

Federation of Manx Historic Vehicle Clubs

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A well-attended meeting was held in January with 14-delegates present. A special welcome was extended to new members, Chris Clague and Orry Mitchell of the Southern Vintage Engine and Tractor Club.

Vehicle Duty Order 2013

Following the Federation's lobbying, Government is introducing a new vehicle duty class of 'Historic Vehicle'. This class will be in addition to the existing 'Veteran Vehicle' class and will include vehicles over 25-years old but first used on/after 1st January 1988. This new Historic Vehicle class will be taxed at 50% of the current duty. Pre 1987 Veteran Vehicle duty will increase from £12 to £15.

The re-introduction of the 'rolling 25-year' historic class and 50% discount in duty is welcome. However, in real terms is still an enormous increase from what a 25 year old vehicle would have enjoyed before the 2010 changes and the increase in duty for 'veteran' vehicles from £12 to £15 is a greater percentage increase than all the other classes. Since 2010 'veteran' duty had increased from £5 to £15. The Federation will maintain pressure on the Department for a significantly cheaper rate of duty for older vehicles. The general 50% reduction on 25 year old vehicles is a start but we do not see it as an acceptable permanent situation.

Age Related Registration Numbers.

The Licensing and Registration of Vehicles (Fees) Regulations 2013 go to Tynwald at its January sitting. The text of the Regulations had just appeared on the Tynwald website. It would appear that they propose for a 50% reduction on cherished registration number fees for age-related numbers for 'veteran' vehicles, and such numbers would be non-transferable.

The feeling of the meeting was that this was a great disappointment and not what was requested in the Federation's paper to the Department. In the UK the issue of an age related, non-transferable number is free of charge.

Confusion on VAT position in IoM

There is still some confusion amongst UK vehicle businesses regarding the VAT position on vehicles imported to UK from IoM. The Federation will draft a press release clarifying the situation and circulate it to the specialist press.

Legal requirement for hyphens in Manx registration plates

In the last bulletin it was questioned whether this is a legal requirement. After investigation, it would appear that there is a legislative requirement for hyphens in number plates on certain vehicles.

2014 Picnic Run.

A date had been agreed as Sunday 17th August. Once again the picnic will be at King William's College, but the start point will have to be re-arranged as the Manx Grand Prix will be underway.

Festival of Jurby

There is a 'four wheeled' show being organised on the same day as the VMCC Festival of Jurby. This 'four wheeled' show will run alongside the Festival of Jurby motorcycle event in the area of the Jurby Transport Museum. Access to/from the Festival will be made available, with possibly some free tickets for the four wheeled exhibitors.

Bonneville record breakers

The Lonan Gentlemen's Fellowship, who competed at Bonneville in 2013 are raising funds for a return trip in 2014. In aid of this initiative, the VMCC are hosting a film night at the Centenary Centre in Peel on 27th February. Tickets are available from Chris Procter or Steve Leonard of the VMCC.