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ACCEO Membership and Services

1. Membership.

Membership of the Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations is open to all Caravan, Motorhome and Camping clubs in the UK who currently hold an Exemption Certificate issued by a Government Department under Paragraph 12 of the First Schedule of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 or Sub-section (6) of Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936.

ACCEO is primarily an Association of Clubs, but in addition it is also possible to become a 'Personal Member' of ACCEO.

Membership Rates: Club Membership is determined by a banding scheme based on the membership numbers of the Member Club. Small clubs of 25 or fewer members currently pay an annual subscription of £25 (2018) and the largest clubs of over 1000 members pay an annual subscription of £125 (2018), with several bands in between.

Personal Membership (see 2 below) is open to all, including members of Member Clubs, the annual subscription currently being £5 (2018) covering all members of the family unit resident at the same address.

There is an ACCEO Membership Officer who should be contacted regarding all matters relating to Membership, i.e.

- Organisations interested in joining the Association.
- Changes of address.
- Payment of subscriptions; (Club & Personal Membership)
- Membership renewals.
- Club principal contact name & address.

2. Personal Membership.

What you get:

- A Membership Card
- A copy of each issue of 'ACCEO Matters' delivered to the membership address.
- Free use of the ACCEO Hospitality Lounge at the NEC Motorhome and Caravan Shows held in the Spring and Autumn of each year. (see 7 below)

It should be noted that an additional benefit to clubs is that if they achieve 100% Personal Membership of ACCEO (i.e. all of their members become Personal Members) is that the club subscription is waived.

3. ACCEO Companions.

A significant number of Personal Members have no affiliation to a Member Club. In order to regularise the standing of these members, a subgroup of ACCEO, the ACCEO Companions, was formed.

Membership of ACCEO Companions is open to individual caravanners, motor caravanners and campers who are not members of an ACCEO Member Club.

These include:

- ⇒ Members of clubs which have disbanded, but who wish to retain Personal Membership of ACCEO in order to continue to enjoy concessions and to maintain contact with the caravanning scene.
- ⇒ Members, who, having changed their caravan or motor home, are no longer eligible for membership of a single make owner's club but who, nevertheless, wish to retain Personal Membership of ACCEO.
- ⇒ Individuals who have temporarily or permanently ceased caravanning but who wish to continue to support ACCEO.
- ⇒ Land owners, who may or may not be caravan owners, who support ACCEO with Personal Membership, advertising and who offer the use of their land for rallies by ACCEO Member Clubs.

4. Publications.

The main publication is 'ACCEO Matters'.

ACCEO Matters: This colour magazine is published by the Publications Officer 3 times a year. It is the principal method of communication between the Executive Committee and Clubs & Personal Members. It contains articles of caravanning and camping interest, reports, information, help and advice, in fact any subject of general interest to caravanners and campers. It also contains advertisements for allied and related services.

5. Insurance.

The Association has a dedicated officer who deals with insurances relevant to the needs of Member Clubs.

Public Liability Insurance:

The Association has negotiated a group policy with a leading insurer, which covers the legal liability of all participating Member Clubs, their members, committee and rally officials in respect of actions for alleged negligence resulting in injury to third party persons, or damage to third party property during the period of rallies organised and managed by the Member Clubs. Cover also extends to indemnify members in respect of claims by other members.

The current limit of indemnity is £5,000,000 for any one occurrence and there are facilities to increase this level in circumstances where higher indemnities are requested, for which an additional premium is charged.

The renewal date for this insurance is 1st December and all Member Clubs are eligible to participate. You can initially join anytime of the year and pay a pro-rata premium up to the 1st December renewal.

All Risks Insurance:

This insurance has been designed to cover the equipment owned by clubs. It has three categories of equipment:

1. Equipment such as sound systems, meeting tents etc.
2. Cash in transit; maximum sum insured £500.
3. Trailers.

Most of the Member Clubs participate in this policy, which attracts a very competitive premium.

The territorial limits of the policy are UK, R of I, and Continent of Europe with limited cover outside of those areas.

The Renewal date for this policy is 1st December.

Caravan and Motorhome Insurance: The Association does not operate specific schemes for these classes of business, but assistance and advice is available on request, with a facility for Member Clubs to obtain £5.00 for each insurance policy arranged via our approved broker.

Whilst the Association cannot recommend a particular policy or insurer, we can suggest possible sources of cover or courses of action to resolve specific problems.

6. Extended & National Parks Rallies.

ACCEO has an Officer dedicated to these two important types of rally.

Extended Rallies: All Member Clubs of ACCEO have a Para 6 Certificate to allow them to rally up to 5 days (120 hours) duration without the need to apply to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for permission. A growing number of clubs now hold Para 4 Certificates allowing them to rally up to a maximum of 28 days duration (e.g. Holiday Rallies). For those clubs who do not hold Para 4 Exemption, ACCEO can arrange for them to hold a rally under the ACCEO Exemption Certificate and it effectively becomes an ACCEO Extended Rally.

Rallies in National Parks: It is not possible for any organisation to rally in any National Park without permission from the National Park concerned. The Parks will not accept applications from individual clubs, only from a few approved "Clearing Houses" of which ACCEO is one. This allows ACCEO Member Clubs to rally in National Parks (subject to approval), which would not be possible otherwise.

7. NEC Motorhome and Caravan Shows

Each year ACCEO arranges a Private Hospitality Lounge at the Caravan Shows held at the NEC Birmingham every February and October.

This enables members to meet Officers of the Executive Committee, have a sit down with a free cup of coffee or tea and relax. It is also an opportunity to meet members of other clubs and exchange views and experiences etc.

Many members have said that just the use of the ACCEO lounge at one of the caravan shows is well worth their annual subscription!

8. General Assistance to Clubs

Many clubs, whether they are about to join or are long established members, from time to time run into difficulties and need outside help, advice or assistance.

The ACCEO Executive Committee are all long established caravanners and combine to provide a wealth of knowledge and experience in all aspects of our leisure activity and can often help, but if not, they have the ability to contact other organisations, government departments and agencies who can.

ACCEO was created partly to help and assist its Member Clubs, and this is an important aspect of ACCEO's work. No problem is too big or too small so if any clubs have a problem, talk to ACCEO!

9. Advice & Assistance to Club Committees

Further to the previous section, ACCEO has found that it is often asked about matters concerning individual club's constitutional problems, disciplinary matters, breakaway groups and similar sensitive issues.

The ACCEO Executive Committee is able to give club committees assistance in these somewhat difficult areas.

It is also possible for ACCEO to give advice on Constitutions and Rules & Regulations as well as their interpretation. e.g. It may be that a club has some procedural difficulties, with a Notice of Motion, problems with committee nominations, members rallying illegally or other issues which may be awkward for a committee to resolve because of friendships, personalities etc, where an independent view might be helpful.

10. Information Sheets.

There is a series of ACCEO information sheets available to Members concerning a wide range of caravan and camping topics, which give guidance and advice. A list of these is given below and they are all available via the website www.acceo.org

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