

TRIUMPH MAYFLOWER CLUB

AGM REPORT

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2016

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

Attendees: John Castle; Chad Brown; John Banks; John and Barbara Albion; Paul Burgess; Dave Walton; John Corley; Brian Redshaw; Edouard Wagenaar; Frank and Kathy Russell; Don Fox; John Fletcher; Paul Norton; Phil Benson; and John Oaker.

Meeting opened: 2pm

Apologies received from: P. Burdge; S. Coulman; T. Gordon; and J. Gogay.

The chairman John Castle, opened the meeting at 2:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the AGM. He thanked John Oaker for once again organising the venue. He observed that the number of members attending (17) was higher than usual and thanked everyone for their attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting had already been published in the Flower Power magazine and were taken as read and accepted by the meeting.

Chairman's report:

First of all, I would like to thank you all for making the effort to attend. I would also like to thank John Oaker for organising this annual General Meeting. Well, here we are again and it is the 2016 AGM.

I hope that everyone has wintered well and have got their Mayflowers ready for the 2016 season unlike me for I am up to my neck in nuts and bolts still!

Peter Benfield did not winter well as you know he died on Christmas Day which was very sad. He would be sitting here giving his good advice to us otherwise.

However, he must have a smile on his face up there because at the Ripon Show last year he lifted the trophy on behalf of the club for the best club stand in the show which I am very pleased to be able to display to you all here today.

I can still picture him with the trophy at the show. It was if the gods knew it was going to be the last Ripon he organised and of course there was a good turn out with ten Mayflowers attending.

We had a good banter and looked at all the different Mayflowers there and then the lady from the show committee came to say that we had won the best in show for club stand. That made Peter's and our day but the happy mood did not last as it started to rain at about 2:00 pm and soon after the heavens opened as it poured down. There was a massive exit made by many of the visitors and of the rally cars attending the show. We did get the tent down and packed away reasonably dry thanks to lots of help from our members.

We will be attending three rallies as a club this year that our rally secretary Chad Brown has sorted out.

Sunday, June 26th, our National Rally with our friends from the Triumph Roadster Club and the Triumph Razoredge Owners Club. This will be at Harefield House near Hatfield.

Saturday and Sunday, July 15/16th at Lincoln with the Triumph Forum and Sunday, July 24th at Ripon, formerly our Northern Rally.

Full details of these rallies will of course appear in Flower Power and on the website.

The chairman closed his report by stating that he anticipated the majority of the committee would be volunteering to stay on in their posts unless others volunteered, in which case elections would be held.

The chairman asked the officers of the committee to present their reports.

Treasurer's report:

The club continues to be in a very sound financial state with sufficient reserves of capital although this has once again gone down slightly due to fewer subscription renewals.

This is a problem due to the financial situation prevailing across the country and the demographics of the classic car movement. Everyone getting older, most of us now having grey or silver hair and/or beards.

Last year we recommended that the subscription be raised this year from the current level of £25 to a new level of £30 (plus the usual £10 joining fee for new members). This amount is well in line with other clubs of our size and much less than many are now charging.

A vote was then proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by P. Benson to increase subs from today in line with the previous year's suggestion. This was carried unanimously.

Membership Secretary's Report:

This is my 23rd secretary's report and a plateauing out of membership as we have the same number as last year. Enquiries are up though and there seems to be a movement in cars with prices on the up, ebay a little responsible for this, but the "I will join/rejoin when I need spare parts syndrome" seems to be the main reason for a reluctance to part with membership fees!

Our cars no longer need a UK MOT test. However, owners must still ensure that their cars are safe and roadworthy. This probably means having a (voluntary) test anyway, or at least every other year to keep our insurers happy.

Number of members

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	2015 117	2016 110

Of the 117 members at 31-03-15: 83 members re-joined, 5 former members have re-joined, there are 6 honorary members and 16 new members.

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
103	105	96	89	88	71	86	78	UK & Ireland
13	16	16	11	15	10	11	13	USA & Canada
4	6	3	6	6	5	7	6	Australasia
10	11	10	9	8	7	6	7	Europe
2	1	1	1	1	1	1		Africa
6	6	6	6	5	5	5	6	Honorary members
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Regalia Secretary's report:

John Castle continues in this role. Very little existing stock remains. There have not been many sales made this year. Regalia sold at Rally £56; Postal sales totalled £28 during the year. Cost of replaced stock £64. Stock held, mugs 3@£5; TMC badge, 1@£15; T shirts, 3@£10; Sweat shirt, 2@£22; Polo shirt, 1@£15; Pens, 1@£3; Binders, 5@£6; Caps, 2@£6; Mouse mat, 3@£6; Woven cap badge, 12@£3; Key fob, 16@£3; Stickers, 15@£1; Lapel badge, 15@£3.

John asked how he should process a dollar cheque he had received, John Oaker suggested he did it via John Gogay.

New Spares Secretary's report:

The spares handbook is way out of date. Many of the items in the book are no longer available. We are continuing to work on a parts list to distribute by e-mail and via the website. Spares are only sold to current members as per the membership secretaries renewal records. We continue to reinvest takings from spare parts in new stock of mainly consumable items.

Second hand Spares Secretary's report:

There has not been a lot of activity in sales of second hand spares during the last year.

Rally Secretary's report:

The 2015 rally was held at Ripon in July. We had a very pleasant day despite some adverse weather. Our Chairman has already covered details of the day.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: John Castle agreed to continue, unopposed. Vice-Chairman: Chad Brown agreed to continue, unopposed. Treasurer: Paul Norton agreed to continue, unopposed. Secretary: John Oaker agreed to continue, unopposed.

Other committee members elected, Editor: Nico ten Wolde, had previously advised that he agreed to continue, unopposed. Regalia Secretary: John Castle agreed to continue on a temporary basis, unopposed. Rally Secretary: Chad Brown, agreed to continue, unopposed. New and Second hand Spares: Brian Redshaw agreed to continue with both roles, unopposed.

Technical Officers: Malcolm Barnsley, UK, agreed to continue in advance of the meeting. Howard Pryor, UK, agreed to continue in advance of the meeting. Steve Coulman, UK, agreed to continue in advance of the meeting. John Lesley, New Zealand, agreed to continue in advance of the meeting.

Larry Spouler, Canada, has resigned. A vacancy for North America Technical Officer exists. John Gogay, on the committee as a co-opted member agreed to continue in advance of the meeting.

Paul Burgess has started to compile an up-to-date spares cross-reference list. It was suggested by the meeting that he should be co-opted onto the committee and be encouraged to continue this work on behalf of club members. Proposed J. Oaker and seconded by Chad Brown. Agreed unanimously.

Rally Matters – Discussed in officer's reports above.

Website Ideas

The meeting agreed that the website, originally created by Phil Benson in 2000, was no longer state of the art and lagged behind other club offerings. It did not show parts lists, had no forum, could not accept payments and could not allow direct joining of the club. Magazines were not available on-line.

The meeting felt it was appropriate to take this forward with a view to updating the site in as many of the above areas as practical, costs permitting. John Oaker agreed to progress this with Nico (Flower Power Editor) who has now volunteered to look after the website.

Triumph Forum Feedback

John Castle advised that he and Chad had been attending the "Triumph Forum" meetings. Hosting of the meetings had been provided by clubs in rotation. To date the smaller clubs had not hosted a meeting.

John suggested he contact the other smaller triumph clubs with a view to hosting a meeting jointly. This would reduce costs per club. He asked for a small budget, say up to £150 to £200 as the TMC share of such hosting possibly to take place later this year or in 2017. The meeting agreed he should do this.

Any other business:

Travel Expenses: The secretary advised that authority to make payments towards travel expenses had been given by a earlier meetings and advised anyone so interested to contact the treasurer after the meeting.

Rules of the Club: John Oaker gave out copies of existing rules for the club and asked members present to take them away and peruse them and make any suggestions for bringing them up to date.

John Albon stated that he had just completed a similar exercise for another classic car club in the South East and would try to contribute some suggestions.

Members Details: John Oaker was asked to provide a members list so that members can be made aware of other members local to them that they may wish to make contact with. John agreed to do this.

USA Spares Sales: Concerns were raised that the club was not insured against possible legislative issues arising against spares sold to North America and Canada. The treasurer explained that such cover would be over £600 pa.

This was not viable for the number of members affected. The meeting suggested that the club should not sell spares to North American members if such insurance was not in place. This was agreed after a vote proposed by P. Benson and seconded by P. Norton.

Spares accounts: Historically, detailed accounts/stock details have never been presented by Spares Secretaries. Brian offered to provide more detailed information to next year's AGM meeting.

Flower Power by e-mail on PDF format: John Albon suggested that Flower Power be offered to members via PDF format distributed by e-mail. Many clubs do offer similar option. The meeting agreed that this be discussed with current printer. John Oaker volunteered to follow this up with the Editor and the printer.

The Chairman closed the meeting just after 4:30 pm wishing everyone a safe and pleasant journey home, and saying he hoped to see everyone again.