
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

April 2010

This edition is early, at least for those in electronic communication. The AGM looms, and your opportunity to contribute directly to Norcemog by standing for a Committee position. If you are interested, contact Geoff Mizon. During April, I will be looking to receive an article for publication in the May issue from somebody other than the usual suspects, so if you are not one, consider volunteering to write about the excitement of the AGM, or anything else, really.

Mid Month Noggin - Samlesbury Hall Sunday 21st March

We should have realised there would be a catch, there's no such thing as a free lunch, or in this case no such thing as free DB&B with Geoff and Gill Mizon. The catch being we would have to write the report on the Samlesbury event, such is life.

After a wet and murky drive up from Shropshire on the Saturday, Sunday dawned dry and bright and stayed so until well after we had all left the Hall for home.

This was a pre-booked event and very well supported with 36 Norcemogers signing up for the tour of the Hall and lunch. Eric and June Isherwood and Howard Jones turned up on the day and alas had to miss a quite excellent lunch. Howard's white Flat Rad caused quite a stir, it's gorgeous, he says it is not yet finished but which bit isn't finished stumped me.



We were allowed to park the cars in front of the hall, 14 Morgans, two Plus 8s, a Roadster, a +4 and the remaining being 4/4s - and an MGA. (Tony did apologise for spoiling the line up) The excellent lunch was served in a private dining room. Over lunch I discovered that new members Derek & Linda Martlew had quite a personal history of motoring and motorsport and Derek intends to compete in his newly acquired Plus 8 (a hairy 8 by the sounds of it!) The tour of the Hall was given by a guide that I'm sure believed every ghost, witch or other psychic phenomena in Lancashire could be traced to some point in the Hall's history. This apart

the Hall is a fascinating place and to my surprise still in private hands. Ron Hargreaves was heard to say, 'it's just down the road for us but we've never been here before, fascinating place.' How many times have we all said something like that! An excellent venue, organisation and turn out. There must be something we can learn from this for future events?

David & Una Haynes.

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

NorceMog Diary of Events

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 11.00 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, this time, back at Mitton Hall. The contact is davidbell@bellco.co.uk . (Peter Grange has the details, so if interested, e mail to peter@bankingconsultants.net).

16 May 2010, Mid-month Noggin organised by Alicia and Adrian Grant. This will be at the Maypole in Long Preston, post code BD23 4PH, for those with satnav. The Maypole is the CAMRA Pub of the Year for the district, and so their beer will be worth the drive. 12.30 for 13.00, with a starter choice of carrot and coriander soup, chicken liver pate, or prawn and salmon salad at £4.50; main course choice of their excellent beef and ale pie, roast beef, chicken in a leek and bacon or salmon in a sundried tomato and fresh basil butter at £9.50 and a scintillating choice of sweet. Booking to me – telephone 01772 204988, talk to me or Heather; e mail adrian.grant@taspartnership.co.uk - no later than 9 May, with your preference, so that when you turn up, you can eat what you have chosen.

6 June 2010, Tatton Park Classic and Performance Car Spectacular – Your chance to register with Geoff Mizon has gone. However, you can turn up on the day, park in the public parking area, as we did last year, and pay a modest sum to enjoy the vast collection of cars, some of which, I guarantee, you will have forgotten existed.

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.

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.

AGM AGENDA NOTES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All the Officers of Norcemog need to be elected each year. We therefore require volunteers to fill the various positions. If you are interested in joining the committee in any of the positions, (or know another member who is) please use the form below to propose them. (be sure to confirm the person is willing to stand if you are proposing another member).

OFFICER PROPOSAL FORM

Position Name of Proposed Person Signature of Proposed Person

Proposed By _____



Proposal forms must be returned to Geoff Mizon, 179 Garstang Road East, Poulton, FY6 8JH. by the 12th April 2010.

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 keep the subs to the modest amount of £5.

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

TOP GEAR filming 24th March at TVR factory.

All three Morgans +4 (Peter & Anthea Grange), 4/4 Roy Wilkinson and +8 (David & Una Haynes) arrived at the same time at the designated venue. This was by chance and had not been pre arranged. The turning into the factory building tested the turning circle of our +8. Once inside we were directed into a line but not all to the same line. It seems colour rather than make of car was the deciding factor. About half of the expected thirty cars were already in place. Soon all thirty had arrived. Too many makes to list but all post war and some in superb condition and no doubt quite rare. Peter's immaculate +4 4 Seater on an 09 plate did get a few strange, but admiring glances. Our first priority was off with the hood and unloading the stuff we had brought. Then the car had a good dry off and we were ready. It was 3pm.

Ready for what we had no idea! Time passed and the cold began to creep up our legs from the concrete floor. Nothing happened. It was now 5pm.

Now 6pm and the three presenters have arrived, obviously having been to the garden centre, see photo. BBC minders kept everyone back from the filming area and there was little opportunity to see let alone meet Clarkeson, May or Hammond. So sorry no photos of them!

Now 6-30pm and the famous three have gone without even a thank you or a goodbye! Now it must be our turn. With cold now up to our knees we were corralled into the makeshift canteen while they got on with what ever they wanted our cars for. We had to be out of the way in case we spoilt the pictures. Glad I brought a crossword. Peter and Anthea did Sudoku, Roy read the Times and Una last week's Sunday Times. Was this the highlight of the day? Sadly yes, now 8pm and we were told thank you for coming you can now go home.

We still have no idea what they wanted with the cars and we will have to wait until June sometime when the programme will be broadcast. Just as we were leaving a cameraman approached and ask if he could use my car, fame at last. Alas all he wanted was me to rev the engine as he stuck a microphone up the exhaust!

David & Una Haynes.



