

Limit Point of Vision

So, let's start with a question. What's the difference between the Vanishing Point and the Limit Point of Vision? The answer is absolutely nothing, but those of us of a certain age will remember the Vanishing Point, (a slightly uncomfortable truth). In the old days it was the Vanishing Point, and now in these modern times it's the Limit Point of Vision. As long as you know the principles of how and why it works, I don't mind how you refer to it, but I do have to agree that the term Limit Point of Vision is far more of an accurate description of the principle than Vanishing Point.

The Limit Point of Vision (LPoV) only does one thing, and that is it gives us a point of reference. What we do with that information surrounding the point of reference is what separates the normal rider from us, the Advanced Rider.



The first important piece of information it gives us, is a physical point of reference (the actual LPoV) on the road ahead; and this is

the distance in which we need to be able to stop within, comfortably, on our side of the road. Why? Because just beyond that point could be a stationary lorry, a horse lying in the road, a pile of bricks or even a scaffold pole that fallen off a vehicle 30 secs earlier. Secondly it gives us information on an appropriate speed to negotiate the corner.



When we approach any corner from a distance, initially the LPoV is always stationary and therefore we need to consider our speed, to make sure that the closer we get we can always comfortably stop before we get there. Somewhere, as we get closer, the LPoV will start to gradually move away from us, and this is the key. We need to MATCH our speed to the speed that the LPoV is moving away from us. (Contrary to what some people say, the LPoV, never comes towards us. It may be stationary and/or *WE* move towards it, but it never moves towards us).

As we continue to go around and begin to exit the corner, the LPoV will start to move away a little faster, allowing us to use more

accelerator. Then, as the corner finally opens, the LPoV will move at a lightning speed to an infinite point in the distance which is when you can engage 'full beans' and accelerate up to the legal limit for that piece of road (of course, in a brisk and business-like manner, if safe to do so).

And that my friends is the real key, don't wait until the LPoV goes into the distance to accelerate, but keep watching mid-corner, constantly using your acceleration sense to MATCH and then CATCH that LPoV.

Motorbike Maintenance.

Sunday 12th January 2020 11.00am—1.00pm.

Eric Anderson from ECM Motorcycles in Worthing is coming to the group's first meeting in January 2020, to cover basic maintenance and answer any general maintenance questions from members.

There will be a couple of bikes set up to look at inside the hall as well as answering questions on your own bikes.

Feel free to email me with any specific questions you may have before the day, which I can let Eric know about in advance.

My email address is

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Welcome to WSAM

A warm welcome to the following new members this month.

Martin Cole & Mélanie Breillat

Test Passes at WSAM

Congratulations to the following people for passing their test.

Michael Cornelius (Pass) - Obs Mick Mills
Martyn Robinson (Pass) - Obs Mark Crosby
Ian Cosgrove (Pass) - Obs Helen Seller
Alan Kinsella (Pass) - Obs Mark Russell
Gavin Wright (F1RST) - Obs Helen Seller

The times, they are a' changin'

Indeed they are and so is the WSAM Newsletter and it's current format.

From next year the plan is that the Newsletter will be not be emailed round every month, but instead will be posted on the website and also on Facebook. I think (although I'm not very techy) that when new things are posted, you should get a reminder so you can go along and have a look. There will be more details to follow, so keep your eyes open from January 2020.



If you haven't already signed up to the WSAM Members Facebook page, then now is a great time to do so and keep up to date with what is happening

and see the discussions taking place (and of course join in if you wish). Just search for WSAM Members within Facebook, ask to join and once your membership has been verified then one of the Moderators will approve your request and you'll be joining the rest of us online.