

NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

May 2010

This edition contains the AGM Minutes, below, and as a consequence of discussion during the AGM, this Newsletter and the next two will be sent to you hard copy as well as electronically to see whether the wider availability – some people at the AGM admitted to not accessing a computer – will lead to higher attendances. Please let me know by e mailing adrian.grant@taspartnership.co.uk. At the same time, please be aware that it is membership renewal time again, and if you have not renewed, then this will be the last Newsletter you get. The form is below.

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NORCEMOG AGM MINUTES– Sunday 18th April 2010

The Norcemog AGM was held at The Royal Oak, Garstang. 30 people, with a fine display of old and new Morgans, enjoyed lunch, with the meeting starting at 14.00.

Apologies – were received from John & Pat Faulkner, Roger & Linda Pugh, Anthea Grange, Susan Bleasdale (who attended later in the meeting) and Joe Relton

Secretary's Report – Norcemog had held events each month during the year, with attendance often low at around 20% - 25% of members, which other centre secretaries confirming that this level of attendance is about average. We have a core of members who attend most things and a majority of members who don't attend anything. It is hoped that a revived Diary of Events will improve overall attendance (See later).

The Committee had met three times during the past year, and meeting minutes had been published in the Newsletter. Although each centre officer had to be re-elected each year, no nominations for any post had been received. Four existing officers had resigned from the committee and members present were asked to consider putting themselves forward to serve on the committee. (See later).

The Centre had a new website thanks to the efforts of our Newsletter Editor Adrian Grant. It can be found at "norcemog.com". There are "public" and "members" areas of the website, and the username and password to access the member area will be given on renewal of membership. Members are invited to send contributions for the website, photos, reports on events, technical help etc, and all Newsletters, minutes of meetings and diary of events will be posted.

A vote of thanks was given to the following committee members:

- John and Pat Faulkner who had resigned after more than 13 years service, 10 of which as treasurer. All present wished them a happy retirement as they move south to be nearer their family.
- Peter Grange, who had resigned after serving as treasurer for the last 3 years. We will, however, still see Peter, Anthea and the boys at our events.
- Simon Baines, who had given valuable service, many years of which as Newsletter Editor. Simon is now responsible for organising the Speed Championships for the MSCC.
- Ivan Wheatley had resigned before Christmas, but the work he had done in reorganising the Diary of Events was most appreciated.

Treasurers Report – Although the accounts showed an apparent net loss over the year, when the contributions to the 2009 and 2010 Dinner Dance charities were taken into account, there had been a net surplus of £76.20 over the year. The opportunity to reclaim the cost of some of our MSA Permits from the MSCC was noted, and will be done after this year's Gymkhana. The accounts were accepted with no questions asked.

Adrian asked that members include an email address when renewing their membership for use in distributing the Newsletter. A discussion followed on the merits of a hard copy over an emailed copy or changing to a less frequent hard copy Events Calendar, and the cost implications of the various options. Isobel offered to take on responsibility for distributing the hard copies if that option was favoured. It was agreed that Adrian would ask members in the next Newsletter if they would be prepared to pay higher subs to cover the cost of sending out hard copy Newsletters.

Election of Officers – The 6 remaining committee members were willing to continue in post. None of the other members present was willing to stand and Bryan Rawlinson

agreed to take of the role of Treasurer.

The Committee is now made up as follows:

Chairman	- Andy Bleasdale
Secretary	- Geoff Mizon
Treasurer	- Bryan Rawlinson
Regalia Officer	- Isobel Moore
Newsletter Editor	- Adrian Grant
Competition Secretary	- Roy Wilkinson

The Annual Dinner Dance – Thanks were expressed to Roy and Barbara for the magnificent effort they had put into organising the highly successful event in Chester this year. See Diary of Events for details of 2011 event.

Dinner Dance Raffle – Roy and Barbara's proposal that the raffle proceeds should be donated to the Huntington's Disease Research was accepted. Bryan will send off a cheque for £150.

2010 Diary of Events – The current Diary of Events only went to June 2010. It was hoped that the members present would have suggestions to agree a programme to June 2011. It was considered important to get increased attendance at events. A discussion followed which explored various methods of contacting members to encourage them to attend events. Geoff contacts all new MSCC members in our area to invite them to events and sends them a copy of the latest Newsletter. It was accepted that we need to be more welcoming to new members attending events. Recent new members commented that when they first attended only a few people went out of their way to make them welcome and getting to know people was difficult. Geoff introduced guest attendees from Fell Mog - Sara Wilson, centre secretary and Andrew Hirst. Since we are neighbouring Centres, it was suggested that we may find mutual benefit from having joint events. Sara had provided a copy of Fell Mog's 2010 events and said we were welcome to join them.

- The Diary of Events was discussed month by month as follows:

July, traditionally our scenic run has been held in July. We do have a Scenic run available because the run planned for the dinner dance had to be cancelled due to snow. However, attendances have been very poor recently, possibly due to family commitments. After discussion it was agreed to delay the scenic run and to join in with the Fell Mog "Picnic Run" on the 11th July.

August, a trip to Cartmel Races was suggested, but, it was thought that this would clash with the Oulton Park Gold Cup, for which we have not yet received our invitation. We would leave the August event as Oulton Park and hold Cartmel Races in reserve.

September, it was agreed that we should hold our Gymkhana in September as usual, and John Anderson agreed to make the arrangements for this.

October, it was agreed to hold our scenic run in October. Roy will organise this, starting with coffee at the Mollington Banastre Hotel and a late lunch there also.

November, it was proposed that we have a weekend trip to a National Trust Base Camp. John Anderson had done research, and gave details of 4 alternative Base Camps. (High Wray, Big Mose, Wasdale and Erdigg). He will check availability.

December, Brian will organise our Traditional Christmas Party at Barnacre Village Hall.

January, Sue and Andy offered to arrange a Noggin at the Inn at Whitewell.

February, we have traditionally held our Dinner Dance in February, but attendances have declined in recent years, possibly due to the event coming too soon after

Christmas and The New Year. It was agreed to delay the Dinner Dance until March, and instead John Anderson will check the availability of National Trust Base Camps.

March, Dave Haynes will check availability of the Long Mynd for the 2011 Dinner Dance to which Fell Mog were invited. It was agreed to stick to the recent format with a Ceilidh after the dinner.

April, AGM.

May, Roy and Barbara will organise a mid-month Noggin.

June, The Autotest and Concours will be held at Myrescough College.

Any Other Business

- Geoff had been able to reserve a total of 16 places at Tatton Park Classic Car Show. 10 of these had been, and Fell Mog were invited to join us, but anyone wishing to have a pass must let Geoff know before the end of April.
- Andy thanked Fell Mog for making a positive contribution to our meeting, and suggested that we should attend adjacent centres AGMs (Yorkshire, Deva etc).
- Geoff thanked Bryan for organising the venue and brought the meeting to a close.

Geoff Mizon

Fellmog – Runs 2010

9th May George's Scotland Run – Tibbie Shiels – meet Costa Coffee resthouse A74. Contact George - 01900 814726 or 07792063410.

13th June Picnic run – Black Sheep Brewery or Jervaulx Abbey & Ice Cream Farm - Meet Crookland Hotel 10.30

4th July Disington – Contact George

11th July Picnic run – meet Crooklands Hotel 10.30 Slaidburn – Hawes – Tanhill

24 – 25th July Steam Gathering, Flookburgh

8th August Dales & Lakes Historic Vehicle Day. Grange over Sands

3 – 5th September Morgans at Windermere

10th October Sunday lunch run – meet Crooklands Hotel 10am Oddfellows Arms, Caldbeck

14th November AGM 2pm – venue to be arranged

30th January 2011 New Year Lunch – venue to be arranged

Fellmog – Noggins – 2010 – To be held last Friday of the month

May 28 Drinks at Crooklands Hotel – meet in bar 8pm

June 25 Bar Meal at Masons Arms, Strawberry Bank – 8pm

July 30 Drinks at Crooklands meet in bar 8pm

August 27 Bar Meal at Masons Arms, Strawberry Bank – 8pm

September 24 Drinks at Crooklands Hotel – in bar 8pm

Please let Sara know by 20 of the month of numbers for the meal in order table can be booked.

Phone 015395 34407 or e-mail sarajill@hotmail.co.uk

NorceMog Diary of Events

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.

Lancashire Automobile Club – St. Georges Drive It Day

25th April 2010

Once again I attended the above event in my 1972 4/4 4 seater. All my family were otherwise occupied so I went on my own but my close friend Les Ellis also came along with his lovely +8. I had spent a little time cleaning my Morgan, taking the side screens off and generally getting it ready for the event. I was hopeful of good weather as it had been such a nice week up to the Sunday. However Sunday dawned wet so side screens on and hood up.

Les came to my house first and then we set off for the start, arriving about 5 minutes later as it was at Mitton Hall which is just down the road so to speak. We duly register and had a bacon butty, got to get your priorities right, before looking round the other cars. Other than our two Morgans there were about another 8 there including Derek Martlew with his 1995 Red +8, Joseph Munford in a 1996 British Racing Green 4/4, Laurie Lissett in a 2002 Blue Metallic 4/4, Peter & Flora Robson in their 1956 Burgundy 4/4, David Spurr in a 1960 4/4, Ray Taylor in a 1997 Green Morgan 4/4, Ron & Maria Hargreaves in their 1998 Black +8 and Julie & Jeremy Lambert in their 2004 Ivory 4/4.

If you are impressed that I managed to get so many details then don't be as we were given a list of entrants. There were about 70 cars entered before the event and then another 35 turned up on the morning so a good turn out. The cars there covered just about every make you could think of with some dating back a bit such as the 1932 Austin 16/6 Berkeley Saloon.

Having registered and looked round we were allowed to set off at 30 second intervals from about 11.00 am onwards. We were given maps with the route highlighted but with no navigator it was a bit of a challenge. We went through numerous Ribble Valley villages and through some wonderful countryside. A very enjoyable drive ended about 88 miles and nearly 3 hours later – we did not rush.



Did it rain – not on the route but it actually chucked it down at home! Such is life.

A good morning out with some lovely cars and some great people.

Peter Grange

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"

MOG 2010 IMPORTANT UPDATES

- 1 To be assured of a goody bag, members who have not already done so need to have submitted a booking form with payment of a registration fee of £15 to Brian Downing by 18 May 2010. We have no plans to order any additional goody bags for those members who have not pre-booked.
- 2 The closing date for entering competitions is 18 June 2010. However, please encourage your members to apply early since a) there is a maximum entry for each event and b) it will greatly assist the organisers with planning.
- 3 Regarding competitions, please draw your members attention to the information in the latest edition of Miscellany regarding the relaxed nature of the Concours competition.
- 4 The Fun and Games on the Lawn competition will now take place on Sunday at the Palace Hotel. Although the change of date has been flagged up in the magazine please ensure your members are aware of this.
- 5 Following the recent televised coverage of the revival of the Dinnington Brass band, members might be interested to know that two local brass bands have now been booked to play at the Pavilion Gardens site on Saturday. In the morning the Cressbrook Brass band will play and in the afternoon the Burbage Brass band will play. The Tintwistle Brass band will also play at the Pavilion Gardens on Sunday afternoon. All bands have websites so a Google search will provide more details.
- 6 On Sunday the entertainment is at the Palace Hotel and is different. A Dixieland Jazz band (Mart Rodger Manchester Jazz) will perform at intervals in the day and a group of talented young female performing artists (Shrug Ladies) will move amongst the crowds with a variety of performances during the day. Again a Google search will provide more information.
- 7 All alcoholic drinks at the Palace Hotel are discounted by 10% for the whole weekend. More importantly, we have ordered 10 casks of real ale from the local Thornbridge Brewery to be dispensed only at the Palace Hotel. The real ale is competitively priced, but we need your help to ensure no wastage!
- 8 Trade stands so far booked for Sunday (indoors at the Palace Hotel) include, Club Regalia, Club Membership, MOG 2011 team, Jancraft (clothing), Hillsalive (tailored luggage), Gott & Wynn and Headley (insurance). Trade stands for the entire weekend include Morgan Motor Company and several of the dealers, so expect some interesting cars on display and plenty of motor related goodies to buy.
- 9 Mention of Regalia reminds me that MOG 2010 regalia is now available from David Evans. Please see the Clubs website for details. The car badges are a bit special but you will get a better idea of the detail on them by viewing the lapel pin badges.
- 10 Distribution of all event tickets, together with the event programme is scheduled to be sent out to all those who have registered for the event at the end of May. With hindsight we should have acknowledged all bookings but have not done so. If any member is concerned

please asked them to contact me or Brian Downing. However, if payment has gone through (bank or credit card) there should not be a problem.

We are assured of a very good event and bookings continue to come in. I have spoken to Brian Downing this morning and the number of members registered for the event is now over 700. Bookings for competitive events are on the increase but I would still like to see more Centre based teams entered. David Evans is sourcing some good quality trophies that will carry the event emblem on them (see the car badge for the design) so these will be most coveted after the event. In addition some of the competitions sponsors are donating prizes.

Regards

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