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## **NEXT COURSE STARTS**

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Tell your family & friends!**

### **Newsletter dates**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2012: Deadline for articles**  
**12<sup>th</sup> November 2012: Publish**

## FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

At the AGM in September Elaine Goodspeed our Honorary Secretary will be stepping down from the post after many years of dedicated service. On behalf of the whole Chorley Group, may I extend our grateful thanks to Elaine for all her efforts on our behalf. One of our members, Kevin Massey has agreed to be nominated for the role at the AGM. If elected, he will take up the position supported by Elaine for a transitional handover period. This is the most important position in the Group and it has taken over 12 months to find someone willing to be nominated for this critical role. We hope you will support Kevin at the AGM.

I will be stepping down as Chair but will be offering my services at the AGM for the position of Vice Chairman. All the other main Officers of the Group will be standing for re-election and I look forward to your continued support. Any full member can offer themselves for election to the Committee for any role, including the Officers of the Group, at the AGM by submitting the Nomination form included with the Newsletter (it can also be downloaded from the CAM web-site – see link on the home page). Nomination forms should be received by the Hon Secretary no later than 7 days before the AGM which will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at the Hartwood Hotel, Preston Road, Chorley at 8.00pm.

Safe Motoring

Norman Leigh, Chairman

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## Hold the date!



*This year's CAM Christmas meal and Presentation Evening is at*

*the Yew Tree in Anglezarke*

*on Saturday, 8 December*

*at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm.*



*The price will be £20 per head for a three course meal, inclusive of coffee/tea and mince pie. Menu will be available shortly our website and will be printed in the next newsletter.*

# 28<sup>th</sup> CHORLEY ADVANCED MOTORISTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by order of the Group Committee that the 28th Annual General Meeting of 'CHORLEY ADVANCED MOTORISTS' will be held at **8:00 pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012** at The Hartwood Hall Hotel, Preston Road, Chorley to enable the Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity no 518945) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2012, for the approval of Group Members.

**Honorary Secretary:-**

Elaine Goodspeed, Lowerfield, Osbaldeston Lane, Osbaldeston, BB2 7JB

**Date:-** 1st August, 2012

All Members, Associates and Friends are invited to attend. (*Only fully paid up members of The Institute and of the Group may vote*)

#### CURRENT OFFICERS

**Chairman** Norman Leigh  
**Vice Chairman** Mike Evans  
**Secretary** Elaine Goodspeed  
**Treasurer** Simon Ambury

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alan Whitworth  
Julie Whitworth  
K Louise Parkinson  
Norman Gill  
Pasco De Palma  
Simon Kirkman

#### RETIRING AND NOT STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

Elaine Goodspeed  
Mike Evans

#### CURRENT NOMINATIONS

##### Officers

Chairman - P De Palma  
Vice Chairman - N Leigh  
Secretary - K Massey  
Treasurer – S Ambury

##### General Committee Posts

C Smith

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

A Whitworth	N Gill
J Whitworth	S Kirkman
K Louise Parkinson	



This year's Alive to Drive campaign took place at the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show taking place at an overcast but thankfully dry, Witton Park on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. The IAM kindly provided us with its huge promotional trailer, normally used at large national events and we were joined by the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service, Lancashire Police and the Blackburn with Darwen Casualty Reduction Team.



Lancashire Fire and Rescue brought along a crashed vehicle from a recent fatal accident which killed a young driver. It was a sobering sight to all, especially when the Fire and Rescue team pointed out his football boots still in his sports bag in the car boot. It was a very poignant reminder of the results of just one wrong decision.

The re-launched Royal Lancashire Show itself went very well, and our thanks, as always, go to our partners for their support. Hopefully, whilst it wasn't as successful for CAM as previous Alive to Drive Events have been, we will have spread the safer driving message. We will be looking for a new venue for the next Alive to Drive event – if you have any suggestions, please contact one of the Committee Members.

## Membership Subs Due 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012

Right then, have you paid your subs yet? No? Well if you don't get them in by 31<sup>st</sup> August not only will you be off my Christmas card list but you will also no longer receive the newsletters!

So if you haven't yet paid please send your cheque in the post, made payable to Chorley Advanced Motorists to the Treasurer (address on page 2 of this newsletter).

Why not consider setting up a standing order? Please contact the treasurer for more details.

# CANCEL YOUR CREDIT CARD BEFORE YOU DIE ..... JUST PRICELESS!

*Reported in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle Recently:*

Be sure and cancel your credit cards before you die! This is so priceless. And so easy to see happening customer service, being what it is today!

A lady died this last September and MBNA bank billed her in October and November for their annual service charges on her credit card. Then in December added late fees and interest on the monthly charge. The balance that had been £0.00, now is somewhere around - £60.00. A family member rang MBNA:

**Family Member:** 'I am calling to tell you that my grandmother died in September.'  
**MBNA:** 'But the account was never closed and so the late fees and charges still apply.'  
**Family Member:** 'Maybe you should turn it over to your collections section.'  
**MBNA:** 'Since it is two months over due, it already has been.'  
**Family Member:** 'So, what will they do when they find out she is dead?'  
**MBNA:** 'Either report her account to the Frauds Department or report her to The Credit bureau, maybe both!'  
**Family Member:** 'Do you think God will be upset with her?'  
**MBNA:** 'Excuse me?'  
**Family Member:** 'Did you just get what I was telling you . . The part about her being dead?'  
**MBNA:** 'Sir, you'll have to speak to my supervisor.'  
Supervisor gets on the phone:  
**Family Member:** 'I'm phoning to tell you, she died in September.'  
**MBNA:** 'But the account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'  
**Family Member:** 'You mean you want to collect from her estate?'  
**MBNA:** (Stammering) 'Are you her solicitor?'  
**Family Member:** 'No, I'm her grandson'  
**MBNA:** 'Could you fax us a death certificate?'  
**Family Member:** 'no problem.'  
fax number is given)..... after they get the fax:  
**MBNA:** 'Our system just isn't set up for death. I don't know what more I can do to help.'  
**Family Member:** 'Well, if you sort it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care.'  
**MBNA:** 'Well, the late fees and charges will still apply.'  
**Family Member:** 'Would you like her new billing address?'  
**MBNA:** 'That would help.'  
**Family Member:** 'Plot 1049.' Heaton Cemetery, Heaton Road , Newcastle upon Tyne  
**MBNA:** 'But, that's a cemetery!'  
**Family Member:** 'Well, what do you do with dead people on your planet?'

The MBNA were not available for comment when a reporter from the Newcastle Evening Chronicle rang them.

## From Botany Bay to Bamber Bridge? (Part 2)



Welcome to the second part of my journey to driving nirvana; and remember grasshopper as with most things in life "the journey" is the thing not necessarily the destination (Bamber Bridge)....

**Week 5**..... and I was with Alan Whitworth who commented after the usual hour session that my driving was so smooth and safe he could've dozed off. Now, was he bored or just very tired? I didn't ask ....

I had reached the dizzy heights of **Week 6**, and joining me in the passenger seat was someone who other observers aspire to emulate; I know this because they told me. Today I was with the legend that is Norman Gill; Chief Observer and driving guru. I wasn't sure what to expect, but I soon found out..... I wasn't intimidated or in awe of my observer for the day ( I had been through the mill with several of SLAM's senior observers and was hardened to "constructive" criticism ) but I wanted to be a better driver and knew that if I kept my ears open, I would learn something...



Now I have to reiterate at this point that in a car I don't normally drive with any sense of urgency. I'm quite happy to sit behind the car in front and tolerate folk driving at 40mph in a 60mph limit but Norman wasn't having it - he wanted me to go for the overtake when conditions allowed. Listening to Norman's prompts regarding acceleration and timing, I completed several successful passes on roads and situations where previously I would usually have held back. I know it sounds obvious but the timing of the acceleration is critical to keeping the car on an even keel. I suppose a good way to learn this would be on a IAM driver skills day but I don't think my old Mondeo could take it. Now..... if my daughter would lend me her type R; mmm..... I'll ask her!....



Norman also has the gift of anticipation which at times borders on the clairvoyant. Of course this "gift" is a product of years of dedication, practice and perfection in his driving.... Yes, you *can* make progress in a car, if you want to and the situation allows. We used a variety of road types, single and dual carriageways plus a bit of motorway and on each one Norman "encouraged" me to use the car's "acceleration" to advantage..... Out in the sticks is where a high percentage of driving accidents occur whether in a car or on a motorcycle and I have to say these are my favoured driving roads on a bike; after all the bend's the thing, isn't it....get deep into the corner, get the view, get it on its ear and nail it on the way out... (steady Derek, have a toffee).....

I've never liked the way cars tend to roll in the bend and I don't like throwing my passengers about; on a bike you can lean into the bend it's so much more comfortable and natural for rider and passenger...So what I did learn is to drive a car in much same way as a bike ie. get in to the corner a tad slower, get the

view, select an appropriate gear and drive it round and through; "simples" as the Meerkat would say! As I said, this technique has the effect of steadying the car in the turn and inhibits the rolling sensation... Just make sure there isn't a 10 ton truck coming the other way wanting a bit of your apex.....

.....**Week 7** and my observer was the inimitable Norman Leigh - a down to earth Wigan football fanatic (round ball) who's got so much driving experience it makes your eyes water. Other observers in the group put him right up there with Norman Gill and I think it would be fair to say these two guys are corner stones of Chorley Advanced Motorists.

Norman Leigh took me on quite a demanding route and encouraged me to "say what you see" which is of course what we do anyway with SLAM; I have to say at this point his instruction was nothing short of an epiphany. When doing S4L in a car the observer is sat next to you and his advice is immediate and not in the form of a debrief as it often would be on an observed motorcycle run. So by the end of week 7 my commentary had come on leaps and bounds.....



**Week 8** and my observer was David Firth, and though I didn't know at the time he was to be my last before taking "the test". The debrief comments he wrote in my associate handbook still resonate "Good drive, improved when giving commentary; excellent positioning on corners / bends".....

.....to be concluded

*Derek Denton*

## CALLING ALL BEER ENTHUSIASTS!

Pasco and Simon K are organising a guided tour of All Gates Brewery on

**FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**



The cost is £12 a head **including as much beer as you can drink** ☺ (and sandwiches!). All tours begin at 7.00pm prompt. If interested, please contact Pasco or Simon K (contact details on Page 2)

You will enjoy a beer in their hospitality bar whilst your guide describes some of the building's history and background to All Gates Brewery. Next take a guided tour of the building, where each step of the brewing process will be explained. You will also receive a free certificate to prove to your friends that you can arrange a 'drinking session' in a brewery

**NOTE** The brewery has some very steep stairs and some floors may be wet or slippery – therefore sturdy footwear is recommended. Also due to the nature and age of the building, disabled access is extremely limited.



# IAM News

## Five great ways to save money as an IAM member this summer!

This issue of Group News is dedicated to some of the ways IAM members can benefit from money saving offers when planning travel or holidays this year. We have been working hard to improve the number and quality of benefits for IAM members. We know that many of our members are not aware of all the benefits available and any local promotion of these offers would be appreciated. You may use the web links and other information in local emails, newsletters and websites as you feel appropriate.

Our intention remains to save our members at least the cost of the annual IAM membership.

Worldwide savings on holidays, travel and leisure with Travel Counsellors.

10% off worldwide car hire with Holiday Autos

Exclusive discounts on theatre breaks, hotels and short trips with Superbreak

Exclusive 'IAM members only' car, motorcycle, home and contents insurance - plus great deals for the families of IAM members.

The latest exclusive offers on new Fiat and Alfa Romeo cars including the new Fiat Panda for just £84 per month!

## Car and Motorcycle Skills Days



We have listened to our members' feedback and worked hard to reduce the price of our car and motorcycle skills days to just £129 per person. These days are open to all IAM full, associate and affiliate members and their friends and families too!

This new price is available for Stowe (Silverstone, cars and motorcycles) on the 18th & 19th October and Croft (North Yorkshire, cars only) on the 14th September but spaces are strictly limited.

Our regulars know what a fantastic experience these skills days are, but if you are not sure what to expect then use the link below to view a video of one of our skills days. We hope to include both a manoeuvring challenge and an RAC patrol demonstration at both these events, too.

Call 0845 126 8600 to book.

Hurry limited places left on a first come, first served basis!

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following Associates who successfully passed their Advanced Driving Tests:-



Adam Richardson  
Adele Swift  
Carol Smith  
Chris Davies  
Derek Jebson

Derek Whittle  
Gillian Dalton  
Lynne Barnard  
Lorna Jebson  
Mark Counce

Martin Delaney  
Mike Thistleton  
Steve Billington

Well done! We welcome you as full members of the IAM.

## New Associates

Welcome to the following new Associates on **course 03/12**:-

Christine Livesey  
Doris Eccles  
Katie Wilson  
Kerry Belshaw

Pat Gregson  
Sandra Burns, and  
Ruth Shaw.



This must be a first for Chorley Advanced Motorists - the entire course is female! We wish you well and hope you enjoy it the course.

## Important Notice!

All full members of Chorley Advanced Motorists are entitled to stand for election onto the Committee. Nomination forms should be sent to Chorley Group's Hon Secretary by 8th September 2011. Nomination Forms are included with this Newsletter or can be downloaded from our Web-Site at:

[www.chorleyadvancedmotorists.com](http://www.chorleyadvancedmotorists.com)

## SENIOR OBSERVERS CORNER

Welcome to our new regular feature, where our Senior Observer Team will be tackling a different aspect of advanced driving each Newsletter, reminding us of those basics and refinements we all need! We are starting with the basics, and over the next few editions, will move across a range of subjects including IPSGA, observation and driving techniques. This is aimed at both new Associates and existing Members, as we all know it's easy to slip once the Sunday mornings are a distant memory! This edition, we are starting at the very beginning with the.....



### COCKPIT DRILL

We all get into a car and set off, but how many of those times do we carry out an effective cockpit drill? Never is this more important than during the holiday season, when we often drive hire cars or friend's cars. Do they always have the indicators in the same place? Have they kept the tyres in good condition and fully inflated? How often has this answer been no! Here is a reminder of how we carry out a cockpit drill and the correct order....

#### Pre-Entry Check

Before entering the vehicle, the driver should walk around it to ensure that all the passenger doors, boot and bonnet are secure. A quick visual check should also be made of the tyres to ensure that they are properly inflated and sufficient tread for the conditions, and that the windows, lamps and number plates are clean.

#### Entry Check

- 1 When you are satisfied that all the doors are properly closed, announce: **"ALL DOORS SECURE"**.
- 2 Check that the **HANDBRAKE** is on.
- 3 Check that the driving seat is in a comfortable position and your head restraint is correctly adjusted to support your head should the car be bumped forward. Fasten your seatbelt and advise your passengers to fasten theirs. Check your driving mirrors are all correctly adjusted and haven't been knocked. When you have done this, announce: **"SEAT AND MIRRORS ADJUSTED"**.
- 4 Check that the gear lever is in **NEUTRAL** before carrying out the following checks: - Switch on the ignition & check that the oil and ignition warning lights come on and all other lights that should go out do so. Start the engine with the clutch depressed, provided that the vehicle manufacturers do not recommend otherwise. This is for two reasons:
  - i If you are in a strange vehicle, you may not be sure that the gear lever is in neutral
  - ii By depressing the clutch, you take the weight of the gearbox off the engine and so aid the starting of the vehicle, particularly in cold weather.
- 5 Do a static brake test. Give the pedal 2 good hard presses to check that there is adequate pressure. By doing this with the engine running, the brake servo will be pressurising the system. With your foot firmly on the footbrake, check the operation of the handbrake by releasing and reapplying it, also checking the handbrake warning light.
- 6 Check that all instruments are registering correctly (e.g. oil warning lamp off, petrol gauge registering).
- 7 At this point, announce **"PEDALS AND PANELS CHECKED"** (if training or on Test – not normally, obviously!).
- 8 Now you are ready to move off, but before you do, announce to your passenger(s): **"READY TO MOVE OFF"** and carry out a moving brake test as soon as is reasonably practicable.

#### COMING NEXT – Q&A CORNER

Send in your Questions to baffle the Senior Team - the harder the better! Email or post to the Newsletter Editors – details on page 2

## Remember when cars were cars?

You'll LOVE this one. What got me was the seat covers... Remember? Well, you youngsters won't, but us oldsters will, betcha !



The oil filter is the blue can with yellow top, you could stick a roll of toilet paper in there. The air filter is the oil bath type, the bottom portion is filled with oil and when you cleaned it you replaced the oil and clean the sump and mesh wire filter. ..

This is awesome!

1950 Chevrolet Club Coupe, 437 original miles, only 3 owners. Check out the dealer installed "oil filter", the rusty carb, and you can even see the spark plugs if they need to be changed.

Purchased new by Mr and Mrs Jessie Trueblood of Modesto, CA. Shortly after purchasing this car, Mr Trueblood took a day off to go fishing. While waiting for the "big one" to bite he witnessed a woman fall out of her boat. Mr Trueblood jumped in to help, only to fall victim of a fatal heart attack. Mrs Trueblood returned the car home and placed it in the garage for the next 12 years. The odometer reading at that time (1962) was 413 miles.



Mrs Trueblood lived next door to a used car lot owned by Mr William E. Wilson (now 81 years old). Mr Wilson spoke with her frequently and often told her he would like to buy the car for himself to keep. In 1962 the time had come. Mrs Trueblood told Mr Wilson she needed a car for her bookkeeper who didn't really care for the old Chevy and would prefer a Rambler. No problem - Mr Wilson went down to the local Rambler dealer and bought a brand new one for \$1,650.00 (\$100.00 over cost) and made the swap. He then took the Chevy home and parked it with 433 actual miles.

And there it sat for the next 45 years, occasionally being started and moved in and out of the garage. In 2007 Mr Wilson decided to sell the car and started spreading the word around Modesto that the old Chevy, with 433 miles on it, was for sale. Many had heard about the car, but hardly anyone had ever laid eyes on it. In fact, according to Mr Wilson, he only showed the car to about 5 people in 45 years. Word spread quickly about the car and soon a buyer arrived ready and willing to pay the \$60,000 asking price. When Mr Wilson told the story of this car he complained heavily of the "capital gains" tax he was required to pay and wished he had never sold it. As of this writing, Mr Wilson is still alive and well in Modesto and can verify the miles and originality of this car.



Simply put, this is a true 100% factory original survivor (that includes the air in the tyres). This old Chevy now has 437 original miles and is most likely the world's lowest mileage 1950 Chevy.

## Automatic Emergency Braking to become standard equipment

EuroNCAP, the safety organisation that gives star ratings to most new cars has said it will not give a five star rating to new cars from 2014 unless they are fitted with Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB).

These systems are more frequently known as "City Stop", and automatically apply the brakes if the integrated radar system picks up an obstacle immediately in front of the car which the driver has not reacted to.

Euro NCAP says that real world performance data suggests AEB systems can reduce accidents by up to 27%. A recent survey undertaken by Euro NCAP reveals that AEB is completely unavailable on 79% of the car models on sale in Europe and that 66% of manufacturers do not offer an AEB system on any of their new car models.

Premium brands unsurprisingly have the best levels of standard AEB fitment. However, some volume sector manufacturers are making AEB systems available on cars such as the Mazda CX-5, the Ford Focus, the Honda Civic and the VW Up.



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It is understood that Fiat will also make AEB a low-cost option on the new Panda in July 2012. AEB systems are increasingly being made available as cars are replaced by new or facelifted models, such as the Mercedes-Benz A-Class, the [Ford Fiesta](#) and Ford Kuga.

Michiel van Ratingen, Secretary General of Euro NCAP says 'A faster penetration of these technologies into new cars will make it more realistic for the European Union to reach its target to cut road deaths by 50% by 2020. Consequently, [Euro NCAP](#) has decided to include AEB assessments as part of the overall star rating from 2014 onwards and hopes that European authorities will soon require AEB as mandatory on all new vehicle types.'

*Article courtesy of [www.ukautoblog.com](http://www.ukautoblog.com)*

## NEW TYRE LABELS

From this November, all tyres sold will have to show independent ratings for fuel efficiency, safety and noise.

They will be categorised using a seven grade ranking scale, similar to the new car CO2 or fridge efficiency labels. From 1 November it will become a legal requirement for tyre retailers to display the new label on all replacement tyres, but labels will start appearing in shops and dealerships from this week. Fuel efficiency (rolling resistance) and safety (wet grip) will be categorised using a seven grade ranking scale, similar to the new car CO2 or fridge efficiency labels.

A top-ranked A-grade tyre could out-perform the lowest-ranked G-grade tyre by 30% for safety and 7.5% for fuel efficiency. This translates to a vehicle stopping three to four car lengths shorter from 50mph and a fuel cost saving of around £100 every year for the average motorist.

Tyre manufacturer Continental said, "Continental considers the tyre label to be a real breakthrough in providing standard performance data to motorists in the interest of improving road safety by providing information on wet grip, and for the environment with the classifications for noise and rolling resistance.

"However, the EU label only shows three of more than 14 important tyre performance criteria. Tyre tests from magazines will continue to be the most comprehensive source of information for motorists because they provide complete and independent reports covering nearly all criteria for the most popular tyre sizes."



# Just for smiles...



## Just for laughs.....

How do you know when it is time to "hang up the car keys"?

I say when your dog has this look on his face! A picture is worth a thousand words!

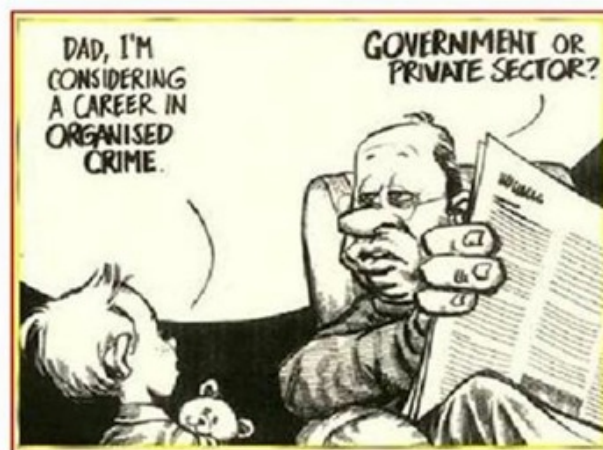


A new fuel tanker arrives on location somewhere in the Middle East.

The HSE manager tells the fleet supervisor to ensure that the tanker is clearly labelled Diesel Fuel and No Smoking in Arabic.

This is what he got.....

## Possibly the best cartoon of this century



**I personally would suggest government. They never go to jail.**

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The editor welcomes articles and letter for publication, please note that all such contributions must have the full identity of the writer (but where requested) will be withheld for publication