

Ride Trailer Report - March 2019

The Ride Trailer is back on the road!

We are pleased to report that it is fully insured, registered, roadworthy and ready to start the SAERA Endurance season!

Over the past five weeks the ride trailer has been thoroughly reviewed by two manufacturing trailer makers and also by Rob Vlaanderen. Investigations also included weighing the trailer both empty and full, and ascertaining ball weights in both cases. We are pleased to report that the ride trailer has indeed always been roadworthy which we are sure will be news welcomed by members with previous concerns. However, we also wish to acknowledge that there were certainly minor adjustments and repairs that could be done to make the ride trailer both easier and safer for our members to tow.

Following these reviews, the trailer was taken to Rob and he quoted for maintenance, repairs and adjustments and at the 28th February SMC meeting, we agreed unanimously to accept the quote.

The adjustment to the trailer that has made a substantial difference to the ball weight was simply to shift the two spare tyres to the front of the trailer rather than behind the axles where they were previously mounted. The ball weight was then checked again to confirm the change in weight distribution. Along with this, we now have a bright red line on the floor of the trailer past which NO items may be stowed whilst towing. A list of towing instructions will accompany this report and can also be found on the SAERA Facebook page and website for reference.

As well as adding aluminium guttering above the horizontal hinges and repairs to the reversing lights, the roof was also resealed and touch up white paint was applied where required.

It is worth noting that the tyre pressures in all four of the trailer tyres were at 32PSI, the spares having only 25PSI. They are now inflated to 48 PSI (maximum tyre load rating of 50PSI) as necessary for ease of towing for a trailer of this size and weight.

The trailer has been repacked, reweighed and was delivered to the Ride Organiser for our very first ride of the season on the 10th of March 2019, which was ultimately the goal that the SMC was hoping to achieve.

Jodie Luck

Trailer Coordinator

on behalf of

2019 SAERA SMC