



Federation of Manx Historic Vehicle Clubs

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A Federation meeting was held on 12th May and as usual there was lively debate on issues that affect our interest in running and using our old and cherished vehicles.

VAT

Our Secretary, Steve Woodward has issued a media release in relation to the confusion over VAT payable on sale of vehicles to UK. He has circulated it to delegates for their onward distribution to club organisations and media contacts.

Free Road Tax in UK for 40 Year Old Vehicles.

This had been announced in the last UK Budget, and was a restoration of a 'rolling' arrangement. This was discussed in relation to the IOM arrangement of £15 per year for all pre 1987 vehicles (2014/15 rate, rising year on year by approximately inflation), and 50% road tax for all 25 year old vehicles.

It was generally agreed that, particularly for large engine 'classic' vehicles, the IOM position was, generally, the better of the two. However, in the UK it is possible to purchase 6-months road tax and take the vehicle 'on and off the road', and also to recover unused road tax. It was felt that this cancelled out much of our advantage in some circumstances.

Ramsey Show – Sun 6th July.

Steve Woodward reported that adverting of the event would be arranged by Milntown and all will be circulated to remind them of the event.

Picnic Run – Sun 17th August.

Neil Corlett gave a brief update – watch this space in the next bulletin!

Website/Letterhead/Logo.

Bulletins are now being published on the web-site and it was felt that we were very happy with the website provision and the efforts of Ian Sims on keeping things in order. Norman Roper had designed a new logo and letterhead for the Federation which was accepted by delegates.

Planned Motor Museum

There was some discussion on the planned motor museum at Jurby. This was a private collection but it was understood it would be open to the public.

New Chairman Required

Norman Roper confirmed that he would be moving back to the UK during the summer and would, reluctantly, have to stand down as Chairman after this meeting. All at the meeting agreed that much of the success of the Federation since its formation had been due to Norman and he would be difficult to replace. Our sincere thanks were recorded. As Norman had given some advance notice of the situation, some thought had been given to a replacement and it was hoped that this could be agreed at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Mon 4th August. All Delegates are urged to attend.