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Brexit

Driving Abroad and Green Cards

With negotiations continuing over the United Kingdom's exit of the European Union and uncertainty surrounding the terms of the Brexit deal, we want to provide an update on the potential impact should the UK leave the EU without a withdrawal agreement. It is important to note that nothing has been formally agreed at this point but we feel you should be aware of the potential implications on the motor insurance industry.

Guidance from the Association of British Insurers (ABI) and Motor Insurance Bureau (MIB) is that drivers taking their motor vehicles into an EU country should be prepared and have a Green Card when driving abroad.

Why is a Green Card needed?

A Green Card is an international certificate of insurance which guarantees that the motorist has the necessary third party insurance cover. These certificates prove that drivers are suitably insured to drive in these countries. A physical copy of a Green Card on green paper is needed when traveling as digital copies are not currently accepted. If you arrive at the border without a physical Green Card, you may not be allowed to drive in that country.

There is also the risk that if you cannot supply the adequate proof of cover, your vehicle could get impounded in the country.

International Driving Permits

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, you might need an International Driving Permit (IDP) to drive in all EU and EEA countries, apart from Ireland.

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You can get an IDP over the counter at the Post Office.

They cost £5.50 and you must be a GB or Northern Ireland resident, have a full UK driving licence and be 18 or over.

What does it mean to you?

At present the majority of policies arranged allow for policyholders to drive within the European Union for a certain amount of time with the cover being confirmed by the insurance certificate we issue. However you are best to contact your insurers to confirm before travelling abroad.

Information courtesy of Saffron Insurance

PUBLICATIONS OFFICER Elaine Nicholls

Well what a year 2020 has been for the whole world; it will definitely be one for the history books.

Even though we have not been able to go out enjoying our units together this year, ACCEO has been supporting its members more than ever. We were very pleased to be able to hold our National Rally and AGM at Ludlow Racecourse adhering to all the Covid-19 regulations. We were very happy with the turn out considering the weather and the Pandemic. We are hoping for a great turn out next year.

A big thank you to the All Year Round Caravan Club for

hosting the rally and agreeing to host it again in 2021 at Ludlow.

You may notice that my report is titled Publications Officer rather than Editor; this is because I have now given up the role as Editor of AM. John Morris is currently caretaking the role. I will be supporting John in the role as he doesn't want to be on the Committee and some decisions regarding AM are committee decisions. John is a member of the Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club and is the Editor of their Newsletter. I can still be contacted on ameditor@acceo.org or on my personal email, if you have it.

FROM THE CHAIR Gaynor Hart

Well, this is my first Chair chat for ACCEO Matters; hopefully it will be the first of many. Firstly I must say how proud I am to be given the chance to be the Chair of an Association that means so much to me and does so much for Exempted Organisations.

I want to say a big thank you to those of you who attended the ACCEO National Rally and AGM, particular thanks to the members of the All Year Round Caravan Club and those who supported them in coordinating such a surreal rally – even having to slow cars down who were arriving at Ludlow for a 'Flu Jab Clinic' on the Saturday morning of the rally, all though I think this was a highlight of the weekend for some of us. There is nothing us campers enjoy more than joining together to put the world to rights, and a reason to be outside and talking (socially distanced of course) those on the rally who had been locked away since arriving.

The actual AGM was very strange with social distancing, masks and limited numbers to ensure it was safe for all those attending. It will be great to return to Ludlow Racecourse next year with hopefully some more 'normality' (for want of a better word). The committee is very pleased that the All Year Round Caravan Club have agreed to run the rally again, they have booked a couple of superb acts for the evening entertainment. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the rally.

The ACCEO Committee needs people to join it – we do not bite, honestly! It was spoken about at the AGM how crucial it is for the survival of ACCEO as an organisation for new members to come onto the committee. If you would be interested in finding out more about what would be involved then please drop me an email (chairman@acceo.org) and I can call you for a chat. There are currently a variety of roles that could be taken on by people wanting to join the committee.

Most of you will have got to know me as the Membership Officer, which I have been since I joined the ACCEO Committee at the Towcester Rally AGM back in 2014. The membership role has been a great way to get to know the Member Clubs and the people associated with them. It is even more exciting to meet those at the National Rally and AGM who I have been talking to over the year via phone and email.

My family and I have always loved the ACCEO AGMs. We

stumbled upon the National Rally and AGM by accident, during one of my very first committee meetings with AAOCC (yes the very close acronyms can get very confusing! They used to be called All Avondale Caravan Club) and it was mentioned that we had no one to represent our club, so I put my hand up and booked on, convincing a few of my friends to do the same.

So we arrived late on Friday evening after work to a wintery Newark Showground in 2008, with no idea what to expect. I remember being in awe at the sight of all the caravans / motorhomes, this by far was the biggest rally we had ever attended. The atmosphere in the evening social was awesome with so many people with a common interest chatting and making friends. There was also some great banter between different clubs. We even met our neighbours on an ACCEO AGM rally too and now regularly meet them on a various rallies.

No surprise then, we have attended every one since and have really promoted ACCEO to members of our club.

After our thirteenth ACCEO AGM I became the Chair of ACCEO – just like in the fairy stories of old. With a fantastic committee to work with me.

ACCEO means a lot to me and I am so glad that I can be part of helping clubs and individuals enjoy their hobby of caravanning, motorhoming and camping. It is so heart-warming when we receive emails or letters of how clubs are running well but heart-breaking when we receive letters telling us clubs are closing or personal members are having to stop caravanning.

This year has been a surreal time for all of us that no-one could ever have predicted. What was coming next! Who would have thought that we would have been queuing at supermarkets and not be able to buy toilet rolls, pasta and flour? Let alone, having to stay at home for weekend after weekend.

We welcomed July 4th in the same spirit that America celebrates Independence Day, and stayed at one of our favourite CLs just for a night just outside Uttoxeter – because we could and we were allowed to, it was amazing! It felt like Christmas!

As I write this we are into the second weekend of Lockdown Two and my beloved caravan has been locked away again. I'm so pleased that we managed to get away for 18 weekends between lockdowns with a few CL/

CS sites but mostly rallies with exempted organisations, including two Member Organisations (AAOCC and British Leyland Association) and The Caravan and Motorhome Club.

I must say well done to all the clubs we have rallied with within the new Covid Secure era, their Committees and members have worked so hard to make their rallies work in a safe manner and sharing ideas and procedures. As I mentioned earlier, we ralliers really do come together in times of need.

So although my caravan has been taken away I am still

able to teach a full class of 32, well I was for a whole week of new lockdown before home became my classroom whilst I am in isolation after a member of the class tested positive.

Fingers crossed that by the time you are reading this we are able to use our units again.

Well, I have taken up enough of your time for the moment. The ACCEO Committee wish you all a fabulous festive time and all the best for 2021. And if you have never been to our National Rally and AGM, give it a try. Who knows where it may end! Please all stay safe.

INSURANCE OFFICERS REPORT Ian Derbyshire

Our club Public Liability Insurance continues to prove extremely popular with our Member Clubs with nearly all now taking advantage of this excellent benefit.

If your club is one of the few that have not, then contact myself or Saffron Insurance and we will be happy to help. You do not want to run the risk of not having insurance; 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 NIG have continued to offer the scheme to us this year. We have seen a small increase of 5% on the liability and 2.5% on the all risks scheme but this is the first increase for 4 years and still represents excellent value for money.

Renewals continue to be sent by email so please ensure you have received this and have dealt with the renewal. Please let myself or Saffron know if you have changed officers and have not received your invitation to renew.

No days of grace are granted with insurance and it is vital that your insurance is renewed on or before the 1st December 2020. Should you not renew on time, you will then have to arrange a new policy with Saffron and will still pay the full annual premium.

I would ask you give insurance the attention it warrants and deal with your insurance renewal promptly. It should not be for Saffron Insurance to have to start phoning and emailing, chasing clubs for payment.

NATIONAL PARKS AND EXTENDED RALLIES Peter Brown

We still have vacancies on the ACCEO Committee and currently do not have anyone to take on the Role of National Parks and Extended Rallies Officer. As well as continuing as Association Secretary, I will caretake this role until we have a volunteer to take it on.

There may well be rally application forms that contain the name and address of previous holders of the post so please do ignore that and email applications to nationalparks@acceo.org

National Park Rallies

Can I remind you that, as well as complying with the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, all rallies that are planned within the boundary of any National Park must have the approval of the relevant Park. To process requests for approval, ACCEO must have applications for rallies in National Parks before the 1st of May of the year PRECEDING the rally. All of the applications we received for 2021 rallies have been approved. Any applications for 2022 must be received before 1 May 2021.

Extended Rallies

ACCEO Member Clubs who do not hold Paragraph 4 Exemption status are free (on request) to make use of the ACCEO Paragraph 4 Certificate with ACCEO making a tenancy agreement with the landowner and giving relevant notice to the local planning authority. These rallies can be up to 28 days in length. For this work to be completed, ACCEO must receive the Extended Rally application form at least 12 weeks before the date that the rally is planned to start.

ACCEO Paragraph 6 rallies – Services to ACCEO Member Clubs

To potentially increase attendance at club rallies, ACCEO Member Clubs can use the ACCEO Paragraph 6 certificate instead of their own and open the rally to any member of any ACCEO Member Club.

Relevant Application Forms are in the Services area of the ACCEO website or available on request too.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER Gaynor Hart

All club membership renewals have been sent out. If you haven't received it, the form can be found at www.acceo.org/membership. It would be great if we could have the renewals in as soon as possible.

Personal membership forms can also be found on the same page just a little further down. Personal membership is still £5 for the year. Many members usually renew at the NEC or at the AGM so do not forget you will need to pop it in the post to me this year. We are not able to take personal membership renewals by bank transfer.

EXHIBITIONS OFFICER Elaine Nicholls

As you are all aware February 2020 was the last show ACCEO attended, sadly it would appear that the next show we will be able to attend is October 2021. I am looking forward to seeing you all again in the Hospitality Lounge at the NEC.

THE NATIONAL RALLY Julia Derbyshire

The National Rally of 2020 was very different to the ones we have had before and indeed very different to the one planned. After the spring lockdown it was unclear whether the National would take place at all. But once we were allowed to go away in our units it was good news to hear it would continue, but in a different format to normal.

The National took place at Ludlow Racecourse in the lovely Shropshire countryside. The racecourse itself has sweeping views of the area and particularly of the Cleve Hills. It was an easy walk from the site to the Ludlow Food Centre. This is a food hall specialising in local produce. They have their own butchery, bakery and cheese counter. An extensive selection of wines, spirits, tinned goods, frozen and fresh produce. Next door is a cafe, garden centre and The Clive restaurant.

Ludlow itself is a medieval town with its castle and beautiful black and white buildings, the town is full of independent

shops, restaurants and pubs. So many places to visit in the area including Shrewsbury and Carding Mill Valley.

The meet was a free and easy and of course no social activity could be organised. The weather was not in our favour and there was persistent rain all weekend, but it was still good to chat to some members. Despite the inclement weather over 50 units attended which was excellent considering the circumstances.

The ACCEO AGM took place Saturday afternoon with extra hygiene measures and social distancing. So, it was good to see some important procedures continuing and a very successful AGM.

The sun did shine on Sunday as we were packing up to leave. We will be back next year to enjoy the area again and hopefully to enjoy the social activities planned including two nights of live entertainment.



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ACCEO Companions 20th AGM

Ludlow Racecourse Saturday 3rd October 2020

Present

Chair. Gaynor Hart (GH)
Treasurer. David Thompson (DT)

Chairman's welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 10.30. She welcomed those present to the meeting in these very surreal times which has affected attendance with no ACCEO Companion members present on the ACCEO National Rally.

Apologies for absence

Mr & Mrs Jevon

Chairman's report

Obviously these have been surreal times and it has been a strange year. But GH hoped that all our members had stayed safe and those that were not shielding were once again using their units even if it be in a different way to normal with all social parts of rallies being cancelled. GH wished all members a safe year and hoped more will be in attendance next year.

Finance Officers report

DT the finance reported that there had been no financial transactions over the last year for the ACCEO Companions. So the balance remains at £0.

Any other business

GH asked if there was any other business - there was not.

Meeting closed at 10.45 by GH

Next meeting to be at Ludlow Racecourse Saturday 2nd October 2021 at 10.30 in the meeting room.

ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN AND CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS

Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting

held at Ludlow Racecourse

on Saturday 3rd October 2020

The Meeting opened at 2:00pm

1. Opening Remarks by the Association Chairman

The Association Chairman, Ian Derbyshire, said he was pleased that this Annual General Meeting was able to go ahead as a physical meeting, albeit under the constraints of the COVID-19 regulations and guidance, and thanked everyone present for attending.

He asked all present to observe a Minutes Silence for Members who were no longer with us.

2. Convening the Meeting

The Chairman then asked the Association Secretary to convene the meeting.

The Association Secretary, Peter Brown, read the Convening Notice for the 37th ACCEO AGM, explained the procedures for Delegates to speak and to vote, and then declared the meeting open.

3. Appointment of Tellers

The Chairman said there was no requirement for tellers this year, due to the reduced number of delegates present.

4. Those Present and Apologies for Absence

Present: Eleven Member Clubs were represented at the AGM:

AAOCC
All Year Round Caravan Club
Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club
Bessacarr Owners Club
Bridge Club (2014)
Bürstner UK Owners' Club
Historic Caravan Club
Compass Club
MURVI Club
Pilote Owners Association
Wessex Winter Caravanners

Apologies: Member Clubs had been asked not to send Apologies for Absence this year, but an extract of the Apology received from Life Member Eddie Wonfor is reproduced below:

“Due to the current pandemic and my advancing years, Brenda and I have decided not to renew our beloved 13 year old caravan at the moment, so regret we will be unable to attend the 37th AGM. Will you therefore give the meeting mine and Brenda’s apologies. We hope that you have a fruitful and happy rally and please remember us to all who know us.”

Eddie is a former Chairman of ACCEO and has given huge support to the Association over the years.

5. Minutes of the 36th ACCEO AGM held at the Ukrainian Youth Centre, Derbyshire on 5th October 2019

The minutes of the 36th ACCEO AGM having been circulated in the prescribed manner were put to the Meeting for approval as a true record of the proceedings. This was:

Proposed by Mick Whitehouse (AAOCC)

Seconded by Reia Jones (Wessex Winter Caravanners)

All voted in favour. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

There were none.

7. Officers' Reports *(written reports had been circulated previously)*

(a) Chairman. Ian Derbyshire advised that all Officers' Reports had been circulated in advance, but some Officers may wish to add to, or update, these. All would be happy to take any questions on them. He wished to add his deep and sincere thanks to all those attending the rally and AGM in these difficult times. He assured them that ACCEO had taken every possible precaution to ensure the premises were COVID-secure and to keep everyone safe.

He also urged those present to consider putting themselves forward to join the Executive Committee as, apart from needing to fill vacant posts, we could always use fresh ideas. Roger Pepper (MURVI Club) said that even if none of the delegates present were able to join, there might be members of their clubs who would consider joining, so all should take this message back with them.

(b) Association Secretary. Peter Brown had nothing to add to his report. There were no questions.

(c) Finance Officer. David Thompson had no further points to add to his report. He confirmed that he had proposed no change to annual subscriptions.

The Chairman announced that the accounts were now open for discussion.

There was none.

The Chairman then asked for a proposer and a seconder that the accounts be adopted:

Proposed by Mick Whitehouse (AAOCC)
Seconded by Phil Davison (Compass Club)

It was put to the vote and all were in favour.

(d) Insurance Officer. Ian Derbyshire had nothing to add to his report.

Brian Hurst (Bürstner UK Owners' Club) said his club had been discussing Public Liability Insurance and asked about Directors' Insurance.

Ian Derbyshire said he had enquired about this cover before on behalf of Member Clubs but it had proved quite expensive, and the clubs had decided not to proceed with it.

(e) Publications Officer. Elaine Nicholls had no further points to add to her Publications Officer and Exhibition Team report.

(f) National Parks & Extended Rallies Officer. Not present, but the Chairman said if there were any questions the Committee would note them and respond in due course.

(g) National Rally Co-ordinator. Not present, but the Chairman said if there were any questions the Committee would note them and respond in due course.

(h) Membership Officer. Gaynor Hart had nothing to add to her report. She was pleased to note that membership numbers were remaining steady and that there were enquiries coming in from new clubs.

She said that Personal Members could renew their membership by paying during this rally and they would get their new cards in the post.

(i) Webmaster. Not present, but the Chairman said if there were any questions the Committee would note them and respond in due course.

8. Election of Executive Committee Members

The Chairman advised that there were 7 vacancies on the Executive Committee at this AGM, the vacancies having been notified to Member Clubs in the prescribed manner.

The 3 nominations received by the due date were for Peter Brown, Chris Lowery, and Rose Bunce; accordingly, all 3 are duly elected to the Committee.

He further advised that the Committee would be meeting later that afternoon to decide which officers will fill which post and that will be announced in due course.

9. Presidential Appointments

The Chairman was pleased to be able to tell the AGM that John Rowe and Tony Smith had agreed to continue as Vice-Presidents of the Association for the coming year.

10. Appointment of Holding Trustees

The Chairman explained that the Association needs to have Holding Trustees in order to satisfy the appropriate Government Department requirements under Paragraph 4 of the First Schedule of The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, whereby the Association must have the legal status to be able to take an interest in land, usually by leases. The lease agreement may be oral if for less than 3 years duration.

The Holding Trustees must satisfy themselves that any land so leased and/or occupied by a Member Organisation is properly supervised at all times. The Holding Trustees are also responsible for ensuring that any payments due for the lease of this land are properly made to the person entitled to receive them. The Executive Committee has appointed the holders of the following posts as its Holding Trustees for the coming year:

Chair

Vice-Chair

Extended Rallies Officer

Finance Officer

Association Secretary

11. Any Other Business

There was none.

12. Date, Time, and Venue of Next AGM

The Chairman said that the 38th Annual General Meeting of the Association would be held at Ludlow Racecourse on Saturday 2nd October 2021 at 2:00pm.

Closing Business

The Chairman thanked the All Year Round Caravan Club for acting as Host Club for this National Rally and making such an excellent job of it. The extra effort put into making and maintaining the premises COVID-secure was very much appreciated. The Members present concurred, with long applause.

The Chairman then declared the AGM closed at 2:22pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

(Chair)

Please note that these Minutes are subject to ratification at the next AGM.

(These Minutes (v2) were compiled by H I on 3rd Nov 2020)

Chairman's Report

Well, where do I start!

What a year 2020 has been for us all.

This time last year we were enjoying the National Rally at The Ukraine Centre and another successful AGM was under our belt.

This was then followed by two great shows in October & February at the NEC.

Then COVID '19 struck and that was the end of adventures for what seemed like forever.

For me personally, I'm away in my caravan every weekend and also take several holidays including going abroad with the caravan, so staying at home for 4 months came as quite a shock after 30 years of being out on the rally field every weekend. I certainly missed walking around and chatting to everyone and of course the socials. The good news is the garden is looking the best it's ever been!

During the year, Robin Wilkinson stepped down as Chairman and as Vice Chairman I stepped into the role of Chairman, I would like to extend our thanks to Robin for his time on the ACCEO Committee.

We have several positions on the committee becoming vacant and we need new people to join us to help continue with ACCEO's work. Please speak to myself or any of the committee and we would be happy to have a chat with you.

I would also like to thank our current executive committee for everything they have done, especially this year with the outbreak of COVID and also helping and supporting me in my new role. We all give up our time freely to be part of ACCEO.

The Government guidelines changes almost weekly and at the time of writing this the ACCEO Committee have worked together to formulate a plan for the 2020 National/AGM but things could have changed for the better or worse by the time we arrive.

I know you will work with us to ensure that any and all safety measures and Government guidelines are met and adhered to.

Ian Derbyshire

Finance Officers Report for year ended 30th June 2020

What a year this has been for us all, last year as we sat in the meeting at the Ukrainian Centre we would never have guessed the situation that we find ourselves in today.

There hasn't been much activity with our account since March but once again I am pleased to report that the Association remains in a healthy financial situation with the balance sheet showing a profit of £3,730.00.

Notes to the accounts

Income:-

Club Membership income is up on last year.

Commission income is significantly up because there were late payments received from the financial year 2018/19.

As I reported last year the 2018 National Rally made a profit of £1,604.00. We as a committee agreed to reduce the price of the 2019 Rally in an effort to attract more clubs/members to join us and to also run the rally closer to breaking even rather than a profit making exercise. The result of this was a £51.00 loss which we are well capable of carrying.

Expenditure:-

Committee & other meeting costs have lowered slightly mainly due to the fact that the committee have had no meeting and travel expenses since March.

The balance sheet still continues to show a healthy position and is able to cope with future requirements for the year 2020/2021.

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

David Thompson Finance Officer

ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN AND CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS
2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisation
Income and expenditure account for the year ended 30 June 2020**

		2020		2019
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Club Membership fees	8,942		6,573	
Personal Members Subs	1,190		590	
National Rally income	3,155		4,577	
Advertising AM	1,700		4,175	
Commission	3,035		1,766	
AM Sales	210		-	
Interest received	35		40	
Lanyard Sales			-	
Donation				
Sundries	462		-	
		18,729		17,721
EXPENDITURE				
National Rally costs	3,206		2,973	
Exhibition Costs	2,232		2,949	
Committee & other meeting costs	1,364		2,939	
Postage	220		259	
Stationery	167		96	
Insurance	1,489		1,170	
AGM Costs	940		1,000	
Chairmans lunch - AGM	-		138	
Software and web	120		480	
AM Print & distribution	4,595		4,163	
Advertising	-		-	
PO Box	312		322	
Telephone	-		-	
Sundry	105		-	
Repairs & renewals	-		-	
Accountancy	250		250	
		15,000		16,739
Net Loss/Profit		3,730		982

**Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisation
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020**

	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	40,451		36,688	
Prepayments	912		945	
	<u>41,363</u>		<u>37,633</u>	
Current liabilities				
Creditors & Accruals	<u>250</u>		<u>250</u>	
Net assets		<u>41,113</u>		<u>37,383</u>
Reserves				
Balance at start		37,383		36,401
Less Loss for year				-
Profit		<u>3,730</u>		<u>982</u>
		<u>41,113</u>		<u>37,383</u>

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

In accordance with instructions given to me the attached financial statements have been prepared without carrying out an audit from the accounting records of the Association of Caravan & Camping Exempted Organisation and from information and explanations supplied to me.

S & A Bookkeeping Services
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Grimsargh
Preston
PR2 5LN

Date:

CLIENT APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

I approve the financial statements on behalf of ACCEO and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

.....
D. Thompson
Finance Officer
On behalf of the Committee

Date:

Association Secretary

This year has been the busiest and most challenging with respect to supporting ACCEO since I joined the committee.

I've received many telephone calls and e-mails from ACCEO member clubs seeking support during the ongoing circumstances invoked through the emergence of the Covid-19 virus. At times it has been difficult to focus on matters that ACCEO is qualified in such as camping legislation and club management without straying into areas that are a matter of public health but I believe we have managed to do that.

At the time of writing we have members from ten clubs booked into the National Rally but only one club has registered a representative to attend the AGM, there is still time for other clubs to register in the manner already notified to clubs.

Peter Brown

Membership Officers AGM Report 2020

End of the summer again, so that means back to school and time to write the ACCEO membership report.

It is normal that I write here that we have had amazing caravanning adventures since the last ACCEO AGM. We all know that this year has been far from normal, in fact, quite surreal. We put our caravan away on the day of lockdown (Sunday 22nd March – Mothers Day) and it sat in storage for 14 weeks until July 4th when we spent one night at one of our favourite CLs just outside Uttoxeter. I will admit we did venture over to storage (when we were allowed to travel) just to make sure the wheels hadn't gone square!! We have been out every weekend since July 4th (variety of CLs and rallies) ensuring that we are keeping ourselves and others safe at all times. It is amazing to be back in the caravan even though we are in a new normal for the foreseeable future.

Both Matthew and I continued to work throughout lockdown. Calvin actually travelled more miles than we did as he took advantage of the time allowed out for exercise and became acquainted with the local canal network around us and Cannock Chase. ACCEO were faced with a number of emails and enquiries over the lockdown period, so the committee were still working on your behalf.

Time for the facts and figures ...

The Association consists of 160 exempted organisations

Reported membership numbers of ACCEO member organisations total 36,398. This being the sum of declared membership reported to Membership Officer. This again is up from last year with the declared membership being 35,166 which is encouraging for our clubs.

Clubs with total membership - 6 Clubs arrange Personal membership of ACCEO for all of their members. Where the club subs is waived. 173 personal members of the association are drawn from this source.

There are 294 Personal Members (which includes 28 Life Members) supporting the Association. Personal membership of the association gives each member the benefit of a copy of each issue of ACCEO matters delivered to their home address and the knowledge that they are supporting the association.

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 altered. This makes it easier for the association to contact all clubs in an efficient, cost effective way. Once again I had a super response to renewals this year with a number of clubs opting to pay by BACs.

As usual Matthew and Calvin have been amazingly supportive to my work with ACCEO, so big thank you to you both for being there for me and the association.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable rally even though it is very different this year.

Gaynor Hart August 2020

Publication and Exhibition Officer's Report

It is difficult to evaluate 2020. ACCEO was fortunate to have attended both the October 19 and February 20 shows held at the NEC. Both shows were successful as far as the ACCEO Hospitality Lounge was concerned. Thank you to all of you that popped in for a sit down and a chat, it is always lovely to see everybody. We were particularly pleased with the February attendance as we had moved from Hall 4 to Hall 3 for our lounge. Thankfully most of you found us.

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 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. Sadly the show this October is not taking place but we are hopeful that the show in February 2021 will be. Your support will be much appreciated and you will have free entry to the show on the day.

ACCEO Matters has been produced as usual during lockdown, sadly with very little content in the latest issue. I was due to publish lots of celebrations for a couple of clubs that had plans to celebrate their big birthdays during 2020. Hopefully you have been able to put these on hold until 2021 or until we return to a 'normal but different' world. I also have a celebration on hold as Boris shut us down the day before my 65th Birthday, thankfully I was able to have a smaller celebration with my family on the Sunday as it was Mother's Day. I know that lots of clubs had big celebrations planned during 2020, hopefully

these plans can be carried out in 2021.

As most of you know, I have been the Editor of ACCEO Matters for many years. A couple of years ago, I started to feel that I had done as much as I could as Editor and time for me had run its course. I decided to stay on the Committee for the time being as Editor as ACCEO didn't have an immediate replacement. Sadly, time has now come for me to end my role on the Committee as Editor, unfortunately at the time of producing this report ACCEO does not yet have a replacement Editor.

During Committee meeting there have been many discussions about the future of AM but the bottom line is that whatever form it takes, it will require somebody to put it together as a magazine. If you feel that you could produce the magazine, please contact me on ameditor@acceo.org. Or if you would like to discuss the production of the magazine with me further, please contact me on 07977051438. When I became Editor, I was not on the ACCEO Committee, I just produced the magazine and attended the Committee meeting for my part of it. I personally feel that the Editorial role ought to be a Committee position, but it would be for the Committee to decide.

If the magazine isn't produced, I am not sure what ACCEO will have to offer its Personal Members or its Advertisers. My personal opinion is that the magazine is important to the Member Clubs and the Personal Members.

I will be continuing on the ACCEO Committee as Exhibitions Officer; hopefully I will see you all in February 2021 at the NEC.

And, last but not least, thank you to my husband Tony, who supports me 120% with my ACCEO roles.

Elaine Nicholls Exhibition Team/AM Editor

National Rally Officer

Hello everyone

The ACCEO National Rally this year is a very different animal to what we are used to, lets hope we can find away to return to a more stable way of life in 2021 and we can put the threat of Covid behind us.

The National will be back at Ludlow next year so please come and join us for we hope a more traditional rally.

Enjoy yourselves and have fun in 2020/2021 Chris Lowery

Insurance Officers Report

The club public liability insurance remains a service that nearly all ACCEO clubs now use which is pleasing to see. This scheme is only available to ACCEO clubs and provides excellent cover.

Should your club not already have insurance via the ACCEO scheme, please speak to myself or Saffron Insurance when your insurance is next due to see what we can offer you.

If your club has no insurance, we would urge you to contact us without delay to discuss what we can offer as without insurance you are putting yourselves and your members at risk of being personally liable if a claim did occur.

My thanks go to the team at Saffron Insurance for everything they have done over the last 12 months, I have a good working relationship with the team at Saffron Insurance and I hope you will have seen the improvements they have made to the service they offer.

The commission we receive from Saffron Insurance for the insurance was received on time this year and is shown in the accounts.

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

Finally can we ask that once you receive the renewal for the insurance, your club makes prompt payment, no days of grace are granted and we do not wish to add to Saffron Insurance's workload by having to chase clubs for payment.

Ian Derbyshire ACCEO Insurance Officer

NATIONAL PARKS AND EXTENDED RALLIES Extended Rallies 2020

So far this year there have been 8 applications for extended rallies, most of which were cancelled due to Covid, I am unaware if the August rallies went ahead or not. There are no further extended rallies applied for so far this year

National Parks 2021

This year there have been 9 applications for National Parks Rallies for 2021, of these all have been approved except the Peak District I am still waiting for a reply, however a copy of there last email is attached

Pat Moyses

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