

Basingstoke MAG

11/11/2010

Rep Keith:

Due to people not being about for next of the month and this weeks meeting had almost all the group there so we done the voting for next years charity. There were four nomination put forward to me.

- 1 Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.
- 2 St Michael Hospice.
- 3 SERV.
- 4 BASICS.

After the voting was done the charity for next year is BASICS.

What is BASICS.

Founded in 1977 as the

British Association of Immediate Care Schemes

The name was changed in 1980 to the

British Association for Immediate Care

The definition of Immediate Care and the Aims and Objectives of BASICS were spelt out in the first constitution.

Immediate care is the provision of skilled medical help at the site of an accident or other medical emergency, or in transit.

[Immediate Care Schemes](#), including hospital flying-squads and mobile resuscitation units, draw on a wide variety of different individuals and groups who have organised themselves to provide immediate medical care.

Different roles:

Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, Military Medics and Community Responders.

The aims of BASICS are to foster co-operation between existing schemes; to encourage and aid the formation and extension of [schemes](#) in the United Kingdom; to strengthen and develop co-operation between all services in dealing with emergencies on any scale which may result in injury or risk to life; to encourage and assist research into all aspects of immediate care and accident prevention; to raise [standards](#) of immediate care and [training](#) in all those who undertake to practise the discipline; to produce a journal and other papers for the dissemination of information to members and other interested parties

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Donations for the Christmas prizes in the last meeting of the month. The ride out to the kids home in Old Basing has been set for 18th Dec 2pm at The Royal Oak. See the flyer at end of minutes.

E-MAIL'S

Lets get straight in to the good stuff!

Firstly, having announced last week that the Court of Appeal Hearing has been listed for mid-March, you guys responded magnanimously and pushed the Legal Fund over the £5,000 (25%) mark.

However, this doesn't mean we can sit on our laurels! With Xmas upon us, and the winter weather upping the home & motorcycle maintenance bills, the ability of the "usual contributors" to keep donating is going to be severely hampered. Thus, we all need make a supreme effort to impress on the whole motorcycling community that everyone needs to come together now on this issue, and donate the equivalent of a tank of fuel (£10).

Donations to: "Warren Djanogly – NTBPT" Sort Code: 40-02-35 A/c 11411047

Secondly, the knock-on effect of the \$chunt club in demonstrating how, as citizens, we can make a stand resulted in an equally-riled resident (taking his cue from our boys & girls) placing a bag over the periscope camera atop a reviled CCTV Smart-car.

The ever-vigilant Gibbo, always with his own camera to hand (you'll remember how Boris was caught with his veiled threats against us!) captured the scene and posted it on youtube. This made for fantastic coverage in the Evening Standard & Daily Mail.

Upcoming Events

WMBC - \$chunt Club – WESC

All on for this, and every other Wednesday as per usual.

However, whilst \$chunt Club is scheduled for Weds & Sats, a read of the forum will give insight into not only how easy it is to instigate your own CCTV Car hunt, with the inevitable damage it does to WCC's revenue, it also reveals how narked NSL are getting. One string highlights how a CCTV car crew were "bitching" at our guys because....get this..."Its not a Wednesday"; another string airs a clip of NSL security guards attempting to accuse our man of law-breaking, but backing down at suggestions the Police should be called.

And remember, WCC get charged a monthly rate for NSL to put out these crews and therefore need a set level of income in return!!

Ace to Ace – the Nth & Sth Circular Run – Sun 5th December

As mentioned last week, the next full-on demo will be on the first Sunday in December, and once again our designer John has come up with some superb promotional literature.

Whilst we hope to distribute a shed load of fliers to the WMBC & WESC Clubbers on Wednesday, we really need your help if we are to promote this event. Therefore, we have posted a downloadable version of both the flier & the poster (in both black & white, or for the more frivolous of you, a colour version as well) for your home printers.

The posters and fliers are available on our homepage or you can download them here:

Home printer low ink versions

[Posters \(A3/A4\)](#) / [Fliers \(2x2 on A4\)](#)

High quality full colour versions:

[Posters \(A3/A4\)](#) / [Fliers \(2x2 on A4\)](#)

If you know a local printer who might do you a deal, and are willing to fund a few thousand fliers (which are laid out as 4 to an A4 sheet), please feel free to add your company logo on the reverse. That said, we'd rather you contributed any spare funds to the legal fund!!

However, that is only half the story. We also really need you guys to get out there and distribute these leaflets & posters. There are bike bays all over, so lets get covered!

Other stuff...

On behalf of the \$chunt Club organisers, a big thanks goes to any of you who braved the November 5 drizzle to hold the 2-minute silent vigil outside WCC City Hall in Victoria Street. With support from the taxis, it made for quite a sight, and the message "we're watching you" was forcefully displayed.

Of interest...

...to the guys that have been really examining (and getting under the skin of) the WCC Parking department & its unusually close relationship with NSL comes the announcement that WCC have asked NSL to swell the number of CEO's by a further 50 at a cost of £2m. When asked by the Daily Mail why, Colin's new patsy, Cllr Lee Rowley, nickname "The Bullshit Kid" (TBK) claimed:- "these extra 50 only take us back to the amount we had last year."

When the Sunday Times exposed the illegitimate tactic of WCC Bailiffs using the Met Police to pullover specific vehicles for no proper reason to then introduce the driver to the waiting Bailiffs, TBK explained:- "The tactics are used mainly to enforce fines for more serious offences, such as disabled badge fraud."

Trouble for TBK came in FOI6034 where, not only was it pointed out that Disabled Badge Fraud could only be perpetrated by parked vehicles (and thus, not those moving ones being pulled over), it was also asked how many arrests, cautions or prosecution for "fraud" had taken place during these roadside checks over the last 6 years. The answer.... NONE.

So, thought we'd see if TBK has been up to his tricks again with the CEO increase. Have just submitted an FOI on the basis that, if extra CEO's equals extra cost, then less CEO's would have meant less cost, and thus have asked to know when "last year" they decreased together with invoices from NSL Ltd either side to see if the cost decreased accordingly. Should be interesting.

Ride safe and please promote December 5 & the Legal Fund

Paul Turners feed back on the Mass Lobby

Well the day went very well a more formal report will come in due course from Nich and Paddy, from a personal point of view it was exceptional.

It is good to see that at long last we are being listened to. I know there were some who were sceptical about the day but from what I saw we opened a few eyes.

Its great to see both the industry and politicians wanting to speak to us.

I also had the priveledge to be invited to a reception for the Parliamentary Advisory Group(correct me Nich if I have got that wrong).

Did loads of really great networking(hate that word) but well worth it, both from a National point of view and local for Cumbria.

My neighbouring MP has tried five times to speak to me today!!

Also met Anna Zee from the BMF as well and arranged a meeting with her at the NEC to discuss a way forward. It goes without saying I will be preparing for that with Nich as to what to say or not say, but it was good to meet her at long last.

A good but long day

The IAM have a survey online until the 1st of December the first questions are all about clock changes in the UK but the last four questions relate to compulsory Daylight Running Lights on Vehicles and if we think they would make motorcycling or driving safer.

Please follow the link below and click on Lighter Life poll to have your say - it only takes a couple of minutes. I personally think they would be bad, confusing don't even get me started...

http://www.iam.org.uk/iam_polls/?dm_i=2MM,9B79,2L6DN4,OMG7,1

Please take a look at the following from FEMA and let me know what you think we should be voting for.

Please find below the new priority list which now integrates elements from the discussion on "proactive lobbying" that was had at last FEMA Committee meeting.

Please choose **5 items** maximum. Do so asap but **no later than November 18th, 2010** as this process is a prerequisite to the drafting of the budget 2011.

FEMA Secretariat will compile the information received and prepare a draft budget to be discussed and adopted at the COM meeting in February.

Issues to be dealt by the Secretariat in 2011

A) Environment: Finalize FEMA policy paper on Motorcycles and Environment, follow up of Electric Epic;

B) Pro-actively promote all motorcycle safety measures FEMA is in favour of (EC Communication on road Safety, EC Action Plan for Motorcycle Safety, RIDERSCAN project, European Motorcyclists Forum, 4DLD lobby, OECD/ITF working group, 2BESAFE content exploitation)

C) CEN standard 1317-8: finalization of the lobby work; put into action (Arcelor/FEMA guidelines) and take the credit for it

D) Campaign for better infrastructure for motorcyclists (other CEN standards, Pilot4Safety project exploitation)

E) Define a strategy and campaign strongly as long as there is a momentum

F) Deal with the proposal both on Commission (technical) and Parliament (political) levels

G) Lobby for a motorcycle European Statement of Principles which rightly addresses motorcyclists issues with ITS (SAFERIDER guidelines and policy recommendations, eSafetyForum); Define a FEMA policy on ITS developments

H) Define a pro-motorcycling strategy; make motorcycling recognized as part of sustainable mobility (pro-active lobbying towards Parliament, pro-motorcycling campaigns (eg. MC-friendly city), .

Dear reader,

Who has never wondered what the bike of tomorrow will look like? Riders are not the only ones musing about this, and the question has recently been addressed by none else than the European Commission. New type-approval rules, dictating what motorcycles have to comply with to be road-legal during the coming decade, have been published a few weeks ago. FEMA has to congratulate the Commission for its work, as most parts of the new "Proposal for a regulation on the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles" are well thought and balanced.

An important victory for FEMA: the discussion to limit the maximum power of motorcycles to 74kW finally came to an end. The Commission reached the only logical conclusion and acknowledged that "the anticipated correlation between safety and absolute power limitation could not be confirmed".

New emission limits will help making sure motorcycles remain at the edge of low-emission personal transport. In a stepped approach, newly sold motorcycles will have to comply with the Euro 6 norm from 2020. Additionally, manufacturers will have to inform their customers about fuel consumption and the amount of CO2 emissions for every model they offer, which was another request voiced by riders

FEMA had also been calling for the manufacturers' responsibility to produce long-lasting products and the response of the Commission consists in strong durability requirements. Motorcycles complying with the Euro 6 norm have to do so up to a mileage of 50.000km. FEMA also welcomes the market surveillance measures proposed by the Commission since they hold the potential to protect motorcyclists from faulty aftermarket parts.

Now the proposal has to be approved by the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers. FEMA will use the remaining time to mitigate the unpopular parts of the type approval regulation: mandatory ABS and anti-modification measures, while ensuring that the promises regarding repair and maintenance information for the user are delivered, and grey zones around on-board diagnostic devices and the definition of off-road bikes are clarified.

We are looking forward to work with the European Institutions in order to make this new regulation a real success for motorcycling in Europe. Because in the end, that will tell what the bike you buy tomorrow will be like!

Have a safe and free ride,

Aline Delhaye
General Secretary of FEMA

Upcoming events

[FEMA Committee meeting](#)

February 5 - Brussels, Belgium

September-October 2010 Newsletter

[Laws and Regulations]



On the table: mandatory technical inspections for motorcycles all over Europe. How will this affect the way riders maintain and repair their motorcycles?

[\[Read more\]](#)



Member of the European Parliament Wim van de Camp steps in to oppose harmonized mandatory inspections - and as usual, he's not so soft-spoken about it.

[\[Read more\]](#)



Seasoned motorcyclist and Member of the European Parliament, Bernd Lange meets FEMA for a good look at the political agenda for riders' rights - and it seems that the next few months are going to be busy.

[\[Read more\]](#)



Goodbye engine power limits, hello Euro 5 & 6 regulations. Read all about the European Commission's proposal for new type-approval rules for motorcycles, see how it could change the way you buy, ride and maintain your bike - and what FEMA is going to do about it.

[\[Read more\]](#)



Gerard Livett, President of FEMA, writes to Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas to voice the concerns of riders over the Third Driving Licence Directive. Passed in 2006, this piece of legislation is meant to harmonize licencing schemes in Europe - but inconsistencies and gaping holes threaten to turn its application into a nightmare.

[\[Read more\]](#)

[Environment]



So you thought electric engines were only for test track prototypes or little urban mopeds? The Electric Epic is going to make you think again: one rider, one electric bike, and a 25.000 km ride around the world.

[\[Read more\]](#)

[Riders' rights]



Amidst the widespread strikes on pension reforms, French riders took the streets as part of a long-term effort by riders' rights association FFMC, requesting a drastic shift in government policy from all-out repression and taxation to sensible safety-oriented initiatives.

[\[Read more\]](#)



Curtain call in the Norwegian judicial case that sparked anger across Europe's motorcyclist population: a distracted motorist who ran over a 16 year-old motorcyclist was found guilty of ignoring a right of way sign in appeal, after being cleared of responsibility in a first ruling.

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[Events]



The 2010 IFZ Conference on motorcycle safety remains a major gathering of experts in the field, this year looking at environmental innovation, in conjunction with the InterMot fair in Cologne.

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The European Transport Forum invites FEMA General Secretary Aline Delhaye for in-depth talk on the European Commission's plans for road safety; an opportunity to look back at the issue and see what the next years will be made of.

[\[Read more\]](#)



FEMA representatives meet with a delegation of road safety experts and infrastructure managers from the United States to discuss the state of motorcycle safety in Europe and gather best practices in the field.

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[Science and Technology]



The SAFERIDER European research project on smart technologies for bikes stages its final event. Now the question is: are intelligent systems for motorcycles ready to deliver?

[\[Read more\]](#)

[Support FEMA]



By donating to FEMA, even by a small amount, you help us meet the costs of our operations. We do not receive money from governments, and only work with contributions from riders and clubs. Every donation helps us reach those in charge to protect, promote and support riders' rights.

Nich's response to a question raised re where MAG stands at the moment:

Sorry for the delay in replying, since Trace sent this email on 3 Nov I've been out of contact until today. I've spent most of today wading through another 150 page document from the Commission, this time the 'Impact Analysis' document that explains the thinking behind their proposals. I was hoping to have this and the detail of current position out to you today, but it is a long slog. You will have it tomorrow.

In the meantime, its worth mentioning that I spent Thursday 4 Nov at the DfT discussing the UK stance on Mandatory ABS and other aspects of the Framework Regulation on Type Approval. I voiced MAG's position - 'No' to mandatory ABS - and also tried to convince them of the need to ensure riders can choose to switch it off even if it is fitted to the bike.

MAG's position coincides with FEMA's, which we argued for in the most recent FEMA Committee meeting. There has been some flak over the FEMA press release because it generated a negative response from ACEM along the lines of "keep quiet unless you want the Commission to prevent manufacturers from installing ABS 'off' switches on future bikes". I also had contact from MCI about this and politely responded that we support FEMA's position and that we don't think it is enough that some manufacturers might want to put an off switch on some bikes or that we should hope the Commission allow them to. FEMA were surprised at the outburst from ACEM because although the Commission representative in the meeting said they would not support an off switch, subsequently it turned-out they may have been jumping the gun.

This is indeed something we need to tackle head-on, but at this stage I would say we need to do that through building a solid argument to get DfT on our side when they are discussing this issue in Brussels, and also through FEMA. We should not be afraid to get flak from industry or anyone else if we feel we need to campaign on an issue, but we ought to get a better feel for what the Commission really thinks about this before we go blundering in to PR on the issue. At the moment there is nothing to outlaw an off switch, but the whole purpose of the framework regulation is to let the Commission decide what can and can't be done so the risk will be ever-present, which is why we have to win them over.

As you will see from my email tomorrow, there does not appear to be solid opposition to mandatory ABS among the motorcycle community in Europe, or at home. This is one of those classic situations where technological promise could well beguile folk in to giving-up choice, so we have to be very careful not to look like ranting Luddites who are afraid of change. There are good reasons not to accept the imposition of ABS, but we need to articulate them in a convincing and logical manner.

Nich

A.O.B

Keith: Need to sell tickets for MAG raffle £1 per ticket.

Sammy: Went to the mass lobby and will give a small write up.

Colin: Hein Gericke will donate a £30 voucher as a prize for the Christmas raffle.
Nick Robinson will donate a prize for the Christmas raffle.
Destination Triumph will donate a £50 voucher for Triumph Accessories.
Danny from Just motorcycle has been asked by Cheryl.
E-mailed a flyer to Nene Valley Hog.
Drop some flyers at Alton café and Haslemere motorcycles.

Cheryl: Products book here and the orders will be going in soon.

Red: Asked if anyone could pick up the Bike papers then she is away on her holiday.
This will be done by Keith.
Winchester MAG had their AGM on Tuesday and the new rep is Jim Dyson.

Keith: Money in on 25th Nov for the presents for the children home.

Names to me if you coming to The Royal Oak for New Years eve so I can get the tickets.

Meeting closed.



Basingstoke MAG Xmas Toy Run & Party Sat 18th Dec.



**Meet at the Royal Oak, 414 Worting rd RG22 5EA
@ 2pm for ride out to childrens home in
Old Basing @ 2.30pm**

**Evening Party
From 7.30pm at the Royal Oak
With live music by STRICKEN 22
Fundraising raffle, great prizes**



EVENTS:

November

13TH November: Southern Region AGM. At the Royal Oak Basingstoke. 6pm

27th November: Carole Nash Bike Show, NEC 27th November-5th December. £15

December

5th December: Reading Toy Run.

18th December: Basingstoke MAG. Christmas Children's Run and Evening Party at the Royal Oak.

2pm at The Royal Oak for the ride out to the children home in Old Basing. The party is from 7.30pm. The band is STRICKEN 22.

30th December: NO BASINGSTOKE MAG MEETING.

30th December: Basingstoke MAG Christmas Meal. 7.30pm at AM top of town. Names to Keith please so I can book the tables.

31ST December: NEW YEAR EVE at THE ROYAL OAK. Ticket for the night.

January 2011

6th January: The first Basingstoke MAG meeting of the new year.

15th January: Salisbury MAG, AGM. At The Village Pub in Salisbury.