



Sefton Advanced Motorists

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Charity number 517780

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Welcome to the April 2022 edition of the flyer.

The committee held this month's meeting at the Southport and Birkdale Sports Club on Wednesday 20th April, 2022.

The committee discussed the new Highway Code, which contains the new hierarchy of road users. Committee member Steward Gaulkroger has obtained 50 copies for the group and further to discussion, the committee agreed to obtain a further 50 copies so that all observers can receive a copy as well as associates.

Ross Maul reported that to date 72 members have paid the annual membership fee, with 63 of those being gift-aided. Fees are still awaited from 65 members and, as a reminder, Ross sent an email out to all members on 31st January requesting fees by 1st April. The fee for this year are held again at only £12.50 and payment can be made by either:

- A cheque made out to Sefton Advanced Motorists and sent to Membership Secretary, 57 Melling Road, Southport, PR9 9DU with your IAM membership number on the back, or
- Standing order to
 - Royal Bank of Scotland, Lord Street Branch, Southport,
 - Sort code. 16-20-12
 - Account No. 12148445
 - Please add your name for reference.

If members could please also indicate to Ross whether they agree to Gift Aid, this would assist the Group with income without cost to you.

The SAM Annual General Meeting will now be held at the Southport and Birkdale Sports Club at 8pm on 23rd May 2022. A separate email about this will be sent to all members in the next few days.

The SAM Group currently has 176 members and associates.

Car Section

The car section currently has eight Associates at various stages of their training. There are also two potential Associates waiting for a taster drive.

The section has three Associates who are test ready, one taking his test next week.

The section also had two recent passes, Julie Godsell, who passed her re-take, and 18 year old Adam McLean, who passed with a F1RST. It's worth noting that Adam only passed his DVSA driving test six months ago. Very well done to both.

Motorcycle Section

The Southport fire station Community room is still not available so the Group has been unable to deliver classroom-based sessions during the current course.

Advanced training has been scheduled into the usual three courses of eight weeks duration per year - Spring, Summer and Autumn- and the Spring course is currently in progress, with six of the eight weeks completed.

Weekly 'zoom sessions' have been provided to replace the theory presentations and discussions that would normally have been held in the classroom, and these appear to have been well received.

Member Alan Douglas has successfully qualified as a Master rider. Associate Gordon Fraser has secured an advanced 'F1RST' pass scoring straight ones in every competency. Many congratulations to both.

Five associates who started courses before March are progressing through them.

The Continuous Personal Development program is ongoing, with one Silver diploma member midway through their course. Two members are completing Gold CPD courses.

Five riders have booked taster rides for the advanced course and five members are booked for assessment rides to update them on their current standard of riding and to consider CPD training.

Eight new associates are registered to attend the summer course and another has asked to be transferred to us from another group. A warm welcome to all. The course was scheduled to start on 4th June but given that will be a bank holiday weekend celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee the course has been rescheduled to start on 11th June 2022. Hopefully, the course will resume its Saturday sessions at Southport Fire Station, but we await confirmation of this.

One member is completing his observer training and another is completing his training to be a Local Observer assessor.

In partnership with South Lancashire Advanced Motorcyclists we will launch the North West Masters scheme immediately after the Easter Break.

Social Meetings

April's meeting was held on Monday 25th April at the S & B Club when local historian, artist and author Keith Hick gave an outstanding talk on the Bluebird speed record. Keith talked about the history of the various versions of the Bluebird cars and boats and the record attempts and successes achieved by Donald Campbell, who perished on Coniston water on 4th January 1967. Keith went on to talk about the history of the recovery and subsequent rebuilding of Campbell's last version of the Bluebird boat, which sank on that fateful day.

May's meeting will be held at the Southport & Birkdale Sports Club on 23rd May – 8pm start. This meeting will be the AGM for the Group.

Other News

The committee would still welcome any suggestions from members for talks etc. at group social meetings. One suggestion is to hold a group BBQ at the S & B, once the better weather gets underway. If anyone has any group or associated news that they would like to add to the flyer, or indeed any suggestions for its improvement, please let me know at

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Dates for the Diary

18th May 2022 – SAM committee meeting at the S & B, Trafalgar Rd, 8pm.

23rd May 2022 – SAM Annual General Meeting. S & B, Trafalgar Rd, 8pm.

11th June 2022 – Motorcycle Section Summer Course starts and runs for eight weeks.

25th June 2022 – Southport Auto Centre, Wright Street, Southport, will hold its annual classic car show. SAM members will be in attendance to market the IAM and its courses.

Best wishes to all,

John.

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