
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

July 2013

Welcome to this edition, circulated on my return from holiday. There is a full and varied programme in prospect, so with a bit of forward planning, you can attend one or more of the events and get to know your fellow members. Watch for cutoff dates, cancellations and venue change. Which event will garner the largest turnout this year?

NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201 To access the Jancraft clothing and print details the web site is www.jancraft.com. They have our badge on their computer system, and you can go onto their website and order garments that they will badge for you. However, to ensure that you get both the fit and the quality that you expect, you can also buy elsewhere, and then send it to them to put the badge on.

Autotest and Concours 9 June

7 Morgans, including Brian's three wheeler and Diane & Ray Bastow's Aero8, arrived bright and not too early at The British Commercial Vehicle Museum in Leyland, where we had their kind permission to hold the competition in their car park. Whilst there were only 7 cars, there was a total of 11 drivers, including Peter & Isobel's son in law, plus Gill, Isobel, Ann and Diane for the ladies waiting to take part.

Brian and Andy had marked out the course for the Autotest which involved judging the windscreen height of your vehicle by passing under a bar set to a height under the drivers direction, followed by judging the width of your car by driving between two cones set apart again as directed by the driver. The driver then had to reverse into a coned area & stop as close to an unsupported column without knocking it over. Once this was completed, the driver drove forward on a 180 degree turn to try and park with the nearside front wheel on a small square of carpet. Points were scored on the distance in inches each driver was from each of the various obstacles.

With Brian and Andy as marshals, John Anderson went first, to bravely show us all the way to do it. He started well, but unfortunately knocked the column over when reversing. He was followed by Gill and Geoff, who also thought it was a good idea to knock the column over. The competition was close, with Diane having a very good run in the Aero8. Ann was first to take the three wheeler around the course. There was slight consternation at this point when it was realised that the driver's head is higher than the three wheeler windscreen. It was decided that the windscreen height would still apply & Ann would have to duck. Ann continued on & set a very competitive standard. Brian went next, but luck was against him, and after hitting his head on the bar whilst reversing for the height measurement, he ran over the width bollard and missed the mat. We believe Ann will be taking the Three Wheeler in future.

After all the competitors had completed the course, Andy B advised that their reversing ability was appalling and that a further reversing test was to be held. A course was set up accordingly. Geoff Mizon went first & proved it wasn't going to be easy. Most of the drivers hit a cone or two, and unfortunately Nick's Roadster 100 got a cone well & truly stuck behind the front wheel. It wouldn't budge. Our team of Morgan experts decided that the Morgan jack was needed to lift the car & enable extraction of the cone. Despite the many years of Morgan expertise available using the jack was a new experience and not a pleasant one. It was difficult, to say the least, but with fortitude & brute strength the car was raised & the cone released with no damage to either.

During the Autotest, the Concourse inspection was judged by Alex Graham from the Vintage Motorcycle Club and he awarded as follows: Winner: Geoff Mizon; 2nd John Anderson; 3rd John Alden.

Autotest: 1st and winner of Anderson Cup John Alden; 2nd Diane Bastow; 3rd Ann Boyle

Best Lady: Diane Bastow

Overall winner of Autotest and Concourse and Glendower Cup John Alden



This was very good and enjoyable fun day out, and included the opportunity to visit the Museum, for which we had discounted tickets. The Museum is full of many old and very interesting vehicles, including the Pope Mobile, and is well worth a visit in any event. Many thanks to Brian Rawlinson for organising the day, and to Bryan and Andy for marshalling and keeping score. It would be great to see more members taking part next year.

ARLEY HALL GARDEN FESTIVAL 23 June

Norcemog was again invited to display our cars at the front of Arley Hall at their fantastic Garden Festival; we must have behaved very well last year!

Geoff and I decided it was 'tops on' as we left to venture down the motorway. We were soon joined by the red 'top down' Morgan of John Alden. Was this because he is hardier than us or that he didn't have his wife with him! Sixteen of us arranged our nine cars artistically in front of the hall and then attempted to erect the gazebo which had been kindly brought for us to use by new members Francesca and Neil McArthur. On the grounds of safety we had to give up as the wind was gusting strongly. We had asked 2 Colin Hill if we could borrow Tormog's gazebo

but he had to refuse as it had been fatally damaged the week before after being hit by the flying tent of the Austin Healey club the week before at Chomondeley.

As the public started to appear and decide what to see first, Lord Ashcroft stopped by to have a quick look at our splendid display and a chat before continuing to the gardens where he was giving guided tours throughout the day.

The weather dictated the day generally. The rain in the morning meant that one group of us sheltered in the disused front entrance of the hall and the less sturdy, or more savvy, second group drank several cups of tea and coffee in the café watching the rain. The ladies in the gift shop, another rain avoidance tactic, told us that the day before had been wonderful and the show had had a high attendance. When the rain left off we slowly drifted off in small groups to visit the various stalls and the wonderful gardens. The gardens were surviving the wind amazing well, probably due to the large number of hedges that broke everything up creating a number of separate gardens. Geoff and I had to help the lady running the Arley Hall nursery plant stall when her gazebo tried to fly, by hanging on to it's legs until help arrived in the form of a hefty gardener with a large hammer. The disadvantage of attending a garden show in a Morgan is that it is difficult to transport any plants home. I must admit that I bought a plant, a courgette, quite a big one, as I hadn't been able to get to the garden centre earlier in the season. It travelled home, as many things have before, carefully arranged around my feet. I'm sure most Morgan passengers have experienced this, especially with cases of French wine.

Arley Hall is a great day out, even better in the sunshine, and we hope that we are invited to display the cars again next year. If so, do join us.

Gill Mizon

NorceMog Diary of Events here is the latest update, covering the rest of 2013.

July 14th The July Midmonth Noggin will be held at **Hark to Bounty, Slaidburn, BB7 3EP**. This venue gives the opportunity for a lovely run to get there with a good atmosphere and food to match. Plan to arrive at 12:00ish. Then, duly refreshed there is the option of an afternoon run over the moors to Clapham for Tea and Cakes by the river. If you would like to join us be sure to email or ring Geoff Mizon by the evening of Thursday 11th July. I need to confirm numbers with the landlord so that he can reserve parking for us. Tel 01253 892 733 or email geoff.mizon@btopenworld.com"

August 11th Speke Hall - Adrian & Alicia Grant - Tel 01253 727336 - Due to the overwhelming lack of response to my request last month for confirmation of attendance, and an equal lack of interest from Speke Hall, this is now **cancelled**.

August 16th - 19th MOG2013 Canterbury

Aug 25th-26th This year's **Oulton Park Gold Cup** event on August Bank Holiday weekend is billed to be the highlight of the historic racing calendar. The programme of racing from classic saloons, sports cars and single seaters will be complemented by a plethora of period activities and a period-themed venue following significant investment in the event from circuit owner MotorSport Vision (MSV).

This year there will be two display car areas: -

1. Pre 1980 Cars
2. 1980 Cars onwards

It is hoped that drivers and passengers of pre 1980 cars will enter into the spirit of the event by dressing in 1960s and 70s period costume. Anyone bringing a car for display will receive free admission and a vehicle pass. Any additional passengers attending will need to purchase

tickets, which are available at the following prices:

£22 per adult on the gate each day (£18 booked in advance)

£15 per senior on the gate each day (senior tickets are not available in advance)

Children 12 and under go free

Booking is via www.oultonpark.co.uk or by calling 0843 453 9000.

Camping is available at £25 per person (£17 in advance) regardless of the length of stay. Gates will open at 7am on each day.

If you would like to attend in either of the display options please send an e-mail to geoff.mizon@btinternet.com including details of your car (Model, Year, Colour & Reg no) and tell me whether you want a pass for Sun or Mon, or Sun & Mon. Send your details by the **12th July 2013 at the latest.**

Geoff Mizon 01253 892 733

Sept 7th-8th Morgans at Windermere - Andrew Hirst

Sept 8th Dunham Massey - Andrew & Joan Threlkeld - Tel 01606 852 395 Another National Trust property, and with gardens, lake, deer, and other attractions to complement the very interesting interior.

**October 18th -20th NORCEMOG AUTUMN RETREAT,
THE BULKELEY HOTEL BEAUMARIS 18TH – 20TH OCTOBER 2013**

Following agreement at the AGM to have a weekend away in the autumn again this year, arrangements have been made to hold this event at The Bulkeley Hotel, Beaumaris. The hotel has been previously used for the Wicked Welsh Weekend and is recommended by John and Irene. Geoff and Gill stayed there last October and also recommend the hotel, which is very comfortable and excellently located, with secure parking for our Morgans. The majority of our reserved rooms have views over the Menai Straits.

Beaumaris and Anglesey has much to offer for the visitor with many beautiful beaches to visit as well as quaint towns and perhaps the best preserved Castle in the UK. You may even bump into the Duchess of Cambridge in the local Waitrose. Just across the Menai Bridge, Snowdonia opens up before you with a host of "Morgan" roads to explore and places to see, not to mention at least 3 small gauge railways.

A significant discount has been arranged for MSCC members for this event, the rates for the rooms we have allocated to us for the weekend being:

DB&B at £55 per person per night for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights based on 2 people sharing. Single rooms are available at a supplement of £15 per night.

To join this event simply ring Reservations at the Bulkeley Hotel directly on 01248 810 415 to reserve a room for the nights you wish to stay. Be sure to mention that you are joining the group arranged by Geoff Mizon to get the above room rates. They will ask for a credit/debit card to guarantee the reservation but will not take any payment until you leave the hotel. If you need to cancel your reservation, you can do so up to 12:00 on the Thursday before the event - 17/10/13 - at no charge.

We have been allocated a range of rooms all at the same discounted price, so book early to get a chance of a better room. Any rooms not booked by **September 7th** will be removed from our allocation for the hotel to use for normal guests.

When you book please email me so that I can keep a record of who is attending and for which nights. If you have any questions give me a ring on 01253 892 733

Geoff Mizon

November 8th -10th BIG MOSE, BASE CAMP WEEKEND, 8TH -11TH NOVEMBER 2013

This year's stay in the National Trust Basecamp, at Big Mose Shropshire, between Kidderminster and Bridgenorth, has been booked for the above weekend. Our previous trips have proved highly sociable and most enjoyable.

Big Mose offers a wide range of opportunities to enjoy yourselves being located on the banks of the river Severn close to the Severn Valley Railway, within easy reach of Ironbridge, Kinver Edge and many other places of interest as well as offering walking opportunities.

If you would like to join the party, please complete the form below and send it with a cheque for £10 per person made out to "MSCC Norcemog" to:- John Anderson,22 Abotts Close, Sale, Cheshire M33 2DD. For further details ring John on 0161 973 0169

Please note, there are only 20 places available and they will be allocated strictly in order of receipt of completed forms with cheques.

Big Mose Booking Form

Names

Tel Number

Email address

Deposit (£10 pp)

December 8th Christmas Party/Award Presentation at the Mollington Banastre NOTE VENUE
CHANGE Royand Barbara Wilkinson 01772 324134 roy.wilkinson@yahoo.co.uk
