

Chairman's report of the November 2017 CoM meeting.

There was a lot to discuss at the meeting and certainly plenty of ground was covered.

Following on from the September meeting we discussed the publicity trailer, safety training day and the way the membership process operates. First up, the vinyl wrap on the trailer needs to be changed as much of the information on it is now out of date. New designs will be drawn up and the trailer changed before it rolls out next year.

Staying on the subject of the trailer, John Keedwell, who looks after the trailer bookings, has drawn up a Trailer Preference Form. This is for the Area Secretary or show organiser to fill in once they know the trailer will be attending their event. On the form it asks for contact details, location, time of delivery, if the generator is required, etc. It's hoped this will mean the trailer will then be delivered with what is required, rather than having everything on board, whether you want it or not.

The safety training day will take place again next year. This will follow in a similar vein to the event run earlier this year. There will be training in basic first aid, basic firefighting, event insurance, vehicle marshalling, and we will probably include a session on the new Data Protection regulations that come into effect in May 2018.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership process is undergoing an overhaul as we continue to upgrade and update the MVT website, to allow members to make any changes to the information we have for emailing, posting addresses and telephone numbers, etc. This all takes time but there will be changes introduced over a period of time. Although we have a healthy membership we could do with increasing our numbers to make sure we continue to strengthen and secure the future of the club.

Whilst we were at Malvern it was good to talk many members, who gave us some useful feedback as to the way the club is progressing.

DATA PROTECTION

Bob Lawson gave us an update on where we are with our Data Protection and the changes being made to bring us in line with the new requirements that come in to place next year.

To that end many of you have already signed and returned the document 'MVT-DP04 – Declaration of Compliance for Safe Keeping of Data', sent out by Bob. Unfortunately many of you have yet to sign it - those who haven't need to sign the form as soon as possible and send it back to him. This is a Government led initiative and each and every one of you needs to sign it, even if at the moment you don't need any membership details from Bob. The fact you hold information pertaining to your Area members that you have gathered locally, means you still need to sign and agree to look after that personal information in accordance with the Data Protection guidelines.

It might seem a bit of an inconvenience, but believe you me, it would be rather more than an inconvenience if a data breach was to happen and you hadn't signed the declaration. Signing the declaration is therefore a requirement to be an Area Secretary.

FINANCE

Peter Hamblin reported that we are operating within our projected budget, which is a great help to know exactly where we stand financially. Like all organisations, we are having to make sure we operate within our means. Over the past few years we have been running a deficit but we are aiming to reduce that over the next few years to balance the books. This means we are not going to be able to help fund events to perhaps the levels that we have been accustomed to. As a consequence this means we will have to look at other ways of funding to alleviate the over reliance on MVT funds. We

cannot continue to wholly fund events when there are other much bigger organisations who benefit from such attractions but do not contribute to covering the costs of organising such a show.

VEHICLE VERIFICATION

The DVLA have been tightening their rules on how complete a vehicle must be to be inspected and verified. To ensure that vehicle first time registration applications are less likely to be rejected we will need to insist that *'vehicles need to be 90% complete, running and up to MOT standard'*.

'Q' plates have always been a contentious issue, and it isn't going to get any easier. In the past we have always tried to help by provide dating evidence of the actual year of manufacture to the vehicle's owner and supply them with a dating letter. The DVLA are saying that the application for an age related plate for a 'Q' registered vehicle can now only be made by the original applicant and it must be within the first twelve months. The reason for this is to tighten up on fraudulent claims of vehicles being manufactured earlier than they actually were. I can see this causing frustration with those wanting an age related plate and with the rolling forty year rule for nil rated road tax.

EVENTS AND SAFETY

It has been a very busy year as regards events organised and attended by the MVT. However there seems to be an awful lot of events that have not been entered in to the Events Register. The Register helps us in many ways, not least it gives us a good indication as to how many events we attend/organise collectively, but more importantly, it makes sure that you as an organiser and as an MVT attendee are properly insured.

We appreciate now that the Personal Public Liability Insurance is up and running that many may feel registering an event is not required. That could not be further from the truth. The PPLI policy is just that - personal insurance, it does not cover an organiser adequately when asking volunteers to help with marshalling or helping put cones/signs out, etc. So any local meetings, or road runs to name just a couple, must be registered to show our insurers that due diligence has been followed to reduce the risks.

For the first time this year the MVT was invited to attend the Royal International Air Tattoo at Farnborough. Following the success and popularity of our presence we have been invited back. Tim Hawkes who organised this year's attendance is taking care of it for next year as well. As soon as he has a clearer idea of what RIAT would like us to do he will let you know.

NEW MVT AREA

An application was received by the Council of Management for the formation of a new Area in the North West. The group made up of MVT members who live in central/south Lancashire have been gathering for several years at Heatons Bridge near Burscough. Quite clearly there was a demand for this group to be recognised as an official MVT Area. At the meeting it was voted in favour to accept the application and the new Area to be created. The CoM will work closely with them and agree a name for the Area and help with a new badge and banner, etc, to get them up and running. We wish them well and hope they will work well with their adjoining Areas.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were six application for grants for next year's shows and events. These were discussed at length and Tim Hawkes will be making contact with the applicants regarding the amounts awarded to each event.