

Crewe and Nantwich Advanced Motorists
Annual General Meeting, October 2010
Chairman's Report

At the beginning of the 2009/2010 CANAM year James Sinstadt moved on as detailed in last years AGM Chairman's Report. As Vice Chairman at that time I took over the role of Chairman, and am deeply grateful for James's hard work and efforts in taking CANAM forward during his years of tenure.

I took over in November 2009, and my ambition for the club was to enhance what James had achieved and to build on that foundation. In particular I wanted to increase our members and associates involvement in what is their club. To this end I have started to increase the number of social events. Some have been more successful than others, but I'm learning all the time! Thanks to Kim, who leads the events committee, for organising these events. Ultimately, my aim is to have a members/associates social event bi-monthly.

Over the past year we have had some very successful events, and I would like to highlight them here:

- Annual Awards Night – A well attended event held for the first time at The Ramada Encore. After an initial hick up with technology, we had a talk from Peter Rogers, the IAM Chief Examiner, followed by a buffet diner and then the awards. Congratulations to the award winners, and thanks to the organisers, Kim and Nick. We plan to return to The Ramada Encore for next year's awards night.
- Skid Pan Events – Ian again organised the skid pan events with NCCCP. I went on the one last November and can say they are a must event for all drivers. I gained so much experience I know I shall be more confident in dealing with a skid situation, should it arise. More skid pan events are in the pipeline, please support the event and contact Ian Hughes to book your place. The next one is on Sunday, 28th November 2010.
- Sainsbury's Day – Thanks again to Ian who organised this associate recruitment event again this year. This is the second year, and has proved a good public relations exercise and we do recruit associates from the event. Many thanks to all who help Ian on the day. There were many members, associates, observers and helpers. A large team is required for this day, and I thank everyone for their support.
- Oulton Park – Kim organised tickets for us to attend the British Touring Car Race held at Oulton Park. Although the weather wasn't too good, all those attending witnessed some great racing during the day. I'm sure we'll be attending again next year.
- Traffic Police! – Tony Hayhurst stepped in at the last minute as I wasn't able to confirm a guest speaker during July. Tony gave us an insight into what a traffic policeman is responsible for and showed us some very graphic pictures of what he has to deal with when things go wrong for us as drivers! This event was really well attended, and the feedback I received was excellent.
- Skill for Life presentation for Under 25's – After the talk, I presented the Skill for Life voucher to our nominees. The youngsters were selected by our driving instructor members from pupils who had recently passed their test. I am very grateful to Tony Harvey who made this possible by making a donation to the club which paid for the vouchers. Each of these new Associates has been allocated an observer and has started their Skill for Life adventure. Good luck to you all.

I would like to close by welcoming all new associates, say congratulations to associates who have now passed their test and have become full members. Congratulations too, to our new observers, and senior observer. None of this could happen of course without the CANAM team. Thank you to the CANAM committee, especially those with roles within the committee, observers and senior observers. Not forgetting members and associates who are prepared to help at our various events. Although I haven't mentioned you by name, you know who you are!

Looking forward, I want to make more changes! I want to continue to increase the number of social events for members and associates. I want to recruit more associates to IAM/CANAM. I would like to increase the size our committee, and stabilise each of the sub-committees. We have vacancies for various roles on the committee and these need to be filled. Wow, I think I have quite a challenge ahead. If you know of anyone who would like to help in anyway to build on the clubs success, then please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members. We're here to support you! Safe driving and I look forward to talking to you in the coming year.