



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2006

Working for Safety on the Road

I would like to begin by saying what a pleasure and a privilege it has been to be AIRSO Chairman for 2006.

It has perhaps not been as busy a year for AIRSO, compared to 2005, but then that was our 40th anniversary. Nevertheless I, the secretary and the various committees have been working hard and have been kept busy throughout the year.

AIRSO held five General Meetings during the year. The January meeting, incorporating as it does the Annual General Meeting, took place at Bickenhill Fire Station in Birmingham; the March meeting was at Cranfield University where I was particularly pleased to introduce some of our up and coming talent from those studying for their various degrees; July saw us in the West Country when we met in Torquay; our September meeting was at Jaguar Cars Ltd in Birmingham, and finally the November meeting was in Hampshire at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu.

A number of Road Safety Seminars were held, notably in Edinburgh and for the first time in Carmarthen. Again we continued with one Saturday Seminar which was kindly hosted by RoSPA at their Headquarters in Birmingham. I attended as many as I could but sadly I was unable to get to our first Seminar in Wales. I express my thanks to Edward Handley, the AIRSO Vice Chairman who presided in my absence.

My year has also finally seen the Road Safety Bill become The Road Safety Act and I am sure the next few years will be busy for the Association as the various parts of the Act come into force and the various consultations which will arise.

I would like to thank all of the Membership for continuing to support AIRSO. Without your support and efforts AIRSO would not be so effective.

I would especially like to thank all those members who serve on the various committees and for the sterling work they have done during the course of the year.

My special thanks to Graham Feest, our Secretary, for his advice and counsel, and making sure I turn up on the right day and place for the meetings.

And finally to our Treasurer Martin "Bill" Bailey for making sure we have enough money to remain solvent.

It has been an honour to serve the Association. May it prosper for many more years to come.

Mike Ambrose
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