



# Sefton Advanced Motorists

*In Association with*

# *iam* RoadSmart



Charity number 517780

## January 2024

**Welcome to the January 2024 edition of the SAM Newsletter.**

Welcome to the first edition of the SAM newsletter 2024. It took me weeks to get through 7 lots bedding and towels etc from my guests. I hope you are all settled back into daily life and had a festive and favourable start to the new year.



As usual all's quiet on the western front this time of year and drivers and riders are focussed on other things this time of year so no passes to announce, however we have some information from both sections.

### Car Section

The Car Team is currently looking to recruit and train up, up to six new National Observers.

This is a voluntary role, which, when you have qualified, allows you to coach Associates to become Advanced Drivers.

We are particularly short of Observers in the Formby and North Liverpool areas, although we are happy to recruit from the Southport/Ormskirk areas.

If you think that this is something you might be interested in, please contact Tony Hey at [tony.hey@outlook.com](mailto:tony.hey@outlook.com) or 07836 567345.



Even Fred started somewhere



all welcome,( come on ladies let's share our skills)



## Motorcycle Section

As usual this has been a quiet month for the motorcycle section. Following the initial planning meeting on 5.12.23 work is in progress to arrange the training day for motorcycle groups in the region to be held in Mere Brow Hall on 14.4.24.

Members of the training committee are reviewing the work of the group in 2023 and a meeting to plan for the advanced courses this year is being arranged.



Equals



Course dates for 2024 are as follows -:

2nd March 2024 through to 27th April 2024.

1st June 2024 through to 27th July 2024.

31st August 2024 through to 26th October 2024

## CHAIR

Our Chair is asking for your help. This year the Sefton Advanced Motorist group (SAM) will celebrate 40 year of advanced driving and riding training informing advising educating and the list goes on Wow where did those years go?

40



How would you like to celebrate it with your fellow group members ? There has been a discussion around us all, cars and bikes, heading out for a destination. We could take a picnic or find a suitable place to dine and even collect clues on the way? BBQ,? When we would have more time to 'natter' and reminisce with SAM members who have been part of, or involved in its inception and for all its journey.



Please send any ideas **you** have and if you would like to join us in this celebration. This will help us create a suitable and memorable event.

[enquiries@samadvanced.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@samadvanced.co.uk)

## News and Views

Thank you so much for all your responses to the two poser questions in last months newsletter I shall now try and pass on some answers/ replies as given me.

Q1 The response to this one is easy and a 'yes', as written in the Highway code 176. Therefore we may all cautiously advance over the white line. It reminded me of the time I drove in Banff Canada, where every junction was a four way stop, no roundabout or traffic light. A bit daunting at first but you soon get the hang of where you are in the numerical order of right of way 1,2,3,4. The first car to arrive at the junction goes first and second, second etc. I also found the other road users very courteous using this method.

Q2. This was a more thought provoking scenario and I'm sure we have all been in one similar. The responses I received were looking at the safe & legal thought path and the advanced motorist view of advanced thinking and the difficulty of adhering to almost any rigid system. All my responses said they would slow whilst assessing all of the information of the other road users around them and the affect harder breaking might have on others around you.



I'm sure everyone was using IPSSA for this assessment. I also think the debate will go on which can only be a good thing it shows we are still thinking forwardly and not sitting on our 'laurels' having passed the Advanced Driving/Riding Test.

No poser this month I want you to concentrate on our 40 year anniversary! Please.



If you would like to ask a question regarding driving riding and road safety please send all enquires to [enquiries@samadvanced.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@samadvanced.co.uk)

## Dates for the Diary

The next committee meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The next Group meeting will on Monday 19th February 2024 - 7.30pm at S&B Sports Club, Trafalgar Road, Birkdale

**The guest speaker will be Keith Hick, who will be talking about the life of .....**

### **SIR HENRY SEGRAVE - SPEED KNIGHT**

The name Segrave is synonymous with speed. Holder of the World Land Speed and World Water Speed Records, Sir Henry de O'Neal de Hane Segrave had an indelible link with North West England, one of triumph and one of tragedy. The Segrave Trophy carries his name in perpetuity.

Segrave's illustrious career as a Great War fighter pilot, Roaring 20s Grand Prix racing driver and record holder is described by Keith as he traces the background story to this real-life 'Girls and Boy's Own' hero.

A contemporary of Malcolm Campbell, May Cunliffe and Parry Thomas, Segrave's quest for speed and adrenalin rush was satiated in the air, on land and on water, no doubt fuelled by his service in the Royal Flying Corps.

Having achieved the Land Speed Record on Southport Sands (1926), Segrave was the first to exceed 200 mph on land during 1929 in the USA before turning his attention to water at Lake Windermere the following year to become the first to exceed 100mph on water.

Listen how Keith explains some fascinating back stories to one of speed record breaker's most famous names.

MEMBERSHIP 146

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook likes: 889 followers: 912

Twitter following: 928 followers: 897

### For more info visit

SAM Website [www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/seftonam](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/seftonam)



Follow us on Twitter [www.Twitter.com/SeftonIAM](http://www.Twitter.com/SeftonIAM)



Find us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/SeftonAdvancedMotorists](http://www.facebook.com/SeftonAdvancedMotorists)

**Group Contact:** [secretary@samadvanced.co.uk](mailto:secretary@samadvanced.co.uk) **John Dickens –**  
**07980684746**