

# Federation of Manx Historic Vehicle Clubs

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## **BULLETIN – October 2013**

Another well attended Federation meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October with fifteen club delegates present.

### **FMHVC Proposals to the Department of Infrastructure – Response from Minister.**

We have received a reply from the Minister (DoI). The consensus of the meeting was that the reply was most disappointing as it responded to none of the numerous points we raised in our submission. In regard to road tax, he merely confirmed that numerous anomalies were in place, and they would not be addressed if this might lead to a reduction in income.

There was a lengthy discussion on the two main areas of concern; levels of road tax and appropriate number plates. There was a general consensus that we should concentrate our efforts, initially, on two key areas:

1. Restoration of the 25year rule for historic vehicle road tax; and
2. The availability, at nominal cost, of appropriate, age related, non-transferable registration numbers for historic vehicles.

It was agreed that Steve Woodward would draft another letter to the Minister based on these main two issues.

### **Classic TT/ Manx GP/Festival of Jurby.**

As these major events that had taken place since the last meeting, there was general discussion surrounding them.

The newly styled Classic TT/MGP had appeared fairly successful but it was felt that it was difficult to detect any major differences with the previous MGPs, other than different races on different days. It would appear that whilst attendance was up (a trend already established for the MGP), there was no significant improvement.

Edwin Faulkner (MCCC) commented that the 'classic motor show' at the rear of the Grandstand at the end of practice week had been very successful and well attended. It has been well covered on the ITV4 programme. However, he went on to report that the 'North Quay' event was very disappointing. Very few cars and very few members of the public attended. He felt that at the end of MGP people had just had enough, and perhaps Govt/Douglas Corp were trying to cram too much in.

Chris Proctor (VMCC) spoke on the Festival of Jurby. It had been a tremendous success with very good attendance. As the event increased, however, organisation with a small band of helpers was ever more difficult. He recounted some difficulties with car drivers arriving late and expecting access to the display area. It had been made clear before the event that this would not be possible. He reported that there had been some unacceptable behaviour from such car drivers to gate marshals, although the individuals could not be identified.

He informed the meeting that the VMCC had decided, that due the expansion of the event, limited space on site, and the essentially motorcycle focus, that there would be no car displays in 2014. This came as a disappointment to car delegates, but was understandable, in the circumstances.

### **Ramsey Show 2014.**

Steve Woodward (JEC) confirmed that he had met with Paul Ogden of Milntown on site and all appeared suitable for the 2014 show. There was a very suitable area just inside the entrance and there would be no charge for access to this area, Milntown's vehicles would be on show, the café would be open and exhibitor's picnics permitted.

A date of Sun 6th July had been agreed. This would be the Tynwald Day week-end with Tynwald day itself on Mon 7th. There would be no formal run to the Show, just turn up and display. It was hoped that we could attract a greater involvement from motorcycles than has been the case with previous shows. Steve will put together a small sub-committee to organise the event.

### **Annual General Meeting**

In accordance with the Constitution, an AGM will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 p.m. at the Employer's Federation Office, Village Walk, Onchan. In addition to Delegates, individual members of FMHVC member clubs are welcome to attend. The business of the AGM will be to:

- a) Receive from the Chairman a report of the activities of the Federation during the year to 30th September;
- b) Decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting;
- c) Discuss Member Clubs' programme of events for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman and Secretary are elected by the Committee (Member club Delegates)

### **Other Business.**

Steve Woodward asked all delegates/clubs to advise him of 2014 dates as soon as possible so that they can be included in the calendar of events.

Edwin Faulkner is organising a visit to Angouleme in September 2014. There are still a few places available if anyone is interested – please contact him directly if you are interested at [ejf@manx.net](mailto:ejf@manx.net).