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Editor

This is the first issue of AM in 2017. I know a lot of you take your units out all the year, but I hope those of you that have had a break through the winter are looking forward to the start of the new season.

The NEC was very quiet for the ACCEO hospitality lounge this year; I do hope it was because you didn't attend the show and not because you couldn't locate the lounge. Remember every member of a member club and personal members are welcome in the lounge at both shows.

Lots of work is going on behind the scenes preparing for the National Rally and AGM which will take place at the Staffordshire Showground in October. The booking form for this rally has been included as a loose leaf in this issue of AM, it is also available on our website: www.acceo.org where it can be completed electronically. If you have any issues with the electronic booking form, please contact John Wilton via email to webmaster@acceo.org. If you have any queries regarding the National Rally please contact Robin Wilkinson via email nationalrallies@acceo.org. More details are on the poster included in this issue.

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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Insurance Matters

The club Insurance for Liability was again well received in August and as you will recall this was for 4 months to move the renewal date to the 1st December each year as asked for by the members.

However, renewals on the 1st December were not so well received, with a number of clubs late to pay and having to be chased by Grove Insurance.

Please support this scheme and Grove Insurance by making prompt payment to them, access to this facility is not something ACCEO or you the members want to put at risk.

On our ACCEO membership forms, we ask who is responsible for insurance matters and renewal notices go to this person from ACCEO. Please can you ensure this person then deals with this matter within your club. Grove Insurance had a number of conversations with these people who were telling Grove to the contact the secretary or the treasurer rather than passing the renewal notices on themselves.

I'm pleased to report on a lighter note that Grove Insurance facility is still well received with our clubs, we just would ask all clubs to help us to help Grove Insurance.

Finally please don't forget that you can recommend our members for their own insurance and if they arrange cover your club gets £5.00.

Ian Derbyshire



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ACCEO Committee Vacancies

ACCEO is administered by an Executive Committee consisting of up to 12 elected members. There are currently two vacancies for Committee members, and in addition the current National Parks and Extended Rallies Officer has declared his intention to retire from the Committee at the end of his term at the 2017 AGM and the Webmaster has declared his intention to retire from the Committee at the end of his term at the 2018 AGM.

As well as attending the AGM, the ACCEO Committee currently meets four times a year, this year's meetings being in January and May with a further two during the National Rally. The duration of the meeting varies depending on business but is usually 4 – 5 hours.

Ideally a person will join the Committee and spend time becoming familiar with ACCEO business and gaining experience before taking on a specific role when one becomes available. Each year, following the AGM, the Committee chooses from amongst its members' officers their specific roles within the Committee.

In between AGMs the Committee has the authority to co-opt members. Those wishing to put themselves forward for election to the Committee at an AGM may be nominated by a Member Club or by the Executive Committee.

If you feel you may be able to support ACCEO by joining the Committee and wish to know more, please contact me at secretary@acceo.org or on 07771 827711. It may also be possible for prospective members of the Committee to sit in on a meeting as an observer.

Peter Brown
Association Secretary

ACCEO meets Natural England Meeting

Along with Tony Smith and David Thompson, fellow officers of ACCEO, I met with the officers of Natural England who are responsible for issuing and policing Exemption Certificates at their office in Cambridge at the end of February.

During the previous year the senior NE officer we have dealt with in recent times had retired and it was good to have a chance to meet his replacement. As has become a custom in recent years, the meeting was conducted in a friendly but professional manner.

Both organisations confirmed that they were generally very happy with the status of exempted rallying in England although NE did unfortunately have to advise that they had withdrawn a camping certificate from one organisation following repeated complaints about noise and nuisance being caused during their rallies.

Towards the end of 2016, the Guide for Applicants was updated by NE after consultation with ACCEO, the CC (as it was then) and the C&CC. This is no longer available on any website but will be sent out when requested from NE. NE did mention that they are looking for a strong correlation between the model Code of Conduct published in the Guide and those of clubs applying for issue or renewal of Exemption Certificates. After the meeting I became aware that one ACCEO member club had to revise its Code of Conduct before NE would accept it for a renewal.

NE advised that any new applications for paragraph 5 exemption certificates will be subject to particular scrutiny; but also that no such applications have been made recently.

ACCEO outlined a proposed amendment to the guide of the Safety Spacing of Units to include advice that Stewards should consider the combustibility of fixed structures of the site when considering the distance units should be spaced from them. NE were happy with the proposal and, when completed, the amended guide on spacing will be included in the Guide to Applicants.

Peter Brown
Association Secretary

ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN AND CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS

Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting

held at Staffordshire County Showground

on Saturday 1st October 2016

The Meeting opened at 2:00pm

1. Opening Remarks by the Association Chairman

The Association Chairman, Rob Heath, said it was a pleasure to see everyone on the rally field and thanked them all for attending this Annual General Meeting. He went on to thank the Tiddlers & Crouchers Club for taking on the task of Host Club for this rally. He then asked the Association Secretary to convene the meeting.

2. Convening the Meeting

The Association Secretary read the Convening Notice for the 33rd ACCEO AGM, explained the procedures for Delegates to speak and to vote, and then declared the meeting open.

3. Appointment of Tellers

The Meeting agreed to the appointment of 2 non-voting tellers:

Matthew Hart (AAOCC)

Christine Mawdsley (Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club)

4. Those Present and Apologies for Absence

Member Clubs present on the Rally were recorded as:

AAOCC

All Seasons Caravan Club (The Doves)

Auto-Sleeper Owners' Club

Avondale Caravan Club

Bailey Owners Club

Bessacarr Owners Club

Bridge Club

Buccaneer Owners Club

Compass Club

Concraft Camping Club

Eccles Caravan Owners Club

Elddis Owners Club

Hymer Club International

Masonic Caravan Club of England & Wales

Northern Ralliers Camping Club

Quintet Plus Caravan Club

Rapido and Silver Caravanning Club

R.E.M.E. Association Caravan Club

Royale Owners Club
Safari Caravan Club
Spread Eagle Caravan Club
Swift Owners Club
Tiddlers & Crouchers Club
Touring Caravan Club
Wessex Winter Caravanners
Yorkshire Friends Ralliers
Zodiacs

and:

Dandy Owners Club
Historic Caravan Club

were represented at the AGM.

Apologies for Absence had been received from:

Abbey Caravan Club
Adria Owners Club
Astral Owners Club
B2B Camping Club
Carlight Enthusiasts Club
Castaway Caravanning & Camping Club
Catenian Caravanning Fellowship
Coachman Owners' Club
Dowty Camping Club
Friends of Leukaemia (Research) Caravan Club
Heart of England C&C Club
Jubilee Caravan Club
La Strada Club UK
Libra Charity Club Caravanning
Murvi Club
Seeboard Caravan and Camping Club
Suntreckers Caravan and Camping Club
The Association of Land Rover Clubs
The Vanmaster Association
United Reformed Church Caravan Fellowship
Warwickshire Nomads CCC
West Lancashire Masonic Caravan Club

and from ACCEO's Insurance Officer, Ian Derbyshire.

5. Minutes of the 32nd ACCEO AGM held at Staffordshire County Showground on 3rd October 2015

The minutes of the 32nd 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 Harold Phillips (Compass Club)
Seconded by Eddie Wonfor (Masonic Caravan Club of England & Wales)

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. Rob Heath said that he had had 7 very rewarding years as Chairman but it was time to move on and give someone else the opportunity to bring their skills to the job.

(b) Vice-Chairman. Chris Lowery said he was thoroughly enjoying being on the Committee and was looking forward to taking over the hot seat.

(c) Association Secretary. Peter Brown had no further points to add to his report.

(d) Finance Officer. David Thompson said the Accounts & Balance Sheet had been circulated. He advised of a couple of printing errors on the circulated sheets – at the bottom of the first page the figure 2,925 should read -2,925 and on the second page 42,558 should read 42,588. He further advised the meeting that the National Rally & AGM had now been made a self-supporting event, rather than being subsidised with Association funds, which accounted for the higher cost to Members. The Chairman then declared the accounts open for discussion and asked the Finance Officer to take any questions.

Stuart Casserley (Yorkshire Friends) wondered whether it would save postage costs to print AGM papers and AM on A5 rather than A4. The Chairman said he would ask the Committee to consider that suggestion.

There being no further questions the Chairman asked that the accounts be adopted.

Proposed by Josie Lane-Burford (Spread Eagle Caravan Club)

Seconded by Reia Jones (Wessex Winter Caravanners)

and carried unanimously.

(e) Insurance Officer. In the absence of Ian Derbyshire, the Association Secretary said he would take any questions and respond in due course. There were no questions.

(f) Publications Officer. Elaine Nicholls had no further points to add to her report.

(g) National Parks & Extended Rallies Officer. Tony Smith had nothing to add to his report.

(h) National Rally Co-ordinator. Robin Wilkinson said he had had a few enquiries as to why the nightly cost at the weekend is higher than the nightly cost during the week. The answer is that, like most showgrounds, they charge more for the hall hire at weekends; and the weekend rate here is 3 times the weekday rate.

(i) Membership Officer. Gaynor Hart thanked everyone for their patience whilst she got back to them on their queries; it is a question of balancing the demands of her ACCEO work and a full time job. She said that Matthew and Calvin would be taking Personal Membership applications and renewals at Flag in the morning.

(j) Webmaster. John Wilton had nothing to add to his report. He suggested that those present might like to check that their club is shown on the ACCEO rolling display. Whilst doing this they would notice that some have a club advertisement linked to their name and if their club did not have this link they might wish to. Just send it in to him and he will set it up. He said it was a very good way of promoting your club.

The Chairman thanked the Committee Members for the considerable effort they put into carrying out their work on the ACCEO Executive Committee. Some of this work is visible to Members but he was aware that a lot more of it just went on quietly behind the scenes; and without such dedicated effort the Association would not run as smoothly as it did, or be so successful in looking after the needs of its Member Clubs.

8. Election of Officers

The Chairman advised that 3 nominations had been received for the 5 posts which become vacant on the Executive Committee at this AGM, the vacancies having been notified to Member Clubs in the prescribed manner. The nominations received were for Peter Brown, John Wilton and Chris Lowery; accordingly, all three are duly elected to the Committee.

He further advised that the Committee would be meeting later that afternoon to decide which officers will fill each post and that will be announced immediately prior to the Prize Draw at Flag the next day.

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 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 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:

Chairman
Finance Officer
Extended Rallies Officer
Association Secretary

11. Motions Received for the Consideration of the AGM

No Motions had been received for consideration at this Meeting.

12. Any Other Business

The Chairman asked the delegates if they had any other business that related strictly to AGM matters, reminding the meeting that an Open Forum would follow shortly, providing everyone with an opportunity to discuss the affairs of the Association in general.

John Torrine (Concraft Camping Club) said he was sure he spoke for all present when he expressed his thanks to our retiring Chairman, Rob Heath, for the sterling job he had done over the past 7 years and wanted him to know just how much his unstinting efforts had been appreciated. Members present responded warmly.

John Rowe, Association Vice-President, said it had been a hugely enjoyable and rewarding experience serving with Rob on the ACCEO Committee. He added that Rob has a very inclusive style of leadership, always listening to his team and reflecting their collective opinion rather than any personal ones he might harbour. It makes for a very pleasant way of conducting ACCEO business,

all working together with everyone's viewpoints being given due weight. And 'Mum' and 'Dad' (as we all know them) also deserve our gratitude for the tremendous support they have given Rob throughout his long term of office. It has been an excellent 7 years. He wished Rob the very best for the future and wondered what he was going to do with all the extra time he would now have. He presented him with a token of ACCEO's appreciation.

13. Date, Time and Venue of Next AGM

The Chairman announced that the 34th Annual General Meeting of the Association is to be held at the Staffordshire County Showground, on Saturday 7th October 2017 at 2:00pm.

Closing Business

The Chairman thanked everyone, particularly the Tiddlers & Crouchers Club and their very willing helpers, for making this AGM and Rally such a success. Members responded with much applause.

He notified the Meeting that there would be a short Service at 9:30am on Sunday in the Tonge Suite, and all would be welcome.

He thanked all present for attending the AGM and stated that the Open Forum would commence after a short break at 2:45pm.

The Chairman then declared the AGM closed at 2:35pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

(Chairman)

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

(These Minutes were compiled by **HJ** on 9th Nov 2016)

Charity Rally 23rd -28th August 2017

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LIBRA CHARTY CLUB “caravanning” INVITE TO ACCEO MEMBERS **THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

18th November 2017 tickets for show are £41.50 per person if we get 20 or more, seats in row J & K. Make your own way to Thursford for 7.00pm, for this spectacular show with a cast of 130, each show is a pageant of colour, the music a seamless transition from up-beat dance routine to a choral rendition of a Christmas carol together with variety and humour. A show which would not be out of place in any or London's West End Theatres and has the extra magic of its fairground carousels and mechanical organs as a back drop, with the whole building a riot of twinkling lights, trees and animation. SORRY NO CHILDREN UNDER EIGHT.

A £10 deposit must accompany your booking (cheques made payable to N Crick please) to Spinney End, 26 Straight Furlong, Pymoor, CB6 2EG, the balance to be paid by the end of August 2017.

LIBRA CHARTY CLUB “caravanning” East Rudham Rally—This rally is being run to coincide with the Thursford invitation

East Rudham, Recreation Ground PE31 8RF 5 night rally 15th to 20th November 2017
Site fees £8.00 per night

Rally opens 1 pm Wednesday plus limited EHU
Limit 15 vans ON CAR PARK IF WET 1 EHU to charge batteries

Rally Information:-

Thursday – Soup, Sausage and Mash & Dessert

Friday - free & easy, Fish & chips in pavilion

Saturday Thursford Show

Sunday - Out to lunch if you wish, evening cheese & wine in the pavilion

Sandringham Christmas fair open all weekend Fri - Sun Crafts, Food & Gifts.

Directions from Kings Lynn take A148 to East Rudham at start of village green turn sharp right into School road. From Fakenham take A148 to East Rudham at end of village green turn left, School road. Look for Libra signs

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LIBRA CHARTY CLUB “caravanning” INVITE TO ACCEO MEMBERS **NEW YEAR RALLY**

28th December 2017 to 2nd January 2018
Tottenham Village Hall, Whin Common Road. PE31 0RS
Rally fee £150- £175
Van limit 25

Electricity- Everyone should get some, some of the time just keeps battery up but not all the time, we must share, long leads needed please.

Rally starts 12 noon not before please

There will be a full rally programme, entertainment including, 54321 duo, The Squeegees, Bushwacker Roadshow and more. Food will be served each day.

New Year's Eve (old year's night) a Gala Dinner an opportunity to “Glam up” then celebrate into the early hours
New Year's Day a brunch, a very full English, evening, light meal, entertainment

Sorry but we must charge a £20 per van non-refundable deposit. Cheques made payable to **Libra charity club** please. Non-refundable balance to be paid by the end of October. Any booking after 1st Oct. must be paid in full at time of booking.

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Information Sheet No 01

What is ACCEO?

THE ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN AND CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS

WHAT IS ACCEO? The Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations is a group of over 200 caravan, motorhome and camping clubs (Member Clubs) all of whom hold a Certificate of Exemption.

The ACCEO Executive Committee is elected from members of Member Clubs to represent the combined interests of the clubs.

Currently almost 400 clubs hold Exemption Certificates although not all of them rally with caravans, motorhomes or tents. ACCEO represents over three quarters of those who do organise such rallies.

WHAT DOES THE ASSOCIATION DO?

ACCEO works closely with Government Departments and Authorities on behalf of its Member Clubs.

ACCEO is also able to provide both services and access to facilities which are not directly available to individual clubs.

CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTION

In order to rally on land with more than one caravan and without the need to apply for a caravan site licence or local council planning permission, rallying clubs must hold a Certificate of Exemption.

There are three Certificates of Exemption that most rallying clubs will utilise in organising caravan rallies, two of these come under the "Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960" and the third under the "Public Health Act 1936: Section 269".

The Certificate of Exemption that most clubs would hold is a Paragraph 6 Certificate which enables caravan and motorhome clubs to rally on land without a caravan site licence for up to a maximum of 5 days (5 consecutive twenty-four hour periods).

A Paragraph 4 Certificate would enable caravan and motorhome clubs to rally for a longer period; but certificate holders have agreed to limit this to twenty-eight days.

In order for camping clubs to rally under the same conditions and for caravan and motorhome clubs to be able to allow tents and trailer tents on their rallies, they would also need to gain a "Public Health Act 1936: Section 269" Certificate of Exemption.

Although the Paragraph 4 Certificate of Exemption is mentioned again in the section "Extended Rallies", further information on all three certificates will be available in other ACCEO Information Sheets.

EXTENDED RALLIES

For organisations prepared to establish themselves with the legal status to take a lease of land, enter into such leases and participate in a consultation with the relevant local planning authority the opportunity exists for that organisation to apply for its own Paragraph 4 exemption certificate. However to make life easier for Member Clubs who would like to run extended rallies without going through that process, ACCEO can facilitate those rallies through the ACCEO Certificate of Exemption.

RALLIES IN NATIONAL PARKS

Rallies in National Parks cannot be held without first being approved by the appropriate National Park Officer.

Approval is necessary some one year in advance and must be obtained through a 'clearing' procedure, which is not directly accessible to individual clubs.

ACCEO is a national clearing house liaising with all National Parks to co-ordinate an approved annual rally programme with the relevant authorities.

ADVICE TO CLUBS

THE ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN AND CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS

6 Thornes Office Park, Monckton Road, Wakefield. WF2 7AN

07423 652581

www.acceo.org

ACCEO is able to give advice on matters of vital importance to clubs and issues a series of information sheets on specific subjects.

Guidance and assistance is offered to Member Clubs when difficulties arise which may threaten their privilege to hold a Certificate of Exemption.

The Association Magazine 'ACCEO Matters' is published three times a year and keeps Member Clubs informed on matters of interest and importance.

The ACCEO website (www.acceo.org) is also used to keep Member Clubs advised and informed. Member Clubs should ensure that all of their members know how to access this increasingly important method of communication.

INSURANCE SERVICES

A range of specially designed insurance schemes is offered to Member Clubs and their members and to Personal Members. Most clubs are affiliated to the ACCEO Public Liability Policy for a very reasonable annual premium.

ACCEO RALLIES

The Association organises a National and AGM Rally each year, with the AGM being on the first Saturday in October.

The rally arrangements are made by a volunteer Host Club in conjunction with Officers of the Association. Personal Members of the Association as well as members of the Association's Member Clubs are able to meet like-minded ralliers and enjoy the organised entertainment.

Member Clubs are also able to run Invitation Rallies where the Association makes arrangements that permit the attendance of other Member Clubs.

HISTORY

After the Second World War, caravanning as a leisure pursuit was perceived by the governments of the time to be growing rapidly in an uncontrolled manner. This perception resulted in the "Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960" which is still operating over 50 years on and is the legislation under which your club was granted a Certificate of Exemption permitting you to hold rallies on unlicensed land.

In 1976 the government called a meeting at Beaulieu to ascertain how the Act was working. Arising from these discussions the Department of the Environment (*now "DEFRA" – Natural England*) issued in 1978 a Consultative Document which was to introduce a degree of control of caravan rallies to prevent over-use of popular sites and, in particular, the National Parks. The tone of this document caused some alarm amongst ralliers who, discerning a possible threat to their pastime, determined that clubs must group together to provide a single voice and thus be in a stronger position to guard their interests.

Two groups formed in 1979, firstly the National Federation of Caravan Owners' Clubs (NFCOC), which as its name suggests was composed mainly of Owners' Clubs, and shortly afterwards came the Confederation of Caravan and Camping Clubs (4C's) comprised of other Social and Works Clubs. Later there was an attempt to enlarge the group by including the Caravan Club and the Camping & Caravan Club, but the initiative failed.

Both groups continued to operate in parallel, each operating their own 'clearing houses' for rallies in the National Parks. This duplication was expensive in time, effort and money and eventually led in 1985 to a merger to form the Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations (ACCEO). The Department of the Environment was enthusiastic about the creation of ACCEO and granted the Association a Certificate of Exemption limited to 5 day rallies initially and some four years later, when the Association altered its Constitution to become a Recreational Trust, rallies of up to 28 days could be arranged as controlled by the 1960 Act.

AND So!

Finally, ACCEO exists to protect the interests of ralliers in general and its Member Clubs in particular. It is totally independent and run by a committee of elected unpaid officers who are all experienced regular rallying caravanners, motorcaravanners and campers themselves.

The answer to the question "What is ACCEO?" is, then, "You are!" Each club forms approximately one 200th part of the Association and each Personal Member supports the work of the Association.

Details of Corporate and Personal Membership are available via contact links on www.acceo.org or by writing to the ACCEO main address.

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show 21th—26st February 2017

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make tea, coffee and chatted in the



Hospitality Lounge at the recent Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show at the NEC. It was lovely to meet so many of you and we hope you all enjoyed your sit down and the bank balance wasn't hit too hard.



It would have been lovely to see more of you; ACCEO has this facility at both shows, there is no charge, it is our way to say thank you all for your continuing support.

Also, remember that we display club posters in the Lounge area and have a presentation running on a monitor at the show displaying our member clubs. It would be great if you could let our Webmaster John Wilton have up to date displays. We do destroy out of date posters so if possible ensure the information is timeless.

Email :- webmaster@acceo.org

If any club representative as any queries, please contact either John or myself.

Elaine Nicholls
Exhibitions Team



Avon Bank Meadow

Riverside Caravan Site

- * Riverside Location set in 5 acres
- * Open all year round
- * Fishing
- * Canoeing & Kayaking
- * Riverside Walks
- * Local Pubs
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A RECORD 94,612 VISITORS AT THE CARAVAN, CAMPING AND MOTORHOME SHOW 2017

The Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show 2017 finished on 26 February with over 94,000 visitors through its doors: 7,023 more than 2016. The weekend peaked with 25,349 visiting the show on Saturday and over 45,000 visitors attending across the two days of the weekend.

The show's media coverage reflected the nation's interest in caravans, camping and motorhomes, with Radio 2's Chris Evans championing the event during Tuesday's breakfast show, and ITV's This Morning presenting a range of products on London's South Bank during its live broadcast.

Despite midweek gales disrupting roads and public transport in the Midlands, exhibitors still reported strong sales figures from the event. Director of Sales and Marketing for Auto-Trail, Scott Stephens reported that "show sales have highlighted how many customers are entering into motorhoming which is a great sign for the industry on the whole." The announcement of a re-brand by The Caravan Club to The Caravan and Motorhome Club also reflected the growth in motorhome ownership*.

The caravan industry also confirmed a positive result. Unveiling a one-off Joules-designed touring caravan, Lunar's UK Sales Director, Lee Roberts said that he saw "good footfall throughout the show, complemented by a great buying audience, making this February's show the best yet." The Coachman Caravan company reported an increase of 22% in retail sales compared to the previous year. Elliot Hibbs, Managing Director said "2017 has been positive for the industry as a whole and we have enjoyed an increase in demand for our product range."

Swift showed its S-Pod 4 holiday lodge for the first time and reported strong interest. Nick Page, Group Commercial Director commented that "this has been our most successful February show for years with retail sales increasing by 26% on touring caravans and 34% on motorhomes."

Launches included the Sonic Supreme 810SC by Adria. Managing Director, Slavica Sterk said, "The show has strengthened Adria's position in the market," suggesting that while products are not traditionally launched at the February show, overall public response surpassed expectations.

Omar Park and Leisure Homes unveiled the Wessex Hideaway lodge and were very pleased at the general interest across its lodges. Peter Berwick, the Group Sales and Design Director said that the show is "an opportunity to showcase top end models across the Wessex and Omar brands and gives us the chance to get valuable feedback from customers."

Camping equipment brand Vango created a great buzz in Hall 5 thanks to the AirBeam Challenge, letting members of the public race against the clock to inflate a full sized tent. Vango saw record sales again at the show, with the Kela II DriveAway Awning and Inspire 800XXL eight-berth tent leading the way. Ivan Davies, Account Manager said that "the show really launches our year."

"The February show's attendance endorses the optimistic outlook for our industry, which continues to grow," said John Lally, CEO - NCC Events Ltd. "We are also pleased to see that the demographic of those attending the show continues to diversify, with engagement from those new to the industry."

A whole host of celebrities took to the Discovery Theatre stage throughout the show. Appearances included Ben Fogle, Barney Harwood, Kate Humble, Julia Bradbury and Sam Quek. Live cookery demonstrations from Monica Rivron, Selasi Gbormittah, Welsh chefs Mike Bates and Colin Gray also graced the stage.

Displays included the Lego® caravan, which featured in a Facebook Live RSS stream organised by Guinness World Records, and the highly popular Dog Agility arena. Additional attractions for visiting families included trampolines in the Bounce Zone, bushcraft workshops, climbing wall, artificial caving and a virtual reality of Europe's longest zip wire in the North Wales LIVE area, and a Woodland Assault Course in partnership with The Woodland Trust.



ACCEO National Rally 2017

Staffordshire County Showground

Weston Road, Stafford. ST18 0BD

4th – 9th October 2017

Hosted by the Touring Caravan Club



Full Social Programme

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Thursday	Music Quiz
Friday	Live Entertainment
Saturday	ACCEO AGM Live Entertainment
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The Rally Marshals can be contacted on 07934 968183. This phone will be switched on at 9:00 on Wednesday 4th October and will remain live for the duration of the rally.

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Spare Tyres

I have just tripped over our caravan's spare tyre! It was in our garage and I completely forgot it was there as I manhandled a dustbin out for its fortnightly emptying. Fortunately no harm was done, but it made me think of tyres and spare wheels and the forth coming season. Our spare is carried in the caravan and has to be lifted out and put under each time we settle on a pitch. A solution to this is to carry the spare on a cradle that fits under the caravan.

However, having had a couple of punctures on the road, I don't think I could get at the spare if it was underneath because the caravan would have dropped, on a flat tyre. It was a struggle to get the jack under the caravan at a safe jacking point, let alone get at a spare, which meant that I would have been scrambling under the caravan whilst it was jacked up—a recipe for disaster, if ever there was one! No, I'll have to carry on manhandling the spare.

On the subject of jacks, I once used a scissor jack to raise the caravan for a tyre change and it jumped the thread on the screw. I found it quite a struggle to raise the caravan with it as it took such an effort to turn the handle. I have never trusted a scissor jack since. I favour hydraulic systems and carry a bottle jack in the caravan and a small trolley jack in the car. Between the two, I manage to tackle wheel changes on the caravan reasonably well.

But it does pay to think about a wheel change situation well in advance? Was the spare tyre's pressure checked when the caravan tyres were checked? Can the wheel nuts be turned with a wheel brace after the new tyre was fitted? There can't be anything more frustrating than being unable to move a wheel nut by hand when stuck on some isolated road in Europe!

One really serious piece of advice I offer is to fit Tyron Bands to your caravan wheels. They are not cheap, but then can you put a price on safety? They could be the difference between writing off a caravan and a safe exit onto the hard shoulder. There really isn't any room for risk, is there?

Michael Clear



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Whitchurch, a bustling market town is just 2 miles away, take time out for a coffee, browse around the gift shops, buy local meat or have a meal at one of the pubs or restaurants.

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Herefordshire

4 acre well maintained rally field at Oakleigh, St Owens Cross. 4 miles from Ross on Wye with views towards the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean.

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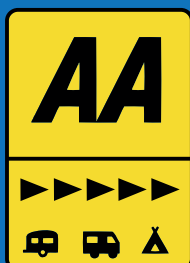
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