

HEAVY TALK

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HEAVY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION - CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



HTA Members, past and present, attended the thirtieth anniversary dinner held at Coombe Abbey in Warwickshire on 22nd November. The evening commenced with a short general meeting, followed by drinks and dinner.



We were also delighted that The Earl Attlee, past President of the HTA, was able to attend the dinner with Lady Attlee. Chairman John Rodell gave an excellent after dinner speech, and this was followed by a reply from Lord Attlee.



The evening was a great success and a chance for past and present members and their wives and partners to catch up.



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To mark the thirtieth anniversary a bespoke Yearbook has been produced and published and has now been distributed to Members. The HTA Secretariat hopes that you will agree that Nimble Media have done an excellent job in producing the book. Thanks to all who contributed to the Yearbook, whether writing an article, supplying photographs or advertising. Without your input this Yearbook would not have been possible.



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CONSULTATION ON QUALIFICATIONS FOR ESCORT DRIVERS AND MANAGERS

At the end of January letters referring to the two City & Guild qualifications (Level 2 and Level 3) were forwarded for Consultation to transport organisations (Road Skills for Logistics, ACPO, Police Scotland, Highways Agency, AIRSO, FTA, RHA, RHA Caravan Hauliers Group, RHA Heavy Haulage Group, URTU, UNISON, UNITE, TSSA, NFU, CPA, the army ESTA, International Road Transport Union (IRU), the Secretary of State for Transport, amongst others.

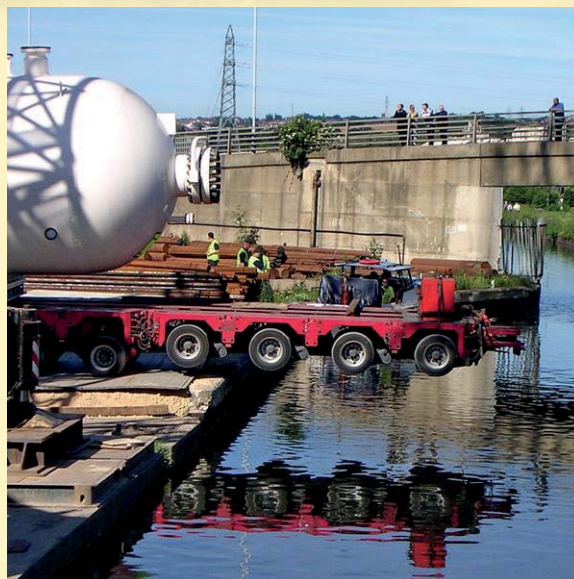
Responses received are being collated and the comments taken into consideration. Responses received so far have been encouraging. The consultation will be discussed at the HTA meeting on 6th March 2014.

HGV LICENCE SUSPENDED FOR HOLDING MOBILE PHONE WHEN DRIVING

The recent case of an HGV driver who was banned from driving an HGV for 21 days for using a mobile phone whilst at the wheel, is a reminder that driving while using a handheld device is an offence. Traffic Commissioners take a dim view of those driving whilst holding a hand held device as in doing so a driver cannot be in proper control of the vehicle and this will significantly compromise road safety.

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WHERE: Amsterdam, Netherlands

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ESTA member Associations and Special Members are entitled to seven [7] free dinner seats, but registration for these seats is required! Registration is possible until March 22nd, 2014. Contact the HTA Secretariat for further information.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SHOW 2014

29th April to 1st May

The Commercial Vehicle Show is the primary sourcing and selling opportunity for the entire UK road freight transport and logistics industry, unrivalled in size, product range and visitor attendance. For operators it is THE meeting place, attracting over 18,000 high quality visitors with serious buying power.

WHERE: NEC Birmingham

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