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## A positive start to 2019 for NTDA membership

2019 has started well for the NTDA with three new supplier members and one returning full member joining the Association in January.

## UMILEDS

The first supplier company to join in 2019 was **Lumileds**. Lumileds is dedicated to providing "best-in-class" lighting solutions in the Aftermarket and Original Equipment Manufacturer and Supplier markets.

Its innovations have been on the cutting-edge of automotive lighting and have led to the advancement and modernisation of automotive lighting as we know it today. Lumileds intends to be an active member of the Association and has already offered to give presentations at regional member's meetings and free training to full member's technicians.



The next company to join as a supplier member was leading provider of secure storage containers and portable site accommodation, **Mobile Mini**.

With 15 branches across the UK, Mobile Mini's secure portable units provide storage, office space and site solutions to approximately 8,500 customers nationwide including retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, construction companies, local and national government and households to name but a few.

## Moto<mark>kiki</mark>

**Motokiki** has also joined as a supplier member. Established in South Wales in 2017, Motokiki is an impartial tyre comparison site for the UK that aims to combine shoppers with the tyre market, purchasing process and guidelines on the correct fitment information.

In addition, Motokiki looks to champion road safety by providing advice and information when comparing tyres and wheel sizes for each vehicle. Its mission is to help everyone find the right tyres at the best prices.



Paisley based **Renfrewshire Tyre Services** is the latest in an increasing number of members that have rejoined the NTDA. It is an independent tyre specialist and provides high quality tyres from leading brands, specialising in tyres for both

cars and larger commercial vehicles including haulage, industrial and agricultural vehicles.

Renfrewshire Tyre Services is a family business with over 40 years' experience offering the very best advice in the field of tyre safety and road contact. It prides itself in providing a fast, friendly service which has been relied upon by 3 generations of road users.

## **NTDA Tyre Industry Golf Day 2019**

#### TUESDAY 25<sup>™</sup> JUNE 2019, RUDDING PARK, HARROGATE

A privately-owned luxury hotel, Rudding Park has 90 bedrooms, a spa, two restaurants and a kitchen garden, private cinema, two golf courses and conference and events space. Set in 300 acres of landscaped gardens and woodland, Rudding Park is one of the most beautiful Harrogate hotels. The Association has 'blocked' a number of rooms at Rudding Park. A special NTDA rate has been negotiated and all of the amenities are available to enjoy a comfortable night's sleep. A variety of other hotel options, for all budgets, are available close by. Accommodation must be booked directly and is not being co-ordinated by the NTDA.

The competition will be divided into different divisions and there will be special prizes for 'nearest the pin' and 'Longest Drive' which means that golfers of all abilities will be welcome. The event is open to Tyre Retailers, Wholesalers, Manufacturers, Suppliers and guests so it will present a great opportunity to meet with, and enjoy, the company of golfers from a wide cross section of the Automotive Aftercare Industry. **The cost of the entire golf day is £110 + VAT** and includes bacon rolls and coffee on arrival, starter on the 1st tee and a three course evening meal and much more. **Non-golfers are also most welcome to attend the evening dinner at £55 + VAT**. A raffle in support of the NTDA's chosen charity The Wheelwrights' Charity 2020 Appeal will also take place and the Association would be most grateful for all prize donations. Small sponsorship options are also available.

To book player or dinner places for the 2019 NTDA Tyre Industry Golf Day please contact: NTDA Membership Secretary Alison Keitch on **01296 482128** or via email **alisonkeitch@ntda.co.uk** 



## NTDA launches individual membership category for Tyre Technicians



Following a number of discussions at its 2018 meetings, the Executive Council of the NTDA has agreed that a new membership category for individual tyre technicians be established in 2019 to further the Association's aim to become a true 'Professional Body' for the tyre trade.

It was recognised, by members, that this would provide a route for technicians to engage with the Association, at an earlier stage, and, perhaps, if those technicians go on to establish their own businesses, encourage them to join as full members.

### **ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS**

In order to qualify for individual membership, a technician must hold one of the licences issued under the NTDA Tyre Technician Professional Development Scheme, namely:

- REACT Licence to Work Safely at the Roadside;
- Retail Tyre Technician Licence;
- Vehicle Service Technician Licence;
- Commercial Tyre Technician Licence.

The licence must be current/valid.

Additionally, individuals **MUST** be technicians employed by a tyre distributor and **NOT** be business owners, (including mobile tyre fitting businesses). Business owners will be required to bring the business and all depots into full membership as they do currently.

#### COST

The annual cost of this membership is £50.00 + VAT, which can be paid by Direct Debit over six equal monthly payments.

#### **BENEFITS**

The following will be available to individual members:

- Membership certificate and badge (certificate to be renewed annually);
- Access to the member's only area of the NTDA website;
- Monthly technical bulletin, newsletter and mailers (e.g. invites to trade events);
- Free place at NTDA conference (subject to availability);
- Copy of annual NTDA Tyre & Automotive Aftercare Directory;
- Free copies of some leading trade journals (to be confirmed).

#### **REGIONAL EVENTS**

Some regions, especially those that are moving, or have moved, to evening meetings, are also happy for individual members to attend.

For an application form please contact NTDA Membership Secretary Alison Keitch via E: **alisonkeitch@ntda.co.uk** or T: **01296 482128**