

FMVA Update – October 2011

Below are the latest updates from the *Federazzjoni Maltija Vetturi Antiki* (FMVA).

BUDGET PROPOSALS

The Budget proposals that were discussed both with members as well as within the FMVA were also presented to the Ministry of Finance in late June. However, the FMVA also held discussions with the MMF to see what was of interest to both parties in order to present a more united front to the authorities. By the time you read this, these proposals would have been officially presented to the Ministry of Finance for consideration.

Amongst the proposals are:

1. The elimination of the road license and/or first registration fees for vehicles over 50 years old.
2. Reductions in the license fees for classic vehicles less than 50 years old
3. Classic status to be reached at 30 not 35 years.
4. Longer VRT intervals.
5. Removal and/or reduction of VAT/Import duty for genuine classic spare parts

We must emphasise that the above are just proposals which may, or may not, be approved by the Government. In the meantime we are keeping up the pressure for a favourable outcome.

SINGLE LICENSE MULTI VEHICLE SCHEME

The Single Plate Multi Vehicle (SPMV) system which was officially launched on the 1st of July is still stuck at Transport Malta's end. This scheme will allow owners of certified classic vehicles to use one single license for any number of machines, as long as only one vehicle at a time is used. Owners will pay the highest applicable license fee plus a standard €8 administration fee per annum. A special Transport Malta enamel badge must be affixed on or very near the front number plate on cars and the rear number plate in the case of motorcycles. We are informed, however, that they have been having problems with the procurement of said enamel badge.

There is also an issue with the transportation of vehicles to and from official shows which the OMC has complained about. The FMVA is working on a solution that will address this problem whilst ensuring security against possible abuse and we held an urgent meeting with the CEO and Deputy Chairman of TM who promised to look into these two issues. (*please also see the FMVA reply to Dr. Lino Gauci Borda's opinion piece in the OMC newsletter*)

Undocumented Vehicles

The Undocumented Vehicles Scheme is open until the 31st January 2012 to enable owners to re-register genuine classic vehicles that have been in Malta for a long time. Such vehicles are usually, but not limited to, WWII military vehicles whose documents have been lost for a number of reasons. Re-registration is against full payment of the

usual registration fees and provenance of the vehicle must be provided. To apply one must use the application forms VEH 1, 2, 15 & 18. These are available from the Transport Malta and the various clubs' websites.

The FMVA urges members to make use of this scheme as soon as possible and not leave to the end of January. A number of applications have already been received and examined by the board that verifies classic applications. Valuations of some vehicles have been carried out and we assume that applicants will soon be receiving letters from Transport Malta to register their vehicles.

FMVA Rally

The organisers of the annual FMVA rally have given a lot of thought based upon feedback received about past events, with the aim of providing a motoring spectacle that is also a lot of fun. Therefore, this year's event will be held on the 6th of November in Gozo and will comprise three large static shows as well as the rally. Since this event is still being planned we cannot give out details just yet. But if we manage to obtain good sponsorship, this may result in free ferry crossing to and from the event as well as extremely reduced hotel rates for those wishing to cross the night before.

Further details will be given once the planning is finalised and a briefing will be organised accordingly.

Safe Classic Motoring

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