
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

March 2010

Please accept abject apologies for the lateness of circulation of this edition, due to holidays and pressures of business. Note the date of the AGM, we need a big attendance, and for a number of new faces to agree nomination for office with the Committee. If you are interested, contact Geoff Mizon.

Norcemog Dinner Dance at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, near Chester.

If you didn't make this event you missed one of the best Norcemog meetings of the year!

Some of us took advantage of the facilities and had a swim and sauna in the afternoon. The group got together on the Friday evening for a low key, but excellent, dinner and chat afterwards in the hotel's spacious and comfortable lounge. Plans were made for the next day's outings; into Chester itself or off to Cheshire Oaks shopping outlet. Barbara and the Hotel were both great sources of information of how to get there and the parking once there. In our case, into Chester, don't even think of using the car as parking is too difficult, get the bus which conveniently stopped just outside the hotel.

On Saturday morning Geoff counted the Morgans in the car park, 7, including the intrepid London Group who had their appearance for the third year running. We must be doing something right! We must also congratulate Judith and Nigel coming all the way up from Devon for the second year running.

Eight of us set off that morning into the city by bus. We sneaked the 'youthful' Judith and Nigel onto the bus free of charge, while Una and David, Jean and Brian, Geoff and I bamboozled the driver with our bus passes! We walked or rather slipped, due to the ice, around the city walls, helped rescue a lost swan, and asked Nigel (who is a local) many difficult questions about the history of the city and the walls. He is a teacher after all! Having almost made a complete circuit we decided on coffee and managed to find a coffee shop that gave us a free handmade chocolate with the coffee. What luck. We then retraced our steps a short way to a good looking pub, The Albion, that we had passed whilst walking on the Wall. There we had good beer, doorstep sandwiches and traditional pub surroundings. We then all split up to sample the different delights of the City. Judith, Nigel, Geoff and I decided that the sandwiches had been so big that we should walk their excesses off by walking back to the Hotel. So we felt very virtuous by the time we got back.

We met for the evening's event in the bar, Barbara explaining to everyone that there would be 2 raffles, one for the funds of Norcemog and a more expensive one, with surprise, expensive prizes donated by Tesco Home Plus Chester, The Mollington Banastre Hotel and Lifes Motors. Our Chairman, Andy B., welcomed everyone to our evenings entertainment and thanking Barbara and Roy for organising the whole weekend. The tickets for the raffles were sold and drawn during the courses of the meal. Roy won the car grill donated by Lifes Motors and the London Group cleared the deck winning a Printer, a Shredder, and a Foreman grill donated by Tesco and a Spa Day donated by the Hotel. What a scoop! The Norcemog raffle raised £116.00 and Roy's charity for Huntingdon's Disease raised £150.00. Thank you everyone. After another excellent meal Andy B. presented the Club's Annual Awards. They were as follows:

Lifes Cup - Roy and Barbara
Anderson Cup - Andrew Grange

Wilkinson Sword - Peter and Isobel Moore
Scriptwriters Award - Peter Grange
Layshaft Award - Richard Cressy
Kelly Cup - Jonathon Baines
Glenise's Cup - Anthea Grange

We then danced the evening away to 'The Signals' a very patient Ceilidh band, as we didn't always get their instructions right the first time. I think everyone must have slept very well that night as the dancing was quite hot and exhausting. Unfortunately John F. was not feeling too good and after he and Pat talked to Andy (Dr) from the London Group, to whom Pat says a great big 'thank you', John, Pat and Andy B. spent the night at The Countess of Chester Hospital. The Hotel, too, were very helpful, finding a room for Sue and Harriet and telling Pat not to panic about her room as she could keep for as long as she needed it. Thankfully John was allowed home Sunday evening with a handful of pills.



The next morning we awoke to the sight of about 2 inches of snow. This provoked cries of 'wonderful', 'what about the scenic run?', 'shall we build a huge snowman?' and 'what a about an interclub snowball fight?'. After lots of discussion during breakfast it was decided to cancel the scenic run and lunch at a nearby pub just in case the weather got worse. The long distance cars set off straight away, whilst the nearer to home members set off at their leisure. Congratulations to Barbara and Roy for setting up a great weekend. Shame about the scenic run, but we now have one in hand for another time, they never go to waste.

Gill Mizon

NORCEMOG COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 24th February '10 at 19:30

MINUTES of MEETING

Those Present – Isabel & Peter, Adrian, Bryan, Geoff & Gill, Peter, Roy

Apologies – were received from Andy, John & Pat, Simon (Ivan was not present having resigned from the committee. Best wishes were sent to John who was not very well at present.

Minutes of 23rd September Meeting – These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Outstanding Actions

agm09.2 Andy - Make arrangements to have the Wilkinson Sword valued - The sword was valued at £250 by the antiques team at Samlesbury Hall

09.2.5 Geoff – Contact Anne Salisbury regarding MSCC members not in Norcemog – Ann was not able to provide this information from her current database.

09.2.6 Adrian - investigate setting up a Norcemog website – This is now done, see below

09.2.7 Ivan – Survey member's interest in a UK Tour – Ivan received only 2 responses to the survey he distributed.

Dinner Dance 2010 - Roy reported that the event had proved to be a great success enjoyed by 44 people, 28 of whom were Norcemog members, with others coming from London, Devon and Don Mog. A full report will be in the March Newsletter. Because of bad weather the scenic run had to be cancelled and will be held in October instead.

This year Roy and Barbara had arranged two raffles. The first with the attendees donated presents being the prizes, was held to raise club funds. The second had super prizes which had been donated by Lifes Motors, Tesco Homeplus Chester and the Mollington Banastre Hotel, was held to raise money for the charity donation (to be agreed at the AGM).

The event made a loss of £40, but with the proceeds of £116 from the 'club funds raffle' a profit had been made. The Charity raffle raised £150, it was proposed that this should be donated to the "Huntington's Disease Charity".

Dinner Dance 2011 - A discussion followed regarding options for next year. Points raised covered;

- Timing - should we hold the event a week later?
- Location – it was thought that this did not have much influence on attendance
- Cost – was the event too expensive and could the costs be reduced ?
- Venue – should we return to one of the recent venues, possibly "The Long Mynd" in 2011?
- AGM – the above items should be discussed at the AGM and a volunteer organiser hopefully will come forward.

Review of Diary of Events - The current Diary of Events had been extended to June 2010. Future Diary of Events should then run from June to until May the following year. The completion of the 2010 Diary of Events must be discussed at the AGM, where ideas and volunteers will hopefully be forthcoming.

Regalia - Isobel reported that 4 Car badges had been sold and that we owned 3 badges that are for sale at Lifes Motors. Isobel agreed to carry out a stock take and inform Peter so he could include the value of the badges held in the end of year financial records. – **Action**

10.1.1 - Isobel

Website - Adrian reported that the

Norcemog website had been set up and was

available at <norcemog.com> There is a public home page with general information about Norcemog and a members section which is available via a "username & password" which will be issued to paid up members of the centre. The committee are asked to visit the site and forward any comments or suggestions to Adrian. Access can be gained via the username "norcemog10" and the password "regalia10"

Treasurers Report - Peter submitted a financial report which showed us operating this year at a loss of around £400. However, it was recognised that this included paying the charity donation of £320 which was raised during last year. In addition the report did not include monies received from the sale of badges or the proceeds from the dinner dance. When all these items are taken into account we are on track to break even over the year, which was considered a desired outcome.

The pros and cons of increasing the centre subs were discussed and bearing in mind that we are likely to break even it was decided to leave the subs at £5 for 2010/11.

A discussion followed regarding the authorisation of expenditure in support of the running of the club and its activities that could be claimed from club funds. It was recognised that the club needed authorisation procedures in place to ensure the treasurer is never put in the position of facing a claim that has not been agreed in advance. The following points were agreed:

- Expenditure must be estimated and authorised before being incurred
- Payment by cheque will only be made if within the authorised amounts
- Expenditure up to £50 can be authorised by the 3 signatories on the clubs bank mandate
- Expenditure over £50 must be authorised by a majority of committee members via their response to an email request that will have a requirement to reply by a specific date. Where limited response exists there must be a majority with at least 4 committee members agreeing to the expenditure.

It was agreed that the Bank Mandate should be limited to include the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

A discussion followed relating to the financing of this year's Autotest and Concours. It was recognised that the club loses money on this event and consequently we should budget for this loss. Based on recent past events we could face a loss of around £120, depending upon how many cars and entries take part. It was therefore agreed that a budget of £150 should be established against which authorised expenditure could be set. Roy pointed out that there was an MSA cost in running the concours and it was agreed that an entry fee should be charged to take part in the concours as well as the Autotest. It was recognised that the previous entry fee of £5 did not cover that cost of the MSA permit for one entry. After due consideration, it was agreed that this year's fees would be £7 per driver entering the Autotest and £3 per car entered into the concours.

New members - Peter reported that current membership stood at 54 which included 9 new members. Disappointingly 11 past members had not renewed their membership.

AOB - It was agreed that the Committee minutes should continue to be published via the Newsletter, but only after approval by the committee members. This would be gained by default if no objections were raised and reported to the secretary and newsletter editor within one week of the minutes being circulated to the committee. (Secretaries note: Perhaps it would be better to publish the minutes on the website within the "members only" section).

The next meeting will be held at G&G's at 19:30 on Wednesday 9th June 2010

There being no further business the

meeting was closed at 21:45 and was followed

by Adrian giving a demonstration of the Norcemog website.

THE TWO TOWNS RALLY

The Rotary Clubs of Garstang and Over Wyre & Lancaster are running The Two Towns Rally on Sunday 6th June 2010. This is the third rally they have run and it consists of a sponsored road run (about 45 miles) to raise money for Rotary Charities.

The event will start and finish in Garstang with an intermediate lunch stop in Lancaster. There will be free hot drinks at the start and a free lunch for drivers & subsidized lunch for passengers. All vehicles can either be sponsored using the sponsored form that will be supplied to all entrants or make a minimum donation of £20.00.

Officially this run is for pre 1985 vehicles (cars, commercials, bikes etc.) and others by special arrangement are invited to attend with numbers limited to the first 100 entrants. Route details, Rally Plaques, etc will be supplied on registration at the start.

I have spoken to the organizers and they would be happy for a Morgan contingent to enter despite the 1985 rule as they regard Morgans as classic cars – quite right to! If anyone is interested in entering this event please complete and submit the form below.

I entered this event last year and had a very enjoyable day. There were some interesting cars, some very nice people and the route was fairly scenic as well. Unfortunately I personally will not be able to attend this year as I am already committed to attend another event on that date.

Peter Grange

ROTARY TWO TOWNS RALLY 6/6/2010.

ENTRY FORM

NAME _____	VEHICLE/CAR DETAILS
ADDRESS _____	MAKE _____
_____	MODEL _____
_____	YEAR _____
POST CODE _____	REG NO _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER _____	

I confirm that my vehicle is road legal and that I hold public liability insurance for my exhibit. During the rally I agree to follow the instructions of the rally stewards and organizers. I confirm that I will collect sponsorship monies which will be deposited with the organizer at the commencement of the event. I will donate or collect a minimum of £20.00 using the sponsorship form supplied with the booking confirmation.

SIGNED_____

RETURN THIS FORM TO
BRUCE ALLAN, 37 MEADOW PARK, CABUS, GARSTANG, LANCASHIRE, PR3 1TA
Tel. No. 01995 601041. Email bruce.allan@yahoo.co.uk

**Classic & Performance Car Spectacular
Tatton Park 5th & 6th June 2010**

We have been invited again this year to exhibit our Morgans at the above show. The event is a great success and those attending have a thoroughly good time. There are opportunities to see a huge collection of different cars as well as interesting trade stands, and not to mention the Hall and Gardens (NT). Last year in the centenary year we had room for 16 cars on a prominent position with Ian Naisby winning the "Sports Car of the Show" award with his 3 wheeler.

Although the event covers two days we have adopted a tradition of attending on the Sunday only as this day is the most convenient for our members.

If you would like to take part in this year's show as part of the Morgan display, you will be eligible with a FREE entry pass. To obtain your pass you must register for the event through me. However, please note that the organisers have decided to be more regimented in accepting registrations and now require car and owner details to be provided with the initial application for passes which I need to send in by the end of March.

For any member who has not attended Tatton in the past this is a "must do" event. I strongly recommend that you register for what I am sure you will find to be a great day out. Please complete the form below and send it to me no later than 14 March.

Please note that this is your last chance to be included in this event, the organisers are insisting that week advise them of cars and drivers wishing to attend by the end of March if we wish to secure a Morgan display site. Ring me with your details if that makes it easier for you - 01253 892 733

Request for Pass for Tatton Park - 6th June 2010

Owners Name -
Make - Morgan
Model -
Reg Number -

Tel number (for my use)

Return the form to Geoff Mizon, 179 Garstang Road East, Poulton, FY6 8JH, or email to geoff.mizon@btopenworld.com

NorceMog Diary of Events

21 March 2010, Mid-month Noggin to be organised by Gill and Geoff Mizon. Visit to Salmesbury Hall with guided tour within the Hall/Antiques Exhibition (discounted entry fee of £2) and lunch in a private dining room (provided there are 20+ attending). After lunch the grounds and gardens will be open for us to wander around at leisure. Please contact Geoff and Gill on 01253 892733 or via email at geoff.mizon@btopenworld.com

18 April 2010, NorceMog AGM. To be held at The Royal Oak, Garstang; organised by Bryan Rawlinson. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon followed by the AGM at 2:00pm.

25 April 2010, Drive It day, organised by Lancashire Automobile from Mitton Hall Hotel, Mitton Near Whalley. Starts at 10.30 but they like entrants to arrive from 9.00 am onwards. There will be tea, coffee and bacon butties on offer. The rally is a fairly sedate drive through loads of villages in the Ribble Valley and takes about 2 to 2.5 hours, finishing, normally at The Moorcock Inn, Waddington where there is a lunch if anyone wants it. This is an optional extra (which could be expensive). The contact is davidbell@bellco.co.uk. (Peter Grange has done this run in

the past and plans to do it again this year).

16 May 2010, Mid-month Noggin to be organised by Alicia and Adrian Grant. More details nearer the time.

6 June 2010, Tatton Park Classic and Performance Car Spectacular – Please register with Geoff Mizon by 14 March if you want to show your car off there and get free entry.

13 June 2010 Autotest and Concours at Myerscough College, St Michaels Road, Bilsborrow; organised by Bryan Rawlinson. Please note that this is the second and not the third Sunday in the month. Full details will be circulated in due course.

19/20/21 June 2010, Morgan MMX weekend in Buxton, Derbyshire organised by the MSCC. Details included in Miscellany magazine.

Mid Month Noggin, 21st March 2010

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This will be a visit to Samlesbury Hall (samlesburyhall.co.uk) which is on the A677 just to the east of junction 31 of the M6. We have a viable party but if you wish to join us give me a ring before the 13th March. 01253 892 733

We will meet at Samlesbury Hall at 11:00 and enjoy a cup of coffee before being given a guided tour of the Hall starting at 11:30 (Discounted entry to the Hall will be £2). Lunch will be served in a private dining room at 13:00 our choices from the menu (2 courses at £12 and 3 courses at £16) must be pre booked (hence the need to ring me beforehand and not to just turn up).

After lunch the Hall, grounds and gardens will be open for us to wander round at our leisure and take a picture of our cars in front of the Hall.

Finally you may wish to take afternoon tea in the splendid tea rooms before leaving for home

Geoff Mizon

Autopia Service Centres

Believed to be the North-West's first DIY Workshop, Autopia Service Centres offers four workshop bays for vehicle owners to rent by the hour, two have car lifts - a two-post and a four-post, and all bays have tools for rent. More information can be found at <http://www.autopiaservicecentres.co.uk>



If you'd consider forwarding this to your distribution list, or including it on a forthcoming news item, we would be very happy to offer your members a 10% discount on their total bill when they present their current membership card. We are open 7 days per week and located 5 minutes from Junction 4 on the M65, 9 miles north of Bolton, 14 miles east of Preston and 14 miles west of Burnley. We'd also be very happy to host a

club run out if your regional members are interested and will arrange bacon sandwiches and hot tea/coffee, please give us at least a week's notice to arrange. Anybody wishing to come and view the facilities in the meantime are also welcome? **Darren Jones "**

NORCEMOG AGM AGENDA for 18 April 2010
The Royal Oak, Garstang
Lunch 12.00; AGM 14.00

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Secretary's Report
- 3 Treasurer's Report
 Finances
 Membership renewal – subs for 2010

4 Election of Officers

Position	Current Officer
Chairman	- Andy Bleasdale -
Secretary	- Geoff Mizon -
Treasurer	- Peter Grange -
Regalia Officer	- Isobel Moore -
Newsletter Editor	- Adrian Grant -
Competition Secretary	- Roy Wilkinson -
Events Coordinator	- Ivan Wheatley -
General Officer	- Bryan Rawlinson -
General Officer	- Simon Baines -
General Officer	- John Faulkner -

- 5 The Annual Dinner Dance 2011 or is it time for a change?
Should we return to The Long Mind?
Perhaps delay the event 1 or 2 weeks
- 6 The 2010 Dinner Dance Raffle Donation. – Huntington's Disease Research.
- 7 2010 Diary of Events – July onwards, proposals needed
- 8 Any Other Business

If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to have your views expressed on any matters relating to the centre, please contact a committee member before the meeting.

MOG MMX

I thought it might be useful if those members from Norcemog who are planning to attend Mog MMX at Buxton let others in the Centre know what their plans are. This would enable those who want to join in some of the team events or arrange to meet up to enjoy scenic runs together.

You may not be aware of the two team events that will be taking place at Buxton. The first is the "Pit Stop Challenge" which requires a team of 4 and is a fun rather than serious event (see the article on the Pit Stop Challenge in March Miscellany). The second is the "Fun and Games" which I am told will be exactly what it says and will involve fun activities not involving any cars. Both these events are likely to be run on the Sunday. Perhaps we can get one or two teams, with suitably silly names, from the members of Norcemog.

If you would like to share the details of your visit to MMX please email the following details to me and I will prepare and distribute a spreadsheet with all the information I receive.

Hotel staying at or Camping

Days of stay (eg Gill and I are staying Thurs to Mon)

Are you taking part in Concours

Are you taking part in Gymkhana (am or pm)

Would you be interested in the Pit Stop Challenge

Would you be interested in the Fun and Games

Would you like to join others on the scenic runs (Sat or Sun)

Plaes add anything else that you think would be useful to us all getting the most out of the overall event.

Geoff Mizon

geoff.mizon@btopenworld.com"

NORCEMOG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is time to ask you all to renew your membership of Norcemog by paying your annual subs and registering your membership using the form attached to the end of this newsletter. Membership is due by the beginning of April and is required to allow you to vote at the AGM to be held in April, so please pay promptly. You will see that the committee has decided to again keep the subs to the modest amount of £5.

Geoff Mizon"

Northern Centre Secretary

The Morgan Sports Car Club

Tel 01253 892 733

MSCC NORCEMOG
SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Annual Subscription **£5.00** (runs from 1st April)

Please complete **Clearly in Block Capitals**

MSCC Membership Number _____

Surname: _____

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss or Title: _____

Forenames: _____

Partner: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code _____

Telephone No: _____ Mobile No: _____

Fax No: _____

E-mail address: _____

Morgan Car Registration Number: _____

I agree to E-mail/telephone reminders or details of events.

Yes No Please delete as appropriate

I am willing to allow my name, address and telephone number to be circulated amongst the Norcemog affiliated members.

Yes No Please delete as appropriate

Please return this form together with your remittance (payable to MSCC Norcemog)
to: -

Peter Grange, Treasurer, 10 Fell View, Calderstones Park, Whalley,
Lancashire, BB7 9UL