**THE TR REGISTER - LEA VALLEY GROUP**

**MINUTES OF 2016 AGM HELD AT NOON ON 19 FEBRUARY 2017**

**AT THE MOUNT PLEASANT GOLF CLUB, LOWER STONDON**

**Present**

Phil Sanford Sharon Korek David Dawson Pat Dawson

Paul Richardson Ian Robinson Dave Randall Pat Miles

Pierre Miles Chris Glasbey Pat Glasbey Jon Marshall

Gordon Staple Linda Staple Tony Warner Ian Finn

John Richardson Nick Theze Mike Aldridge Christalle Aldridge

**Apologies**

Phil and Miriam Titchner Brian and Lynda Chidwick Mike and Colleen White

Pete and Sue Muncer John and Christine Andrews Geoff and Josie English

Diane Marshall Dave Burgess (East Area Director)

**Agenda**: The agenda published for this AGM is contained in Attachment A to these minutes.

1. **Minutes of Previous AGM**

The unconfirmed minutes were published on the group’s website and reminders sent recently to group members for review. The minutes were unanimously confirmed as being accurate.

1. **Group Leader’s Report**

Pierre Miles presented the Group Leader’s report, which is contained in Attachment B to these minutes. There were no subsequent questions or comments.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Phil Sanford presented the Treasurer’s report, which is contained in Attachment C to these minutes. There were no subsequent questions or comments.

1. **Group Awards**

The group presents two awards each year and at this AGM were awarded as follows:

1. **The Bent Con Rod Award**

This is awarded to an individual in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the group and was this year presented to **Pete Muncer.** This was in recognition of all of the effort and time expended in designing and organising day tours, not only for the Lea Valley Group activities but also for other local groups, and for frequent inputs to the LVG TRunnion newsletter.

1. **The Best Newcomer Car Award**

The Best Newcomer Car Award was presented by the previous holder Phil Sanford to **Nick Theze.** Nick’s TR5 is an excellent example of the model, particularly as it is in Valencia Blue, one of the less common colour shades produced by Triumph, and can frequently be seen out and about.

1. **Election of Officers and Committee**

Following invitations for members to offer themselves (or others) to serve on the committee, it was noted that there were no volunteers forthcoming. All current members were content to remain in the committee, although Chris Glasbey has decided to step down from being Deputy GL, as other pressures mean that he is unable to commit as much time to the group as before. A successor to Chris will be decided at the next committee meeting.

Although not yet confirmed, it is likely that Chris will take over from Brian as Editor of the TRunnion.

Deputy Group Leader: TBD

Treasurer: Phil Sanford

Events: Paul Richardson

Technical: David Dawson

Communications: Brian Chidwick (TBC)

TRunnion Editor: Chris Glasbey (TBC)

Advisor: Jon Marshall

1. **Plans for 2017**

The outline plans for the LVG events during 2017 were presented by Pierre Miles, with Attachment C containing the plan details, including dates. Outlines are as follows:

The BIG-4 concept will be continued into 2017, with the following events being nominated:

* 18 June: Standard Triumph Marque Day at Santa Pod
* 6 August: Muncer’s Mystery Meander
* 15-18 September CACCC Falling Down visit to the Isle of Wight,
* Group Autumn Social Event

Other events that will be promoted throughout the year include the following:

- April: National Drive-It-Day organised by the FBHVC

- May: Cars on Ramps at Robsport PLUS Ladies Who Lunch

- June: CACCC Tibbles Tour

- July: Classics in the Walled Garden at Luton Hoo.

- July: TRR International Weekend

- July: Silverstone Classic Car Event

- August: Pirton Classic Car Show

- September: 4 day group trip to the north of France

It was noted that the ‘Route to Lunch’ will begin in April. This involves meeting close to where an LVG member lives and then driving as a social run to the meeting venue, usually The Cock Inn, in time for the start of the monthly meeting. Details of each meeting point are distributed to all members shortly before the date.

1. **AOB**

None

**Closure of AGM:** There being no further business, the Group Leader thanked everybody for their attendance and participation and closed the AGM at 12:45.

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**Attachment A**

### TR REGISTER - LEA VALLEY GROUP

### Annual General Meeting 2016

Mount Pleasant Golf Centre, Lower Stondon

19 February 2017, 12 Noon

### AGENDA

Apologies for Absence

1. Minutes of AGM held 21 February 2016
2. Group Leader’s Report
3. Treasurer’s Report
4. Group Awards
   1. The Bent Con Rod – Award for Contribution
   2. The Best Newcomer Car Award
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Plans for 2017
7. AOB

Closure of AGM

**Attachment B**

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### GROUP LEADER’S REPORT

This time last year, the Lea Valley Group ended an era of transition under the auspices of my predecessor Julian Hensman and began a year of promise, based on Julian’s significant efforts to find out what LVG members actually wanted to do by the novel method of asking the members themselves. We also started the year with a few changes in committee members and roles. The main change was of course, at the AGM last year when Julian retired from being Group Leader and took on a new position in the committee with responsibility for international liaison activities. Following a secret ballot, I was voted in as the new Group Leader and I was very pleased that Chris Glasbey took on the role of being the deputy Group Leader. Chris has many years of TRR membership, including long spells in official positions at not only group level but also in the main committee of the TRR itself. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris for his support and for bringing his experience to the LVG.

At the last AGM, we also had a new Treasurer – Phil Sanford. I feel slightly guilty at persuading Phil to join the committee and take on this role but he has done a sterling job throughout the year and kept our finances in excellent condition. Thank you, Phil.

Our longer term committee members have continued their great support. Paul has continued promoting and participated in many TR events and of course, devised and organised our trip through some typically English countryside to Burghley House, where we had a tasty lunch and relaxing afternoon. David Dawson has stayed true to his role as our technical expert, with many of the group – myself included – benefitting from his knowledge. Jon Marshall continues to bring many years of TR experience to the group, including his role as TR4 Registrar to the TRR itself. Until the autumn, David Randall was in the committee, monitoring the membership details, the buddy scheme and giving great support, particularly to Paul in arranging some of our activities. You will have read in TRunnion last November of David’s enviable wealth of ‘auto-knowledge’ and I am pleased to say that David continues to fully participate in the LVG.

In mentioning TRunnion, Brian Chidwick comes instantly to mind. Brian plays THE pivotal role in how the LVG runs, being the focal point for not only producing and distributing TRunnion but also for all other communications. He is one of the longest standing members of the TRR, indeed a founding member of the LVG and certainly provides us with all the latest news. We would not be where we are today without his efforts and he deserves all our thanks.

In fact, this is the perfect opportunity for me to thank each and every committee member for all of their work in ensuring the smooth running of the group throughout the year. Thank you all.

There is much to report on our 2016 activities, several of which were organised as a result of the Gaining Traction survey carried out early in the year. We continued the concept of promoting our Big-4 events, where we push a little harder to get LVG member participation. Our 2016 Big-4 were:

* Luton Festival of Transport: this ‘free to show’ event is extremely popular, with total attendances usually in excess of 1300 vehicles. On this occasion, frequent rain on the day resulted in lower attendance than usual but the LVG turned up in force, with our 14 cars far outnumbering the TSSC contingent who had organised the stand that we were using.
* CACCC Tibbles Tour: beginning with breakfast and ending 140 miles later with a fish and chip supper, not to mention the burger and cake stops in between, this was a most enjoyable way to spend a day. Driving one of Pete Muncer’s tours is always a pleasure and enhanced for this event by being in the company of many other different marques of classic cars.
* Bicester Flywheel: the LVG teamed up with the North London Group to provide nearly 30 TRs lined up in the sunshine. A really relaxing time was had by all, with plenty of opportunity to enjoy not only a wide range of classic and military vehicles but also some excellent biplane and triplane flying, including dogfights with all the right sound effects.
* Burghley House: this was our social event to round off the year. Paul Richardson and David Randall had thoroughly reconnoitred a really picturesque route from Roxton up to Burghley House, somehow managing to programme in the experience of driving under a descending group of parachutists and later at Stamford, a flypast of WW2 fighters. All topped off by a great lunch.

There were other events as well, of course. Our Cars on Ramps event at Robsport was a great success, with about 10 of our cars having their nether regions inspected. Much appreciated advice and practical help were provided by the Robsport experts, leading to much discussion later in the pub. It was a pity that the parallel ‘Ladies Who Lunch’ event in Cambridge was not better supported, though.

LVG members have clearly been making full use of their cars, with events attended including: The Bluebell Run, Springing Up Tour, The Caper Which Way, Corinium Run, Derbyshire Dales Drive, NC500, Black Mountains Classic Tour, RBRR, Welland Valley Wander and the Luton Hoo Classics in the Walled Garden. Add to these the unnamed ventures taking in other regions of England, Wales, Ireland, France and Belgium and you will see how wide ranging we have been.

The group’s identity has taken a boost with LVG windscreen stickers now available and many members sporting polo and sweatshirts with the LVG logo. Sadly, the intention to produce a 2017 calendar failed but there will be a more concerted effort to produce one for 2018.

Leading on to planning for 2017, the committee will be building on the inputs received from the August 2016 survey. Proposals will be finalised at their next meeting after the AGM but included in consideration will be: Drive-It-Day, Cars on Ramps with Ladies Who Lunch, Bletchley Park, an Ironbridge weekend, a rolling road session, French coast tour, Tibbles Tour, other CACCC tours and a Muncer Mystery Meander.

There are two things that contribute to a good group. The first of these is communication and central to our communications is the work that Brian does with regular emails to all and his excellent work with TRunnion. TRunnion is very successful but does depend upon inputs from the members – so keep them coming in. please. Also, please be reminded that the LVG now has a Facebook page that we are trying to build up to provide a more instant method of providing real news. All are encouraged to join Facebook and make good use of the facility.

The second - and by far most important – contributor to a good group is the membership and that means all of us. For me, the Lea Valley Group is the most social, easy going and friendly bunch of people I have ever known. This is due in no small part not only to the members themselves but also to their ‘other halves’ and sons who so frequently come along to the meetings and other events, and who are an integral part of all that we do. There is a lot of concern in the TRR world right now about its long term future because of the demographics of its membership, so I am very pleased to welcome the recent influx of younger and enthusiastic members. The future of the Lea Valley Group is becoming assured.

So, on behalf of the committee and myself, thank you to all – members, other halves and young ones alike – for the support you have given to the Lea Valley Group over the past year. Long may it continue.

Pierre Miles

TR Register – Lea Valley Group Leader

**Attachment C**

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### TREASURER’S REPORT

The statement of accounts covering February 2016 to January 2017 is attached and provides a summary of the income and expenditure incurred by the group over this period.

The year began with paying for a buffet lunch at The Cock to more than 30 people who attended the AGM in February 2016. At the AGM a “get well soon” gift of flowers and chocolates along with a card was given to the Landlady, to wish her a speedy recovery from a recent illness.

The most notable income this year is from the sale of raffle tickets on a bi-monthly basis at our regular Sunday meetings. This income amounted to £276.00 at no cost to the club as all the prizes were donated by LVG members. This is an important source of income for the club and if you have any unwanted Christmas or birthday gifts you would like to donate to the raffle it will be much appreciated. Our thanks should go to those who donated the prizes over the past year.

The much awaited polo shirts and sweat shirts arrived in April. The cost of these had a small subsidy of £94.00 from club funds. Most of the cost of the shirts had been collected in the previous financial year and showed in the last accounts.

A folding base, at a cost of £48.00, was purchased for the club banner, this fits under a car wheel and makes flying the banner easier and safer.

Reimbursement of £134.40 for the windscreen stickers and artwork for the shirts was received from the TR Register. The group can claim up to £150.00 per year from TRR for various things including promotional expenditure, stationary, postage, room hire and speaker fees. This year a claim for £98.00 (subject to TRR approval) has been made, covering the folding base and room hire for the AGM. A cheque for this has now been received and will show in next year’s accounts.

The Kick Off Lunch was the only other activity that had any expenditure from the club during the year. Thirty one members and partners attended the lunch at the Royal Oak in Stevenage. This was a last-minute change of venue from the Crown at Shillington due to renovation problems at the Crown. As last year, the committee decided to offer a free welcome drink to each diner, the total cost being £113.00 Again the event was used to make a charitable donation to the Pepper Foundation. This year the donation was optional and up to the individual to set their amount. This resulted in a very gratifying £180.00 being raised.

All other events were attended either free of charge or paid for on an individual basis.

A small income has been derived from the sale of windscreen stickers and interest on the bank account.

This concludes the Treasurer’s report on the finances of the TRR Lea Valley Group.

Phil Sanford

31st January 2017

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| TRR Lea Valley Group – Statement of Accounts February 2016 – January 2017 |
| **Brought forward from 2016 £1095.06**  AGM Lunch at the Cock + get well gift -£156.00 £939.06  LVG Shirts  Cheque received £25.00  Payment to Signworks for shirts -£564.00  -£539.00 £400.60  Reimbursement by TRR for stickers and artwork £134.40 £534.46  Purchase of base for LVG banner -£48.00 £486.46  Raffle ticket sales £276.00 £762.46  LVG windscreen sticker sales £8.50 £770.96  Bank interest net of tax June 2016 & Dec 2016 £1.86 £772.82  2017 Kick Off Lunch (Jan 2017)  Payment by diners £800.00  Payment to Royal Oak (meals + drinks) -£733.00  Donation to The Pepper Foundation -£180.00  -£113.00 £659.82  Room hire deposit for 2017 AGM -£50.00 £609.82  **To carry forward to 2017 £609.82**  **Note 1: Cost of room hire deposit and base for LVG banner subject to reimbursement claim from TRR** |

**Attachment D**

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**Planning for Events During 2017**

Throughout 2016, LVG cars were visible at many events not only in our own counties but also throughout the UK, with the nature of these events ranging from actually driving the cars at rallies of various types through attending car shows to the other extreme of simply inspecting our cars during the Cars on Ramps morning. The BIG-4 concept adopted during 2016 seemed to work pretty well and will therefore be continued in 2017. As a reminder, the BIG-4 are those events that we place particular emphasis on participation as a group so as to encourage links between group members, promote group loyalty and to give the LVG and TRR more prominent presence at events. It also means that at these events at least, you won’t be there on your own.

There is a very wide range and large number of events that are either generally or directly applicable to TRs and it is no easy matter to choose those on which we should focus. The committee has discussed the options several times and have provisionally selected the following to be our BIG-4 events of the year:

* **18 June: Standard Triumph Marque Day at Santa Pod**: hosted by the TSSC as part of the Santa Pod Heritage Day;
* **6 August: Muncer’s Mystery Meander:** Pete Muncer is rightly well known for designing excellent day tours and has offered to do one for us this summer;
* **15-18 September:** we plan to join the CACCC Falling Down visit to the Isle of Wight, (free day Saturday with Sunday at the Ryde Classic Car Festival);
* **Group Autumn Social Event:** a drive though some English countryside to somewhere nice.

While these are the main four events we will promote, there are others that will be publicised to the group. Especially worthy of mention are:

- 23 April: National **Drive-It-Day** organised by the FBHVC. There is some work being done to develop an event in conjunction with one or more of the adjacent TRR groups or with the TSSC. Details will follow.

- 13 May: **Cars on Ramps** at Robsport PLUS **Ladies Who Lunch**. The ramps visit has been very well supported during the previous two years and will be repeated in 2017. During the morning, about 10 cars can be inspected – at no cost - by the Robsport technicians and much learnt by owners. **‘Ladies Who Lunch’** involves the drivers’ other halves meeting up for a guided tour of some of the lesser known but historic areas of Cambridge, followed by a lunch somewhere nice.

- 25 June: **CACCC Tibbles Tour**. Always a good full day tour designed by Pete Muncer, last year ending with a fish and chip supper.

- 5 July: A relaxing afternoon at the **Classics in the Walled Garden** at Luton Hoo.

- 7-9 July: **TRR International Weekend.** Now back at Malvern and considered to be the main TRR event of the year.

- 28-30 July: **Silverstone Classic Car** racing weekend – or just a Sunday trip?

- 10 August: **Pirton Classic Car Show**. Held in support of the RNLI and provides an opportunity for another relaxing afternoon.

- 8-11 September (possible departure dates): The committee is working towards a 4 day **group trip to the north of France,** focusing on the D-Day landing beaches but also providing options for those less militarily inclined. Departure date not yet finalised and there is likely to be an option to extend the trip beyond 4 days for those who would like to stay longer. This trip is being arranged in conjunction with Scenic and Continental Car Tours.

There are many, many more events throughout the year that are likely to be of interest to LVG members. The best way to keep abreast of the news is to look at TRunnion, which will not only list a huge number of events but also provide the details essential to enable participation. You could also look at both the TRR main website and the Lea Valley Group website and see what is contained under the ‘events’ banner. The easiest way to keep up to date is to come along to the group’s monthly meeting when information on imminent events is provided.

As an immediate reminder of some of these, please have a look at the reverse side of the agenda sheet provided for today.

Finally, although not an actual event – the calendar. There was a view that while a good number of photos were submitted, they came from a small number of contributors with the result that the range of cars that would be depicted throughout the year would be too small. When coupled with the anticipated cost of purchase, it was decided to not continue with the project. There is a plan to produce a calendar for 2018, but it depends on the quality and range of photos received. LVG members are strongly urged to think about this whenever they are with their cars. Take a camera and use it. If you think the picture is good enough for someone to appreciate it for a month – send it in.

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