

Meeting Notes 19 Feb 11

Business Arising:

Roadside Assistance

Discussions have been held with the RAA and it was hoped that a representative of the RAA could attend this meeting, this was not possible for this meeting however they will try to have a representative at the next meeting. In the interim IF

You are on an “organized” run i.e. the Copper Coast Cavalcade of Cars, Bay to Birdwood etc. “Don’t bother to ring”. The RAA supports these runs and has support people in place.

You are on a “Club” Run, Sunday Drive etc. this will be treated as a normal Roadside Assist Call, remember that you are not on a Rally etc.

If any Club member does have a problem with Roadside Assistance please supply all the details – i.e. when, where, why to the Executive and we will, as in the past follow it up.

Reports

Log Books (Brian Davey):

Log Book Orders are still being received without a Log Book Return Sheet for the previous issue – NO RETURN SHEET NO LOG BOOKS.

Club Log Book Registrar is the person responsible for the issue and maintenance of Club Records, and as such is the contact order point for the Federation not the club secretary, treasurer etc. When Club’s change the Log Book Registrar in addition to notifying DTEI and the Federation of the change please ensure that the out-going Registrar fully briefs the in-coming Registrar of all the requirements of the position this can save a lot of time and grief later.

It is apparent from Log Book Returns Sheets that clubs on occasions have issued a log book to an un-registered vehicle (registration number “tba”!), an MR334 is not sufficient! A Log Book cannot be issued until the vehicle is registered.

Log Book Return Sheet & Log Book Order Forms will be available from the FHMC website.

Regal Ramble (Arthur Clisby):

84 confirmed entries. Pre tour meeting to be held 26 Feb.

Web Site (Arthur Clisby):

Club Details and up-coming events up to date.

Bay to Birdwood Classic (Stephen Henderson):

Early stages for this year’s Classic, but moving smoothly at this point. Again the B2B committee reminds all clubs to request members

“If they are not an entrant please do not to drive their vehicles along the route, park safely and watch”.

Cruising Classics (Graham Tonkin):

Positions of Entry Director and Treasurer have now been filled.

The Thursday and Friday of the 2nd week are still “empty” if any club wishes to organize a run this is your chance – Be Quick

HVRS Variations (Arthur Doecke): Query from club re “After Market Air Conditioner”. This would fall into the category of “Period Accessory” IF the unit were commercially available when the vehicle was new.

General Business:

DTEI Meeting (Stephen Henderson): In December, along with members of the SVIG we attended a meeting with DTEI. Various topics were raised by all parties, in general a fruitful Q&A Meeting – No decisions made by DTEI, most important point to come out of the meeting – The Review –this will occur as part of the overall review including the SIVG component– When, no time frame has been given. From the Federation’s viewpoint it is business as usual, nothing has changed.

Some points that were discussed are, the current 30year rolling cut off date for CHVR this is under review and may change to a set date, what and when have not yet been decided. LPG not on the agenda until after all other issues/discussions have been dealt with.

”Single Make Clubs” (Chris Howes Chrysler Restorers Club): Club constitution specifies “Chrysler related vehicles only”, Club currently has “other vehicles” on Log Books. Club is looking at reviewing the constitution to broaden the vehicle scope. In the interim as a general question to the floor ”How do other Club’s handle this scenario?”.

- A Club Authorisation Officer can legally sign off any vehicle that meets the criteria of the Code (and the owner is a financial member of the club).
- From a legal point if a person wishes to pursue the fact that the club is taking “other vehicles” they have “a case” – whether they would win or not is unknown – the legal opinions that the Federation has had the Club could be on shaky ground

This situation when a member could be refused can be complex and awkward for the club and or pose a dilemma for the Authorisation Officer who may not be familiar with the vehicle – it is a club decision. Again, the recommendation of the Federation is for clubs to add either by the addition of a by-law, rule or if necessary a change to the constitution to allow sic “other vehicles at the Committee’s discretion”. The insertion of such a clause will remove the legal implications and prevent a possible internal conflict within the club – again the Federation stress this is a Club decision.

Stamping of Registration Papers (Graham Dean): It is a requirement of Section 3:4 of the Code of Practice that an owner must have the current registration papers validated by the Club’s Authorised Person. Is there a specified time frame in which this must be done?

As the Code States no specific time frame for this the Executive will refer the question to DTEI

Answer from DTEI: It is the responsibility of the Authorising Officer to validate the registration certificate at the time of endorsing the Log Book (that the member is a financial member, the vehicle meets the requirements of the CHVRS and vehicle registration is current). If the registration expires sometime between current financial membership and the next financial membership, it is the member's (vehicle owner's) responsibility to ensure that the registration is current. The Authorising Officer has no obligation to chase the member to check that the vehicle registration has been paid. In line with all that, if the member presents an expired registration certificate at the time he is requesting the Log Book be revalidated for a new membership year, the Authorising Officer **MUST NOT** validate the Log Book or registration certificate.