



MAFVA SOUTH WALES BRANCH MEETING
held on Monday 1st August 2016

At our MAFVA South Wales branch meeting on Monday, Haydn Nelms asked if I could provide a typed out note of what I said during the meeting as he had difficulty hearing me. I agreed that I can do this, as bullet points to go over the main points raised. Would you all please let me know what you think about this idea so that I can develop it any further if required.

- At the start of the meeting I welcomed Mark Stephens who came to our June meeting for the first time and now wants to become a member of the Miniature AFV Association. I have added his name and details to our list of Active Branch Members and shall circulate that list with these notes. Please check the details that I have for you and let me know of any amendments that you may wish to make.
- Llancaiach Fawr Show - I just attended this briefly on the Sunday and found it to be very similar to last year. The main difference was that the marquee that we were in was put on paving blocks rather than on the grass, which made it a lot firmer under foot. There seems to be little room for any expansion to this show, but it is something local, and a good way of promoting our branch.
- Avon IPMS, Thornbury - This show is on Sunday 7th August with seven of us attending. Peter Denyer pointed out that the show starts at 9.30am, and not 10am as we had previously expected. Can everyone please note the earlier start. This also means that it finishes half an hour earlier at 4.30pm. We have 12ft x 2ft of table space, so that gives everyone about 2ft x 2ft and a bit for their models.
- Yeovilton Fleet Air Arm Museum. We have now had the details about this show and I have asked Des to let them know that we will be attending. As I type this, I have just noted that this show is an earlier date than previous years and is on 15th October, which clashes with the Cardiff Model Railway show that is on 15th and 16th October where we will have about 20 ft of table space for a South Wales MAFVA display, plus my N gauge Haverfordwest layout. We shall have to sort this out at our next branch meeting in September.
- In September's meeting we shall also need to sort out table space and any other arrangements for our next South Wales MAFVA Open Afternoon on Sunday 9th October.
- We also have an invite to the Bristol BMSS Bugle Call show that was previously in Bath but is now in Nailsea on 27th November. Peter pointed out that this show is also a 9.30 am start.
- Three of us, me, David Burton and Mike Johns did another branch museum visit on Thursday 28th July to The Tank Museum in Bovington and all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves again. I noted that the REME Museum which is being re-located from Arborfield to Lyneham is due to re-open in October this year, and would be another good place to visit, now only about an hour's drive from Cardiff.
- Dai Buckler explained that he has been trying to sort out a visit for us to go to the REME TA workshops in Litchard in Bridgend, but at present is having some difficulty in arranging this. I'll let you know if Dai can sort this out.

- I updated the branch on the post of National Chairman and that there is due to be an Extraordinary General Meeting of the MAFVA Council sometime in September where this post will hopefully be sorted. I shall let everyone know as soon as I find out.
- I explained to you all that one of the main things that I liked about being a member of the Miniature AFV Association is that we are all part of a national association which has many more benefits than belonging to a purely local club. Over the 30 plus years of this club I have made friends in Scotland, Northumberland, Cambridge, and London, to name but a few. Over Easter this year I went with David Burton to a model show in Overloon in The Netherlands with members of Cambridge MAFVA who kindly invited us to join them. One of those members, has now invited me to join him on a trip to Indiana in the USA in December, which will be by far the biggest journey that I shall have ever made as a direct result of my membership of the Miniature AFV Association. Cambridge MAFVA may also consider going as a group to the AMPS show in the USA next year, and have invited me to join them if they go. This is still just a suggestion that is being developed, but if any other branch member would like to attend the AMPS show, please let me know and I'll see if you can be included.
- And finally, Dai Buckler told us that he had visited MIB Models in Newton Nottage Road in Porthcawl recently and finds that they are now offering a 3D printing service that may be of interest to members. Dai has some leaflets about this.

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