



The LDIA



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AGM

Well hello again members. Please find attached the minutes from the **last AGM 2010, these are not the minutes from the last meeting.** No need to tell you that your subs are now due and they are £12. Also now we need a photo copy of your ADI licence, this is all active ADI members who have still got their ADI licence. If your able to scan it and send it via email, that is ok (derekadi@aol.com) failing that (pardon the pun) send it with your payments to Peter Scott the address is on page 3. Also it is the signing of the DLSAS contract again, that is if you are in it or want to be in it and I can't see why not.

Cancellation of identity cards: changes to ID requirements The government has passed legislation cancelling identity cards for British citizens. From 21 January 2011, those identity cards that have already been issued will no

Next Meeting is the AGM and is on Tuesday 8.00pm 8th February at Corpus Christi CMC Halton Moor Avenue

longer be legal forms of identification. This means you will no longer be able to use the identity card as a valid document to prove your identity for a practical driving test or for Driver CPC periodic training. If you do not have a photo card licence and counterpart to prove your identity but have an old-style paper one, you must bring this and a valid passport. For more information about the cancellation of identity cards visit direct.gov.uk/identity

AA buys the UK's biggest driving school BSM - for just £1 The AA has snapped up the UK's biggest driving school - the British School of Motoring - and its major rival for just £1. The cut price take-over was achieved after the ailing BSM went into administration and was bought out again within minutes by the AA motoring organisation. But both sides say it's 'business as usual' for their L-plate learners. Both BSM and the AA Driving School will continue to operate as separate brands, but under the umbrella of the AA's parent company Acromas, which also owns SAGA. The BSM driving school has struggled since a £10 million management buyout in November 2009 led by joint managing directors Abu-Haris Shafi and Nikolai Kesting. The AA snapped up BSM for the nominal £1 sum, after plans to

expand the pool of instructors at BSM to 3,000 collapsed and it went into administration. BSM employs 135 employees at the head office in Bristol, and a further 145 located in 71 network centres located across the UK providing support to the franchised instructors. City accountants PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) appointed Matthew Hammond and Rob Lewis as joint administrators of The British School of Motoring Limited, BSM Limited, and Scorpio Property Investment Limited. 'Immediately following the appointment, the administrators were pleased to confirm the sale today of the business and various assets to Acromas via Automobile Association Developments Limited,' said PwC. 'The acquisition of BSM secures the future of one of the best-known driving schools in the UK. 'BSM's operations continue without interruption on a business as usual basis, so pupils or instructors currently undertaking or providing lessons are advised to continue to operate normal lesson arrangements. 'The sale has ensured that it remains business as usual for all those learning to drive with BSM,' it added.

'The sale preserves the BSM brand and its 100 year history, and secures the immediate transfer of employees, driver franchisees, trainees and student drivers to a large, stable and successful company,' said Matthew Hammond. 'The sale benefits instructors, students and employees and we are delighted to have achieved this. Pupils can complete their course of lessons with the continuity of the iconic BSM brand, and its long association with the British automotive industry,' he added. BSM, which operates as a franchise business and was set up in 1910, has 2,100 instructors, with the AA having 1,900. But the market is dominated by independents, with about 45,000 driving instructors in Britain. The AA Driving school teaches about 25,000 L-plate learner drivers a year, with BSM teaching 30,000. A spokesman said: 'There's a lot of mileage in this business.' Last year BSM was forced to replace its entire fleet of 3,250 Fiat 500 super-minis after Government examiners - who put driving instructors through their paces - complained it was too tight squeeze in the back for their 'physical stature. It ditched the Italian cars and announced that Vauxhall's Corsa would replace the Fiats from March this year in a deal estimated to be worth around £30million. The Fiats had been in service just 18 months. Before that BSM used Vauxhalls for 18 years. BSM taught the Queen to drive and has a partnership with the Ministry of Defence in an initiative to teach Army Infantrymen to drive before they enter into active service. Acromas is owned by a collection of investors including 35 per cent Charterhouse, 20 per cent Permira, 20 per cent CVC Capital, 20 per cent staff, and 5 per cent other.

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Motorists will need to keep their insurance policies up to date if they don't want to fall foul of a new law that could land them with a £100 fine - and even the loss of their car. Thousands of drivers risk

having their cars clamped and seized in their driveways under tough round-the-clock insurance rules which will come into force this spring. Ministers say the crack-down - which includes automated £100 fines through the post - is designed to tackle more than a million uninsured rogue drivers. But motoring groups fear many forgetful law-abiding drivers could also be unfairly penalised while their cars sits off the road on their driveway. It spells the end of the days when drivers might let their insurance lapse a few days before renewing it - relying on the fact it is off the road and therefore safe from prosecution. But, from now on, there will be 'no hiding place' for uninsured cars, say the Government and insurance industry bosses. Latest figures suggest one in 25 motorists drives uninsured. The penalty for driving without insurance is a maximum fine of £5,000 and six to eight penalty points on the licence. Some 1.4 million people across the UK are driving uninsured, according to the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB), which holds details of about 35 million vehicles and is used by the police to seize uninsured vehicles - with 180,000 being seized in 2009. Uninsured drivers cost the UK about £500 million each year, the DVLA as being off the road under what is known as Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN). Paul Watters, head of public affairs at the AA, says: 'Many otherwise innocent motorists face being unwittingly fined or clamped for doing little more than being forgetful or distracted by the normal business of life. There must be some flexibility, otherwise this will become just another scam, like some cowboy parking ticket or clamping operations. It must not become a money-spinner.' Roads Minister Mike Penning insists the initial warning letter will give uninsured drivers time to get their insurance in place: 'If you have been on holiday or in hospital, you won't get an immediate summons.' adding £30 to premiums. In 2009, 164,000 people were convicted for driving without insurance. But the new

government rules called 'continuous insurance enforcement', which were launched this month and come into force in the spring, mean a car must be insured 365 days a year - whether it's on the highway, off-road in a driveway or garage. It also creates a new offence of keeping a vehicle without insurance. This is in addition to the existing offence of driving a vehicle without insurance. Drivers who ignore the new rules face a £100 fixed penalty notice - reduced to £50 if they pay early - but could ultimately see their uninsured cars clamped, towed away and crushed, as well as a £1,000 fine if the case goes to court. Innocent drivers confused by the changes - or who simply forget to keep their insurance policies topped up while, for example, on holiday or in hospital as their car sits in the driveway - could also find themselves lumped in with the 'real rogues', the AA has warned. The new system will be policed continuously from the record - meaning a car is automatically flagged up on the computer when its insurance runs out and is not renewed. The DVLA and the MIB will send out warning letters to the registered keepers of vehicles which have no record of insurance before fines are imposed or cars are seized. The new rules mean that your car must always be insured - on or off the highway - unless it is officially registered with the DVLA as being off the road under what is known as Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN). Paul Watters, head of public affairs at the AA, says: 'Many otherwise innocent motorists face being unwittingly fined or clamped for doing little more than being forgetful or distracted by the normal business of life. There must be some flexibility, otherwise this will become just another scam, like some cowboy parking ticket or clamping operations. It must not become a money-spinner.' Roads Minister Mike Penning insists the initial warning letter will give uninsured drivers time to get their insurance in place: 'If you have been on holiday or in hospital, you won't get an immediate summons.'

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The Dave Lawrence Sickness and Accident Scheme.

A list of participating members of the LDIA SAS scheme is as follows. If your name does not appear **you are not covered.** This could be because you have not returned your form, the form has been returned but we haven't received the details (your still covered if Mike has the form) or you have not decided to join now or are waiting for your six month membership to the LDIA to qualify.

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Our sickness and accident scheme has reached 60 participants. (6 less on last year at the moment) This means we are able to make a payout of £250 per week for six weeks (£1500) With £4.24 a week per member for six weeks (£25.43), if someone claims. Last year we had 66 members in the scheme. If you do not know how our scheme works, "what planet have you been on for the last twelve years" There are still a lot of our members who have not signed up to the scheme. All I can say to that is "ARE YOU MAD" or are you so incredibly wealthy that you don't need £250 per week (we need 51 members in the scheme for a maximum payout of £250 a week). The scheme is there to protect you, It is there to give you assistance, and it is totally free, there is no catch. You do not make any contributions on a weekly or monthly basis. You can receive up to £250 per week paid direct to you - if you cannot work due to sickness or accident. (£250 maximum when we have 51 members or more in the scheme) For details or to be added to the list or to request an information pack call now:

Mike Bell 07836227834

• the monies calculated are rounded up so that we have sufficient monies to pay out, this may mean a few pennies over after each claim •

REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE DLSAS YOU WON'T GET PAID OUT. YOU NEED TO BE IN IT BEFORE YOU CAN CLAIM, SO JOIN NOW.

REPORT ON THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE LEEDS RHINOS CLUB

The meeting started at 8.55 p.m. There were 48 members present.

Minutes of meeting held 10th February 2009

Proposed: David Watt.

Seconded: Malcolm Kleiman.

Matters Arising.

None

Apologies

Keith Allan, Nicky Harris, Simon Stocks and Neil Etchell.

New Members

Daniel Gibbs and Beverley Hardwick.

Chairman's Report.

I'd like to start by thanking all the committee for all their help they've given me and for all the flack they've given me as well. I also would like to thank all the members for their support over the last eight years (eight years seems more like a life time) I won't be standing for Chair this year but I will keep sending out your newsletters by email and post (to those who don't have email addresses) on time before the meetings.

The Dave Lawrence Sickness and Accident Scheme has helped one person over this last year and god bless him it was the late Bill Carter our Vice Chairman.

Subscriptions will be staying at £12 unless over the course of this meeting things change. This ends the Chairman's report.

Secretary's Report

I'd like to start off by thanking Derek for his help again this year filling in for me when I couldn't make it and thanks to you all, as members, as without you there would not be an Association. Thanks to one person in particular who is not here tonight, that is my daughter, who does a lot of the typing and I blame her when it is proof read at the committee meetings. I've been Secretary for four years now and I am standing down this year to give someone else a turn, to hone in on their computer skills.

I've enjoyed being Secretary over the last four years but I think it is time for a reshuffle, here ends the secretary's report.

Treasurers Report

Peter started by giving us a status regarding funds are now. Questions were then hurled at him and Peter answered them confidently.

Election of Officers for the LDIA February 2010

	Name	Proposed By	Seconded By
Chairman	Paul Pritchard	Mike Bell	Christine Price
Vice Chairman	Gerry Abrahamson	Alan Stubbs	Debbie LePoidevin
Secretary	Derek Smith	Peter Scott	Harry Hinchcliffe
Treasurer	Peter Scott	Steve Telford	Ron Spruce
Committee	Mike Bell	Peter Scott	Harry Hinchcliffe
	Tony Chadwick	Alan Stubbs	Chris Reynolds
	Carol Cocker	Derek Smith	Debbie LePoidevin
	Steve Esgate	Gerry Abrahamson	Surinder Singh
	Harry Hinchcliffe	Chris Reynolds	Alan Stubbs
	Alan Stubbs	Carol Cocker	Andrew Mitchell
	Surinder Singh	Martin Fisher	Simon Hills

Alan's Bonus Ball

16 January - 25, Malcolm Kleiman, 23 January - 9, Chris Reynolds, 30 January - 22, No Winner, 6 February - 5, No Winner.

Raffle

39 – Kevin Black, 17 – Derek Smith (oh yes), 60 – Francis Lintott, 36 – Martin Fisher, 71 – Daniel Gibbs and 54 – Victoria Tunnicliffe.

New Business

We have a claim on the DLSAS, it is Neil Etchell. Although members won't read this until Feb 2011, for the record, £23.44 is required from all members in the scheme. We hope Neil has a speedy recovery.

Paul Pritchard the brand new Chairman thanked Derek (myself) for all the hard work he has done over the last eight years as Chairman (go Paul go). Paul also mentioned that between all the members in the LDIA, our vast amount of skills could be put to good use in the form of CPD classes for all members.

Paul also wants a website for the LDIA; someone somewhere in this room must know how to set one up and get it running cheaply.

More social activities, using LDIA funds for our benefit including CPD. Changes will be made inside the LDIA and lets be more proactive, send Derek those emails and let's cut down on postage and save the association money.

Next there was a big discussion on the drafted constitution for the LDIA, a few points were changed and voted on they are listed below:

5.2 No subs for head table officers (Chair, V Chair, Sec and treasurer) proposed by Mike Bell and seconded by Bryan Mortimer, carried.

6.3 To be kept as it is proposed by Malcolm Kleiman and seconded by David Watt, carried.

6.2 Auditors to be re-elected each years proposed by Steve Telford and seconded by David Watt, carried.

3.2 Twenty years instead of twenty five in the association proposed by Malcolm Kleiman and seconded by Steve Esgate, carried.

8.1 wording changed to paid up members proposed by Malcolm Kleiman and seconded by David Watt, carried.

The Chairman then proposed that we accept the Constitution and it was seconded by the Committee, carried.

Next was an update on Geoff Weed.

AOB

We will have no venue soon due to the closure of the Rhinos bar. New venue for future meetings will be at the Corpus Christi in Halton from next month (March) onwards.

A vote was then taken on keep the subscriptions at £12 per year as we will not be using outside auditors/accountants, proposed by David Watt and seconded by Chris Reynolds, carried.

It was then mentioned that meetings should start on time (8.30pm) and Paul said that his name was not Derek Smith but Paul Pritchard (watch it Bossman) and that meetings will start on time regardless.

Wakefield and Harrogate DTC are going multi, again they will be up and running by the time members read this and you will know the addresses by then.

The meeting closed at: 11.00 p.m.