
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

July 2010

This edition is late because of my holiday, so apologies. This is the last one being 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 telephoning 01772 204988, and speaking either to me or to Heather if you prefer hard copy to e mail. I have had only four responses so far, so please let me know what you prefer. As things stand, from August, the newsletter will be available electronically only.

NorceMog Diary of Events

The AGM agreed the following diary of events, so take advantage of the opportunity for forward planning: -

11 July – We are joining the Fell Mog Picnic Run, Slaidburn – Hawes – Tanhill, meet at the Crooklands Hotel at 10.30. Contact is Sara Wilson on 015395 34407, or e mail sarajill@hotmail.co.uk

15 August – Oulton Park Gold Cup – details once our invitation to participate has been confirmed.

12 September – Gymkhana, arranged by John Anderson, and details to follow

10 October – scenic run, organised by Roy Wilkinson, starting at the **Mollington Banastre Hotel**, who are laying on coffee before the 11.00 start, and late lunch for those who want it afterwards. There is also an offer on overnight accommodation for those who want to make more than a day of this. Contact Roy on 01772 324134 or roy.wilkinson@yahoo.co.uk.

19-21 November - HIGH WRAY WEEKEND - Following popular demand at the recent AGM arrangements have been made for us to have a weekend away at the National Trust Basecamp, at High Wray. (Situated between Hawkshead and Ambleside). We are once again in the Longland Block. (The one with a separate sleeping block). The location provides the opportunity for gentle walking from the doorstep. (possibly with a pub visit at lunchtime). As well as more strenuous walking at the end of a short drive. Plus of course, many "shopping" opportunities. The plan is to go to the pub at Outgate for our evening meal on the Friday and to have a Jacob's Join on Saturday. Breakfasts and other basics will be provided, with a collection being made to cover the costs incurred. In addition the accommodation costs are £11 per person per night.

We have paid a deposit to The National Trust and are therefore asking members to reserve their place by paying a deposit to NorceMog.

If you would like to join the party, please complete form below and send it to:

John & Irene Anderson
22 Abotts Close
Sale
Cheshire
M33 2DD

For further details ring John on 0161 973 0169.

Name(s)
Address
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Tel No

I have enclosed a cheque for £..... (£5per person) payable to "MSCC Norcemog"

Signed :

Tatton Park 6th June 2010

The big question was, 'is it going to rain?' The weather forecast was not good, so we had to search for an emergency gazebo. One was duly found, not big and no sides but if we all gathered together in the middle, it would keep a downpour off us. Luckily it didn't come to that, but the day which started off quite warm did become very overcast and cold. We were very pleased when 4.30 arrived and we could leave and start queuing to get out of the grounds.

That was the downside of a very enjoyable day. 14 Morgans arrived bright and early, all polished to within an inch of their lives. To everyone's great pleasure there were two, three wheelers belonging to Ian Naisby and Jeremy Harrison, ready to be closely inspected by all. It was lovely to see Pam and Keith Mowat who although they have kept, and brought their Morgan with them, are being seduced by a Harley Davidson motorbike at present.

Whilst the men were catching up on Morgan adventures and breakdowns, the ladies visited the North of England Orchid Show in the outbuildings of the Hall. It was well worth visiting. We saw all sorts of orchids, all colours, shapes and sizes. The exhibitors were happy to discuss growing techniques and problem shoot. Irene's large white insects with horns turned out to be mealy bugs and she was instructed that the only way to get rid of them and stop them spreading would be with an insecticide. She wasn't sure what John would say to that! On the way out we were delayed by the coffee shop and very nobly refrained from sampling the delicious looking cakes. Returning to the Morgans people drifted off to look at the gardens, the huge auto-jumble, the assembled display of almost any car you could think of, or the house itself. Later that afternoon Arthur and Dorothy Bradburn were to be seen struggling back to their car with a 6 foot by 5 foot (my estimation) oak door and proceeded, with a lot of banter from surrounding Morganeers, to attach it to the rear of their Morgan!!!!!!!

We assume they got home safely with it. No, they didn't quite know what they were going to do with it, but it was too good to leave behind and perhaps they would have to knock a hole in a wall to use it. They might have been kidding us at that point. The end of the day crept suddenly up on us. Les Ellis won the best Morgan in the show. He deserved it, the car was beautifully clean, polished and had attitude. Well done, Les. Then the decision had to be made, join the queues for the exit or do something else for an hour. One three wheeler headed straight for the exit while the other decided to wait rather than overheat. Geoff and I decided to walk around the gardens and when we returned to the cars we were the only one there! Aah! And of course it started to rain when we were just 5 minutes from home.

Gill Mizon



NORCEMOG COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 9th June 2010 at 19:30

MINUTES of MEETING

Present – Isabel, Adrian, Andy, Geoff, & Roy

Apologies – were received from Bryan.

Minutes of 24th February Meeting – These were accepted as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – There were no outstanding actions

Dinner Dance 2011

Following a discussion of the options at the AGM it had been decided to hold the 2011 Dinner Dance at The Long Mynd Hotel over the weekend of 4-6 March 2011. David Haynes had kindly agreed to book the venue and act as event co-ordinator. David had produced a flyer that would be used for the Norcemog Newsletter, to send to previous attendees and local Centres and as an advertisement in Miscellany - **Action 10.2.1 – David and Geoff**

Review of Diary of Events

The 2010/2011 Diary of Events had been completed during discussion at the AGM. with the requirement to confirm November and February availability of NT Base Camps.

John had done this for us and it was decided to book the High Wray Base Camp for the weekend of 19/21 November. –**Action – 10.2.2 – Geoff and JCA**

It was decided not to have a second Base Camp in February but to seek a volunteer to organise a Noggin on the 13th February through the Newsletter. – **Action – 10.2.3 - Adrian**

Adrian explained that he had been sending details of Norcemog Events to Charles Neale at Miscellany but for some reason they had not been published recently. He offered to contact Charles and sort this out for future – **Action – 10.2.4 - Adrian**

Regalia

Isobel reported that she had 12 Car badges that we owned 3 badges that are for sale at Lifes Motors. We currently have 17 'clips'

Website

Adrian apologised that the website had not been updated but said it would be this month.
– **Action – 10.2.5 - Adrian**

The "username & password" needed to gain access to members details in the "private" section of the website would be sent out in the next Newsletter to all paid up members. – **Action – 10.2.6 – Adrian**

It was agreed to include a copy of the 'History of Norcemog' on the website. Geoff was asked to send an electronic copy to Adrian – **Action 10.2.7 – Geoff.**

Treasurers Report

Bryan had sent a written report confirming that there were no 'exceptional' items on the accounts and that the current balance was £1837.35. Membership currently stood at 45 including 3 new members. It was noted that 8 previous members had not renewed their membership.

Newsletter

Adrian reported that in response to his request for feedback about the 'hard copy' Newsletter he sent out last month he had received 1 reply. Following a discussion it was agreed to repeat the 'hard copy' distribution and see if we get a better response. – **Action 10.2.8 - Adrian**

It was noted that a 'hard copy' Newsletter costs the club £1 per copy and that we have 15 members who do not have email addresses available to us. Any move to 'hard copy' Newsletters on a regular basis would necessitate an increase in subs. An option would be to publish the Newsletter only on the website and like many other Centres rely on Miscellany to publicise our monthly events.

AOB

MOG 2012

Geoff reported that he had been advised by Andrew Hirst (MSCC Vice Chairman) that the National Committee, in response to an approach made by the De Vere Hotel were considering Blackpool as the venue for the 2012 National Event. A meeting had been held to discuss the facilities and potential costs of accommodation and further details were awaited from the hotel. Blackpool Council had also been met and they were confident of their ability to make suitable facilities available for the various events that go on at our National Events. Details of their proposals are awaited. If the event went ahead it would be organised by a sub committee of the National Committee who would seek help from Norcemog for the organisation of "Scenic Runs" and marshals. - **Action 10.2.9 – Geoff to contact Andrew and check progress.**

The next meeting will be held at G&G's at 19:30 on Wednesday 20th October 2010

DINNER DANCE WEEKEND 2011 – ADVANCE NOTICE

MSCC NORTHERN CENTRE

SPRING WEEKEND 4TH - 6TH March 2011

Returning to deepest Shropshire at

The Longmynd Hotel Church Stretton

Shropshire Hills & Villages for the walkers or drivers

Ironbridge, Cosford & TV's Victorian farm close by for the historians

Ludlow & Shrewsbury for the foodies or shoppers

Saturday evening Ceilidh & Presentation of Northern Centre Awards

Friday + Saturday DB&B £132pp. Saturday only DB&B £77pp.

NB. The 2008 event was a sell out. Reserve your place now for £25pp.

(Cheques payable to The Longmynd Hotel and they will not be presented until November 2010)

More details from

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Geoff & Gill Mizon 01253 892733 Geoff.Mizon@btopenworld.com



TORMOG
High Peak Centre
2010



Cholmondeley Pageant of Power

A Celebration of Power and Speed
17th 18th July

Taking place in the glorious grounds of Cholmondeley Castle, the Pageant combines speed, nerve and flair with exceptional design and engineering. Since 2007 it has been the ambition of the Pageant of Power to showcase the best of historic and contemporary automotive power, whether on Land, Sea or Air.

Central to the action is the 3 mile circuit within the Park grounds of Cholmondeley Castle where over 150 cars and bikes compete, spanning seven decades of motorsports. On the adjoining Deer Park Mere, the Pageant hosts the largest gathering of inshore racing power boats in the UK, World Champion Jet Ski Demonstrations and Rib rides are also on offer. In the air the largest helicopter event in Europe combines with dramatic and gravity defying aerobatic displays.

The Military might on display this year will be more impressive than ever before with opportunities to watch combat power in action, look inside battle winning equipment and train with serving soldiers during the days and listen to magnificent marching bands at the Tattoo on Saturday night. All this combined with the fantastic shopping, activities and refreshments make this one of the motoring events of the year.

Join the High Peak Centre at this year's event and display your Morgan Sports Car on our static display. Places are limited and will be offered firstly to members of the High Peak Centre. Thereafter places will be open to other MSCC Centres and allocated on a first come first served basis. Last year we had a fabulous display of Morgans and many other centres joining us for the weekend and enjoying all that this event has to offer the motoring enthusiast. Please note that the cost involved is different from last year. After the first ten cars, both the driver and passenger will be charged £15.00 per person for entry via a Paddock Enclosure Ticket. Prior to this the passenger only has to purchase a ticket. Normal charge for entry is £25.00 per person. Park Passes are no longer available.

If you are interested in being part of this years festival please telephone or email a.s.a.p. either myself Colin Hill on 01457 764804 chairman@tormog.co.uk or Jim Richardson on 01625 528641 centresecretary@tormog.co.uk to ensure a place.

Until we have an idea on numbers attending I cannot confirm whether admission for you on the day will be free or £15.00. Either way it will be worth it. Once the event appears in Miscellany places will snapped up and you may loose your spot at what has become the north's answer to the south's Festival of Speed.

For more information on the event and camping facilities available please see the Festival of Speed web site on www.cpop.co.uk

It may seem when the next issue of Miscellany drops through your letterbox that the comments in my column about MOG 2010 are somewhat bland. This is because in order to meet the copy deadline they were written a few days before the start of the event!

Now that it is over I have time to reflect on the occasion and collect my thoughts. There is probably little doubt that at least 1,000 members attended the event at some time during the weekend and much will have gone on that I was not aware of. Therefore, I should be pleased to hear what you got up to, what you liked and what, if anything, might have been done differently. The best medium for this might be within the pages of Miscellany so please write to Charles Neal (cc Brian Downing). We also need your photographs. I took my camera but it never came out of the box since I was preoccupied with other things!

What follows is my personal account of the event and since I was mostly based in the town forgive me if my comments do not embrace all that was arranged for you. Let me say from the onset however, that I am very very grateful to all those members, traders, dealers, sponsors and local services who have assisted me in any way, shape or form both during the period leading up to the commencement of the event and during the entire weekend. Without them it would not have been possible. I was especially gratified by the willingness of members to give me a hand at very short notice. Take for example, Sunday morning when it was brought to my attention that we needed a marshal on the gate at the hotel to relieve a member who had been on post for some time. When I asked for help and said "just for half an hour" and meant it, the response was without hesitation. During a period from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm the gate was manned in succession by 10 members (all from different centres throughout the country) each doing the requested half an hour. I am so proud of you; thank you very much indeed.

We were blessed with reasonable weather (for June) and it got better as the event progressed, culminating in a glorious summers day on Sunday. Someone said to me that if the weather had been awful and the staff at the chosen sites for the events had been indifferent you might have been calling for my head by now. However, with particular reference to the Barceló Palace Hotel the staff without exception were exemplary, efficient, hard working and exceedingly pleasant; nothing was too much trouble. I know that there was some apprehension amongst the staff but that melted within minutes of our arrival so thank you to all who visited the hotel for the manner in which you conducted yourselves. Yesterday morning I had a debrief with the hotel management and complemented them for their contribution to the success of the event. I will also be writing to express our appreciation to the head of the Barceló Group.

I managed to visit the Pavilion Gardens site briefly on Saturday and Sunday and particularly on Saturday afternoon there was quite a buzz about the place; the sun shone, the bands played well, the car displays looked magnificent and the public were entranced. Some feedback already from members has been that the opportunity for the club and the public to mingle was particularly good. For those events in the town there was a lot of interaction with local people and unsuspecting tourists, many of whom will now have a much better idea of what Morganeering is all about.

Before the event there was much banter on Mogtalk about the Concours competition and it was just that; banter. The rationale was of course to raise the profile of the competition which has sadly not had the support it deserves in recent years from our members. It is not good to hold a competition that has more trophies than the number of competitors! This is a shame and has been a disappointment when you consider that Morgan Insurance Consultants (a trading name of Headley Insurance Services Limited) has over the years donated many fine items of silverware to the Club for the Concours competition. In the thick of it during the weekend, much to my surprise, 5 of these were handed back to me but where are the other 4 trophies? We really need to get our act together for the future and save your Chairman the embarrassment of being in a discussion with the donor, unable to say how many trophies we have and why they are not on display. This is not a reflection on my team this year who did a magnificent job; they were as much in the dark as I was. So, if you know the whereabouts of

the Three-Wheeler trophy, the Flat rad trophy, The Overall Concours Winner trophy and the Aero trophy please get in contact with me. Next year I will ensure that it is understood by the person responsible for the competition that he must take control and responsibility for the return of these trophies on time before MOG 2011. An arrangement that places reliance on its members to return them is just not acceptable. Our Awards Secretary leads by example and we should follow his practice.

I also managed to get up to the Gymkhana site on Saturday afternoon and cannot thank the organising team and marshals enough for their dedication in standing at post all day in severe weather conditions. Fortunately, that was an event that was strongly supported. Well done to them. Yesterday, on my way home I called in at the Bull i' th' Thorn and spoke to the landlord. Whilst disappointed at the number of members who camped on his site this was more than made up for by the numbers that called in for lunch and refreshments.

Talking of camping, on my way back into town after visiting the Gymkhana I called in at the Lime Tree Park camping and caravan site. By all accounts this was a very well chosen site and the owners and staff could not have been more helpful and accommodating. For once the Club appears to have got that right!

Friday afternoon was hectic; perhaps the pinch point of the entire weekend and at one stage I was dealing with query after query so having one of the Club's two way radios was invaluable and giving one to the duty manager at the hotel a very good idea. I think I was able to resolve most queries that came my way to everyone's satisfaction but considered it impolite to break off from dealing with one member's query to deal with that for another member. At one point I was approached by a member with a query and informed them that I would return within a few minutes to deal with it if they would care to wait, but first I must satisfy the query from the member I was currently dealing with. I did indeed return within a few minutes but the member had not waited. I am therefore sorry I could not respond to your query, but if you did not have the patience to wait there was little I could do for you.

The entertainment got off to a good start on Friday night at the Barceló Palace Hotel; the buffet service was first class, quick and efficient, there appeared to be more than sufficient food and the band played quietly to get us in the mood. When the barn dance proper was about to commence I had little doubt that Jean would drag me onto the dance floor to "lead by example." I was therefore staggered when within minutes of the first dance being announced you could not move on the dance floor; we were packed in like sardines and so it continued for the rest of the night.

Now, thank you to all those members who removed the flower vases from the tables on Friday night for safekeeping. However out of the 28 in use, 10 of them have not yet been returned. As these are Club property we want them back so if you know where they are please let me know so that we can arrange to get them to Cecile Povey, anonymously or otherwise. She put a lot of time and effort into acquiring these and getting them painted up to compliment the flower arrangements and we need them back for future use. I really do not want have to write to those members who took them but will do so if we do not get them back within a reasonable time.

The Saturday evening event at the Barceló Palace Hotel also went with a swing, with the dance floor being packed out for 3 hours solid from when the band started at 10 pm. Never have I seen so many people up dancing for so long and at one stage everyone in the room seemed to be dancing; not just those on the dance floor but everywhere I looked in the room. Wow, it was exhausting, especially to finish off with a couple of high energy Rolling Stones numbers!

Sunday was the best day for weather and those of you who came up to the Barceló Palace Hotel had a treat. We had fine weather and excellent entertainment. The fun and games competition was especially good, although not perhaps if you were on the receiving end of a wet sponge! The jazz band were, in my view, spot on and looked to be enjoying themselves as much as

we were enjoying being entertained. I did not quite know what to expect of the Shrug Ladies but as they came on recommendation from Jim Kirby (member of Revival, the Saturday night band) I had no hesitation in asking one of my team to book them. I was bemused at first as my initial meeting with them was in the foyer of the hotel. As they were already in character I could not quite get comfortable with the fact that I was speaking and they were writing down their response on chalk boards. They were great.

I approached planning of the event in the same manner that I conducted my working life. So it was pleasing to receive an email from a member who noted the meticulous attention to detail that had gone on. One aspect of this detail was to ask Thornbridge Brewery, supplier of the real ale, to produce pump clips for display with the casks. You may have seen them on Friday night and I thank the member who, off his own bat, took them into safekeeping for me at the end of the night. However, as these have not been seen again I am very disappointed that my efforts and that of the brewery have been wasted. Although this might seem like a small point it was all part of trying to create a very professional and quality event. Had the brewer known, I feel he might have been incensed to know that for the whole of Saturday until Sunday lunchtime many people might not have known whose ale they were drinking. I did my best to address this by rushing off my own version of a pump clip so at least the brewers name reappeared with the casks. If you have these pump clips perhaps you might like to write to me and the brewery with an apology and explanation for your actions and your oversight. Please also return the pump clips. If anyone else knows where they are I should be pleased to hear from you.

Finally, the raffle was an enormous success in that it has raised potentially about £500 of profit that the Club can donate to WaterAid. I use the word potentially since we still have a supply of greeting cards for sale which I have factored into my profit estimation. If you wish to purchase any of these greetings cards please contact David Evans. Thank you for your generosity.

Once again thank you for your support.

Regards

Brian Lee
Chairman
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