 'sea level') |
| 2. Puccini (1896) | 7. November |
| 3. Colours | 8. Oche |
| 4. Panama | 9. Jiffy |
| 5. Poison Ivy | 10. Six (White, Orange, Blue, Blonde, Pink, Brown) |

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