



# Sefton Advanced Motorists

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**iAM**  
**RoadSmart**



Charity number 517780

## March 2023

Welcome to the March 2023 edition of the SAM flyer.

The committee met at the Southport and Birkdale Sports Club on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### Car Section

The car section currently has seven Associates signed up. Two are currently undertaking training, with three due to start training.

The section has four Observers but wishes to recruit more. Current advanced drivers may wish to consider becoming an observer with the group. Further information on this can be obtained from the group secretary, email as below.

The IAM Roadsmart website also has further information about becoming an observer and you can access this by copying the following link into your browser:  
<https://www.iamroadsmart.com/become-an-observer>

### Motorcycle Section

The spring course started on 4<sup>th</sup> March with seven riders. A new associate, Lee Douglas, joined after the first session – welcome Lee.

The second weekly session on 11<sup>th</sup> March had to be postponed owing to weather but the course has now resumed and there will be an extra week added to the course in May.

The planned first into Wales of the SAM Rideout WhatsApp group unfortunately had to be postponed owing to bad weather. The ride, organised by Dave Mercer, will now take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March with 19 SAM advanced riders.



Pictured above is Deputy Chief Observer Phil Lang (left) who, at a recent meeting of the motorcycle observers, was presented with the Alan Filson Award.

Phil has been a stalwart, hardworking and successful member of the observing team for many years. He has set up and implemented effective systems to organise group sessions and to match observers and associates, guided many associates into advanced riding and key positions in the group and has provided direct support and guidance to Chief Observers to continue contributing to the work of the group.

Phil was presented with the award by Chairman Barry Hesketh.

## Other News

As mentioned in last month's flyer, Tony Hey, chair of the car section, is currently hoping to organise a group visit to the Huntapac vintage motor collection in Hesketh Bank, Lancashire. This is the William Hunter collection, a large private collection of commercial vehicles that is not normally open to public viewing. The vehicles are often seen at organised events such as classic vehicle and steam fairs.

A maximum of about 16 people can be catered for. The opportunity is open to *any* SAM member or associate and if anyone has any interest in this please make contact via [sam-news@samadvanced.co.uk](mailto:sam-news@samadvanced.co.uk). The date will be confirmed when arranged.

The group is always keen to take on new associates and, as a reminder, SAM offers discounts of 50% (that's £87.50) on the course fee to new associates aged 35 and under and 20% (£35) to those aged 36 and over. Total course fees are £175 and these discounts will be refunded to the associates on completion of the course.

The Group currently has a membership of 156. ***SAM membership subscription remains at only £12.50 for the year and as we approach the new financial year Ross Maul will be contacting members with a payment reminder.***

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.

## **SAM Meetings**

Dennis Nicholson, IAM examiner, will be the guest speaker at the next SAM members meeting, to be held at the Southport and Birkdale Sports Club, Trafalgar Road, Southport at 7.30pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Dennis last held a 'Meet the Examiner' session with the SAM group back in November 2021, when there was a terrific turn-out of 40 members and associates to a really interesting, relevant and informative talk.

Everyone is welcome to attend and, in particular, current associates are encouraged to come along.

The committee is in the process of arranging further meetings with a relevance to the SAM Group and hopes to invite Neil Rowley, our new Area Service Delivery Manager to attend a Q & A session with members. Also motoring journalist Simon Shrouder will be addressing the group in either June or July, date to be confirmed.

## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 @ 20.00 hrs – Committee Meeting, Southport & Birkdale Sports Club, Trafalgar Road, Southport.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 @ 19.30 hrs - Southport & Birkdale Sports Club, Trafalgar Road, Southport. Dennis Nicholson to conduct a "Meet the Examiner" session – all members and associates in particular are welcome.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 @ 19.30 hrs - SAM Annual General Meeting. Southport & Birkdale Sports Club, Trafalgar Road, Southport.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Ormskirk Motorfest.

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