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Hope you have all managed to have lovely weather when you have been out and about in your units. We aren't going to be as lucky as last Summer with the wall to wall sunshine for several months but I am sure there are still some good weeks to be had.

Plans for the ACCEO National Rally and AGM are well under way. As last year the venue is the Ukrainian Youth Centre in Weston on Trent, Derbyshire. The rally runs for 5 nights, Wednesday 2nd to Monday 7th October 2019.

It will be lovely to see you this year, please come along, there isn't any electricity but no need to worry, there are plenty of battery charging facilities. All you have to do is ask, so please don't go without power. Any number of club members can attend; if you are the only member of your club who wants to attend, don't be put off as you will be very welcome and not be alone on the field or in the room. This also applies to Personal Members who don't want to attend with their Club.

Next Year's National Rally and AGM will be held at Ludlow Racecourse starting on Wednesday 30th September—Monday 5th October 2020. Hosted by All Year Round Caravan Club.

We will have our usual stand and hospitality lounge at the Motorhome & Caravan Show in October. The Stand is 10.2 with the lounge behind it.

It is with great sadness to me that John Wilton our Webmaster has decided to step down from the Committee due to health reasons. John was also a member of the Exhibitions Team and Chairman of the ACCEO Companions. He was co-opted onto the Committee in 2009 and elected in 2010. Along with Gilder his wife, he was part of the Build Up Team at both NEC shows and was responsible for putting together the presentation we have rolling at the shows. My husband Tony and I will miss them both during show set up. Thank you both for all your help, set ups will not be the same without you. Wishing you a healthy future.

Don't forget if you visit any of the rally sites that advertise in AM, to mention that you saw their advert in AM. Also if you visit any rally site that are interesting in advertising, please ask them to contact me on ameditor@acceo.org

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

As we look forward to October and our forthcoming National Rally at the Ukrainian Youth Centre, Weston on Trent, kindly hosted by The Bridge Club 2014, it's nearly a year since I was invited to become Chairman of the ACCEO Executive Committee. In my past posts it was a case of head down whilst trying to do the jobs to the best of my ability, but now being Chairman I have had chance to gain a good insight into all the other jobs my colleagues do, and to appreciate all the hard work they all do. So, what is the year like for the Chairman of the ACCEO Executive Committee as one tries to learn the ropes?

My first act as Chairman was to attend the October Motorhome and Caravan Show at the NEC. I spent the first day with the Association Secretary, Peter Brown, visiting all our Member Clubs that had stands at the NEC, introducing myself to as many of you as possible, chatting to as many of the exhibitors as possible, trying to gain a few raffle prizes on the way. On the Tuesday I actually clocked up over 20,000 steps on my pedometer, equating to over 5 miles, no wonder my feet were sore! Wednesday was a bit gentler on the feet as I had chance to spend some time on the ACCEO stand and in the ACCEO Lounge, meeting those of you who attended the show that day. After two days I was shattered and looking forward to returning to work for a rest. I don't know how some can attend for the full show and still meet and greet on the final day with as much gusto and a smiling face as if it was day one; my hats off to you all for all the time you give freely to ACCEO and for all the hard work you put in.

Compared to the NEC, my next outing was a lot easier on the feet, as along with Peter Brown, I attended the Caravan and Motorhome Club's Parliamentary Reception. I won't say any more as I reported that day to you in the last issue of ACCEO Matters.

In January we had our first Committee meeting since the AGM. Fortunately for me I was not thrown in at the deep end as I had already chaired a meeting as Vice Chairman, standing in the year before. All went well and we discussed ACCEO business, preparing for the next Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show and getting ready for the next few National Rallies, as well as all the other stuff I will not bore you with.

In February I attended the NEC again, and although the principle was the same, getting out to meet as many Member Clubs and Exhibitors as possible, at least the halls were smaller and not as far to walk end to end. It was another good show for ACCEO and again I must praise all the effort put in by Tony and Elaine Nicholls and all the Member Volunteers that support them.

On the 23rd March, Gaynor Hart, the ACCEO Membership Secretary, and I attended a Day Meet organised by the URC Caravan Fellowship at Tiddington in Oxfordshire. Zena Knight their Secretary had expressed a wish for someone from ACCEO to attend their meeting and talk to them about what ACCEO do and how the ACCEO Personal Membership works. We arrived in plenty of time and were made to feel most welcome. After a bit of a chat, we joined them for lunch which was excellent. Following lunch Gaynor and I between us gave a brief history of ACCEO followed by all the services that ACCEO provide for the Member Clubs, how Personal Membership works and how we are encouraging Member Clubs to run rallies on the ACCEO Exemption Certificate to encourage ACCEO Personal Members to join them with the possibility of attracting new members. We ended with a question and answer session. It was a really good day and many thanks to Zena Knight and her members for making us feel most welcome, it was a pleasure to attend.

In May I attended the next ACCEO Executive Committee Meeting, this time the main focus was on ensuring that all was in place and that we were ready for the National Rally in October. We can confirm that we are in good hands and The Bridge Club 2014 are ready to put on a great rally for us.

So that's it, a brief view of a year in the life of an ACCEO Chairman.

My next outing will be to attend the National Rally & AGM at the Ukrainian Youth Centre, where I will chair the ACCEO Executive Committee meetings and AGM and look forward to be entertained by The Bridge Club 2014.

It promises to be a great 5 nights with a fabulous weekend's entertainment and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible that can attend.

Robin Wilkinson

National Rally Co-ordinator

Sitting in the sun writing this it's hard to believe the National Rally bookings close in a few weeks' time on the 2nd September. ACCEO will be returning to the Ukrainian Youth Centre at Weston on Trent just off the A50 on Wednesday 2nd October for a great five days hosted this year by The Bridge Club 2014.

Saturday's entertainment will be Jason Kerr and for this year there is no charge for entertainment tickets, but they must be ordered when booking.

The Ukrainian Youth Centre is on the southern edge of Derby and offers easy access to the city by bus or car and scenic walks along the nearby Trent and Mersey canal in both directions.

There are many great attractions nearby to tempt you to get out and about including Breedon on the Hill, and The Great Central Railway, the UK's only double track main line heritage railway is a mere 20 miles away at Loughborough.

We look forward to seeing you there, and I have asked for fine sunny weather for the week.

Chris Lowery

Insurance Officer

The club insurance scheme for Public Liability Insurance is still very well received by our Member Clubs and nearly all ACCEO Clubs are now taking advantage of the club insurance offering it which is great to see.

If your club does not currently use the ACCEO scheme, please contact us when you next need insurance so we can see if we can help.

Should you not have any insurance in place at all, we would strongly recommend you contact us to discuss this as you are putting your officers and your members at great risk by not having insurance in place to protect them.

Saffron Insurance, who took over Grove Insurance last year, are a much larger insurance brokers and can also offer personal insurance to our members such as car, home, travel, caravan and motorhome insurance so please feel free to contact them when your insurance is due, and mention your club is a member of ACCEO.

Saffron's Club Insurance renewals are due on the 1st December so look out for emails from them in November and remember to keep us informed should your club contact change, especially as the AGM season will soon be upon us for many of our clubs and changes of officers and responsibilities can often happen.

Ian Derbyshire

National Parks, Extended Rallies & ACCEO Exempted Rallies

National Parks

So far this year we have had 11 applications for extended rallies and all of them have been approved. Please allow a minimum 12 weeks' notice, per application.

Extended Rallies

There were 9 applications for National Park Rallies that were made before the deadline and they will be informed in October/November when we find out the decisions made by the National Parks arbitrators.

Don't forget that applications for National Park rallies for 2021 must be with the National Parks Officer by 24th April 2020.

Robin Wilkinson

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

Motorhome & Caravan Show 15th—20th October 2019



If you are interested in assisting in the ACCEO Hospitality Lounge area, please contact me on ameditor@acceo.org, by the 6th October, or let me know at the National Rally & AGM. 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.

This invitation is open to all members of Member Clubs and all Personal Members. So come on, if you can make a cup of tea or coffee why not offer to help us out and get into the Show for free? Also a great opportunity to network with other like minded members. Don't worry if you can't assist in the Hospitality Lounge, please feel free to pop along to the lounge for a sit down, a chat and cup of tea or coffee when you are visiting the show, you will be very welcome.



The Stand Number is 10.2, the Hospitality Lounge area is situated behind this stand, through the double doors, just ask at the stand and a committee member will take you through.

Personal Members Free Tickets for Motorhome & Caravan Show

We have 10 pairs of tickets to give away. For your chance to win just send your Personal Membership Number, Name and Address to the ACCEO postal address marked for the attention of the Membership Officer by 15th September 2019. Please mark your postcard/envelope with NEC October 2019.

Elaine Nicholls
Exhibitions Team



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Chatsworth Rally with AAOCC

It is some years since I visited the house and grounds at Chatsworth and Peter has never been, so when we heard the AAOCC were going to run a rally, open to ACCEO personal members, it seemed like a good opportunity to go visit. So it was that on 24th May we duly turned up at the Golden Gate entrance to the park to be met by Peter Cook who admitted us through the very beautiful, if narrow, gilded wrought iron gates. Lesley was organising the campsite, which is just inside the park, and proved a very good base for walking into Baslow – where you can get a bus to Bakewell, to the house and gardens or just walking around the park – where the deer seem to be quite relaxed about visitors.

The welcome was, as always, warm and friendly, which I have to say is more than could be said for the weather, but that deterred no-one. And the big bonus of course, was that we all got invited to a party – Sheila and Cliff Taylor's 40th Wedding Anniversary party.



It really is a lovely spot for a rally, but being within a National Park, there are a couple of hoops to be jumped through in order to get it organised, so on behalf of those of us just there to enjoy ourselves, thank you to Peter & Lesley Cook and Mick & Chris Whitehouse for a job well done.



Chris Brown
Auto Sleepers Owners Club

ACCEO Rallies

We are looking for Members Clubs who would be prepared to run at least one rally a year on the ACCEO Para 6 Exemption Certificate. Although it would mean that all of your members attending would have to be ACCEO Personal Members, anyone who is an ACCEO personal member could attend in order to boost your numbers. Plan the rally early enough and we can get these rallies advertised in the ACCEO Matters and also get them details on the website. Please get in touch for further information.

Robin Wilkinson



ACCEO National Rally 2019

Ukrainian Youth Centre

Weston on Trent, Derbyshire. DE72 2BU

2nd – 7th October 2019

Hosted by The Bridge Club 2014



Full Social Programme

Wednesday	Meet & Greet
Thursday	Social Evening
Friday	Social evening with background music
Saturday	ACCEO AGM Live Entertainment
Sunday	Social Evening

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The bus stop is just a 5 minute walk to Weston on Trent from the gates of the Ukrainian Youth Centre. Buses to and from Derby City centre approximately every 2 hours

The Rally Marshals can be contacted on 07934 968183. This phone will be switched on at 9:00 on Wednesday 2nd October and will remain live for the duration of the rally.

Cost for the National £20.00 for the weekend with any additional nights, (Wed, Thurs & Sun) at £7.50 per night.

Admission to the hall at the weekend is by ticket only. This is for administrative purposes only, there is no charge for entertainment this year.

Friday Night



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Saturday Night



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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. Facilities include a drinking water tap and an elsan disposal point with separate tap for washing out. Batteries can be charged and electric can be provided for rally marshals.

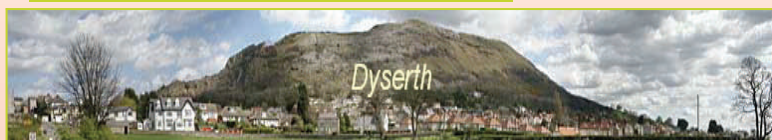


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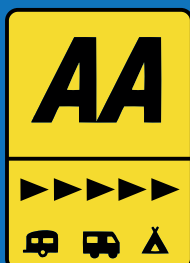
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