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Cycle Club

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Editor's piece

A Happy New Year to one and all! Unfortunately the weather hasn't been great for the past month, with freezing fog, torrential rain, snow in some parts of the country, and most likely salt on the roads for all of us. So most of us have probably had our bikes tucked up in the garage. The features in this month's issue are therefore mainly of the indoor variety – the annual visit to the NEC Motorbike Show and the SSMCC Christmas Party. But Rob Wood, our Training Scheme chief instructor, has taken the opportunity of a few blank pages to set out the new rules due to be introduced in mid-January, having waded through the DSA website regulations which are, allegedly, as clear as mud. He's constructed a natty flow chart which, hopefully, will be as sparklingly clear as Spanner's visor.

The caption competition has generated a bit more interest this month, and I've chosen a seasonal suggestion as the winner – keep your captions and photos rolling in! Hopefully this month's picture will generate some humorous entries – please make sure they are publishable! The AGM is coming up in late February, so I've included the AGM Notice and committee post nominations etc. in this issue, but will include the committee members reports in the February issue.

As always, please send any suggestions, pictures, reports etc. to me at: a.whitaker@nhm.ac.uk

Amoret – Editor.

Dates for your diary

5th January	Hampton Court Ice Skating
12th January	Re-opening of Training Scheme (weather dependent!)
20th February	75 th Annual General Meeting – The Adelaide, Twickenham

All change!

As most of you know the rules surrounding moped and motorcycling change on 19th January 2013 courtesy of the 3rd European Driving Licence Directive. There has been a lot of confusion surrounding this, so I have been asked to write an article clarifying the situation from this date. It is important to note that “grandfather” rights apply (particularly surrounding categories P and AM), so any full licence gained prior to 19th January 2013 is not affected. You are warned that a coffee or other simulant might be required to stop you falling asleep and headache pills are optional!

The New Categories (Not to be confused with Suitable Test Vehicles)

Category AM (new European moped category replacing P in the UK) - Gives you entitlement to ride:

- Mopeds up to 50cc with a maximum design speed over 25 km/h but not more than 45 km/h
- Small three wheelers up to 50 cc and with a power output below 4 Kilowatt (kW)
- Light quadricycles (unladen weight less than 350 kilograms (kg) and up to 45 km/h)

The important thing to note here is the reduction in maximum design speed from 50km/h (31mph) for Category P to 45km/h (28mph) for Category AM. Thus anyone passing a car or moped test after 19th January 2013 or getting their licence for the first time will only get AM and not P. This means they will not be able to ride a 50cc machine first registered prior to approx 2004 as it is liable to have a design speed greater than 45km/h (All mopeds first registered have had to comply [Directive 2002/24/EC] since 9th November 2004, but certifications were issued from May 2003, so basically prior to 9th November 2004, you need to check and prior to 2003 the answer is almost certainly no!)

Category A1 covers small motorcycles meeting the following maximum specification:

- Cylinder capacity not more than 125cc
- Power output not more than 11kW and a power/weight ratio not exceeding 0.1kW/kg
- Motor tricycles with a power not exceeding 15kW

Category A2 covers medium sized motorcycles, with or without a sidecar, with the following maximum specification:

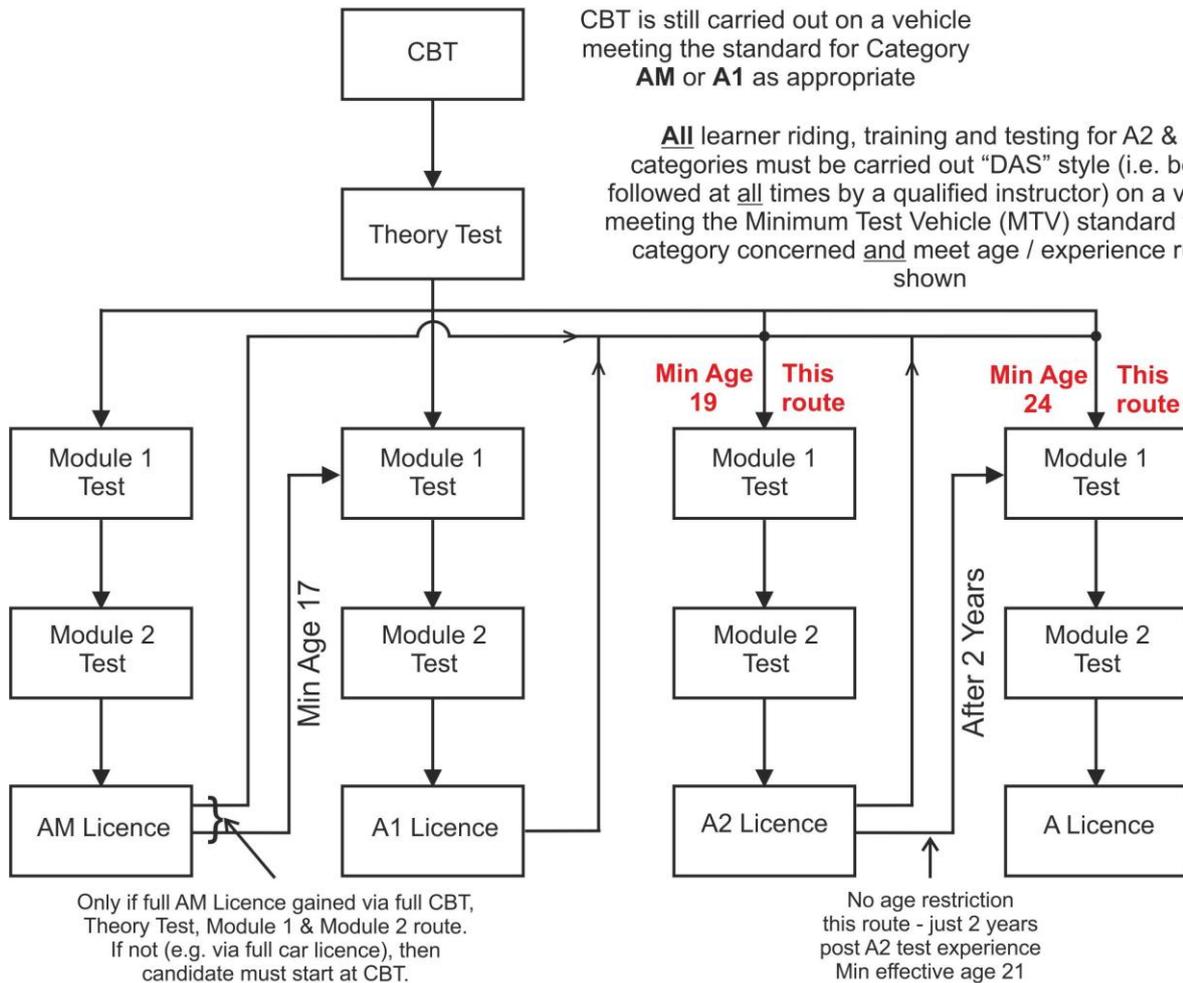
- Engine power output up to 35kW
- Power/weight ratio not exceeding 0.2kW/kg - the motorcycle must not be derived from a machine of more than double its power

Category A covers unrestricted motorcycles , with or without a sidecar, with the following specification:

- Engine power output above 35kW
- Motor tricycles with a power over 15kW

Note A2 & A in terms of licence category are power based not engine capacity based.

Minimum Age 17 (Motorcycle)
Minimum Age 16 (Mopeds)



New licence rules post 19th January 1013

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Suitable Test vehicles (STVs)

The confusion often arrives with regards to the STV standard (often called the Minimum Test Vehicle or MTV standard). In particular there was a plan to make changes to this specification which was due to take effect from December 2013 for Category A2 & A machines. **Subject to EU approval**, these have been delayed until 2018. Thus for the time being, the STV standard will be as below. (Note **all** STVs must have speedometers in mph printed on the dial). Sidecar tests will only be offered to those with a disability requiring them.

CBT – Any machine meeting the requirements of Category AM or A1 as appropriate (Note machines meeting category P can no longer be used for AM CBT).

A1 Module 1 or Module 2 Tests – Motorcycle without sidecar meeting A1 category specification but that additionally is at least 120cc and capable of at least 90km/h (55mph).

A2 (Training, Module 1 or Module 2 Test) – Motorcycle without sidecar meeting A2 category specification but that additionally is at least 395cc and has a power output of at least 25kW

A (Training, Module 1 or Module 2 Test) – Motorcycle without sidecar meeting A category specification but that additionally is at least 595cc and has a power output of at least 40kW

The changes mentioned above that were due to come in from December 2013 were to reduce the A2 figure to 20KW and increase the A figure to at least 50kW.

So how will the DSA tell if a vehicle meets the STV? The answer is:

For category AM and A1 – DSA will accept all ‘learner legal’ machines of the appropriate cc for test unless there’s clear evidence they don’t meet the minimum test vehicle requirements (e.g. BMW C1!!).

For category A2 & A – DSA will accept evidence from manufacturers or official importers that a specific model of motorcycle meets these requirements and will publish this information where it applies to a number of machines of a specific type. (For list as of 31st July 2012 please see:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod_consum_dg/groups/dg_digitalassets/@dg/@en/@motor/documents/digitalasset/dg_197021.pdf)

For machines not on this list or where an individual machine has been restricted to comply with the minimum test vehicle requirements it will be accepted for test providing certified proof of compliance or restriction is available for the examiner. This must be a certificate or on headed paper from an official source such as a main dealer, official importer or recognised specialist in restricting vehicles. Dyno certificates are not acceptable.

Testing and Training

As you might expect, the testing and training regime has also changed. CBT has not changed (other than “P” to “AM”). However taking a test on a 125cc now limits you permanently to an A1 licence. If you wish to go for an A2 or A category licence, you must pass a Module 1 and Module 2 test for each category waiting 2 years between each step unless you go in for Direct Access (DAS). The important thing to note is that even if you are not going for DAS, you cannot ride as a learner in a higher category unless you are being followed at all times by a qualified (DAS) instructor. This must be done on a bike meeting the appropriate STV. Figure 1 shows this all pictorially.

If anyone has any questions I will be more than happy to answer them.

Rob Wood – The official authorised one

NEC Motorcycle Live 2012

Well, somehow Spanner managed to wangle the annual trip to land on his birthday, for the second year running! Myself (Editor) and Spanner found a shifty-looking, hoodie-sporting youth loitering outside the secure parking to my apartment block – no, he wasn't planning on stealing bikes (they don't usually get up that early) – it was just Mini Me waiting in the cold for a lift. We made quick time up to Warwick Services, despite Miss Daisy (aka. Spanner) behind the wheel, where we met up with Club Captain Mick, The Boss Heather, their passenger Yana (our newest, chattiest club-member), along with President John Mason and his missus, Joy. The Mason's had decided to make a weekend of it, but Mrs President decided she'd seen enough shiny motorbikes in her time and was planning to go shopping for clothes instead. After the Wallace's had tucked into breakfast burgers, we took to the motorway again for the final stretch.

We all know the saying "a picture paints a thousand words", so I'll save on the vocab and give you a few pics ...



John gets serious over a Honda Deauville



Mick & Heather plan their next road trip



Yana has her motorbike career all planned



Spanner takes a shine to a blue Triumph



Amoret has a soft spot for Royal Enfields



Starting them off young!



Couldn't resist this pretty bike, and the wheels are unashamedly pure bling!



James Bond bikes from Skyfall



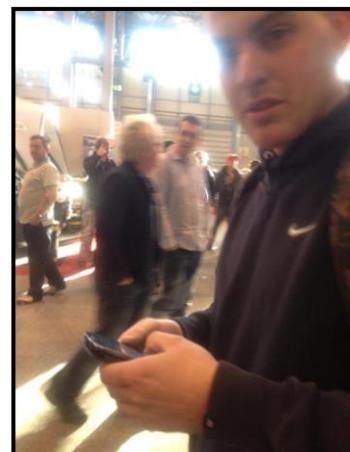
Another biker movie legend – Easy Rider



Mick's old haunt



Banjo & bike combo



Loitering youth!



Girl power!



Coventry Transport Museum bikes



My idea of travelling in style!

Loaded down with some new gear and self-chosen birthday/Christmas presents, we set off home again. Mick and Hev dropped El Presidente off at Warwick Services to meet up with the wife, and quickly caught us up on the motorway. From thereon, the day got a lot less fun, as we ended up in a massive traffic jam due to people parking where they shouldn't.

A few other club members had made the trip on a different day – hopefully next year we can co-ordinate our busy work/social schedules a bit better and make more of a group outing. Still, it was a great day out and a very enjoyable fixture in the annual calendar.

Editor

Bits and bobs

Bucket Head!

Better than nothing, I guess, but what's the helmet on the handlebars used for?!



Yana's new bike!

She's a Honda cbf125 2011 and has been affectionately named Snow White! Very apt, given that she was bought during the Christmas season.



Biker Thought for the Month ...

Never ride faster than your Guardian Angel can fly.

Christmas party

The party season kicked off in style at Harrisons in Shepperton on 15th December, with 21 of us bike enthusiasts dusting down our suits and party frocks and occupying two large tables to feast on turkey, Christmas pud etc, whilst launching screaming balloons across the room. I've tried to include at least one picture of everyone



Caption competition



Editor's favourite:

[Estelle to Steve] – “OK I’ll lift you and then you can hang that Christmas bauble”.

Best of the rest:

Estelle had always thought that Steve had “more balls than most”.

Estelle soon found Steve's loose change and why he's called Mini Me.

Steve was surprised and slightly embarrassed how quickly the new Lynx Cougar underarm worked.

When Steve said a quick prayer to his guardian angel to give him a helping hand on the next bowl, he hadn't meant to say it out loud.



January's picture



Send your suggested captions to me at a.whitaker@nhm.ac.uk

SSMCC clothing order form

The SSMCC Committee will be arranging for **new club shirts** to be delivered in the New Year. Prices given in the last Contact didn't include VAT, so it's been added on here. Four styles and three colours have been selected. We're suggesting dark blue, black and red, but if you want anything different from these, it will need to be ordered separately.

Please complete the order form below, and give it to Chris Booker (or post to him at: 7 Gainsborough Court, Walton-upon-Thames, Surrey, KT12 1NH) together with a cheque made payable to "SSMCC" for the correct amount, by **END OF JANUARY 2013** so we can order in bulk.

Please indicate style, colour, size and quantity in the table below.

MY NAME IS:

Style	Price incl.VAT	Colour	S 35/37	M 38/40	L 41/42	XL 44/46	XXL 47/49	XXXL 50
Polo shirt with short sleeves	£15.00	Blue						
		Black						
		Red						
Sweatshirt with crew neck	£18.60	Blue						
		Black						
		Red						
Sweatshirt with small zipper	£19.80	Blue						
		Black						
		Red						
Fleece with long zip	£28.80	Blue						
		Black						
		Red						

AGM Notice

Southern Sporting Motorcycle Club **75th Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 20th February 2013

at

“The Adelaide”

57 Park Road

Teddington

Middlesex

TW11 0AU

Notice is hereby given in accordance with rule 8 of the Southern Sporting MCC that the 75th AGM of the Club will take place on Wednesday 20th February 2013. It will start at 8.10pm prompt. This form is the official opportunity for the nomination of officers of the club for the 2013/2014 club year and for the proposal of motions and award winners. Completed forms should be sent to the Hon Secretary at 258 Staines Road, Twickenham, TW2 5AR by 2nd February 2013. AGM correspondence need not be on this form, but must be legible and complete. In particular, all correspondence must contain the member's name and signature. Please ensure that nominations for elected posts are with the consent of the nominee. No correspondence affecting the business of the meeting will be accepted after 6th February 2013.

Whilst associate members are welcome to attend the AGM and stand for non-committee posts, it should be noted that only current full and honorary members may vote at the meeting or stand for committee posts.

I would like to propose the nominations and Motion(s) shown:

Name:

Signed:

Telephone No:

Date:

Motion(s)

Posts	Present Holder(s)	Nomination(s)
President	John Mason	
Vice Presidents (3)	Ian Slater Robert Wood Richard Barnett	
*Chairman	John Mason	
*Secretary	Russell Sommer	
*Treasurer	Chris Booker	
*Competitions Secretary	Sasu Duviau	
*Social Secretary	Doug Chaney	
*Club Captain	Michael Wallace	
*Editor	Amoret Whitaker ⁺	
*Public Relations Officer	Richard Barnett	
*Training Scheme Organiser	Heather Wallace	
Auditor – “Club”	Robert Wood	
Auditor – “Scheme”	Robert Wood	
ACU Centre Board Delegate (2)	Vacant	
Star Group Delegate (2)	Chris Frazer, John Mason	
BMF Liaison Officer	Vacant	
Contact Mailing Secretary	Amoret Whitaker ⁺	
Minutes Secretary	Russell Sommer	

Positions marked * are defined as Committee posts. Only Full or Honorary members may hold these posts. One member may only hold one Committee post.

+ Appointed by Committee following resignation of Katy Spragg in accordance with Rule 4

Awards

The Enthusiast's Cup

The Road Safety Award