



East Midlands Group, RoSPA Advanced Drivers Association.

The Next Chapter

Ok, time to let you all know what's been happening behind the scenes again.

Since I last wrote to you the committee have been beavering away trying to sort some events for us to go to during the coming summer months. Attached is a list of the events so far, our most important event is still the Try Drive, which we run at the Car Show at Markeaton Park. This is the biggest event we do and I would ask all members to put this date in their busy diaries and come along on the day and lend a hand. Anybody who can say for sure that they are available for any of the events please let myself or Rob Barrows know as it's good to know numbers early. Don't worry there is free parking and we don't make you work too hard!! You will be reminded of the dates, on a Sunday Guidance session, as they approach. But we need your support!



Some photographs of a previous year's Try-Drive. You could be instructing on vehicles similar to these.

Events that we intend to be at are as follows

Mobile Display Unit Diary

Date	Day	Event
10/06/2007	Sat	Broomfield College Open day
16/06/2007	Sat	Derbyshire & Rescue Markeaton Park
17/06/2007	Sun	Derbyshire & Rescue Markeaton Park
24/06/2007	Sun	County Show
01/07/2007	Sun	City Motor Show Try-drive Markeaton Park
01/09/2007	Sun	Markeaton Park Family Fun Day (details tbc)
Various	Sat	Stratstone BMW
Various	Sat	Halfords (Kingsway)

Key to MDU Diary – Locations shown in **Green Bold** are **Confirmed**

Ok, advert over. What else have we been doing? As you are probably aware headquarters changed the terminology of the people giving the guidance on a Sunday from Observers to Approved Tutors. However they now expect us to have training in place, which is traceable, so that we have consistency across our Tutors. We have always had a form of training, but have never had it formally set out. Until now, Paul Bray has been working behind the scenes and has produced a draft copy setting out the training plan in an easy to follow format (must be easy, I understand it). That will be shown to the committee in May and hopefully approved. Many thanks to Paul!

We have also decided we need to update our leaflets and posters. As many of you are aware we get no support from headquarters, financially or through advertising. All advertising is produced in house, which is time consuming and always a pain. So another appeal, please. All those budding artists and graphic designers out there, have a go at producing a poster or leaflet that we can use to promote Advanced Driving and Your Group. Doesn't matter if you can't draw, or you haven't got a computer. Bring us the ideas and we will translate them.

Before I finish I thought I would share with you a quote I read from an advanced driving company, ok it was in the states, but I think the sentiment fits advanced driving to a tee.

“Bad habits are acquired by chance – Good habits result from deliberate practice”.

If anyone wants to talk about any of the issues contained in here, please talk to me at the guidance Sunday or send me an email.

Please find attached copy of a poster for this years "Try-Drive" please print off as many copies as you can & position them in strategic locations (legal) i.e. notice boards at work, hairdresser's, post office windows etc... (p.s. only if it's free).

Recent Test Passes. (Yummy that means biscuits on Sunday Morning)

Nicholas Down (Tri-annual Retest)
Martin Fitch (Tri-annual Retest)

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