

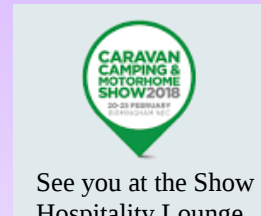
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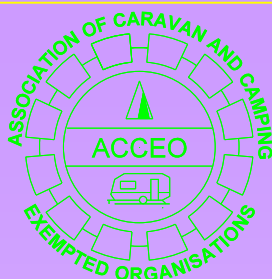
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Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Motorhome and Caravan Show at the NEC in October. We also appeared to have a record number of visitors, thank you, it was lovely to see you all. We are now preparing for the next NEC Show due to take place in February, we will have our usual Hospitality Lounge in Hall 4 next to the Press Office but our Stand will be in Hall 2, 2304a. Please pop along and visit us at either venue or even both. If you can't find the Lounge, then please come to the Stand and a committee member will take you to the Lounge. All Personal Members and members of Member Clubs are welcome.

It was good to catch up with some of you at the National and AGM Rally at Stafford. Numbers were very low this year, but I think everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

Arrangements for the National and AGM Rally 2018 are well underway, more details in this issue and in following ones. If you have any queries regarding the National Rally please contact Chris Lowery via email: nationalrallies@acceo.org.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy 2018. Thank you for supporting ACCEO.

Don't forget if you visit any of the rally sites that advertise in AM, to mention that you saw their advert in AM.

If anybody has any subject they think might be of interest to other Association Members and would like it included in AM, please contact me on: ameditor@acceo.org.

Elaine Nicholls
Editor

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Chairman's Chat

Well that's my first AGM as Chairman under my belt and what an AGM it turned out to be; hopefully the balance sheet is now sorted and put to bed till next year.

Peter Brown and I attended the Caravan and Motorhome Club awards ceremony in November at the House of Commons and I had the opportunity to speak to the Tourism Minister who gave out the awards. He talked about joined up tourism and the need to entice our European colleagues to our shores. I pointed out that we need to improve our offer with better roads and parking facilities as small towns and attractions could be swamped by motorhomes, and the need to follow Europe and introduce Aires to all towns and cities to facilitate motorhome parking and enhance the experience for both ourselves and our European neighbours visiting our shores.

Your committee needs your support! We are 3 members short and although we are coping at the moment we could find ourselves in the same situation as many of our Member Clubs and not have a fully functioning committee. If anyone has a little time on their hands and would like to support our exempted clubs please contact me at chairman@acceo.org and I would be glad to explain the working of the committee and what you would do on the committee.

Don't forget NEC show in February; if you're going, please come along for a free cuppa and a rest in our peaceful haven at the show in the ACCEO Hospitality Lounge. If you call into the Stand first we will take you on there.

We then have a meeting with Natural England at Cambridge to arrange and a National Rally venue to inspect.

Finally, 2017 has flown by for me and I don't know where it has gone, but the time has come to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. I look forward to meeting some of you out and about in 2018. Have fun and take care out there.

Chris Lowery

Webmaster

Great to see you all at the National Rally and AGM as well as in our Hospitality Lounge at the Motorhome and Caravan Show held in October.

I would like to remind you that I gave notice at the 2016 AGM that I intend to step back from the frontline work of this important strand of our Publicity Department. A year has now passed and no one has shown any interest in taking it on yet. This is an important role and although will require some time to take over the essentials of the administration and maintenance it is not a time consuming role, especially if you have some 'computer literacy'. It is vital to ACCEO and its Member Clubs that someone steps forward to keep this increasingly important tool of management and communication going. But the job can't be handed over in an envelope! Take the opportunity to have me work along side you as you take it on.

John Wilton

Membership Officer

It has come round to the time of year I love .CHRISTMAS! I can say that here but wouldn't dare mention it in my classroom yet – can you imagine the excitement of my 30 children if I did!

Not only Christmas, but also renewals for the Association. It is great to receive them and once again look at all the names of clubs and Personal Members and hoping everyone has had a great rallying year.

Club renewals have been emailed out; if for some reason yours has not arrived through the magic of the internet you can either email me or get a copy off our website www.acceo.org.

Personal Membership: we have printed a copy in this magazine but it is available from the website for you to print off also. Please get your renewals to me as soon as possible then you can get on with celebrating the time of year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great festive time and all the best for 2018 hopefully see some of you out and about, especially at our AGM/National Rally in October at the Ukrainian Centre near Derby.



Gaynor Hart

National Parks & Extended Rallies

Please be aware that I have now taken over from Tony Smith looking after the applications for National Park and Extended Rallies. Applications for rallying in the National Parks for 2019 must be with me by 24th April 2018 at the latest; the earlier you apply the better the chance of it being approved. email: national-parks@acceo.org

Applications for Extended Rallies need to be with me a minimum of 14 weeks prior to the start date of the Rally.

Robin Wilkinson

The ACCEO Committee

We have three vacancies on the ACCEO Committee. John Wilton, our Webmaster, has given notice that he will retire in October 2018 and wants to make sure a replacement is fully conversant with the work he does before he retires.

If you feel that you might be able to support ACCEO but are unsure of what's involved, contact me at secretary@acceo.org or 07771 827711.

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National Rally Coordinator's Update

The ACCEO National Rally and AGM moves to a new venue for 2018. We will be gathering at the Ukrainian Youth Centre, Weston-on-Trent Derby. The rally will be running from Wednesday 3rd until Monday 8th October.

We are currently setting up a working party to organise and run the rally but we are still looking for a Member Club to host it on ACCEO's behalf, and it has been proved you do not need to be a big Club to do this. You will get all the assistance you need, whenever you need it.

If you fancy having a go, please contact me as soon as possible at chairman@acceo.org. I will explain all you need to know, but basically we are looking to you to act as the Rally Marshals (eg. run the rally field, see the vans in, organise the teas and coffees, etc) and to run the Charity Prize Draw. ACCEO takes the bookings and pass them on as well as taking care of the expenses, so no onus is on the Member Club. Give it a try!

The Vintage Bus Service will be running again to assist your journey into Derby. There will be two evenings of entertainment as well as quizzes and the Charity raffle, and the charities will be announced early 2018.

Chris Lowery

Insurance Matters

Our club public liability insurance continues to prove extremely popular with our Member Clubs, with nearly all clubs now taking advantage of this excellent benefit. If your club is one of the few that have not, then contact myself or Grove Insurance and we will be happy to help.

Do not run the risk of being without insurance, as this puts your club and the committee at great risk and could leave you personally liable should anything happen.

I'm pleased to say that thanks to the hard work of Lesley at Grove Insurance, NIG have continued to offer the scheme to us this year and with no increase in premium (other than the government tax increase which none of us can do anything about!

Renewals have again been sent by email so please ensure you have received this and have dealt with (or passed on) the renewal notice. We can only work from the data we have, so if you have not received anything, please let myself or Grove know, and we will check the details we hold on file for your club and get it sent out again.

Please ensure you have renewed your insurance in time, 1st December, as no days of grace are granted and it's vital to ensure that you have no break in cover. Also, we don't want to add work to Grove Insurance's already busy schedule by them having to chase up our members for renewal payments.

Grove Insurance continue to have a caravan scheme which has some excellent prices for ACCEO members; furthermore for every member that takes up this insurance, that member's club receives £5, or if you are an ACCEO Personal Member, the £5 goes to ACCEO. I would ask all member clubs to promote this scheme as it not only offers a service to your members but also puts some funds into your club.

Ian Derbyshire



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Finance Report

As those of you who were at the AGM will remember, the figures in the Financial Balance Sheet were questioned and an error was in fact found.

It was requested from the floor that we re-issue the Balance Sheet in ACCEO Matters with the corrections made, which we enclose.

Many thanks to the member who pointed out the error. It is good to know that people actually read the reports and take an interest and help to ensure that the information we put out is accurate.

David Thompson

	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank		36,977		35,731
Prepayments		1,775		1,126
		<u>38,752</u>		<u>36,857</u>
Current liabilities				
Creditors & Accruals		<u>393</u>		<u>300</u>
Net assets		<u>38,359</u>		<u>36,557</u>
Reserves				
Balance at start		36,557		39,663
Less Loss for year				- 3,106
Profit		<u>1,802</u>		<u>36,557</u>
		<u>38,359</u>		<u>36,557</u>

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		2017		2016
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INCOME				
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Commission	2,419		2,297	
AM Sales	40		51	
Interest received	5		10	
Lanyard Sales	25	8		
Donation	2		25	
		24,230		23,265
EXPENDITURE				
National Rally costs	6,518		7,940	
Exhibition Costs	2,486		2,181	
Committee & other meeting costs	3,155		2,851	
Postage	361		351	
Stationery	98		204	
Insurance	1,145		1,038	
AGM Costs	1,283		1,004	
Chairmans lunch - AGM	135		185	
Software and web	15		80	
AM Print & distribution	6,621		9,351	
Advertising	-		600	
PO Box	304		338	
Telephone	-		-	
Sundry	60		-	
Repairs & renewals	-		-	
Accountancy	250		250	
		22,428		26,371
Net Loss/Profit		1,802		- 3,106

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

The Motorhome & Caravan Show 17th—22nd October 2017 and Caravan Camping & Motorhome Show 20th -25th February 2018.



Thank you to all the volunteers that assisted in the Hospitality Lounge at the show, we couldn't do it without you.



Thank you also to all the visitors we had, it would appear to have been a record year for us. It was brilliant to see you all.



We will have the usual Hospitality Lounge in February in Hall 4 next to the Press Office. You will all be very welcome, please remember the lounge is open to all members of Member Clubs and all Personal Members. So please pop in for a welcome sit down and cuppa. We will also have a stand, this show the stand will be in Hall 2, 2304a so why not pop along for a chat

We will also be looking for volunteers to assist in the Lounge in February, if you are interested please email me on ameditor@acceo.org by 26th January 2018. You will be issued with a pass to allow entry into the Show for the day/s you are on duty in the lounge. There will be a rota for cover that will enable you to have a walk round the Show during the day/s when you are not on shift.

Elaine Nicholls
Exhibitions Team

National Rally 2018 and Onwards

We were surprised by the unusually low attendance at the 2017 National Rally during which we had social activities each day, excellent professional entertainers on Friday and Saturday and a bus service to and from Stafford.

I was planning to e-mail our club contacts on this subject but by using ACCEO Matters I will reach more of you and will welcome any view you have on this matter (e-mail secretary@acceo.org). Do please let me have your thoughts as to what would make the ACCEO National attractive to you – e.g. electric hook-ups?

One of the things that we know happened was confusion over the date. The ACCEO AGM is always on the first Saturday of October but this year the first Saturday was on the second weekend, the first of the month being the preceding Sunday. To give you certainty on the future dates they are:

Year	From	To	Venue
2018	Wednesday 3 October	Monday 8 October	Weston-on-Trent, Derby
2019	Wednesday 2 October	Monday 7 October	TBA
2020	Wednesday 30 September	Monday 5 October	TBA
2021	Wednesday 29 September	Monday 4 October	TBA
2022	Wednesday 28 September	Monday 3 October	TBA

For 2018 we have again engaged the services of the Potteries Omnibus Preservation Society to provide a bus service from the site, and for this rally it will be to Derby town centre. As in recent years there will be a full programme of evening activities available to you.

It is very disappointing that, for the last couple of years, none of our member organisations have come forward to act as hosts for the National but fortunately we have members who, by giving their personal support, have made these rallies a great success for those who attended. If you want to choose the venue for future ACCEO Nationals so that it suits your club's members (motorhomes come to mind) then now is the time to be looking for a site for 2019. ACCEO takes all the financial risk of running the rally and takes the bookings; all you have to do is look after activities on site.

Peter Brown
Association Secretary



A record breaking show for the UK's largest leisure vehicle event

- 101,583 visitors attended the Motorhome and Caravan Show 2017, the highest attendance figure since the show began
- The show, held from 17 to 22 October covered 11 halls of Birmingham's NEC
- It was a huge success with many exhibitors reporting record sales

The Motorhome and Caravan Show 2017, which is held by NCC Events, the exhibition arm of The NCC (National Caravan Council), showcased 750 leisure vehicles over 11 halls of Birmingham's NEC throughout six days from 17 to 22 October.

Total attendance soared higher than ever before, with a record total of 101,583 guests visiting the show. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were record-breaking days, with 13,779 attending on Wednesday compared to last year's figure of 13,390. 13,899 visited on Thursday, a 9.3% increase on last year and 14,934 on Friday, which is 930 visitors up on 2016.

The UK's largest leisure vehicle event showcased new-for-2018 caravans, motorhomes, campervans, caravan holiday homes as well as all the latest leisure vehicle accessories. Leading manufacturers and dealers reported higher-than-expected sales and remarked that the general feel of the show was one of the most positive they've experienced. Below is what they had to report, along with comments from the two consumer clubs: Caravan and Motorhome Club and The Camping and Caravanning Club.

UK Sales Director, Lee Roberts of Lunar Caravans reiterated the success of the show and stated "This year we revealed our 8ft-wide Alaria caravan range and our new coachbuilt motorhome called Cassini. We were overwhelmed with their retail success." Coachman Caravans also reported higher-than-expected sales with Marketing Manager Jackie Shipley commenting: "We are delighted with the results from the Motorhome and Caravan Show 2017, with sales exceeding expectations."

Operations Director of Raymond James Caravans, Bill Chilver stated: "We've had an excellent result. We targeted a marginal growth on last year and it's been such a good show so we're well within reach of achieving it for 2017. The general feel of the show has been fantastic all the way through."

The show proved successful for exhibitors across all sections, with Steve Biggs, Director of Isabella Awnings reporting: "It's been a great show, sales are up on all products including the launch of the new Ventura Air." "We had an excellent show with Morelo achieving sales from the entry level Home right up to the Palace Liner" said Mike Herzberg, Commercial Director of Premium Motorhomes.

Leigh Mcara, Marketing and Media Manager of Hillside Leisure commented "We had a fantastic show with record numbers on the stand showing interest especially in our new models the VW Crafter based Heatherton and the BirchoverStartline on the VW T6. The LIVE Theatre product launch was well received and the live cooking demonstration with Dean Edwards provided the perfect opportunity to showcase the possibilities when it comes to cooking in a campervan."

Industry clubs also reported show success with Andrew Robson of The Camping and Caravanning Club reporting an 11% increase in member recruits.

Harvey Alexander, Director of Marketing at the Caravan and Motorhome Club commented: "The Club has had a great week at the Motorhome and Caravan Show. Club Day on Tuesday with Matt Allwright hosting forums for Club members and show visitors was a great success and there has been huge demand for our caravan and motorhome manoeuvring sessions. We also launched a series of ground-breaking member offers, including a fuel discount card. We want to inspire and enable people to have great adventures when they are on holiday and build lasting memories with friends and family."

"It was wonderful to welcome new visitors to the show with initiatives such as Freedom To Go. We are now reaching those who haven't yet explored the option of leisure vehicle holidays and are inspiring them to do so." said Jenny Summers, Group Marketing Director of the NCC.

The show comes after the NCC released statistics confirming the growth of the UK leisure vehicle and staycation industry. Production of touring caravans was up 13.7% in the first six months of 2017 compared to the same period last year, while motorhome registrations rose by 11.3%. Caravan holiday homes are also steadily increasing, with a 5.6% growth in deliveries to holiday park locations between year start and end of June 2017 compared to 2016.

The Motorhome and Caravan Show 2018 will run from 16 to 21 October 2018.

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ACCEO National Rally 2018

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AGM 2017 Officers' Reports

Chairman's Report 2017

The National Rally is with us again, where did that year go? It's just flown by for me.

Members of the committee have been to Natural England twice this year, and ACCEO were once again invited to attend the Caravan Club award ceremony at the House of Commons in November. Peter Brown and I went as your representatives.

I really can't remember a better year for getting out and about in our glorious countryside with temperatures into the 30s and very little rain around so far this year, as I write this in early August.

I would like to welcome all the new Members, both personal and club, who have joined the Association this year and give our best wishes for the future to the clubs and Members who are no longer with us.

ACCEO is all about you and we are here to help you continue to be able to explore our wonderful countryside, with the peace of mind that you hold the correct information to stay within the law and have a great insurance policy tailored to your needs.

I look forward to seeing you all at the National Rally, and feel free to approach me and raise any points you may have about the Association or Exempted Rallying. Remember the Open Forum at the end of the AGM; it's a great time to ask questions and get the answers you may need.

Chris Lowery

Association Secretary's Report 2017

From an administrative point of view, the last year has passed smoothly for the Secretary.

It has been very satisfying to be able to help several of our member clubs with updating their club constitutions and codes of conduct. I also think that I have been a useful sounding board for one or two clubs who have had problems to resolve.

As reported in the April issue of AM, ACCEO had a very useful and cordial meeting with officers of Natural England who manage exempted camping on behalf of the government.

In September, we joined with the Caravan and Motorhome Club and the Camping and Caravan Club to have a joint liaison meeting with Natural England on matters relating to Exempted Camping/Caravanning.

All parties at this meeting were in total agreement that they are happy with the Exemption System as it is and that they are committed to maintaining the integrity of the System.

Natural England reported their concern that they are being contacted and receiving applications from businesses that see the Exemption System as an opportunity to bypass licensing and planning requirements. To protect against this, it is Natural England's intention to further revise the 'Guide to Applicants' to make it more focused and to make the contents of the guide 'binding'. This could well mean that some of our Member Clubs will have to put a little more effort into completing renewal applications and answering questions from Natural England but the proposed change is intended to help preserve the system as it is.

We also discussed camping in National Parks; we agreed that the existing 'clearing houses' are working well and nothing needs to be changed. We did however note that rallying in National Parks seems to be declining.

Peter Brown

Finance Officer's Report for year ended 30th June 2017

I am pleased to report that the Association remains in a healthy financial situation. At last year's AGM, and after 2 years of making a loss, we proposed, and thankfully you all agreed, to take action.

Raising club membership fees plus the reduced distribution of ACCEO Matters has helped us to make a modest profit this year.

Notes to the accounts

Income:-

Membership income from both clubs and personal is up on last year.

The National Rally made a modest profit, which again proves that this event can stand alone without sponsorship.

Expenditure:-

Exhibition costs have risen slightly.

We have seen a decrease in AM production costs due to reduced distribution.

Overall reduction in expenditure.

The balance sheet still continues to show a healthy position and is able to cope with future requirements for the year 2017/2018.

Considering our financial position, it is my recommendation that all membership fees continue at the present rates.

Many of you will have known David Cuff who, over the last 3 years, has prepared our income and expenditure account and balance sheet. Sadly, David lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. Sandra Williams of S & A Bookkeeping Service has prepared this year's accounts and I propose that we use her services again next year.

David Thompson

Association of Caravan & Camping Exempted Organisation
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June 2017

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Postage	361		351	
Stationary	98		204	
Insurance	1,145		1,038	
AGM costs	1,283		1,004	
Chairman's lunch (AGM)	135		185	
Software & Web	15		80	
AM print & distribution	6,621		9,351	
Advertising	-		600	
PO Box	304		338	
Telephone	-		-	
Sundry	60		-	
Repairs & Renewals	-		-	
Accountancy	250		250	
		<u>22,428</u>		<u>26,371</u>
Net Loss/Profit		<u>1,802</u>		<u>-3,106</u>

Association of Caravan & Camping Exempted Organisation
Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2017

	2017		2016	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash at bank	36,977		35,731	
Prepayments	630		1,126	
		<u>37,607</u>		<u>36,857</u>
Current Liabilities				
Creditors & Accruals	<u>74</u>		<u>300</u>	
Net Assets		<u>37,533</u>		<u>36,577</u>
Reserves				
Balance at start		35,731		39,663
Less loss for year				-3,106
Profit		1,802		
		<u>36,557</u>		<u>36,577</u>

Insurance Officer's Report 2017

The club public liability insurance scheme has proven to be successful again with our Members with the majority of clubs taking advantage of the ACCEO insurance scheme yet again.

Should your club be one of the few not taking advantage of this benefit, speak to us when your insurance is next due so we can see what we can do for you. Should you not have any insurance, I would urge you to come and talk to us about insurance as you are putting yourselves and your Members at personal liability should anything go wrong and you may be surprised how little the insurance would cost you.

Our thanks go out to Grove Insurance (especially Lesley), who over the last 12 months, have worked harder than ever with not only having to deal with renewals twice, but also moving insurance providers last December.

The renewal date was moved to December at the request of our Members. However I was disappointed to see that many clubs did not renew on time, which then caused a lot of extra work for Grove Insurance in chasing clubs up. You asked for this change so please ensure you support it and renew your insurance on time.

Renewals continue to be sent by email which has worked well but please do remember if you have a change of officer to let us know, otherwise your renewal could end up going to someone no longer involved in your club.

Grove Insurance continue to offer the caravan scheme which has some excellent prices for ACCEO Members. Furthermore for every Member who takes up the insurance, that Member's club receives £5, or if you're an ACCEO Personal Member the £5 goes to ACCEO.

I would ask all member clubs to promote this as it not only offers a service to your membership but also puts some funds into your club.

Ian Derbyshire

National Parks & Extended Rallies Officer's Report 2017

National Parks - As at 30th June 2017

During the period, all of the rallies that had been applied for to take place in 2018 have been forwarded to the relevant C&CC National Parks Officers and acknowledged for submission by them.

There were 16 rallies applied for to take place in 2018.

Extended Rallies-As at 30th June 2017

10 applications were received from 5 clubs and so far no objections were received to any of them by the LPAs.

Of the 10, 1 was cancelled, all the rest have been granted Form 211 approval.

Tony Smith

Membership Officer's Report 2017

It seems strange sitting here writing a report for October when I haven't even started the new term back at school yet. We have just returned back from a fabulous family holiday in Cornwall where the weather didn't stop us doing anything; we were even body boarding in the rain on one of the beaches ... Calvin and Matthew did very well but I still have a lot to master with the waves!

It is great being at the ACCEO AGM rally, meeting so many Members and putting faces to names and email addresses; please do come up and say hello if I do not get the opportunity to speak to you. I may not remember names instantly but usually remember faces. It is great to listen to suggestions on how you feel ACCEO is working for you, and obviously I'm thinking constantly about the membership side of the Association.

A number of Members at last year's AGM suggested changing the membership card to a 'more sturdy' one and not to have a new one issued each year. I thought more about this, talked to Members in the lounge at the NEC in October and decided to take it further. At our meeting in January I proposed that we look into this, which would also streamline the membership paperwork for me too. Wheels were put into motion and unfortunately a variety of technical hitches kept arising. To cut a long story short ... I redesigned the card slightly and printed them on different card. The personal membership card will still be issued each year.

So I apologise again to all Personal Members for the delay on their cards. I had received a number of emails concerning cards and telephone calls enquiring/complaining that the cards hadn't been posted so it was lovely to receive a couple of emails of thanks for the cards along with a few jovial words concerning modern technology.

Time for the facts and figures:-

The Association consists of 184 exempted organisations

Since our last AGM in 2016, ACCEO has welcomed three new exempted organisations.

Pennine Wanderers

Suffolk Punch Camping & Caravan Club

Lucas Girling Camping & Caravan Club

Reported membership numbers of ACCEO member organisations total 38,847. This being the sum of declared membership reported to the Membership Officer. A number of clubs reported reduced membership numbers which fall into lower membership subscription bands.

Clubs with total personal membership - 5 Clubs arrange personal membership of ACCEO for all of their Members, when the club subs are then waived. 138 Personal Members of the Association are drawn from this source.

There are 341 Personal Members supporting the Association compared to 475 at last year's AGM. Personal membership of the association gives each Member the benefit of a copy of each issue of ACCEO Matters delivered to their home address.

If I could please ask all clubs to make sure that their renewals are completed this year as soon as possible and if the principal contacts change over the year, just drop me an email so they can be changed. This makes it easier for the Association to contact all clubs in an efficient, cost effective way. I had a great response to renewals this year with a number of clubs opting to pay by BACs.

Responses from clubs confirming contact information was appreciated which will lead to renewals both for the association and insurance going to the right places – thank you!

I must thank Matthew and Calvin for all their help and patience with me whilst carrying out my ACCEO role.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable rally and do not forget to say hello when I'm here, there and everywhere!

Gaynor Hart

Publication Officer's/Exhibition Team Report 2017

I am pleased with the advertising take up during 2017. We have got a couple of new advertisers and an existing advertiser upgrading their advert from the Classified Pages to the more expensive advert.

Recently we have received emails from clubs that are experiencing a drop in numbers; please remember the advertising is open to Clubs as well as Site Owners. We have had several clubs that have advertised in ACCEO Matters and currently have one club that is a long standing advertiser in AM. As always, I am constantly trying to attract new advertisers, so if you have a favourite rally site and would like to share it with other Members please let the site owner have my contact details, ameditor@acceo.org. Sadly I cannot include any advertising for rally sites or clubs unless they are prepared to pay. ACCEO rates are very reasonable so why not give them my details?

Once again, on behalf of the Editorial Team, thank you to all the Members who contribute copy to issues of AM. I am grateful, as I know how difficult it is to find the time to send in articles. Without you the magazine wouldn't be as interesting to other Members. Thank you to Michael Clear for his contributions to AM, I hope you have found them very interesting. If you have any topic that you would like included in AM please let me have the article or the details and we will see what we can do. Remember AM is the magazine for Members, not the ACCEO Committee.

As many of you already know, I also form part of the Exhibitions Committee, along with Tony Smith and John Wilton. At both NEC shows ACCEO has a hospitality lounge. This gives us the facility to supply tea, coffee or soft drinks to our Members. We would like to remind you that the hospitality lounge is open to all Members of Member Clubs and Personal Members, so please pop along this year, we would love to see you. Please check the ACCEO website for details if you do not receive a copy of ACCEO Matters. At the next show in October the lounge is situated behind the ACCEO Stand, which is situated in Hall 10, 10.2

I would like to give a very big thank you to all the volunteers who help at the NEC Shows in February and October; we would not be able to function without your help. I would like to give a special thank you to Jim Blythe, of the Zodiacs Club, who was a great supporter of the ACCEO lounge, you might notice I have stated 'was' sadly Jim passed away in June after suffering a long illness. Jim, thanks for all your help, RIP you old goat, we will miss you.

If you feel that you could spare some time to assist in the hospitality lounge then please let me know, at ameditor@acceo.org or at the National Rally. Your support will be much appreciated and you will have free entry to the show.

And, last but not least, thank you to my husband Tony, who supports me 100% with my ACCEO roles; we have many 'discussions' throughout the year.

Elaine Nicholls

Webmaster/Companion Chairman Report 2017

Friends, as we draw toward the end of another ACCEO year, I do hope that you've been able to enjoy a good season, especially that bit of summer which has almost slipped from our memories!

As your Webmaster, I have had a quiet year keeping everything running, unless there's something you haven't told me about of course. The winter since some of us last met is best forgotten. There are now 109 club officers and Members holding access to our private pages on the website on which I hope you can find what you need.

Now comes the nag, I must remind you that I gave notice at the last AGM that I intend to step back from the frontline work of this important strand of our Publicity Department. Now a year has passed and no one has shown any interest yet. This is an important role and although it will require some time to take over the essentials of the administration and maintenance. It is not particularly time consuming, especially if you have some 'computer literacy', once under your belt so to speak, but the job can't be handed over in an envelope! Take the opportunity to have me work alongside you.

Part of the website information is the list of and some information about our Member Clubs and there will be an opportunity to check the information which we display both on the website and at exhibitions and at our National Rally.

As Companions Chairman, I guess I will have nothing to report when we meet soon at AGM but nevertheless I look forward to catching up. Perhaps one or two of you might like to organise a rally somewhere!

John Wilton

National Rally Co-ordinator 2017

Many thanks to the Touring Caravan Club for organising and running this year's National Rally, and for their hard work chasing for raffle prizes, a task that even I still find difficult to do. Many thanks to Paul McArdle and his friends for helping mark out and allocate the pitches, one less worry taken away from the Host Club.

Many thanks to all those who have donated raffle prizes in support of the Bob Smylie Memorial Fund. This year, between ACCEO and the Host Club, we are supporting the Salvation Army and Dementia UK, two great causes that will benefit from our help.

I wish to thank my fellow committee members for their help and support throughout the year and all the Members who have assisted me in one way or another.

The National Rally for 2018 is booked and confirmed for the Ukrainian Youth Centre, Weston-on-Trent, a good venue with adequate halls and meeting rooms. We do still need a Member Club to come forward to organise and run the weekend for ACCEO though.

The search for a venue for 2019 is well underway and should be confirmed soon.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy this weekend, and as long as you do, it makes it all worthwhile.

Robin Wilkinson



ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN AND CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS

Notes Taken at the Open Forum following the 34th AGM

held at Staffordshire Showground

on Saturday 7th October 2017 at 2:45pm

The ACCEO Chairman, Chris Lowery, welcomed everyone back after the break. He asked if anyone had any questions for their Committee on matters of a more general nature than were able to be raised during the more formal proceedings of the AGM or had any other points they wished to bring up in this forum. He noted that attendance at the National Rally was quite a bit down this year and asked the floor if they had any ideas as to why this might be.

Emmerson Salkeld (Personal Member) said he thought there might be confusion over the date of the AGM this year, as it wasn't being held on the first weekend in October as it usually is.

John Birchall (Bailey Owners Club) said it would be useful if all Member Clubs could be informed of the dates of the next few AGMs so that they could plan round them.

Peter Brown (the ACCEO Association Secretary) said that the ACCEO AGM is held on the first Saturday in October, and has been for several years now. He undertook to publish the dates for the next five years of National Rallies – the rally field opening at midday on the Wednesday before the AGM and closing at midday on the Monday after.

Stuart Casserley (Yorkshire Friends Ralliers) said that you needed the National Rally so that members could meet the ACCEO Committee, socialise with them and discuss matters of mutual interest.

Rosemary Casserley (Yorkshire Friends Ralliers) wondered whether it was the cost of the event that was putting some people off.

Tony Latham (Personal Member) suggested that maybe it was because it was the third year at the same venue. Robin Wilkinson (National Rally Coordinator) agreed the point but said it was not easy to find a fairly central venue that could take us all at a reasonable cost. The Staffordshire Showground met all 3 criteria but perhaps holding the rally anywhere more than twice would inevitably see attendance dropping.

Matthew Hart (AAOCC) said this was his 10th National Rally and he really enjoyed attending them. He also noted that people who attended this rally often went on to serve on the ACCEO Committee.

John Cousins (Royale Owners Club) wondered whether it might be beneficial to move the AGM date to suit Member Clubs, to avoid a clash of dates – perhaps the Saturday nearest the 1st October? The Chairman said this had been tried in the past but it had caused a great deal of confusion which is why the Committee had settled on it always being the first Saturday in October, so that Member Clubs could plan their rallying calendars around it.

Terry Smart (Zodiacs) wondered whether motorhomers might be laying up their motorhomes from the 1st October and so holding the AGM sometime in September might be better. The Chairman said the Committee had discussed this in the past and felt that sticking with the historic date of the first Saturday in October was the best option.

Colin Powell (Royale Owners Club) said that a lot of clubs were finding their rally attendances dropping. Is there any way we could spend Association money to boost attendance? He said that personally, he didn't like loud music and maybe it's that that's putting people off; he'd prefer nice gentle background music.

Les Evans (Cavalier Caravan Club) said that when his club started there were 740 members. This is now down to 50 members, and as people get older they don't want to take on more responsibility.

Bob Bingham (Bessacarr Owners Club) said he was also a member of the SafariCaravan Owners Club who came last year and ran their own AGM at this venue. Everyone is getting older and like their creature comforts (particularly electrics) which are available on commercial sites. Perhaps with the smaller numbers attending it would now be possible to approach one of the larger commercial sites and negotiate a suitable discount?

Josephine Lane-Burford (Spread Eagle Caravan Club) endorsed that thought and wondered whether the Caravan and Motorhome Club (or perhaps the Camping and Caravan Club) might give us favourable rates.

Robin Wilkinson (ACCEO Vice-Chairman and National Rally Co-Ord Officer) said he'd follow up those suggestions.

Stuart Casserley (Yorkshire Friends Ralliers) wondered whether Member Clubs could band together and hold joint rallies under the ACCEO Exemption Certificate? The Chairman said he and the Association Secretary were investigating exactly that at the moment and would be putting out a proposal shortly. It would mean that all attending the rally would need to be ACCEO Personal Members, but at £5 per year for Personal Membership, that was no great hardship with the bonus of getting your own personal copy ACCEO Matters delivered to your door.

Emmerson Salkeld (Personal Member) wondered how many members of clubs are still actively rallying? A lot of clubs still have plenty of members but only a few of them still coming out rallying.

John Birchall (Bailey Owners Club) asked how he could find out more about ACCEO. The Chairman said that it was all contained in ACCEO Information Sheet No 1 (Revised October 2015) which is available as a handout, is on the website, and was published in ACCEO Matters (Issue 92, which came out in April 2017).

Gaynor Hart (ACCEO Membership Officer) said that someone who works for the DVSA who is also a caravanner had been in touch with ACCEO about payloads. He wondered whether if an amnesty was declared, would our members be interested in taking their outfits to their local weighbridges to see what they actually weighed, and receiving advice on how to load them? This would be an offer made nationally. He had gone on to say that whilst there would be an amnesty in place for any overloading infringements, anyone without the correct licence to be driving their outfit would not be permitted to drive it away from the weighbridge. Gaynor asked those present if the membership would want to take up this offer.

Rosemary Casserley (Yorkshire Friends Ralliers) said that people were responsible and could go to their local weighbridge if they wanted to, without any central arrangement. Colin Powell (Royale Owners Club) said he'd trained HGV drivers and Fork Lift Truck operators for many years and it was important that people were taught the safe way to load vehicles.

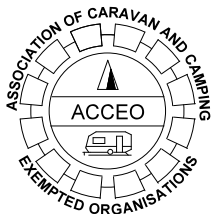
Emmerson Salkeld (Personal Member) mentioned that DVSA have portable axle weighing equipment that we might be able to use.

Chris Moyses (Bailey Owners Club) wished to thank Elaine Nicholls (editor of ACCEO Matters) for letting the club put their Charity Rally advert in AM. The rally at Ratcliffe on the Wreake (near Leicester) was very successful and £11,000 in all had been raised for Dementia UK. On hearing this there was much applause from the floor.

Robin Wilkinson (ACCEO Vice-Chairman and National Rally Co-Ord Officer) asked that if anyone had any ideas for running events over the 2018 National Rally weekend that they share them with him.

Rosemary Casserley (Yorkshire Friends Ralliers) said that anyone entitled to 'grandfather rights' on their licences needs to apply to retain them before they expire, which for most of these rights occurs at age 70.

There being no more questions, or points raised, the Chairman declared the Forum closed at 3:25pm.



The Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations

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Membership is for the calendar Year. Those joining after October 1st will hold membership to the end of the following year.

ACCEO Paragraph 6 Rallies: help for Clubs with dwindling membership.

Over the last couple of years ACCEO has received several communications from clubs in which the number of members is falling and who are having trouble finding landowners who are prepared to let rally fields for just a few 'vans.

Questions have been asked about clubs merging or just rallying together and ACCEO have given advice as best we are able.

The ACCEO Committee have agreed a plan that we think will help this situation and to help trying to get it off the ground, I will act as facilitator for the first year.

The idea is that those clubs that are general caravan or camping clubs (we don't think this will work for the larger 'Owners Clubs' but if you do, join in) choose a couple of their rallies each year and instead of camping under the terms of their own Paragraph 6 Exemption Certificate, use the ACCEO Paragraph 6.

As one of the requirements of camping under the terms of a Para 6 Certificate is that all campers have to be a full member of the organisation that holds the certificate, it will be necessary for all attendees to be Personal Members of ACCEO, but at £5 per annum we don't think that should be an obstacle.

I see the process as this:

- A club advises me of the rally/rallies that they will volunteer to run under the ACCEO certificate.

- I arrange for the ACCEO Exempted Rallies Officer to issue a letter of authorisation.

- I send an e-mail to all clubs advising that the rally is available for ACCEO Personal Members.

- The host club manages the applications as they would for their own rally.

- The host club checks for personal membership of ACCEO. If prospective ralliers have to apply to join ACCEO, I will channel their applications to the ACCEO Membership Secretary.

The process will no doubt evolve.

Do please give this plan your serious consideration and advise me of your intent to participate. I will then be able to compile a programme of these rallies that will be posted on the ACCEO website and e-mailed to all clubs.

Peter Brown
Association Secretary.

Safe Storage

If you are planning to take your caravan abroad next year, where do you plan to keep your passport and money? You may think that the space under a drawer is ideal, but a thief will soon find that, and breaking into a caravan is very easy. The comfort of knowing that you locked the door and latched the windows is fleeting, as anyone who has seen how easily windows can be 'jimmied' will tell you.

An alarm helps, but is it one that really is difficult to silence, or can it be ripped off the wall and crushed underfoot? Some sort of safety container is needed, but not a full-blown safe, that would be far too heavy. What about a lockable cashbox? These are readily available in stationers for around £15.00, but look in charity shops; mine cost me £2.50.

Now to the tricky part of where to put it. It has to be secured firmly and whilst accessible, should not be glaringly obvious from a first glance at the interior. Since our caravan has access doors to the space beneath the bunk seating, it was an easy decision to fix the box to the floor in this location. Anchorage had to be very firm and 'tamper proof' as well as taking up minimal space within the box.

The most obvious method seemed to be to bolt the box through the floor and into a threaded plate beneath. This fulfilled all the criteria for good anchorage. Two slotted pan-head roofing bolts were used of length around 80mm and 5mm diameter. The sizes were not critical, as long as they reached through the box, floor and plate. Two holes were drilled in the bottom of the box, to take the bolts, and in the floor, so that the bolts went through the box and floor, to protrude underneath.

Using the box as a template, two holes were drilled in the plate which can be any suitable materials to hand, or specially purchased from, say, B&Q. I used a piece cut from a strip of water bar as used in concrete floors at doorways. Threading the plate is easy if you have taps and dies, or a neighbour with the car or motorcycle bug who will almost certainly have a set. Your local garage may help.

Final assembly is a two person task, one inside, turning the bolts and the other underneath, engaging them in the plate. When fully tightened, any surplus bolt sticking through the plate can be cut off with a hacksaw, and a thief would find it very difficult to remove the box.

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Michael Clear



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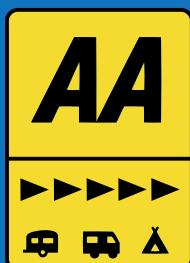
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