The Automobile Association of Kenya (AAK) is a National motoring Members society founded in 1919 dedicated to promoting and safeguarding the interests and safety of motorists while on the road. AAK Kenya offers a diverse and unique range of technical products and services to over 100,000 members all aimed at keeping them safe on the road. Our long heritage and International affiliations, coupled with countrywide network of 28 branches and a team of highly qualified technical professionals is an assurance for a great motoring experience.

Our Members include Individuals, the Private Sector, Government of Kenya, International Organizations, Non-governmental Organizations and Diplomatic Missions.

**Key Milestones of AA Kenya**

- AA Kenya was founded in 1919 by Lionel Douglas Galton-Fenzi as the Royal East Africa Automobile Association.
- The First Chairman of AA Kenya was the then Governor of Kenya, Sir Edward Northey while Galton-Fenzi served as the Honorary Secretary until his death on 15th May 1937.
- The aim of AA Kenya was to promote and safeguard the interests of motorists by providing information and advice relating to the purchase, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles, negotiating attractive insurance premiums, road mapping and setting up of petrol depots.
- AA Kenya received the Royal charter in 1921 and held its first AGM on 27th January 1921 at the New Stanley Hotel. During the first AGM, the membership then, though at less than 1000, represented more than 70% of the entire motoring population.

**AA Kenya Milestones and the Development of Eastern Africa.**

The Association was the driving force behind opening up and subsequent development of Eastern Africa.

- In 1923, Galton-Fenzi started negotiating for loans of cars to be tested under EA conditions and received several vehicles, among them the Riley 12/50 from Riley Motor Car Co of Coventry, UK.
- Galton-Fenzi and Gethin Captain used the car to pioneer a road from Nairobi to Mombasa in 1926 – for almost 1200 km - which is today’s Nairobi-Mombasa Road.
- He also pioneered the Nairobi – Dar-es-Salaam – Malawi and Nairobi – Khartoum routes.
- Through Galton-Fenzi the Association raised and distributed money towards the tarmacking of several roads in East Africa.
- 1925 – Membership stood at 2,000 but reduced to 1,189 by 1939 due to the effects of World War II and to 753 members by 1946
- 1938 - Association became a member of the AIT.
- 1950 - Membership opened to non-Europeans to counter the effect of World War II.
- February 1953 - Autonews magazine was launched to serve as a medium for expression of members’ opinions and an outlet for items of news on the Association and international motoring activities.
- 1962 - AA Kenya started operating a driving school with only one car, Ford Anglia under the leadership of late M.A.S. Northcote and other ex-British army men who instilled discipline in the training.

*You Never Drive Alone*
1963 - The Association changed its name to East African Automobile Association after East African countries gained independence in early 1960s.

1967 - The EA Community collapsed and each of the three states assumed an independent role of running its own association, thus name changed to Automobile Association of Kenya.

1974 - Association became a full member of the FIA which currently represent over 100 million motorists worldwide.

1978–1980 – The Association was involved in the arrangement and preparation of the programme and study tours that culminated with formation of the Finish/Kenya National Road Safety Project for ten years.

1981 – AA Kenya was nominated as a member of the National Road Safety Council.


1986 – AA Kenya organized the AIT General Assembly with over 200 delegates.

1986 to date - AA has been actively involved in most of the AIT/FIA General Assembly meetings and championing the course of AA of Kenya and Africa in general.

1991 – AA organized the Pan African Automobile Association Clubs.

2003 – AA Kenya was appointed by the Government to Chair Interim Steering Group (ISG) a precursor to Kenya Roads Board and subsequent nomination of the AA Director General as Director of the Kenya Roads Board for three years.

2005 – AA Kenya was nominated to Global Editorial Advisory Board for publishing the FIA Global Road Safety Report and the African Representative in the Commission for Global Road Safety.

2006 – AA Kenya organized and hosted the Sub-Saharan African Touring & Automobile Clubs (SATAC) meeting.

2007 – AA Kenya was appointed as a Trustee in the FIA Foundation.

2008 – AA Director General appointed Chairman of the FIA African Council for Touring and Automobile.

2009 – As the ACTA Secretariat, organized the FIA African Council conference in Dar-es-Salaam sponsored by FIA Foundation and UNECA which brought together 25 states.

2009 – AA Director General was appointed as Vice President FIA Region 1.

2019 – AA celebrates 100 years of existence
Why celebrate 100 years?
100 years is no mean feat. AA Kenya has influenced the life of the motorist for an entire century. Our dedicated service over the years has set us apart as authorities in matters road safety and providers of quality service.

It is also a time to appreciate our journey for the past century and tick off our milestones.

The 100th mark of any journey marks the beginning of yet another century of excellence in motoring for AA Kenya.

Event Approach
AA Kenya plans to have a multifaceted approach towards marking the centenary celebrations.

Motor Show:
AA Kenya will host a motor show in which exhibitors in the motoring world will showcase their various journeys between start of their operations to present day. At the end of the day, outstanding exhibitors who will have captured their journey or presented remarkable exhibit pieces will be awarded.

Auto Clinic
There will be an auto clinic where service providers from across the motoring industry will be there to help achieve a fulfilling experience for our day's customers.

100 Years Celebration Dinner and Awards
At the end of the day, AA Kenya will host a dinner to mark centenary celebrations. During this time, there will also be an award ceremony to appreciate major contributors to the industry for the past 100 years along with the winners of the day event.

From 1943 to 2019