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# NORCEMOG

# NEWS

**NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE**

**October 2011**

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Welcome to new members Mike & Alison Dagnan; and Andrew & Joan Threkeld. Note the attractive arrangement for the October noggin, AND the change of date to 23 October, though you may have to plead and beg if you are not already registered. Thanks to Martin Cocks, Brian Rawlinson, David Haynes and Geoff Mizon for their contributions. The recent glorious weather has enabled my driving the Morgan to work every day this week, and should have for you too!

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## **Gymkhana Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Red Lion Lower Withington**

What a glorious day it turned out to be, shirt sleeve order was the dress code for most of the day. Alas only four competitors turned up plus two gents who are currently looking to buy a Morgan and thought time spent with other Morgan owners might help them decide their next move.

Una & I had come prepared for it to be wet underfoot but no it was dry and conditions were good. John Anderson had devised the devious courses and we all had two runs over each course. There was the necessary stop for lunch which interrupted proceedings somewhat but what a pleasure it was to pass on our compliments to the kitchen on the food. Quality produce excellently prepared and presented.

Controversy is never far away from competitive motor sport, am I entitled to call our Gymkhana that? When tallying the results which consisted of seconds taken to complete the course plus 5sec penalties for even the slightest touch of a marker post resulted in a tie - 725 seconds apiece!! That was between Geoff Mizon and Dave Haynes.

Various ways of analysing the results were put forward by Geoff, but the one that was finally settled on was who had the minimum penalty points. This gave the outright win to Geoff by the grand margin of two penalties. So the results look like this:

Martin Cooper 749 secs (inc 3 penalties) 4/4 winner

Dave Haynes 725 secs (inc 7 penalties) Plus 8 winner

Geoff Mizon 725 secs (inc 5 penalties) Gymkhana Shield

John Anderson 998 secs (inc 5 penalties) +4 winner

Pity there were not more competitors, well there were three ladies present but they were otherwise so engaged in deep conversation to take part so the ladies award was not made. These events are just good fun. Non damaging low speed agility(?) tests with plenty of banter. Thanks for the organisation John, as always a superb venue.

*(Now who said it was just good fun? I find that if you analyse the results taking the best of the two runs on each course I would have won by a whole 9 seconds. Who do I complain to?)*

Dave Haynes.

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Moe's day at the Autotest and Concours.

It was an overcast June Sunday morning when my driver pulled me out of the garage after spending 2 hours the day before cleaning and polishing me. We drove to Myerscough College to find a 1960 4/4 waiting, soon to be followed by a +4 and a +8 and a bit later another 4/4. The drivers and passengers stood around talking for a while before some fellow in a tin top took control and marked out a circuit with cones.

He then threw the tin top around the cones and said do that. We all took turns against the clock and I was feeling great, some cars went twice with the passengers having a drive (scary). The tin top man then changed the cones and put some more cones in the shape of a garage to pull into. He threw his tin top around the course again to show us what to do (it was easy). We all had a turn and did another couple of courses and then it got really frightening - they blindfolded the drivers and the passengers had to tell them where to go, one of the other 4/4's nearly had a bump; everybody was shouting "STOP" and the poor 4/4 looked petrified.

They packed the cones away and we went to a place where drivers and passengers ate. When my driver came out he told me that we had won four trophies, one of them was the Concours (the best looking car) I was so happy! It was a very enjoyable day and it stayed dry, so come on all you 4/4's , +4's and +8's how about a bit more competition for next year.

Moe.



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### OULTON PARK GOLD CUP

6 days before the event I had 12 SA envelopes but no tickets despite numerous Emails and phone calls!! 1230 Tuesday, and the tickets finely arrive by recorded delivery. I then posted all the letters with 1st class stamps, and asked the local Post Office what to do about the letters with 2nd class stamps. They assured me that adding the appropriate stamps and writing first class under the stamps would be fine. WRONG!

Some members received their tickets the next day, and some the day after, but Colin Hill didn't receive his till 1300hrs on the Saturday, and Roy Wilkinson and 2 others didn't receive them till the Tuesday after the event. I thought I had done it right but I will do it different next time and I apologize for any inconvenience.

Sunday saw 11 Morgans on our stand at Old Hall Corner with most models on display, from a 1968 4/4 to Colin Hill's 2005 Aero 8. The day started cold and wet but it did improve as time went on. Racing only started at 12 noon so an early lunch was the order of the day. Roy & Barbara arrived just as we were about to eat, so Peter & Isobel, Martin & Vivien, Ann & myself sat on the banking, with Isobel wrapped in a blanket, exchanging food and drinks. After lunch Ann & myself went walk about leaving Roy's son and his wife to keep our seat warm. When we returned at 1600hrs there were only 5 cars left. We were last to leave at about 1900hrs after a great days racing despite the weather.

On Monday I woke at 0630hrs - more rain! Looked at the forecast and set off in the rain. Picked up Ann, and by this time the rain had stopped. On arrival at Oulton Park there were only 4 cars on our stand, and only mine with the top off, and only Colin & Cath having the luxury of a proper top. Again an excellent days racing, but I have had a bad back ever since. (must think about getting a roof or an heater or both.

Happy Morganing Bryan.

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## **NORCEMOG COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 19:30**

### **MINUTES of MEETING**

**Those Present** – Bryan, Martin, Eric, Gill & Geoff

**Apologies** – Isobel and Adrian.

**Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> February Meeting** – These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

#### **Outstanding Actions**

**11.1.3** – Put details of what is available and how to obtain regalia in club Newsletter - **Isobel** .

#### **Dinner Dance 2012**

Fellmog had asked if Norcemog would be interested in having a joint event with them in 2012. They were proposing the Netherwood Hotel in Grange over Sands.

During discussion other options were considered such as a smaller "Norcemog only" event without a dance to keep down costs. Alternatively, if we organised a big event, keep that to a "Weekend Away" with a formal dinner but no dance. As ever the difficulty was recognised as getting someone to volunteer to take on the organisation. Members suggestions of possible venues would be welcome.

It was agreed that if the Fellmog event was going ahead and the date fitted in with our programme we would join in with them. **Action – 11.2.1 - Geoff**

It was agreed that in future the Norcemog Awards should be presented at the Christmas Party which would save time at the dinner dances and make them coincide with the calendar year.

#### **Review of Diary of Events**

Attendances have again been disappointing, however, since all the events had been agreed at the AGM we can only assume the events we plan are what the membership want. Those

who do attend enjoy themselves and it was noted that other centres are also reporting lower attendances at events.

- Geoff and Gill agreed to organise the November Noggin.
- We still need a volunteer for the February Noggin.

**Regalia**

See **Action 11.1.3** above

**Website**

Adrian had reported that he was pleased with the number of hits that the website was getting.

**Treasurers Report**

Bryan reported that there had been no unusual expenditure and the balance at the bank remained healthy and stable. It was noted that the Autotest/Concours had due to low attendance lost made a loss of £55.5 due to the cost of permits and trophies. However, we should be able to claim the £20 cost of the Concours exemption permit back from the MSCC.

Current paid up membership stands at 52.

Martin reported that he had obtained an exemption permit for the Gymkhana to be held next Sunday at a cost of £20. He agreed to contact Tony Oliver and confirm which exemption permit costs we could claim back off the MSCC and then to make the claim. – **Action 11.2.2 - Martin**

**Newsletter**

No report.

**AOB**

**The next meeting will be held at G&G's at 19:30 on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21:30

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**NorceMog Diary of Events**

**23 October NORCEMOG NOGGIN – SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

**EAST LANCASHIRE RAILWAY STEAM AUTUMN GALA**

The East Lancashire Railway is holding its "special" Steam Weekend when many additional engines etc will be at the Bury station for the event. Arrangements have been made for Norcemog to take part in the Gala on the Sunday. (Visit "eastlancsrailway.org.uk" for information about the railway, routes and its facilities).

The programme for the day will be: -

- Arrive at the Bury station and park our Morgans in front of the Bury Transport Museum
- Buy ticket and board train for 10:00 or 10:30 round trip to Rawtenstall and back. We would have our own reserved carriage (subject to numbers and if we go on the early train stated).

- On our return to Bury we would have a hot buffet lunch in the Trackside Pub about 13:00.
- After lunch we would be free to explore, visit the Bury Transport Museum, take a ride on one of the other routes (Heywood, Irwell Vale), or explore the engines and exhibits in the Steam Gala.
- Drift off home when you have had enough.

The train ticket would cost £7 and the hot buffet lunch is likely to be about £7 as well.

In order to take advantage of this opportunity for a rather special day out we need to confirm numbers wishing to attend by the end of September so that the Railway can make arrangements to include the additional programme detailed above. If you would like to join this event please complete the booking form below and send it together with a deposit of £7 per person (to cover the cost of the buffet lunch) as detailed below. **All bookings must be received by 29<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.**

### **NorceMog Railway Noggin - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 - Booking Form**

Name -                      Email address -

Number of places required -

Deposit enclosed (£7 per person) -

Make cheque payable to "MSCC Norcemog" and send it together with the completed booking form to: -

Bryan Rawlinson, 21 Graham Road, Cabus, Preston, PR3 1LB

### **20<sup>th</sup> November Noggin – Derby Arms Inskip**

November's Noggin is being organised by Geoff and Gill Mizon and will be held at the Derby Arms, Inskip, PR4 0TJ. (What used to be the "Motoring Pub"). On the B5269 west of Broughton which is on the A6 just north of junction 1 of the M55.

Arrangements have been made for us to dine at 12:00 noon and a special menu will be available offering a two course lunch for £8.45. (Starter and main or Main and pud). Their normal full menu will also be available. Both menus include a "fish pie" which is very popular and it is best to order it to avoid disappointment, this can be done by telling Geoff or Gill when you ring to let them know you are attending.

Please note that the Derby Arms does not take cards but does have a charge free cash machine.

It will be most helpful if all people intending to attend would phone Geoff or Gill on 01253 892 733 before Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov so that the landlord can plan a suitable area for us.

Gill might even bake a cake, you never know your luck!!

**11 December Christmas Party at Barnacre Village Hall.** B Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716

**2012**

**15 January Mid-month Noggin – Andy & Sue Bleasdale - Tel 01995 61718**

**19 February** Mid-month Noggin

**12-13 March** Dinner Dance –

**15 April AGM – Royal Oak Garstang - Bryan Rawlinson Tel 01995 604716**

**20 May** Mid Month Noggin –

**10 June Autotest & Concours – Myrescough College - B Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716**

**16-17 June MOG 2012 - MOG 2012** will take place at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground on June 16th, 2012. FoxMog will be hosts, and a good number of other centres and individual helpers will join the process, to put on particular events, and help with the administration.

The web site for MOG 2012 is to be found at <http://mog2012.co.uk/> and although some of the event descriptions are not complete, and obviously there are no booking forms yet, it will be good to give the site a thorough look over to see the range of events proposed, and the way that centres can make what is a single day for all the events into a potentially very pleasant longer holiday, by adding trips and visits to the day before and the day after, and arranging all members from a given centre to book into the same hotel.

Now a message to all centre secretaries. Please publicise the web site to all your members, and try to form a view as to roughly how many of your centre members will be likely to want to come to Bruntingthorpe on June 16th. If you possibly can, please send me an email by the first week in May. We need this guestimate to complete the budget: the more that are likely to come, the lower will be the cost for the day. At present we are hopeful that it will not exceed £20 + VAT, and it may well be lower than this. For those that live within a two hour drive of Southern Leicestershire this will be a very memorable day out, at relatively little cost, bearing in mind that all the events will provide a continuous spectator experience for the whole day.