

TRIUMPH MAYFLOWER CLUB

AGM REPORT

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH 2014

Meeting held at: EXPRESS HOLIDAY INN, TEMPUS DRIVE, WALSALL

In attendance: John Castle, John Oaker, Chad Brown, Peter Benfield, Terry Gordon, James Brewin, Paul Norton.

Apologies were received from: Malcolm Barnsley, Peter Burdge, Clive Lungmass, Ian Wilson, Nigel Fiyzmaurice Hawker, Alan Hodges, Phil Benson, Brian Redshaw, Howard Pryor and John Gogay.

Minutes of the last AGM were distributed and read. It was agreed that further discussion of subscriptions should be made and this item was added to any other business.

Chad Brown volunteered to take the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman's Report:

John Castle opened the meeting by welcoming the members who were present. He thanked the secretary, John Oaker, for making the arrangements for this meeting.

In his report he noted, with regret, the poor attendance at the annual rally as only four Mayflower cars were present, although a number of other members had attended in their non-Mayflower cars. He appreciated the help and welcome given to us by the Triumph Roadster Club who filled the show.

In view of the small number of cars present it was decided that an award would be presented to only the best car on view and not, as is usual, to the top six. The trophies not presented could be recycled and used at our 2014 rally.

The Coventry Motor Show was attended by John Castle and Chad Brown with Mayflowers, so the club had a base where visitors could talk with members and inspect our cars for the weekend. John Oaker was also present on Sunday, as was Bernard Long, who with his Mayflower took part in the organised drive around the local area.

Sadly, no Mayflowers were present at Stoneleigh restoration spring show as holidays, family outings of members took priority and my car failed to start!

Apologies were given to the Triumph Roadster Club but they were unhappy that once again they had been placed in the 'Cow Shed' to display their vehicles and have said that they will not attend next year unless there is a change!

At the rally at Rockingham Castle Malcolm Barnsley handed over the club's case of regalia to me as he was due to go into hospital for an operation. We wish him well. Chad Brown had taken the case to Ripon and sold some items and we have £35 in the kitty. I am taking it on myself to look at adding items and researching prices to restock our 'regalia shop'.

Secretary's Report:

John Oaker presented his 21st secretary's report: of the 124 members at March 31st 2013 – 84 members re-joined and two former members have re-joined. We have six honorary members and eight new members.

It can be seen that 24 members from 2013 have not re-joined the membership. A good percentage of those non-re-joiners have been members for only one or two years. However, there does seem to be a great deal of car movement, especially via ebay.

I receive phone calls and e-mails from new Mayflower owners, send membership packs out but often contact stops there. I recently had a number of prospective ebay buyers asking advice about transfer of registrations. I have had eight such contacts this year.

At the moment the club's support in registration of vehicles has only been a service to members!

Number of members

1996 152	1997 167	1998 151	1999 144	2000 151
2001 144	2002 150	2003 144	2004 131	2005 142
2006 148	2007 141	2008 139	2009 139	2010 145
2011 134	2012 124	2013 124	2014 100	

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2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
112	104	103	105	96	89	88	77	UK & Ireland*
12	13	13	16	16	11	15	10	USA & Canada
5	5	4	6	3	6	6	5	Australasia
3	8	10	11	10	9	8	7	Europe
1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	Africa
6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	Honorary members
					1	1	1	Life President

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Norton presented his report by distributing the accounts below. As with the previous report it was noted that our income had fallen mainly due to a drop in membership.

The bank balance was still healthy with over £4000 in the account. The matters of the 2013 AGM increase in subscriptions was mentioned and again agreed to be discussed under AOB.

Paul Norton wished his thanks to Phil Benson for his help with auditing the club accounts to be minuted.

2012/13	Receipts	2013/14
5759.51	Bank Balance b/f	4975.13
12.12	Cash Balance b/f	12.12
2354.00	Subscriptions	2108.00
0.00	Regalia Sales	0.00
0.00	Rally Receipts	0.00
0.00	Misc	10.00
0.00	Interest	0.00
32.10	2nd hand spares	0.00
8157.73	Total income	7105.25

2012/13	Payments	2013/14
1935.00	Flower Power	1946.00
100.00	AGM and other meetings	110.00
103.49	Officer's expenses / postage etc	75.28
74.39	Web Site Fees / Renewals	85.77
346.97	Rally expenses	107.00
67.13	Subscriptions FBHVC / Refunds	62.91
25.00	Misc	0.00
518.50	Club Insurance renewal costs	499.80
3170.48	Total expenditure	2886.76

Spares Secretary:

There was no spares report presented by Brian Redshaw as he was unable to attend the meeting due to a work commitment. Peter Benfield presented a summary on Brian's Behalf:

Second hand spares: There have been very few enquiries for second hand items. A lot of second hand spares have been purchased this year as a number of poor condition cars have been salvaged.

New parts: Requests for spares about the same as last year. A number of items are beginning to be more difficult to source. A new and more up-to-date price list with current stock is being prepared. A number of members have inquired after switches and knobs. It is important that members enquiries are accompanied by their membership number and address and e-mail if possible.

It was agreed to have a general spares discussion as part of AOB.

Election of Officers:

With John Castle agreeing to be responsible for regalia and as there had been no resignations from office received and a show of hands of those present were in agreement to stand again, a proposal was made by Terry Gordon to vote en-block and this was seconded by Peter Benfield.

Rally Secretary's report:

Chad Brown gave a brief run-down of the up to date arrangements for the 2014 Annual Rally. It would be run in conjunction with the Triumph Razor Edge Owners Club. The rally would take place on Sunday July 13th, at the RAF Cosford Museum, near Wolverhampton. Chad distributed a photocopy map of the show area. He stated that a full report will appear in the next Flower Power which is about to be distributed.

A brief and informative leaflet about the museum and its exhibits would also be sent out with the magazine. Chad brown expressed the hope that we will be able to have some regalia and maybe some Mayflower spare parts at the rally for sale.

He stated that we belong with the TROC on future rallies. Our mutual "razoredge" style marks our cars out as brothers. This belief, however, in no way prevented the club from attending and supporting other rallies. – particularly Ripon where the backing of so much activity and presence of northern members would make a worthwhile day out.

John Castle reminded members that the club intended to be present at the Coventry Festival of Motoring, at Stoneleigh, during August Bank Holiday weekend.

This event lasts for two days at the birthplace and the home of the Mayflower. John and Chad have plans to attend on both days. Further advertising was needed. The event also includes a classic car run and any members wishing to take part need to contact Chad Brown.

Any other business:

Subscriptions: At last year's AGM the matter of membership fees was discussed and it was agreed that they may be increased from £25 to £28 for the year beginning April 2104. There was much discussion on this topic in view of the reduced membership this year.

A suggestion was made that a more realistic figure would be £30. However, after much debate it was agreed by a majority to postpone any increase in subscriptions until next year. No sum was fixed.

Spare parts: New member James Brewin commented on his disappointment about not being able to access some of the parts that he needed for his Mayflower.

The fact that spare parts seemed to be running out was again mentioned but a clearer picture would emerge when the new parts book with updated information was available.

The situation regarding the late Eddie Copson's work manufacturing switch knobs for the Mayflower was discussed and Paul Norton agreed to make enquiries with his Daughter when they next meet at a future rally.

It was acknowledged and discussed the huge workload that Brian Redshaw has with both the new and second-hand spares. He has heavy demands on his time at work and can only attempt to sort out members' requirements when he gets home.

Appreciation for his work was acknowledged and that he does have a personal interest in the Mayflower and substantial knowledge and is happy to continue in this post. It was suggested that Rimmer Brothers were a great source of many spare parts in the Triumph Mayflower/TR family.

Ripon Show: Peter Benfield is confident of an increased number of entrants this year and has requested more space. The show has a lot to offer with a huge number of classic private and commercial vehicles, a vintage caravan section, excellent and reasonable refreshments and a varied children's entertainment. Chad intends to be present and John Castle said he would attempt a visit.

The payment of fuel costs for members travelling some distance to attend the AGM was discussed and it was agreed that as stated in the constitution, section 9, control of funds and expenses should apply.

9. Control of funds and expenses

a) No officer, committee member, or ordinary member of the club shall be entitled to any re-numeration in respect of their post or appointment except for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses. The committee is empowered to authorise contributions towards additional out of pocket expenses incurred in pursuit of TMC business.

b) No obligation may be occurred or expenditure made out of TMC funds without the authorisation of the committee. The committee shall however have the power to delegate responsibility to specific officers in this respect up to £50 in any one transaction, or in the case of spares secretaries such a limit that the committee thinks fit.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 4:30 pm.

Date of next AGM, Sunday March 22nd, 2015.