

NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Chat

As we move forward to our AGM next month I appeal again to members of our group to consider helping out with our group committee tasks. The number required is small and the tasks do not take up a large amount of your time as we run to a system with a limited number of committee meetings. We have been running short of volunteers for a while now and this has impacted on our capability to function as we would have liked.

The positions vacant are Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and further committee members. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact me direct at angus.maciver184@gmail.com. If we fail to increase our local committee to a workable size we will certainly need to consider integrating with one of the larger groups in central Scotland. We have recruited more car and bike observers recently and they will be operational quite soon which is really good news as our waiting times to start with our associates has been an ongoing problem this past year or so.



Angus Maciver

GROUP NEWS

Dates for your Diary:-

Group meetings - 7.30pm

11th May 2017 (AGM)	Smith Museum, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, FK8 2RQ
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Congratulations to the following people who have passed their IAM Test:

Associate		Observer
Anastarsia Moffat (car)	01/02/2017	Ernie Hogan
Didier Bozec (car)	11/03/2017	Angus Maciver
Amarillia Moffat(car) F1rst!	27/03/2017	Ernie Hogan

Your Committee 2016/17

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Motorcycle Chief Observer	Lindsay Pyall		

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CAR / MOTORCYCLE SECTION

Motoring Matters

When motor cars were first introduced to Britain the 'Red flag' law (locomotives Act of 1865) was still in force, and the cars were treated as traction engines - and as such had to be driven at a speed limit of four miles an hour, and be preceded by a man on foot carrying a red flag!

Exceeding the speed limit..

Walter Arnold was charged on 28th January 1896 at Tonbridge with exceeding the 2mph speed limit at Paddock Wood. It was estimated that he was doing 8mph when stopped by a policeman on a bicycle after a five mile chase. He was fined one shilling.

The act was finally repealed on 14th November 1896 and motors were allowed to drive on the highway at a speed not exceeding 12mph.

In 1903 British motorists received another charter which, by increasing the speed limit from 12 to 20 mph, enabled more powerful cars to be used.

How times have changed.

Angus Maciver

Bikers Get All Fired Up In Falkirk

Observers from both the car and bike sections of the Group were invited by our good friend Robert Thomson from Falkirk Fire and Rescue Service to support a road safety event he was running at Falkirk Fire Station on Sunday 2nd April. The event was aimed at bikers in particular, just as the traditional riding season starts in earnest. Fine weather and free food tempted over 100 bikers to attend, together with a number of car drivers. The Fire Service ran a number of sessions teaching basic First Aid and helmet removal techniques, and gave an excellent demonstration at lunchtime of how they deal with a Road Traffic Collision (RTC) - showing how they cut casualties out of a damaged car and get them safely onto a stretcher for medical attention. Two Police motorcyclists brought their bikes along too, and they enjoyed chatting to attendees throughout the day.



Many of the FV Observer team were in attendance, ably assisted by colleagues from Glasgow North, Glasgow South and the Region 8 (West Scotland and Ireland) Area Service Delivery Manager, Scott Tulip. Between us we took around 10 riders and at least one car driver on free assessment rides/drives to give them a wee taste of what IAM RoadSmart can offer. Scott and Ronnie MacLean ran slow manoeuvring exercises throughout the day, tailoring the exercises to individual needs, and our trainee bike Observers, Ian, Wilson and

Dave did a great job booking folk in for the various activities and getting the necessary paperwork signed.

3 RoadSmart courses were sold on the day, with several others promising to sign up in the near future. Robert Thomson said after the event *"The motorcyclists I spoke to on the day all commented on how they had enjoyed the event, they also highlighted that it was great to have the opportunity to improve their riding ability and first aid skills."*

All in all, an enjoyable and successful day."



Lindsay Pyall

NATIONAL NEWS

#3500LIVES campaign: global celebrities unite to urge personal and political action for safer roads

Story from the FIA Foundation.

Rafael Nadal, Pharrell Williams and Nico Rosberg are amongst the stars featured in the first ever worldwide outdoor road safety advertising campaign, launched by the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and advertising giant JCDecaux, with support from the FIA Foundation.

<http://www.roadsafe.com/3500livescampaignglobalcelebritiesunitetourgepersonalandpoliticalactionforsaferroads>

TyreSafe: "Home Safely on Safe Tyres" campaign

Story from Newspress.

The [Home Safely on Safe Tyres](http://www.roadsafe.com/tyresafehomesafelyonsafetyrescampaign) campaign highlights the importance of tyres in keeping drivers and their young passengers safe while on the roads. It also emphasises to all drivers entrusted with child care that it is their responsibility to check the condition of their car's tyres.

<http://www.roadsafe.com/tyresafehomesafelyonsafetyrescampaign>

Notice is hereby given by order of the Group Committee that the

Annual General Meeting of Forth Valley Group of Advanced Motorists

**will be held
at
The Smith Museum,
Stirling on
Thursday, 11 May
2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

to enable the Trustees of the Group to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended March 2017 for approval by Group Members and to conduct an election.

**Dave Legge, Group
Secretary
Inveravon Manor, Polmont, Falkirk FK2
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All Members, Associates and Friends are invited to attend but only Fully Paid-up Members of the IAM and the Group may vote. A Member entitled to vote at the General Meeting may appoint a proxy to vote in his or her stead.

A proxy need not be a Full Member of the Group. Nominations are invited from Full Members to stand for Committee. Any nomination must be on the form overleaf and must reach the Secretary at least seven days before the election.

CURRENT COMMITTEE

All Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. One third of the Committee (excluding Officers) must retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election.

OFFICERS

Chairman (Acting)	Anqus Maciver	Vacant
Secretary		Vacant
Treasurer	Shazad Gul	Vacant

MEMBERS

Membership/Liaison Secretary	Mark Elder	Willing to stand for re-election
Newsletter Editor	Kenneth Grant	Willing to stand for re-election
Chief Observer Motorcycle	Lindsay Pyall	1 year remaining

