

## MINUTES OF MEETING-3 JUNE 2010

**Chairman's Welcome** – Barry Beck welcomed everybody on a lovely evening with the long awaited return to nice weather. Barry then advised the meeting that the Group had written to General Sir Richard Dannatt asking if he would consider becoming our President and was pleased to announce his acceptance. Barry then read out his letter of acceptance indicating he would attempt to fit in the occasional visit as commitments allowed and looked forward to seeing members at the Sennowe Park Dog Day. Being no new members but a Birthday Girl in our midst the membership joined in wishing June Cushing a very Happy Birthday. Following normal business there would be a slide show of John Dann's participation in the Trans USA Tour.

**Apologies** – R & M Reynolds, J Mitchell, J & K Aldis, J & E Hindle, A Edwards, D & J Alp, L Dench, A Goldspink, L.& A. Mann.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – AGM and April meeting minutes were read and accepted as a true record.

**Secretary's Report** - Ian McCallum asked that anyone wishing to attend the Ellough Hanger Dance on the 25-26 June to please see him after the meeting. Ian also advised that a new stock of vehicle pennants plus a selection of Group clothing was available for sale after the meeting on the top table.

**Chairman's Report** - Barry Beck advised that Richard and Sandra had pulled together an excellent and full Rally Programme for the year, which with the assistance of Ray Elderton and Tony Emmerson would ensure our attendance is correctly represented. Barry then thanked the committee for their continued support and John Dann for organising our attendance at the dedication of a memorial at North Tuddenham and the visit to the crash site. John Dann then indicated he had received a letter of thanks from the Parish Council.

**Treasurer's Report** – Peter Cushing advised he had absolutely nothing to report since April other than the cashing of a single cheque and funds standing at £3470.48. Barry thanked Peter indicating it was nice to see his attendance on the top table.

**Membership Secretary's Report-** Bill Purchase advised that subscriptions were due and that payments would be welcomed from those yet to pay after the meeting.

**MVT Liaison Officer's Report-** Ian McCallum advised no new information therefore nothing to report.

**Publicity Officer's Report-** Charles Warren informed the meeting he had recently met Terry Quinn's wife and asked we be remembered to him. Terry now unfortunately suffers ill health and was the previous MVT Liaison Officer who relentlessly followed our escapades at events. Charles advised he had recently given two interviews with BBC Radio Norfolk on our member's attendance at the Guernsey Liberation Tour plus our contribution to the shoe-box appeal. While on air a member of the public called with respect to the shoe-box appeal and the appreciation felt by the troops upon receiving what are always welcome items from home. Charles then made an appeal to all members to keep him informed of events, participation in fund raising activities or anything he can use to promote the Group on air.

**Rally Secretary's Report-** Richard Edwards advised that unfortunately he had not been well of late and thanked Sandra for all of her assistance. Richard had an important announcement with reference to a change in policy from North Norfolk Railway where persons NOT travelling in period dress during the 40's Weekend would have to pay a £5.00. Richard asked if there were persons present that

would be affected by this change they would need to complete a form tonight in order he could meet the deadline. A complete overview of forthcoming events was then given including, Dads Army at Thetford and Bressingham, 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division Memorial Event at Munford, Armed Forces Day events, Old Buckenham Air Show and a summary of events into July and August.

**Newsletter Editor's Report** – Mike Pollard indicated his first efforts as editor were ready for collection and hoped it would be a good read. Mike then advised he had improved the quality of pictures as much as possible with the existing facilities but advised glorious colour versions would be available for those requesting their Newsletter be sent directly to their email address, also saving on postage. Any reader wishing to take advantage of this was asked to contact Mike direct plus material for future Newsletters was always welcome.

#### **Any Other Business-**

**Barry Beck** – Advised members there would be a Guest Speaker at the next meeting being a Jill Mann's talk on the V 1 pilotless aircraft.

**Digital Photo Show** – John Dann gave a very informative presentation of his participation in the 2009 – 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> US Army Motor Convoy across the US. The show started with photos of John's host loading his vehicle for the journey to Washington, being the start point of the tour. A total of 201 vehicles were involved, joining or leaving at designated locations along the way, with 33 completing the total distance. During the 28 days they travelled through 11 states and 350 cities, towns or villages covering a total of 3250 miles before reaching the destination of San Francisco. Barry Beck gave the vote of thanks for a very interesting brief insight into this mammoth undertaking and another notch on John's belt of 'been there, done that'. The membership showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Being no other formal business the meeting closed at 2210