

# Chain Links

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
**THE LINCOLNSHIRE ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS**  
IAM GROUP 7176, REGISTERED CHARITY 1049955, SUPPORTERS OF THE BMF



**A few of the pictures Iain took at the Winterton Steam Rally in July**



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Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 8pm  
in Dave Capell's Games Room at his house in Kirton Lindsey. Many Thanks Dave  
(Dave's house is next to Kirton Lindsey Railway Station)

The next issue of Chainlincs will be in September 2010.

Please provide any copy to the editor, Mick Smith, by Sunday 22nd August 2010 at the latest, earlier is better.

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# WANTED YOU!

To help Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists we need members to:

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Sell advertising in ChainLincs or the web site

Put on a social run

Help out at an event where we have a stand publicising the group

IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER

HELP THE GROUP SURVIVE

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi Folks,

The sunny, hot weather inevitably means two things that effect us as bikers – firstly, millions of insects suddenly appear, with a fair percentage of those ending up squashed on you and your bike. These are annoying but not usually dangerous. The second is the huge number of bikes that appear at the same time. Unfortunately the standard of riding of some of these does leave an awful lot to be desired and can be very dangerous.

Whilst on an observed ride recently we were turning right off a main road (our turn was preceded by a large flashing 'slow down' sign, a brow of a hill, a junction on the right and a gentle left hand bend). As I was leading I completed the manoeuvre and was surprised when my associate didn't immediately follow. It seems that circumstances on the apparently empty road had quickly changed. Having carried out rear observation on the approach to the junction, he was about to do a shoulder check prior to turning right when two sports bikes suddenly appeared on the inside. The final shoulder check revealed another bike coming past, at speed, on the outside!! These 'riders' (I could think of other names better suited for them, but these may not be appropriate here!) had obviously travelled at some considerable speed through the previous hazards and suddenly came across a bike turning right. Two had managed to stay inside but the third had to run wide on to the other side of the road. None of these were in sight when I turned.

Top marks to my associate for excellent observation which enabled him to avoid an accident. This really does show the importance of good rear observation and the shoulder check before the final turn. Circumstances can change very quickly – as the above illustrates.

Andy Kitchen

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the August edition of ChainLincs. I had one response (thanks Jackie) this month following Jim Rendall's article regarding speed last month. Unfortunately I have received nothing else from members this month except some pictures from Iain Johnston (thanks Iain) taken at various events he attended and represented the Group trying to drum up some interest in advanced biking.

I was on holiday in Cyprus for the first 2 weeks of July where the motorcycling laws are obviously quite lax. Some 'riders' wear helmets, others don't; protective gear isn't the way to go with most only wearing t-shirt, shorts and flip flops! Scooter riders cut across

lanes to get where they want to be with little thought to what was going on around them. The posers were out on an evening in the busy tourist areas on their Hayabusas with lengthened swing arms and custom paint jobs again with no helmet but they really did look cool! The Cypriot Police use GSX-Rs which are the standard Suzuki blue and white which fortunately fits with the colours of all the police vehicles. They are modified for Police use by the addition of a rack and top box with a blue light mounted on it. At least they wore a helmet but it was still too hot for long sleeves!

Following my announcement last month of the new website address Scott informed that it has now changed to <http://www.l-a-m.co.uk> .

Once again I haven't included Insight this month but July's edition can be found at [http://www.iam.org.uk/images/stories/Newsletters/Insight/Insight\\_JULY\\_2010.pdf](http://www.iam.org.uk/images/stories/Newsletters/Insight/Insight_JULY_2010.pdf) .

Finally, the same reminder I always insert because I really do need your input. This is your newsletter so please think about it when you are out and about on your bike, take a camera, get some pictures and add a few words. I need your articles to make this newsletter interesting and a good read.

Mick Smith

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A good month for new members as shown below with no fewer than five to welcome to the group since my last update in the July ChainLincs.

Member	Observer
Dean Plumtree from South Leverton, Notts	David Mottram
Howard Ratcliffe from Beckingham, Notts	Andrew Kitchen
Rachel Bridgwood from Cherry Willingham	Ken Pike
Alex Bridgwood from Cherry Willingham	Ken Pike
Tim Tait from Osgodby	Tony Keightley

Test passes are not following the improvement in membership numbers with none reported yet again. The total for the year therefore remains at two!

Membership currently stands as follows:

Full Members	79
Associate Members	21
Group Friends	1
<b>Total Group Membership</b>	<b>101</b>

The IAM Motorcycle Conference held at The University of Warwick on 17 July was attended by Dave Hall and myself. It was a good opportunity to learn how other groups operate and how they address the issue of Associate test preparation.

The additional meeting at The Horseshoes, Silk Willoughby near Sleaford on the evening of Tuesday 20 July was a pleasant evening weather wise apart from a lot of flies whilst travelling but only Dave Hall, John Sizer, David Mottram, Iain Johnston plus Carolyn and myself ventured forth.

The extra meetings are already scheduled for August and September in the Diary of Events, please try to come along if you can.

The Peak District run on 18 July attracted two participants, Dave Hall and Don Ford besides Carolyn and myself.

Dave Hall's run to The Calne motorcycle Show on Saturday 24 July was a case of "The Loneliness of the Long Distance Events Organiser" when he made the trip to Wiltshire unaccompanied.

The Sunday Lunch at Kirton Lindsey Garden Centre kindly organised by Dave Hall on Sunday 25 July was better attended when Dave was joined by Bob and Sylvia Stringer plus Carolyn and myself, hardly a resounding show of group support.

That's all for this month, ride safe:

*John Cheetham*

## **OBSERVATIONS**

By Iain Johnston

Speed

Rather than err on the side of "safety" by exceeding the speed limit I suggest you err on the side of safety by sacrificing overtakes that would require excessive speed.

A busy month for me this month what with Winterton Show, Barton Bike Night, Cleethorpes Bike Show, Winterton Garden Festival and Winterton Steam Rally. All now in the past.

Thanks to Scunthorpe car group for letting us use their caravan at Barton Bike Night and to Terry Heath for his assistance dealing with enquirers. The Scunthorpe car group publicise us on their display board at every event they attend.

Hull & East Riding group also joined us on the stand at Barton Bike Night.

My thanks to Dave Hall for assistance at the stand at Barton Bike Night and at Cleethorpes Bike Show. Also to Don Ford who spelled me for a while at Cleethorpes. Neither event produced loads of enquiries, but I'd be surprised if we don't get a few new members from them.

The nights are now getting darker earlier so make the most of it riding and preparing for your test with your observer before it becomes a weekend only exercise for most of us.

Enjoy Safe Riding

Iain

# TO OVERTAKE, OR NOT TO OVERTAKE?

Having just read Jim Rendall's article on speed in the latest issue of ChainLincs, I have to say I agree with his point on overtaking. There is little point leaving yourself hung out to dry while inching past the object vehicle just to stay within the national speed limit.

I took my advanced motorcycle test back in the 90s and there was a more relaxed approach to speed on an overtake in a national speed limit back then. The mantra then was to make progress, safely and where possible. If you were overtaking you were expected to get the overtake done as quickly as possible to limit the amount of danger you were exposed to, and then drop straight back to the speed limit as soon as the manoeuvre was complete.

When I took my test, which I passed, I made an overtake on a truck travelling at about 50-55 mph on an A road. There was oncoming traffic away in the distance so there wasn't time to hang about. Half way through the overtake I realised I had accelerated above 60mph, thought about backing off, decided it was too late to do that, completed the overtake and then dropped it straight back down to 60 mph.

When the examiner carried out the debrief his comment on the overtake was: 'I'm glad you didn't roll off because I was coming through with you.'

If you tried to carry out an overtake without exceeding the national speed limit on an A road, it would be impossible to overtake anything travelling at more than 40 mph without a mile long straight.

People always quote the worn out phrase 'speed kills' but that is not strictly true. It is **inappropriate** speed that kills, and the only way to get that through to road users is through training and advice. Take two examples:

A motorist drives down the M1 at 100 mph at 2am when traffic is negligible.

A motorist drives through a 30 mph built up area at 40 mph at 3.15 pm when the schools are finishing.

Ignoring the fact that both are speeding and illegal, which is the most dangerous? And which one of the two would probably be banned from driving?

It is the potential consequences that need to be driven home to people and this can only be done through training and advice. Speed cameras are fixed and they only monitor a given stretch of road. Day after day I see people slowing down for the cameras and then speeding up again. Most of them probably have sat-navs with camera locations programmed into them. That doesn't teach anyone anything, except how to avoid a ticket.

The county of Durham has no speed cameras; instead they use traffic police to stop motorists and they rely on dialogue and advice (something speed cameras can't do). Durham has one of the lowest death rates on the roads in England, which speaks for itself.

So, let's stop wasting money on speed cameras and invest it in better and more extensive training. Using speed cameras is the easy way out – it doesn't require any significant thought and is a token gesture. The difficult task is coming up with an alternative that teaches, advises, reaches the right people and gives real results. The even more difficult task is finding someone prepared to do it.

Jackie Brown



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## WICKENBY BIKE NIGHTS

The Café at Wickenby Airfield are trying to build up the bike night they hold on a Monday evening through the summer. The details are:

HangAround Cafe  
The Old Control Tower  
Wickenby Airfield  
Langworth  
Lincoln  
LN3 5AX

<http://www.wickenbyairfield.com/hangAround/>

The opening hours for the cafe are 9am till 5pm Tuesday to Sunday.  
Mondays 9am till last biker leaves (at present around 9pm)

Although we are trying to promote the Mondays as a bike night, your members would be welcome any time during our normal opening hours, and if you wanted to come along any other evening, then subject to numbers we would be willing to stay open with prior notice.

There are special prices for bikers to sample a flight in a microlight or cessna aeroplane.

Lynne Bradshaw  
07935 971089

# LINCOLNSHIRE BIKE NIGHTS (Supplied by LRSP)

Sports Bikes		Cruisers	
<b>August</b>			
4	Theddlethorpe	Kings Head	Skegness Ship Inn
11	Cadwell Park	Colin Willoughby/Ride Right, Novice Track Night (Pre book through LBN Cadwell/Link)	West Stockwith Waterfront
18	Skegness	Ship Inn	Cleethorpes Trawlerman
25	Grimsby	Yardbirds Rock Club	Rothwell Blacksmiths Arms
<b>September</b>			
1	North Wheatley	Sun Inn	Brandy Wharf Cider Centre
8	North Thoresby	New Inn	Flixborough Flixboro Inn
15	Broughton	Red Lion	Faldingworth Coach and Horses
22	Rothwell	Blacksmiths Arms	Grimsby Yardbirds Rock Club
28	Nettleton	Pub in the Woods (Nettleton Lodge)	Winterton Football Club
<b>October</b>			
6	South Ferriby	Nelthorpe	Great Limber New Inn
13	Burton Waters	Woodcocks (Lincoln)	Redbourne Red Lion

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A few members enjoying themselves (well Dave at least) at Julys second meeting of the month at the Horseshoe Pub at Silk Willoughby.



This was the Group stand at Cleethorpes on 11 July. It looks like Iain had his hands full keeping it all in place for the day!

# THINKING OF PUTTING ON A GROUP RIDE?

When arranging a group ride there are a number of things to consider. Firstly the type of run, is it to be a ride to a given destination, to a place of interest, or a ride maybe around parts of Derbyshire, or the Yorkshire Dales etc.

## THE STARTING POINT

Depending on your choice of meeting place, some riders may have already ridden for an hour or more to get to the starting point for the ride.

A meeting point if possible should have a café so participants can get themselves a drink or even breakfast if they decide to go to the meeting point earlier than the designated time, toilets are also high on the list, with a petrol station not far away.

If there are new members/riders who have not been on a run with us before, introduce yourself and tell them the days plan to put them at ease.

## BEFORE SETTING OFF

Before setting off, make sure everyone knows the destination, the route to be taken (with a hand out of the route) the approximate time and place of a coffee stop en-route, and arrival time at the destination, and if there is an admission charge. What are the dinner arrangements to be, picnic or café.

Also the amount of time you plan on staying there, and the arrival time back at the end of the days ride and where it is to finish. It always takes longer to get a group to a given destination than one expects so always allow for this in your planning.

And last but not least, the type of riding plan you want them to adopt to keep the group together; keeping an eye on the rider behind you method or the Tail end Charlie method.

## COMFORT STOP

Although riders should start out with a full tank of fuel from the ride start point, some riders may require petrol on route if their bike has a small fuel range; others may require a toilet stop, so if possible these are things that should go into your route plan. You may be able to ride for hours without a stop, but most need a break after an hour or so.

It is not difficult putting on a ride and making it enjoyable for all if a little thought goes into it at the planning stage, it can even be fun.

So now you know what to do, Why not volunteer to put on a ride, I'm sure you will enjoy it, and if you need any help I'm always available.

Dave Hall

**ANYONE READY TO OFFER TO PUT ON A RUN OR OTHER EVENT TO LIVEN UP THE CALENDAR PLEASE CONTACT DAVE HALL ON 01522 828010**

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# Annual Motor Bike Run



**SUNDAY  
5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2010**

Join us, departing from any of the following places:-

**(A) Market Rasen** - Willingham Woods at 12.15 pm

**(B) Burton Waters** - The Woodcocks at 1.15 pm

**(C) Wragby** - Adam & Eve at 2.15 pm

**(D) Cawthorpe** - Arriving at the Royal Oak

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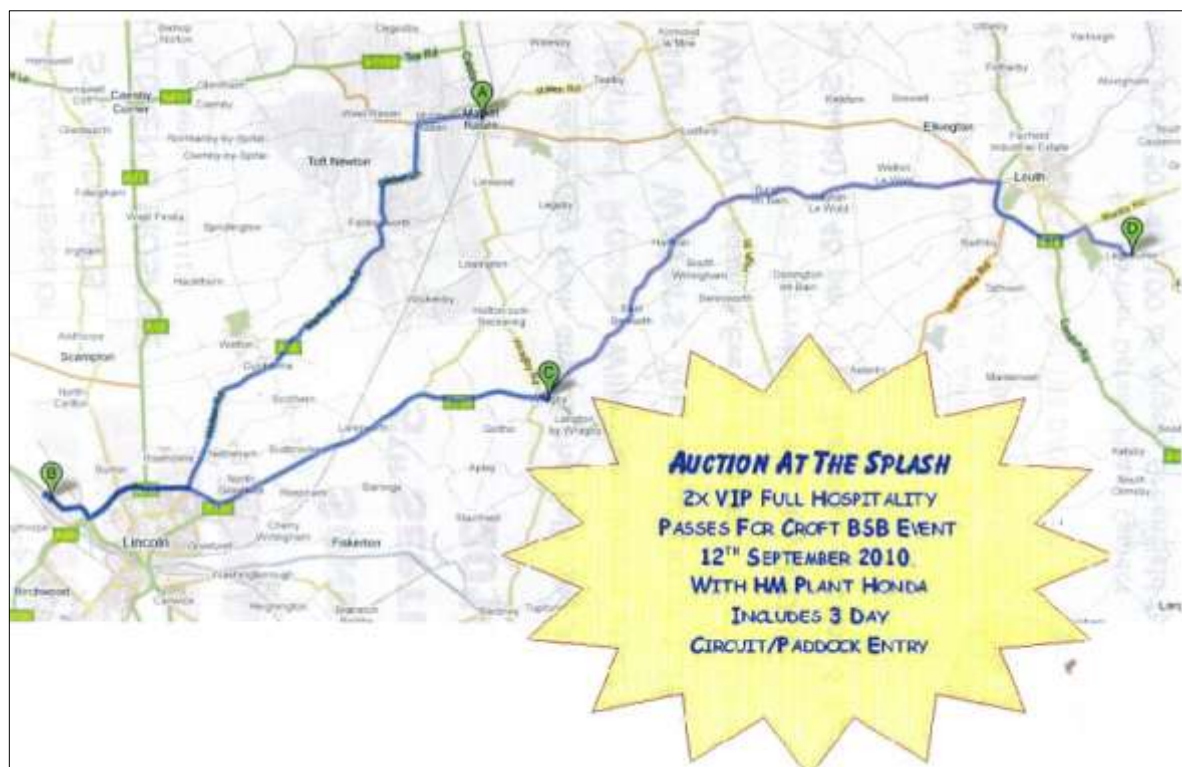
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# CURRENT DIARY OF EVENTS

Contact point: Dave Hall 01522 828010

The Sunday morning Group Observed Runs are open to all members. Also non members considering advanced training may have an assessment ride. The prime purpose is to provide guidance to benefit associate members, although assessment rides for full members may be available depending on observer numbers. The runs last around 2 hours, usually with a refreshment stop, starting at the following venues.

Brigg Leisure Centre parking area	South side of A18
Willingham Woods picnic site	A631 east of Market Rasen
Hartsholme Country Park	South side of B1378, Skellingthorpe Road (off Lincoln Bypass)

Social runs will incorporate café stops unless an alternative is specified. Please try to arrive at the meeting point in good time and with a full tank of fuel. Please note that due to an IAM directive regarding insurance cover for affiliated groups, Social Runs are for group members only. Guests are welcome as pillion passengers.

## AUGUST

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly meeting at Dave Capell's Games Room, Station Farm, Station Road, Kirton in Lindsey at 8.00pm.

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** - Group Observed Run from Willingham Woods. 9.00am for 9.30am. Prompt start.

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup>** - Committee Meeting, Offices of LK<sup>2</sup> Architects, Nettleham. Prompt start at 7.45pm

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>** - Informal meeting at the New Inn, North Thoresby, DN36 5QS. 7.30pm. Contact John Cheetham

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** - Lincoln BikeSafe, LRSP, Pelham Bridge, Lincoln. Contact Point Don Ford 01522 686068

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. More information from Iain Johnston.

## SEPTEMBER

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup>** - Monthly meeting at Dave Capell's Games Room, Station Farm, Station Road, Kirton in Lindsey at 8.00pm.

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** - Group Observed Run from Hartsholme Country Park. 9.00am for 9.30am. Prompt start.

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** - Informal meeting at The Sun Inn, North Wheatley, DN22 9DS. 7.30pm. Contact John Cheetham

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** - Lincoln BikeSafe, LRSP, Pelham Bridge, Lincoln. Contact Point Don Ford 01522 686068

**Weds 29<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. More information from Iain Johnston.

## OCTOBER

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Lincoln BikeSafe, LRSP, Pelham Bridge, Lincoln. Contact Point Don Ford 01522 686068

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly meeting at Dave Capell's Games Room, Station Farm, Station Road, Kirton in Lindsey at 8.00pm.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** - Group Observed Run from Brigg Leisure Centre. 9.00am for 9.30am. Prompt start.

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup>** - Barrie Heath Three Way Quiz, Pear Tree Pub, Grimsby Road, Humberston, DN36 4AH.

Start time 7.30pm. This year the quiz will be run by Grimsby and Louth Advanced Motorists, so we will be competing against Lincoln and Scunthorpe. There will be a buffet at about 8.30. Contact Iain Johnston.

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup>** - Committee Meeting, Offices of LK<sup>2</sup> Architects, Nettleham. Prompt start at 7.45pm

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. More information from Iain Johnston.

## NOVEMBER

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Monthly meeting at Dave Capell's Games Room, Station Farm, Station Road, Kirton in Lindsey at 8.00pm.

Evening meeting commences with the group ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>** - Group Observed Run from Willingham Woods. 9.30am for 10.00am. Prompt start.

**Weds 24<sup>th</sup>** - PLEASE NOTE: No Observers meeting this month.