



The FMES Autumn Rally – a summary for potential host clubs

Arranging any event is a potentially complex affair, and a rally is no different. The FMES Autumn Rally relies on willing and enthusiastic member clubs offering to support the event and take care of most of the organization and running of the day. Most clubs have some experience in putting on events, open days etc., and the FMES rally is only another such 'open day'!

If you are considering offering to host a rally, here are a few summarized comments for your interest to maybe answer a few overall questions that you might have:

- The rally is essentially an event presented by the host club, who will make all arrangements for the day in terms of managing visitors and their catering, and providing the agreed facilities for use (eg club house, railway track etc), and managing insurance/boiler certificate checking and other health and safety related needs.
- FMES provide a modest contribution to costs, and the host club is free to request contributions directly from attendees to assist with these.
- FMES want the main event to take place on a single day, and this should include the opportunity for attendees to enter one or both of the competitions held on the day (the 'AALS Trophy' and the 'FMES Autumn Rally Competition').
- The host club is free to make the event longer (ie 2 or 3 days) if it wishes to increase attendance however.
- It is essential that the host club has and can make available the use of a miniature railway track providing as many of the usual gauges between 2½" and 7¼" as possible for one of the competitions (AALS).
- The host club can, with FMES, design specific rules for entry for the FMES Autumn Rally Competition however and this is not restricted to miniature railways.
- The host club should provide one or two judges for the competitions.
- FMES will assist with publicity for the event via email flyers, website, newsletters etc.
- The host club should design a suitable one page 'brochure' at least for download.
- FMES has no control over the number of attendees other than by publicity, the weather or other such criteria!

If you would like to know more, then you can find the rules for the two competitions on the website, along with other related information.

If you would like to discuss the event in more detail, please contact info@fmes.org.uk . We have more information we can send to you, and also of course arrange to discuss your comments and thoughts together.

Model Engineering thrives as a hobby on opportunities to meet others and exhibit models of all sizes and types. Hosting a rally is a good way to put your club 'on the map', enhance its profile and also show off your facilities and interests!