



SAM Weekly Newsletter - 26th January 2024

Biking news for ALL our advanced riders, their family and friends

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Editorial

Family duties kept me from being at Meadowhall last week, but SAM members were out. They were making the best of the slightly warmer temperatures. SAM member [Stephen Bennett](#), being a sucker for punishment, is doing the Iron Butt Challenge again. [You can support him here](#). At the last SAM Committee meeting there was a discussion about future events and Club activities. If any members have any suggestions, or would like to offer something, then just contact a member of the SAM Committee. The first entries for the Annual SAM Club Photo Competition have arrived. Remember, you have to be in it to win it! Entries should arrive by 12mn 20th March 2024. Good luck.

In the world of motorcycling this week, you can read about how the Kawasaki Ninja 7 Hybrid motor works. There is an article on the joys of restoring alloy parts. Liz Hardy ([pillioness.com](#)) debates whether biker chicks or cats are the coolest. There are some very funny photos.

IAM RoadSmart has some tips on staying alert on the road. They also direct you to their online web page to get road safety resources. Skills days will be returning, but there are no dates yet. The petition to remove VAT from air vests has just 11,034 signatures and it will close on the 27th March 2024. If the petition does not reach 100,000 signatures it will be confined to the parliamentary digital wastebasket.

Being lucky enough to have a garage, I've never really considered keeping the bike warm. The car sits in front of it, keeping it nice and toasty. It's something to think about and there's some advice inside. When we are travelling I've always carried a bike cover. It keeps prying eyes off our precious machine. You can read about the usefulness of a cover in this newsletter.

There is lots of really good advice about riding at night, riding in winter and riding in ice and snow. You can also read how the Americans take a dim view of Spain rolling out the compulsory wearing of safety riding gear. We fundamentally disagree. If you are a: *seen it all, done it all, know it all* biker, who considers themselves invulnerable and immortal, you may have a different opinion. For us, 'all the gear, all the time' keeps us safer. Bosch are helping to keep us safer by developing lean-sensitive electronics for smaller bikes. Whilst BMW have recalled the 2021-2024 R18 B and Transcontinental bikes. The headlight might fall off! BMW may also be working on a folding electric scooter. The parts are likely to be more reliable, but that is not our experience of electric scooter riders.

Despite the very tragic death of Charles Falcón, the Dakar Rally was a really exciting race. After 2,000 miles there is 24 feet between the leaders. If you fancy something a little less arduous, read about riding around Knoxville, Tennessee. Freddie Dobbs reviews air vests, gets a new Honda Transalp and travels to Vilnius, Lithuania for the weekend. Saffy Sprocket takes a loving look at the Royal Enfield Himalayan 411 and gets her riding confidence back by tackling some very muddy tracks. Itchy Boots (Noraly Shoemaker) rides to the Central African Republic. Another heart-in-the-mouth journey that results in a broken starter switch and bent exhaust. Luckily, a passer-by shows her how to start the bike by poking the starter switch with a key. Lessons for us all.

The 'New Rider Hub' has started a campaign highlighting where extra caution is needed when riding. The Whiteknights are on four wheels to do a relay run of urgent clinical samples. Keep putting out the word that they need donations and volunteers to help publicise their vital NHS work.

SYSRP (South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership) are promoting powered-two-wheel transport to younger people. In these times

of economic hardship, a motorcycle can be a cost-effective way to travel. SYSRP also has a campaign to alert drivers to cyclists and pedestrians.

BIKER DOWN IS BACK! Book your places NOW!

Kevin Williams continues his prodigious output on all things motorcycling. This week he writes about how to tackle bus lanes. Watch out for the bear hiding behind a tree. It's all to do with rider conspicuity. Kevin also starts a series on disentangling rider education from law enforcement. They are very different things. Also, that training data shows that training has no effect on KSI events, what is training actually doing? He questions the '*living in the moment*' attitude of many riders. Is it really the best way to ride?

Finally, there is a 1930s Indian Four that doesn't get restored and a tribute to a remodelled Ducati Scrambler. Happy reading!

Ways to stay in touch with your Club!

It's really easy to stay in touch with your Club! We provide emails, a website and use social media accounts for you to contact us. All of which is free of any cost to the Club. If you are not getting the Club information circulated, or simply want to tell us something, ***just let us know*** at

sam-editor@iam-sheffield.bike. We'll be happy to ensure that we stay in touch with you. You can also now sign up for Club emails on the [SAM website](#). Paul Conway

Editor & Webmaster, Sheffield Advanced Motorcyclists

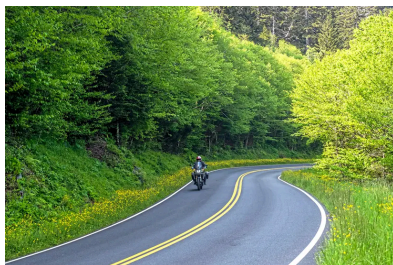
Biking News Online



Hybrids may have become commonplace in cars over the last 25 years, but the difficulties of incorporating the idea into motorcycles mean Kawasaki's achievement in creating the world's first 'strong hybrid' production bikes – the

[Ninja 7 Hybrid](#) and Z7 Hybrid – is an impressive feat of engineering. [Read more](#)

I don't think there's a more satisfying job to do in the garage than restoring an alloy part – scrubbing away all those years of muck to make a part look like new again is highly rewarding. [Read more](#)



America certainly knows how to do breakfast. Sitting inside Pete's Coffee Shop in Knoxville, Tennessee, a banquet of eggs-over-easy, crispy bacon, pancakes with syrup, orange juice, toast and jelly warms our stomachs just like the

early-season sunshine now streaming in through the misty windows. [Read more](#)

TOP TIPS FOR RIDING A MOTORBIKE IN ICE AND SNOW. riding a motorcycle in ice and snow might not be advisable, but sometimes there isn't another option. Here's how to ride a bike in winter conditions safely. [Read more](#)



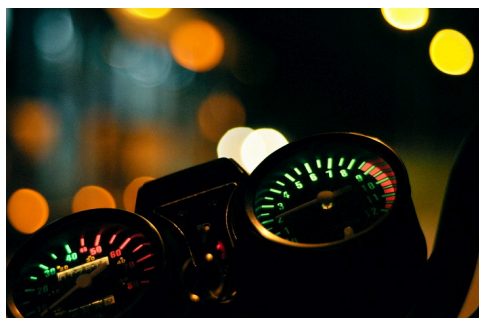


Dakar 2024: The Toughest Dakar in Recent History? The rally kicked off with a bang, with the prologue time counting towards the overall. There was a tricky waypoint in the prologue, and the penalty for missing it put many riders back before the race proper even started. Stage 1 was won by Ross Branch on his Hero, giving a good cushion to lead the race overall for the next three stages, when Nacho Cornejo snatched the overall lead from him briefly in Stage 4. Branch reclaimed the overall lead after Stage 5, only to be dethroned by the uber-consistent Ricky Brabec on his Honda. Brabec was consistently second in the overall ranking, doing a spectacular job at showing how to manage a top spot in a rally like this. [Read more](#)

[Spain is rolling out mandatory Motorcycle gear to solve rising fatalities](#) SPAIN— All motorcyclists might soon be required to wear full-face helmets and gloves every time they ride. In USA, there is some reasoning and freedoms left while across the pond, the control-ist regimes are “welcomed” by mute citizens, reminiscent of 1930s. There are many reasons for a road accident and many more for a motorcycle related accident. In USA, even the Feds and NHTSA know that it is the people with more than two-wheels who are reckless and blind and have the shameless (illegal) luxury of texting and dialing while driving. Yet, why not blame the most fuel-efficient and cheapest transport vehicle available to a citizen—the motorcycle –and its rider for accidents and fatalities.



You might as well say roads kill people and force people into house arrests or ghetto patrol with Judge Dredd being the only one with a gun and a motorcycle! Even open-face helmets are not good enough for Spain as full-face helmets are being advocated to be mandatory. No gloves? Well, they want to save your middle-finger for later! Gloves are to be mandatory riding equipment as well. While there's no specified timeline regarding the implementation of these various new mandates, driving license for two-wheelers itself will be staggered and handed out in stages to those completing courses. Maybe Spain will mandate a College Degree in Motorcycle Riding to allow a citizen to get a motorcycle driving license. Meanwhile, the rest of the users of Spain's roads are not required to know anything about motorcycles, including the lawmakers! [Read more](#)



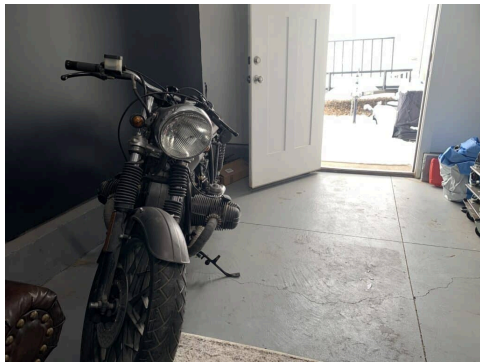
Motorcycle Night Riding: What you Need to Know. Riding a motorcycle always involves managing all kinds of risks to stay safe all year round. Night rides may be thrilling for adrenaline junkies, but most of us try to avoid going out with our bikes when it gets

dark. According to the [IIHS database](#), riding a motorcycle at night accounts for over 20% of motorcycle fatalities. While we can't always avoid riding at night, there are ways to avoid the usual dangers that come with it. [Read more](#)

5 Tips For Safely Riding a Motorcycle During Winter. Winter is here, and for some riders, it means the motorcycle riding season is over. The bike goes into hibernation, safely stored in the garage, and protected until spring



emerges. But, it's not how all bikers function during winter. Apart from the lucky ones that get to ride all-year-round without having to worry about heavy weather conditions, many bikers choose to ride their motorcycle during the winter. With the right equipment, a clear mindset, some common sense, and minor changes in your riding style, bikers can ride safely throughout the winter. [Read more](#)



Keeping your motorcycle warm during the winter is a high priority because of the harsh consequences that cold weather can have on your machine. I have lived in cold, harsh winter climates for most of my life and below I have listed the best ways to keep your motorcycle warm in winter. [Read](#)

[more](#)

[A motorcycle cover](#) is more than just a piece of fabric; it's a crucial shield that protects your machine from various environmental threats, including rain, sun, snow and dust. [Read more](#)



Bosch bring scaled-back versions of lean-sensitive electronics to smaller and cheaper bikes. We've become used to sophisticated electronic safety aids, with lean-sensitive cornering ABS, traction control, and even [radar-guided](#)

[cruise control](#) now becoming part of everyday biking lingo. But now the field's leading innovators, German giants Bosch, have begun to introduce stripped-back versions of the latest flashy, lean-sensitive tech onto more affordable, [sub-400cc bikes](#) with the aim of making life safer for everyone. [Read more](#)

BMW Recalls All 2021-2024 R 18 B / Transcontinentals Over Faulty Headlights



"Low Beam Reflector Attachment Points Could Become Damaged and Eventually Break

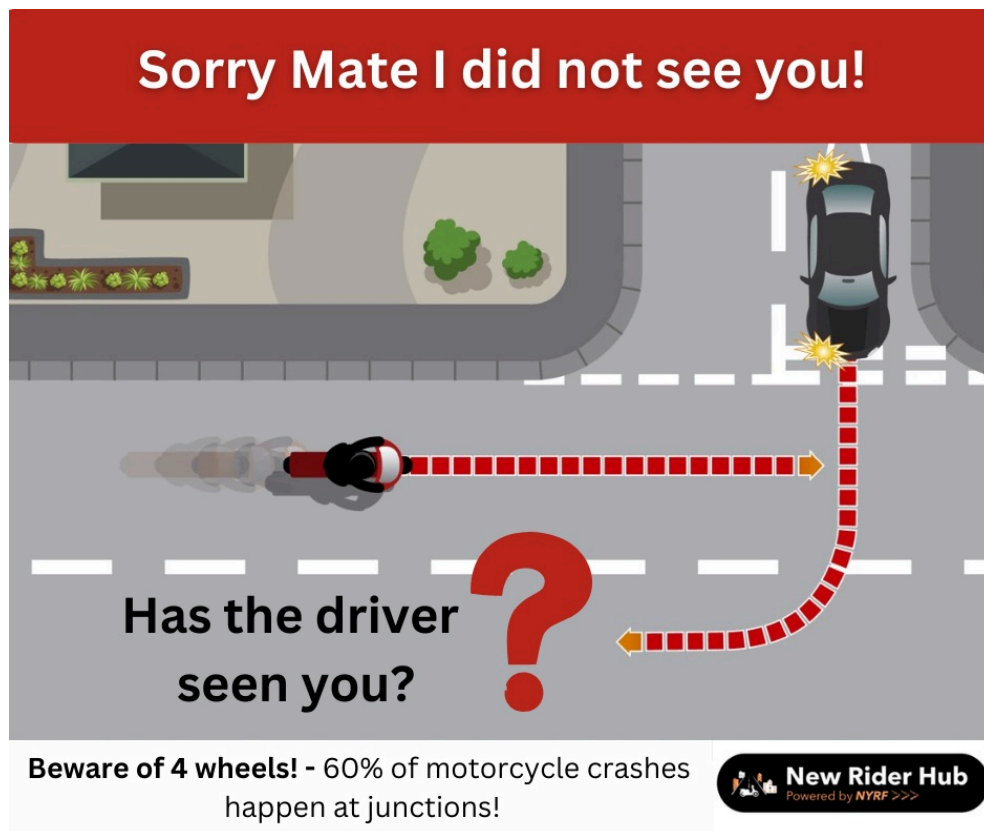
- BMW received multiple complaints, warranty claims and reports that may be related to "low beam reflector attachment points" and "vibrating headlamps"
- the company decided to enact a voluntary, non-compliance recall on all R 18 B and R 18 Transcontinentals (2,369 bikes in total)
- Units affected by this recall are numbered at 2,369 bikes, all registered between model years 2021 and 2024
- Owners will be notified by February 13th
- Dealers were given notice back on December 22

[Read more](#)



Friday Forum Foraging: A 1930 Indian Four Time Capsule. *"It would be an absolute crime to restore this bike."* Have you ever wanted a time machine? Well, this might be the closest we're

going to get. Up for grabs is a 1930 Indian Four that comes to us from [Bring A Trailer](#) and was kept in storage for seemingly ever. It even carries that all-important patina to show for it – hence the caption at the top, which was taken from one of the comments on the BAT listing. The current owner acquired it in 2020 and had it put back into running order with a working carburetor and magneto. Other than those two items and a fresh set of tires, this Indian Four wears the marks of having been on this earth for 94 years – and counting! [Read more](#)

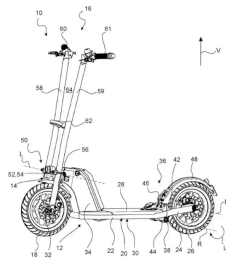


[New Rider Hub Campaign](#)



Motorcycle Chicks vs Motorcycle Cats: Who Wore it the Best? Not everyone can make a motorcycle helmet look good. So who wears the gear best - biker chicks or biker cats? [Read more](#)

OLD BLUE TRIBUTE: Ducati Scrambler by Mandrill Garage. For years, motorcycles that looked suspiciously like a brand new Ducati were being offered for sale in China, but the price, specs and closer inspection gave the game away. But rather than scream trademark violation, the big Italian brand saw an opportunity, and knew that the world's second-largest consumer market clearly had an appetite for their wares. It wasn't long before the Bologna brand opened dealerships around the country and now they've sought to capture the hearts of the country's customisers. Enter Luo Hao, the owner of Mandrill Garage, the nation's most well known bike builder, who Ducati sought out to build them a stunning machine to be given away in an online lottery to one lucky rider. And from the bones of a modern Scrambler Icon, Luo has used a host of Bologna parts bin pieces, to create a tribute to the race-winning "Old Blue" Daytona special. [Read more](#)



Is BMW Working On A Small Electric Scooter With A Folding Frame?

BMW joins the growing list of manufacturers developing micromobility devices. [Electric scooters and motorcycles](#) are gaining popularity in Europe thanks to their convenience and practicality. In the past, we've seen lots of automakers venture into the lightweight e-mobility scene. In 2022, for example, Bugatti unveiled its sporty little electric scooter based on the Chiron hypercar. Meanwhile in 2023, McLaren's Lavoie electric scooter made headlines thanks to its sporty and elegant design. [Read more](#)

Royal Enfield Himalayan 411. Explore the Royal Enfield Himalayan 411, an adventure tourer that redefines the thrill of exploration. This review delves into its powerful 411cc engine, rugged design, and advanced features, making it the perfect blend of style and adventure. The Royal Enfield Himalayan is a cost-effective entry-level adventure bike. It's a fairly all-purpose bike and has a good balance between on and off-road capabilities. The bike is suitable for beginners or riders who want to try adventure riding without spending a lot of money. However, it tends to perform better in those off-road areas than on the motorway. [Watch here](#)



In this part of crossing the Cameroon - Central African Republic border, I get myself into trouble. The rain made some stretches of jungle very, very slippery, and I crashed hard. I can't believe that the start button of my motorcycle broke off in the crash!! Everything adds up, and I end up riding in the jungle in the dark still... I need to find a place to stay the night QUICK! [Watch here](#)

Freddie Dobbs talks about Airbag Vests and a Very Well Travelled Himalayan. Gets a Honda Transalp and spends a weekend in Vilnius, Lithuania. [Watch here](#)



SAM Meetings



**SAM Club Saturday Meetings, Meadowhall Retail Park
9am every Saturday throughout the year.
Come and join us - you know you want to ride!**



Next SAM Club night: **5th
February 2024 meet at 7.30pm
for an 8pm start at [Treeton
Miners Welfare, Arundel St,
Treeton, Rotherham S60 5PW, UK](#)**



Always carry your **FREE Biker I.C.E. Card**. It gives emergency services staff vital information about the right treatment for you, should you be involved in an accident. Don't forget to update it if your health and/or social circumstances change. *SAM Club - dedicated to helping YOU to be a safer rider.*

Whiteknights Blood Bikers

Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes would like to hear from people who are able to become volunteer fundraisers for this vital charity that benefits patients in Yorkshire.



Please get In touch. Even if you can only spare an hour to volunteer for us - we really need people to help us. Hope to hear from you soon.

Message us through Facebook or email:


[fundraising@whiteknights.org.Uk](mailto:fundraising@whiteknights.org.uk)

In these freezing cold temperatures Whiteknights have today participated national relay. Thanks to our Advanced qualified driver, Andy , for meeting with Wilf from Sscbb.





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Excellent team work guys!




319
Jobs completed










302 Urgent Jobs
2 Emergency Jobs
12 Relay Jobs
3 non-urgent jobs

The time donated is an average saving to the NHS of approx. £10,987.12 over the Month






7259 Miles Ridden/Driven
540 Hours on call

Just some of the Items we have transported this year

 6 - Breast Milk	 205 - Bloods and Covid Samples	 3 - FMT Samples
 4 - Fluids		 101 - Pharmacy Items and Patient Records

Bikes donated by:

We maintain the service 365 nights a year, and weekend and Public Holiday daytimes. This is a 100% volunteer service provided at no cost to the NHS

Registered Charity No. 112451

Here are our statistics for December 2023. Please note the number of national relays we are now called upon to participate in each month. This is in addition to the urgent call outs from our local clients. It's proof that the National network of Blood Bike charities are working together well. [#bloodbikes](#)

South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership



Here at UpRight we spend a lot of time talking to riders who have passed their test at least a few years and who would possibly benefit from the advanced training and first aid courses that we promote.

Occasionally we get the chance to talk to newer riders or people who are looking at getting into biking for the first time. Quite often we get to speak to parents whose kids are now growing up and looking to get out on two wheels themselves. With how busy the roads are these days and the myriad, laws, rules and regulations that a new rider has to comply with to be safe and legal it is a worrying time. It can be even more worrying if the parents aren't involved in the bike world themselves but want to make sure their offspring are getting the correct advice and training.

While we at UpRight are always happy to give advice when we can the National Young Rider Forum (NYRF) is aimed squarely at newer riders. The NYRF aim to provide help and advice to people who are 16-24 years old and are looking to become riders, or, who ride motorbikes of less than 125cc's and are riding on L plates as well as riders who may be shaping up to take their test and progress to bigger bikes.

The NYRF has created a website called the "New Rider Hub" which provides a load of information for people who are looking to start riding motorbikes and scooters, or, who are fairly new to bikes. The information on the Hub covers everything from buying your new bike and obtaining a licence and insurance and making sure your documents are correct to maintaining your bike along with videos and online training courses.

The Hub provides information on training, pre and post test as well as advice on what to wear on your bike along with tips on securing your bike or scooter. Although the information on this site is aimed at newer riders there is also advice and information that is helpful to all riders no matter their experience.

[Have a look for yourselves](#) but don't forget to pass the details on to any newer riders, or the parents of new riders, that you know of.

Did you know that here in South Yorkshire, the most collisions involving pedestrians happen in January?

Winter conditions and low-lighting from October to February make road use increasingly challenging.



Do you do everything you can to help reduce casualties?

This includes:

- 👍 Regular vehicle checks - tyres / fluid / MOT
- 👍 Taking extra time to look for vulnerable road users
- 👍 Wearing something reflective / high-vis when active travelling
- 👍 Checking all the lights are working on your vehicle

[Find out more](#) [#barnsley](#) [#doncaster](#) [#sheffield](#) [#rotherham](#)



It's back for 2024!! BikerDown! SY will once again be running at the Lifewise Centre, Hellaby, offering free sessions to anyone who lives or works in South Yorkshire and would like to improve their scene management skills and pick-up a few first aid techniques and knowledge which could make a life-saving difference at a Road Traffic Collision. Dates to be announced from

Easter onwards, but if you would like the latest information then [please sign-up](#)

South Yorkshire police and crime commissioner functions transfer. This consultation focuses on the transfer of police and crime commissioner functions to the Mayor of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. It is aimed at people who live or work in South Yorkshire.



As part of this transfer, we would bring forward the next scheduled mayoral election in South Yorkshire from May 2026 to 2 May 2024. [Read more](#)

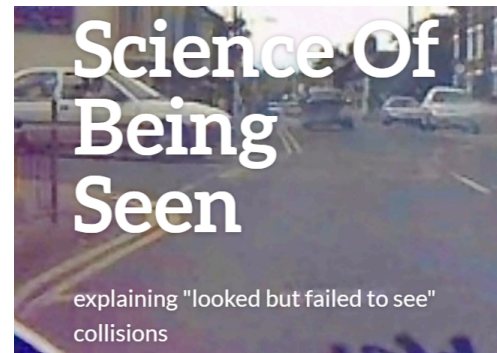


BetheBest – we have created a generic logo to encourage all riders to take additional training in one format or another; such as IAM, BikeSafe or ERS. The new logo and #BetheBest tagline has been printed on promotional snoods to promote the campaign (*available at SAM*

Club Nights). The snoods have been produced in a series of different motorbike brand colours, (Red, Orange, Green and Blue), to test if this approach is more appealing to riders.

Kevin Williams

For many years road safety experts, police and motorcyclists have known that the most common collision between a motorcycle and another vehicle happens when the motorcyclist has right-of-way and another driver turns into the rider's path. All the way back in 1977, US researcher Harry Hurt stated:



"The most likely comment of an automobile driver involved in a traffic collision with a motorcycle is that he, or she, did not SEE the motorcycle..." [Read more...](#) Also, see all Kevin's posts at ko-fi.com/survivalskills.

LAST WEEK'S ROUND-UP



Newbie Mistakes #10 Bamboozled by bus lanes

Over the last two weeks I talked about how some new riders (and a few who should know better) get caught out stuck in box junctions and confused about when they can enter them. Another set of markings that cause problems are those that denote the areas buses can use. So, onto the first question...[Read more](#)

Elevenes 402 Wed 17 Jan - motorcycle news, tips & views. in today's show...

rider dies following Dakar rally crash...

inquest records accidental death

following fatal Snetteron pile-up...

coroner reminds NZ riders roads are not

racetracks following charity ride dual-fatality... Miami police clamp

down on illegal bike use on holiday weekend... nuisance bikers

damage reservoirs in Northern Ireland... new 'pothole

partnership' to press for road repairs... Sindh province governor

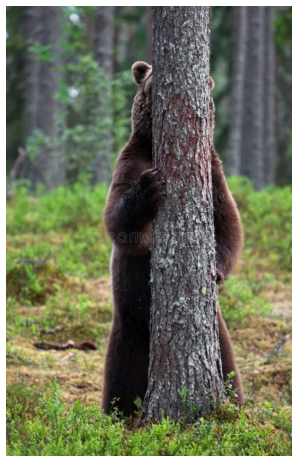
promises free bikes to replace stolen machines... free numbered

hi-vis for Okada riders in Nigeria promises safety and regulation...

new spy shots show twin but is it a Guzzi or Aprilia... in-depth

today - does training work; what does the research say? [Watch](#)

[here](#)



To be seen, start with shape and NOT colour

Movement, flashes of light and bright colours are all 'visual attractants' - that is, they draw our attention. And that's the basis on which we're told to wear brightly coloured 'hi-vis' clothing and use day-riding lights (DRLs). But once we're looking in a particular direction, just HOW do we know what it was that caught our attention in the first place? [Read here](#)

Let's get to 500 subscribers today!

I'm sure most of you watch YouTube. And I'm guessing you're interesting in content covering motorcycling. I'm sure that some of you have watched

[Sheffield Advanced Motorcyclists Newsle](#)



some of my short clips in the 60 Second Safety and 60 Second Science series. And I know a few of you are regular followers of my 'Elevenses' webcast too. [Read more](#)



Conflating education and enforcement

I was recently invited to contribute to a LinkedIn community article on improving safety for motorcycling. I couldn't help but note that the third item was:

"Promote education and enforcement... the third step to improving safety for motorcyclists is to promote education and enforcement that enhance the skills and behaviour of motorcyclists and other road users. Some of the education and enforcement measures

include offering training and licensing programs, raising awareness campaigns, setting and enforcing speed limits and helmet laws, and conducting regular inspections and checks. These measures can help improve the knowledge and attitude of motorcyclists and other road users, encourage compliance with traffic rules and regulations, and detect and correct unsafe practices and conditions." [Read more](#)

Structuring our future development P3

Over the last two weeks I've been asking if we're simply 'living in the moment' as we ride, or if we are prepared to invest some time in developing our riding. As I said, I can't offer much to those in the first category, but if you're in the



second group, I can help you focus your time effectively. [Read more](#)



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in today's show: amber weather warnings for Storm Isha... major fuel retailers sign up for price 'pumpwatch' scheme... EU extends suspension of HD tariff scheme... 2023 registration numbers flatline... GPS data reveals slowest city in the world is London... mega-mirrors... CFMoto's active suspension reacts before you hit a bump... Bennetts BikeSocial asks if Chinese bikes can dominate... in-depth today - BMW hedges bets with e-bike designs and call for synthetic fuels for future bikes...[Watch here](#)

BMW hedge their bets. I'd actually intended last week's post to wind up my look at the current state of play for alternatives to the ICE engine powered by fossil fuels, but as it happened, BMW revealed their thinking in an interview with the German bike magazine 'Motorrad'. So here's what I covered yesterday in Elevenes. But let's start with a reminder of what BMW has been up to in the past. It's probably slipped a lot of minds that BMW have been dabbling with electric motorcycles for quite some time, at least in scooter format. [Read more](#)



IAM RoadSmart News



Stay alert on the road this winter

With dark, cold mornings in abundance right now, it can be hard to get going once the alarm goes off, especially if you haven't had a good night's sleep.

Extreme tiredness can also lead to microsleeping. These are short episodes of drowsiness or sleep that could last a fraction of a second or up to 30 seconds. Any vehicle travelling at 70 mph will travel 31 metres per second, giving plenty of time to cause a serious crash during a micro-sleep. [Read more](#)

If you want to find out more information on road safety, our Road Safety Resources page is full valuable and helpful information. This includes statistics, videos, downloadable material, and more.



Check out our [full range of road safety resources](#)



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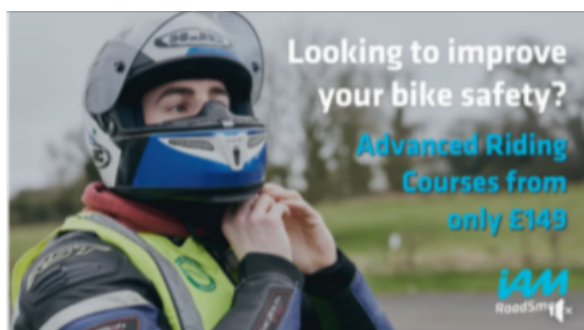
Our popular Skills Days will be launching soon! 🏍️ 🚗

If you've not heard of them before, or want to find out more about what happens on the day, [visit the webpage which details everything you need to know](#)

Motorcycles make up 3.5% of all licenced vehicle types, yet riders represent a fifth (21%) of all fatalities and 2.5% of all casualties.

We have created a petition to scrap VAT on life-saving motorcycle air vests, arguing that they should be treated as other essential life-saving equipment which are zero or lower VAT.

Our CEO, Antony Kildare, [shares his statement here](#) Current signature 11,051. [Add YOUR support](#) and please share. Thank you.



Want to become a better rider? Our Advanced Riding Course can help. The roads can be a dangerous place, even for the most alert and cautious riders. While you can never be 100% safe, becoming an

advanced rider will equip you with the skills to correctly anticipate, and plan for, the hazards you encounter on your rides. [Find out more](#)

National Motorcyclists Council



NMC in New National Partnership to Tackle Pothole Epidemic

A new partnership has been launched today (15 January) between road user organisations and the road repairs industry to help tackle the scourge of potholes, as shock new figures from the AA show pothole damage to vehicles has hit a five year high. The Pothole Partnership has been formed by the AA, the National Motorcyclists Council, British Cycling, IAM RoadSmart, the British Motorcyclists Federation and manufacturer JCB. The Partnership has been formed to press the case for more effective and permanent road repairs. [Read more](#)

Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations

In 2018, the then president Trump signed two proclamations to impose additional duties of 10% and 25% respectively on certain imports of aluminium and steel products into the United States, introducing tariffs on €6.4 billion of European steel and aluminium exports. These measures followed investigations carried out by the US Department of Commerce, which concluded that imports of these products threatened US national security and recommended action to restrict imports. [Read more](#)



SAM members have you got some news to share? Send it to sam-editor@iam-sheffield.bike and share it with all your SAM Club friends...

Stay healthy and ride safe

Paul Conway (on behalf of the SAM Committee) Sheffield
Advanced Motorcyclists

Charity no. 1089671 IAM Group no. 4152



Saturday Meetings are for club members, observers, associates and ANY biker interested in taking an advanced rider course. Meetings are usually for one of these purposes:

- members take the opportunity to catch up with each other and generally socialise
- observers will be taking their associates out as part of their preparation for the advanced test
- other members will form smaller groups and ride out usually for breakfast somewhere
- Bikers who want to learn about how to become an advanced motorcyclist

If you'd like to find out more about us, join us at 9am any Saturday throughout the year, at Meadowhall Retail Park, Sheffield S9 2YZ, just off J34, M1.

Being a member of the SAM Club

To be a member of the SAM Club you should also be a current member of IAM RoadSmart. As a registered UK charity the SAM Club has charitable objectives to encourage and support the wider use of powered-two-wheeled transport in the UK. We provide advanced motorcycle education and training to help all bikers ride more safely. Our charity has to abide by the national standards, testing and liability insurance cover to continue these activities. Liability insurance ensures that, within the events covered, both the SAM Club, its Trustees and members are safeguarded against most untoward events. This includes all formal training and social events. Also, the SAM Club is dedicated to promoting the education and training of bikers in advanced riding knowledge and skills, both locally and nationally. At a total cost of £55/year, i.e. £1.06p/week, you help ALL your fellow bikers to improve their riding knowledge and skills. Thank you.

Associates: SAM's highly trained, dedicated, self-funding, volunteer Observers, meet all their own expenditure in providing your training. When you go out on observed rides with your Observer, we are asking you to donate £10 to offset a little of their running costs in helping you to become an advanced motorcycle rider. Thank you.

Extra bits

- Next SAM Committee Meeting: **28th February 2024**
- Next SAM Club Night: **5th February 2024 meet at 7.30pm for an 8pm start** [Treeton Miners Welfare, Arundel St, Treeton, Rotherham S60 5PW, UK](#)
- **Gift Aid Form:** Gift Aid allows UK charities to claim back the basic rate tax already paid on donations. This means we can claim back from the government on your behalf 25p for

every £1 donated, boosting the value of the donation by a quarter. Use this link to fill in the form on the SAM website and send it to treasurer@iam-sheffield.bike.

- **Not getting your SAM emails?** If any member is NOT getting SAM Club emails, first check your junk folder, then send a request to social-media@iam-sheffield.bike. Pass on this message to any members who are complaining about not getting their SAM Club emails.
- **Changing your email address:** If you change your email address then let the Social Media Secretary - social-media@iam-sheffield.bike - know so that we can keep you informed of all the exciting things
- happening in your club.
- **IAM RoadSmart member discounts:** SAM members, are you making the most of your IAM RoadSmart membership? There are lots of discount savings that can offset your IAM RoadSmart and SAM membership fees, so grab a bargain TODAY!
- **Share with your friends:** Know someone who is interested in biking? Why not share this SAM Update and help them to be an advanced rider.
- **Follow us on** [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#).

What are we about...

The Sheffield and District Advanced Motorcyclists (SAM) are an independent charity that provides public education and training in advanced motorcycling skills. Its aims are to increase public awareness and understanding of motorcycling and the advanced knowledge and skills required to ride safely on public roads. It is an affiliate group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM RoadSmart) and works closely with statutory and non-statutory organisations in promoting public information and education on motorcyclists and motorcycling in its designated region. SAM's volunteer motorcyclists are all trained to and maintain national

standards of advanced motorcycle riding. They provide ongoing guidance and support to prepare motorcyclists for UK nationally recognised advanced motorcycling tests. SAM works closely with other charitable groups who require advanced motorcyclists to support public events, NHS dispatch rider services and many other socially responsible activities. SAM provides an essential public service in encouraging, promoting and marketing improved safety on public roads in the UK and internationally through IAM RoadSmart. SAM also has a very active social events programme that encourages its members, family, friends and the public, to both support the charity's socially responsible objectives and enjoy the camaraderie and support provided by the club.

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