

Basingstoke MAG

16/09/10

Rep Keith:

Apologies: Cheryl

Thanks to Colin for coming with me too Winchester MAG opening night. A good turn out by all Southern Region Groups to support this new group in our Region.

We will do a ride out to Winchester MAG in a few weeks. It will be a Tuesday and may be on the 21st September. 7.15 PM at The Royal Oak to leave at 7.30pm

Names and money next week if possible for the Inter Region Bowling on the 26th September, or please let me know that you can make the day but not to MAG.

The regional AGM has been set for the 13th November at the Royal Oak Basingstoke at 6pm.

Salisbury Mag AGM is set for the 15th January.

Winchester Mag bike show and auto jumble on 25th September, can camp there but must book in advance.

E-MAIL'S

I am writing to draw your attention to the the Force Feedback Throttle, being developed in the SAFERIDER project by PERCRO.

I was the Technical Officer for the Federation of European Motorcyclists, I represented the International Coalition of motorcyclists at the UNECE. I also tested a similar device called the Intelligent Speed Adaptation developed by MIRA and Leeds University in 2007, therefore I speak with experience and knowledge of the device that the project is developing. My argument is that any interference with the throttle will de-stabilize the motorcycle and place the rider in a precarious situation.

I attach a paper that sets out the reasons why I consider the device dangerous and include statements from three of the trainers (Ian Lee, Duncan MacKillop and Roger Dalsane) who participated in the Focus Group at the beginning of the project.

It is my view that the force feedback throttle should be withdrawn immediately from the project.



Throttle Control
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Hello!

Have you had an incident while legally riding in a bus lane?

Has a vehicle turned left across your path into a side road?

Have you been unfortunate enough to have a collision?

Would you like to be part of a publicity campaign to raise awareness among drivers?

Call MAG Central 01926 844064 or
email paddy.tyson@mag-uk.org with the subject 'bus lane incident'

I may not reply for a while, but I'm not ignoring you. I'll need to collate your info, by town and by severity of incident.

Hello

MAG is pleased to say that on the 9th of September, the UK government extended its reciprocal health agreement with IOM.

Back in the spring, MAG and Riders Are Voters (RAV) highlighted the situation (<http://www.ridersarevoters.org/?s=isle+of+man>) that the UK Gov intended to end the reciprocal healthcare link at the start of April, but the good news is that UK residents will now continue to receive free healthcare while visiting Isle of Man.

Because of the public outcry and the campaign to save the agreement, which included Early Day Motion 708, a petition and an awful lot of hard work, the agreement was first extended by 6 months and now a new one has been signed.

The new agreement which will come into place on 1st October sees the continuation of the reciprocal healthcare pact, which allows UK residents free treatment while visiting the Island and vice-versa.

IoM Chief Minister Tony Brown said: "The signing of a new Reciprocal Healthcare Agreement between the Isle of Man and the UK is very welcome news for the people of the island and for visitors to our shores"
This is the result of concerted campaigning and proof yet again that change can be achieved if positive action is taken.

It'll be a relief to all those thousands of riders who head to the Island every year and comfort to IoM residents who were worried it was another thing that may have deterred UK tourists from going.

Repatriation is not covered by this agreement though, so the IOM Department of Health strongly recommends visitors to the Isle of Man should make sure that they have insurance.

The European Commission has launched an internet consultation to gauge reaction to the idea of a standardised EU MOT which might be far more demanding than the British one.

They are also considering increasing the frequency of inspections and a requirement to have vehicles re-inspected if they have been modified since being tested or if the vehicle is sold.

Road-side spot-checks specifically for motorcycles are also under consideration.

Harmonisation to the harshest test conditions currently found in any member state is an option being considered. Currently the most severe test regime is endured by Germany where riders face a far more stringent regime of testing and restriction than the UK enforces.

Nich Brown, General Secretary of MAG(UK), said

“The scope of this consultation confirms that the EU is contemplating a draconian and expensive burden on riders. All riders need to act now to challenge the potential excesses of yet another pan-European system that fails to meet the needs of individual nations.”

The questions in the on-line consultation form are pitched in a suspicious manner which suggests that its architects have assumed the merit of such an initiative. It is also worrying that the consultation is published only in English whereas most of the countries who currently have no MOT equivalent test and so will be most affected, are not English speaking. Worse still, only three weeks have been allowed for stakeholders to respond.

The worst scenario option which the questionnaire encourages participants to support, contradicts the claim by the EU that they wish to reduce the burdens on citizens.

Nich Brown added

“Since vehicle defects are implicated in less than 1% of motorcycle crashes in Great Britain and many of that 1% are simply down to under-inflated tyres this whole plan has the look of an expensive red herring.”

MAG is encouraging riders to complete the survey and opt for the ‘no change’ to present system option.

The consultation runs until 24th September 2010

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=roadworthiness>

Police were ordered not to chase after motorbike thieves because of health and safety fears for the raiders, it has been confirmed. The three-strong gang were not wearing crash-helmets when they roared off on stolen motorbikes worth £20,000 following the raid at a showroom.

In line with national police policy, officers do not give chase to suspects on motorbikes if they are not wearing helmets because it is deemed too dangerous to the rider.

The suspects fled on a Yamaha R1, a Honda 1000 Fireblade and a Honda CBR 600 following the raid at the Manchester Motorbike Store in Altrincham, Cheshire.

Officers had reportedly seen the raiders but when they contacted their inspector for guidance he ordered them not to pursue as none of the suspects were wearing helmets.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) defended their actions and said their officers were merely following national policy for all forces.

Superintendent Steve Nibloe, of GMP, said: "When police officers attended to this incident, suspects were seen driving off on motorbikes.

"The officers were asked not to pursue the suspects, as they were not wearing the correct safety equipment and were not wearing helmets, so it is clear to me the correct decision was taken.

"Greater Manchester Police follows a nationwide policy which gives clear guidance that motorbikes should not be pursued because of the higher risk of injury to the rider. Detectives are pursuing a number of positive leads around this burglary as part of their thorough investigation, which is ongoing."

Anyone with information about the raid, which happened at around 3am on Thursday August 12, is asked to call police.

Hi All

I know this is a tiny misuse MAG list but it is relevant considering some of the EU proposals out there at the moment relating to PTWs I got this via Den on the NC list but think its worth everyone having a look at it and making a decision for themselves

<http://www.eupledge.com/Home.html>

This email came to Basingstoke web page.

Hi

My name is Vic Ellis,

I am looking for some feed back on a business i would like to start in the Basingstoke area.

The business is Recovery and Salvage of motorcycles.

The Recovery service will be 24 hr and work on miles/radius.

If you only use your bike for work and the radius is 25 miles the cost would be £12.00 pound per year. As a M.A.G member for the first year you will get a discount that makes it £10.80.

50 mile radius £22.00 MAG member £19.80.

75 mile radius £34.00 MAG member £30.60.

100 mile radius £46.00 MAG member £41.40.

A charge of £1.00per mile after 25/50 miles and 50p per mile after 75/100 miles.

I understand a lot of bikers will already be with AA etc. And this service is pick up / drop off only no repair.

The other side of the business will be salvage.

This will be spare/ used parts for sale. This will take a little bit longer to set up.

Any feed back you can give at this stage would be great, many thanks for your time.

Vic.

A.O.B

Little Red thanked Dave Rice for being the impartial observer at Southampton AGM.

Peter Stubbs was voted in as the new rep for Southampton and Geoff will take over as political officer.

Peter was the region political officer and he will stand down at the AGM, volunteers needed to fill this position as well as the region needs a secretarial and products rep.

Red has ordered the bowling trophy which she has kindly donated as well as will do some certificates.

Meeting closed.

EVENTS:

September

26th September: Basingstoke MAG Inter Region Bowling Tournament. [The Bowlplex in Basingstoke.](#)

30th September: Milestones Museum Meet. 5pm – 9pm

October

28th October: Milestones Museum Meet. 5pm – 9pm

November

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

December

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