



FORTH VALLEY GROUP
OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS



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Chair's Chat

Following the recent online AGM, I thank everyone for accepting me as the new Chair of the group. I've enjoyed my time in the group since becoming a member and I've met people who I have a tremendous respect for. We should all be proud of our achievements and what we do to keep this group going.

We do face certain challenges, and I'll be looking to provide solutions as soon as possible. We need car Observers and also someone to take on the role of Group Data Manager. If you would like to apply or need more information please contact me. I'd like to thank my predecessor Mark for standing in as Chair at short notice and for his continuing work as Membership Secretary - he has kept the group going during this time and has had to deal with problems that none of us could have predicted due to COVID.

Belinda, Group Secretary, took on the role when I stepped down. Belinda has slotted into the committee well and has been behind changes that have been made this year to make it easier for group members to communicate and I fully expect there's more to come. Lindsay has maintained our finances and I want to thank him for the fantastic work he does along with being an Observer and Local Observer Assessor. Fiona, group President, hasn't had an easy time of it with her business due to COVID. On top of that she has also looked after the bike Observer team and made a great job of managing the Associates waiting to start their coaching sessions after the hold ups caused by the lockdowns. Kenneth has kept us all informed through the newsletter, but we need more members to send in articles that Kenneth can use in the newsletter.

I'd like to thank the rest of the committee members for their work: Brian, Robin, Craig, Roy and Peter. Brian is now an Observer for bikes and Robin has rejoined the group and will help to build the car observing team.

Dave Allan

GROUP NEWS

Proposed Member Meetings to be held as follows:

03/02/22 – 7:30PM, Zoom member's meeting. Speaker: James Marsh presenting the second part of the First on Scene talk.

07/02/22 – Rider's Meeting, 7:30PM at Braeport Centre, Dunblane. Speaker to be confirmed nearer the time.

Once final arrangements discussed in Committee, further information will be distributed to members.

Facebook:

We are also on Facebook, and our membership continues to grow. Please follow us to keep informed of wider events, announcements and just good old chat with others!

Associate Testimonial:

Mitch:

Initially joined IAM several years ago for Blood Bikes then delays with COVID struck. I kept up riding to a very safe and competent standard, however became much more so when riding with Ronnie. It was his personal mission to make me the safest rider possible. I inherited the traits he built up over decades of riding; another ride was never an issue (despite not needing it), all of which allowed me to pass first time comfortably. Now I'm proud to have the certificate and be a part of the Forth Valley IAM Group for years to come.

Congratulations to the following people who have passed their IAM Test:

| Associate | Observer |
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| Andrew Wilson (bike) 25/11/2019 | Robert Davidson |
| John Anderson (bike) 03/10/2020 First | Ian Macdonald |
| Derek Paul (bike) 28/10/2020 | Dave Allan |
| Robert Thomson (bike) 12/05/2021 First | Dave Allan |
| Mitch Clelland (bike) 18/10/2021 | Ronnie MacLean |

CAR / MOTORCYCLE SECTION

Meeting a Member

A chance to get to know people in our local group. This time we meet one of our new Committee Members, Craig McCall.

In which club do you belong: cars or bikes?

I belong to the car group.

What is your favourite car or bike?

Currently it's cars as I have never ridden a motorcycle however that's going to change when the time is right.

What is the key road safety issue that you believe should be tackled?

Two challenges come to mind. Driving safely in bad weather conditions and adhering to the speed limits.

Can you think of your best driving or riding experience so far?

That was getting to drive myself for the first time after passing my test as you can embrace the independence, and it felt a rather special occasion to not need mum or dad to tag along with you!



How do you envisage the future for drivers or riders in the UK in 5 years' time?

I think it's going to be tricky given the road rules are always changing and the fact that there's a lot of new technology in cars.

Thanks to Craig for sharing some thoughts.

Festival of Road Safety

The Festival of Road Safety first ran in November 2020 and was regarded a big success, with more than 10,000 visits to the Festival website – and very positive feedback from many road safety professionals.

[RoadSafe: Festival of Road Safety](#)

Why is speed hurting so many people?

We are living in the era of speed –always fast forward, under pressure and trying to achieve as much as possible in a limited amount of time. This is reflected in all aspects of our lives, including when driving. This blog from The World Bank team busts some of the most common myths on driving speeds.

[RoadSafe: Why is speed hurting so many people?](#)



An Unmissable Skills Day

One member's review of his experience on an IAM RoadSmart Skills Day. Running 13 Skills Day dates across the year, IAM RoadSmart use three race circuits including a mix of car and bike enthusiasts.

[An Unmissable Skills Day \(iamroadsmart.com\)](http://iamroadsmart.com)

New pedestrian Crossing Design

UK's first nudge-behaviour trial for a new style of potentially life-saving pedestrian crossings, has been launched in Liverpool.

[Liverpool launches nudge behaviour road safety trial - Liverpool Express](#)

Your Current Committee

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