

Basingstoke M.A.G. Minutes

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Rep Keith:

Emails:

A fuel petition

A petition you might like to sign

<http://www.gopetition.com/petition/41868.html>

Government response to petition 'motorcyclevled'

Regarding the petition asking the Prime Minister to stop the increases in motorcycle tax proposed for 2010.

Her Majesty's Government has responded to that petition and you can view it here:

<http://www.hmg.gov.uk/epetition-responses/petition-view.aspx?epref=motorcyclevled>

Her Majesty's Government Petition information -

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/motorcyclevled/>

More details from petition creator

Given that the motorcycle industry is facing some of its darkest days with sales slumping by around 25-30%, it makes no sense for any government to increase taxes on motorcycle ownership as is proposed in the Pre-Budget Report. We petition the government to support the motorcycle industry as it has the car industry and freeze or lower Vehicle Excise Duty and provide some other stimuli for the industry and not to attack it further by increasing the cost of ownership for law-abiding citizens.

Government response

The previous Government set and legislated for the existing 2010-11 rates of Vehicle Excise Duty (VED). VED rates for smaller motorcycles of up to 400cc engine size were frozen.

We announced our first changes to taxation in our June emergency Budget.

The Budget sets out the action the coalition Government is taking to rebalance the economy and provide the conditions for sustainable growth.

We did not rush to any premature conclusions on VED in this Budget. The Chancellor keeps all taxes under review, including rates of VED, along Budget timelines. We therefore welcome this petition's input to our ongoing consideration of the UK's vehicle taxes.

Potential insurance issues

I just received this from Steve Steadman Reading MAG Rep, I have not replied everything below this is Steve, your comments please...

" Hi All,
got the email below and the attached from a member of both MAG & TOMCC. My reply is Just in case you cant read it...
It is an article from the BMW owners magazine where a person is highlighting the policy of insurance company (bas*ards) to reject claims on bikes fitted with "none standard" equipment...from heated grips to stickers. The article also states that it is apparently the owners responsibility to inform the insurance company (bas*ards) of any mods as they will not ask.

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 7:55 AM
Subject: Potential insurance issues

Hi
I found this article in this month's BMW Journal, their clubs magazine. Has anyone else come across this and does this apply to MAG's insurance schemes or those they promote?

This was my reply....
have passed this on for comments but as the article states it is up to the person taking the policy out to inform the insurance company of any mods to the bike.
(Although stickers seems a bit extreme...)
People tend not to though as it will increase the cost of the policy. So you do run the risk of running into problems with the claim if the claims assessor has to come out and view the bike after an accident.
Will let you know of any feedback. "



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Farmyard Party 17th to 19th June 2011

Now then folks its that time of year, help is needed at the Farmyard from all members of MAG.

The MAG stand needs staffing over the weekend, the more we get offering to help the better, what is needed are people who have knowledge of MAG and are comfortable in selling MAG and what we do, also filling in forms that include credit card details for memberships It is not an easy job, I have done it with others the last two years but we need more help as we are so knackered its unbelievable.

A marshalls package is available which includes marshalls camping, food allowances etc.

Please canvass members to help out as I have said we need people who are comfortable in selling MAG and happy to give up a couple of hours over the weekend.

Personally I would like to be able to see something of the weekend other then the inside of a tent!!!!!!!!!!

Paul Turner
MAG NC Chairman

Award for eSafety technology

Europe's largest automotive association, [ADAC](#) (German Automobile Association), has presented one of its coveted 'Yellow Angel' awards to Daimler AG.

A panel of highly distinguished experts granted the award, in the Innovation & Environment category, to Mercedes-Benz for its Active Blind Spot Assist and Active Lane Keeping Assist systems. The Yellow Angel award in this category is the most important prize in the German automotive industry that honours innovation, road safety and environmental protection

The [Active Blind Spot Assist](#) system alerts the driver in the exterior mirror's blind spot, if a change of lane would entail a risk of collision due to the presence of a vehicle in an adjacent lane. If the driver ignores the warnings and starts to draw dangerously close to the vehicle in the neighbouring lane, the brakes are automatically applied to correct the vehicle's course.

The [Active Lane Keeping Assist](#) kicks into action if the vehicle inadvertently drifts over a solid line to the right or left of a lane. If this occurs, the system uses the ESP (Electronic Stability Program) to gently apply the brakes to the wheels on the far side and thereby bring the vehicle back on course.

Jan 18, 2011

FEMA

Individual Approval of Bikes

The new European regulation on type approval of motorcycles currently discussed in European Parliament is also dealing with the individual approval of vehicles and could therefore affect amateur built or highly customized bikes. Aiming at protecting the freedom of riders to create individually designed bikes and to develop innovative technical solutions FEMA entered into a dialogue with the European Commission.

The new Regulation on type approval of motorcycles defines what two and three wheeled vehicles have to comply with in order to allow its use on public roads in Europe. It still has to pass European Parliament and Council though it is assumed that type approval rules for manufacturers will become stricter, especially with regard to emissions, ABS brakes and electronic devices.

Mass manufacturers are expected to be able to invest in research and to update their production lines in order to comply with tightened standards. For most of the amateur builders, customizers and manufacturers of small series compliance with the new type approval rules would simply become unaffordable. Via an Individual Vehicle Approval certificate (IVA) the European Commission is trying to account for the needs of individuals and small enterprises. Nevertheless many customizers have already expressed their concerns about the proposed legislative text.

FEMA initialises taskforce group on individual approvals

At the beginning of December 2010 FEMA members from Sweden and Finland met with Commission representatives to explain difficulties that may result from the interpretation of the legal wording. "It remains unclear how far national approval institutions can go in exempting amateur built motorcycles from strict technical requirements like ABS or compliance with the EURO 5 norm. The Commission will precise exemptions for IVA in a delegated act which means that we have to follow the process closely" stated Teemu Lindfors, the legal expert of FEMA member SMOTO from Finland.

Being responsive to FEMA at the last Motorcycle Working Group in January 2011, an important platform for exchange between the Commission, EU member states' representatives, industry representatives and riders, the Commission announced an IVA taskforce group. FEMA very much welcomes this initiative and will be actively involved in order to protect riders' freedom as well as the existing variety and individuality within the motorcycle community.

The implications of IVA

The challenge for IVA is to allow registration and use of self-built vehicles, to customize mass produced bikes and to allow single or individual imports of motorcycles which do not comply with EU requirements. At the same time the Commission does not want IVA to "become an undesirable backdoor for manufacturers producing vehicles in high volumes, trying to circumnavigate base type approval requirements", a Commission official explains.

Once a motorcycle is certificated with European IVA it can be used and sold throughout Europe. Of course a standardised EU IVA means watering down safety and environmental standards in some countries while in others individual approval would become stricter. "The IVA topic is currently being dealt with in the Council working group and there are a number of Member States who would like to re-introduce in addition to EU IVA individual approval on a national base" the Commission official continues. "This concept would allow each Member State to develop its own set of derogation of base rules". At the same time other countries could refuse the registration of such a nationally approved vehicle.

The national member organisations of FEMA have already started to brief their national officials in order to reach a satisfying solution.

A Survey you might like to complete

would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete our new poll on "To Flash or not to flash", which is available online at www.iam.org.uk/iam_polls/.

Feel free to pass it to anyone you know who are not IAM members, as we are seeking a wide range of views.

Many thanks
IAM Marketing and Communications

Network:

A.O.B.

Keith: Attached are details, just in from Pete Walker, regarding arrangements for AGC.



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After a phone call I had the other day I have picked up a Basingstoke MAG banner which was lost years ago. Thanks to Ray for the call.

Red: Still wanted ideas for group or region calendar.

Colin: Has spoken to Scott Walton (Street Fighters) about the MAG Show.

2011 Events

Sunday, January 30, 2011 - Western Region MAG AGM

Organiser: Western Region MAG

Regional AGM hosted by Bristol MAG. Bring your Membership cards, no card, no vote!

Location: The Lamb Wotton Road Iron Acton South Gloucestershire BS17 9UZ

Friday, February 4, 2011 - Sunday, February 6, 2011 - The 25th Frozen Nuts Rally

Organiser: Dangermouse Rally Club

Same site, live band and disco. £12 pre book or £15 on the gate send cheques to: PO Box 582, Enoch House, Scotia Business Park, Stoke on Trent, ST6 4RG contact Orko on: 07960451573 or Bones: 07990500688 or Rich: 07812580337.

Location: Bignall End Cricket Club, Boon Hill, Bignall End, Stoke On Trent, ST7 8LA

Web: <http://www.dmrc.co.uk>

Saturday, February 5, 2011 - Fred Hill Run

Organiser: Thames Valley MAG

Annual memorial run into Oxford. Depart 1200pm.

Location: Depart Chieveley Services, J13 M4, 1200pm.

Enquiries: Any queries, please call Rob - 07905 003585

Saturday, February 5, 2011 - Thames Valley Regional AGM

Organiser: Thames Valley MAG

3pm. Follows Fred Hill Run. All members from region welcome. Please remember to bring your current MAG Membership card. No card - no vote.

Location: H Cafe. Berinsfield, Oxfordshire, OX10 7LY

Enquiries: Any queries, please call Rob - 07905 003585

Sunday, February 6, 2011 - Fred Hill Memorial Run

Organiser: MAG Cornwall.

Ride around Cornwall to remember Fred Hill, finishing at Truro War Memorial for laying of flowers and explanatory poster.

Location: 10am Smokey Joes cafe near Blackwater Cornwall.

Saturday, February 19, 2011 - East Anglia Regional AGM

Organiser: East Anglia MAG

Arrive from 14:00 for a 14:15 start Remember your Membership card - no card, no vote.

Location: 11 Short Drive, Manea, Nr. March, Cambridgeshire PE15 0GF

Web: <http://east-anglia-region.mag-uk.org>

Basingstoke MAG 2011 AGM. 24th March, 8pm at The Royal Oak.

Basingstoke MAG 2012 AGM. 22nd March, 8pm at The Royal Oak.