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News for Group Chairs, Group Secretaries, Treasurers, Chief Observers, Group Committee Members, Examiners, National and Local Observers and all active Group Officials

Business news

Guidance on the use of recording devices

Use of dashcams and recording equipment while riding or driving is increasing, not only for data and insurance purposes but also footage being shared on social media and YouTube. IAM RoadSmart embraces the use of video recording devices for all forms of associate and observer training and understands that it may be required to have the device active during the test as a condition of insurance. Please remember any recording must be conducted with the prior permission of all parties involved. Recordings are for training use only and should not be shared through any form of media, unless all parties have provided permission. Examiners will make every effort to accommodate use of recording devices during test, however, footage of the test must not be shared on social media and will not be used post-test to influence the result. The decision of the examiner is final. The IAM RoadSmart document 'Guidance on the use of recording devices' can be found [here](#), and on the IAM RoadSmart website on the observer, examiner and group management dashboards. Please take a few minutes to read this through – any questions should be directed to your area service delivery manager.



Two spaces available at ELAM's circuit based training weekend

There are two spaces available for [East London Advanced Motorcyclists](#)' road based circuit training weekend with Eurotrax. It is taking place in Folebray, France on 16 - 17 August. The goal of the day is to provide an environment where attendees can safely practice the techniques of cornering. For more information or to book your place, please contact Olly Fullerton, ELAM group member, at olly_fullerton@hotmail.com.



IAM RoadSmart motorcycle groups can save almost 50% on the Michelin tyre pressure monitoring system

Ahead of the launch of a 10% discount on the Michelin motorcycle tyre pressure monitoring system to all IAM members, we have a very special exclusive offer for our motorcycle groups and members. Fit2Go Ltd are offering us a near 50% discount on orders of twenty or more units. The usual price is £79.95 ex VAT but we can order for just £41.95 ex VAT, a saving of £38 per unit! This offer is only available on orders for twenty or more motorcycle units placed before the end of August 2019. We hope to have a car offer for our members and groups in the near future. To order please contact Daniella Broadfield by phone, 01543 629034, or email, daniellab@gx2technologygroup.co.uk. Please ensure to include quantities, name, address and telephone number. For more information, click on the image above or follow this [link](#).

In the media



Multi-tasking behind the wheel 'a myth' says IAM RoadSmart

IAM RoadSmart says it's time to bust the myth of multi-tasking behind the wheel, to ensure drivers are fully aware of how dangerous a hands-free mobile phone can be. With the report Road Safety: Driving While Using a Mobile Phone issued yesterday (13 August) stating that "using a mobile phone while driving is dangerous, with potentially catastrophic consequences," IAM RoadSmart says there needs to be much stricter controls on the use of hands-free mobile phones in cars – and they remain a major distraction to the task of driving. Read our press release [here](#).

Video



Limited vision in classic cars

Take a look at the latest video in our classic car series, where we explore how lack of vision must be taken into account in a classic vehicle. Watch the video by [clicking here](#).

Tips and blog



**This week's blog: The work commute -
motorbike or car?**

Gary Bates, IAM RoadSmart marketing manager, discusses what bikers should keep in mind when on the road in rush hour. Read his blog by [clicking here](#).



This week's tips: Driving in the rain

This week's tips, by Richard Gladman, head of driving and riding standards, are aimed at non-advanced drivers so please share these with friends and family. Richard has put together a few tips for driving in heavy rain. [Click here](#) to read them.

Group news



Training course brings five new observers to Home Counties

[Home Counties North Advanced Dr](#) observer training course, based on by [Kent Group of Advanced Motoris](#) pilot in February. The course wa head office in Welwyn Gard was delighted with the way the great feedback from both the t observers. All five trainees were sig on the second day, which is a g Congratulations to Richard Williar Nicky Smith, Malcolm Wandrag, a *right*), who have all got going straight away. The course materials to success for the two days was th the trainers Gordon Smith, David John Presland, which together. **Supplied by Maxine B**



A successful summer for Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists

[Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists](#) has been busy over the summer. Members Alan Jones, Janice Haigh, chairman, and Hanni Kaye (*left to right*) set up at the Classic Car and Family Fun Day at Temple Newsam, Leeds. David Rushfirth, chief observer, brought his MG ZT 260 along which sparked interest among visitors. David says taking the car is just another excuse for applying another coat of polish. Janice also usually has her MGB GT along but it's away for a little TLC currently. The Harrogate MG Show at Pateley Bridge was also very successful. A great deal of interest was raised, including from a potential new associate attending the show all the way from Edinburgh. Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists will also be attending the Classic Car show at Heath Common in Wakefield on 25 August. Come along and say hello! With two more events after that Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists will close the show season after a total of 11 for the year. **Supplied by David Rushfirth**



Masters success

Wirral Advanced Motorists is celebrating Jane Rooney's Master's success on the completion of the course. Jane (left) was presented with her Masters certificate by Liz Scarff (right). Jane likes to chase new challenges and driving skills so she will be able to bring her experience back to her students and also eventually return to the local group as an examiner. Jane would like to thank Wirral Masters driver Guy Lightfoot for his assistance as a mentor throughout. **Supplied by Chris Diamond**



Another F1RST for BRAM

Bury and Rochdale Advanced Motorists is celebrating another successful advanced driving test result. Amy Hopwood (left) passed with a F1RST, and was presented with her advanced driving certificate by group chair, Jenny Garner (right). Congratulations to Amy. **Supplied by David Raymonde**

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