
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

November 2013

Welcome to this edition, Note the details of the Christmas Lunch, and the need to book and pay before 1 November, which is the end of this week. Musings from Roy Wilkinson in this edition, and please feel free to send yours if you have any...

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.

Guy Knight

It is with great sadness that we have to report the sudden death of Guy on the 18th of August aged 83.

Guy & Renee have been active members of Norcemog for at least 20 years. Our thoughts are with Renee & son David at this sad time.

Thanks to Bryan Rawlinson.

Norcemog Morgan Autumn Retreat 2013

The event at Beaumaris, Anglesey proved very popular with 11 couples arriving on the Friday in 9 Morgans - though Jeff was only expecting 10 couples! However, it all worked out and after rearranging the dining room we enjoyed our meal and wine whilst rekindling established friendships and strengthening new ones. It was lovely to see our newest members and also welcome others who hadn't been able to attend recently. Needless to say Morgan stories were swapped and updates on news and events exchanged in the lounge until late.

Saturday morning emerged warm and bright much to everyone's delight. Following a hearty breakfast attendees went their separate ways to explore by foot, car or both. It was a lovely morning providing an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful views. However, the sky suddenly darkened and at 2pm the heavens opened catching a number of members unawares particularly those who had left their hood down to go walking and shopping! A number gathered in the car park dripping wet but in good humour.

We were joined by Peter and Isobel (don't mention telecommunications which delayed their departure by 24 hours!) on Saturday afternoon. Dave Roberts and Sue made a very noisy entrance in Dave's racing Plus 8 to join us for dinner on Saturday evening making a total of 26. Having dried out we again enjoyed good food, wine and friendship and exchanged our experiences of the day. The lounge was taken over again with some members talking till after midnight.

Four couples extended their weekend staying over on Sunday evening whilst the rest left throughout the day. Alas as the hotel and car park was busy we were unable to line our Morgans up for a photo shoot. A very good weekend was had by one and all. We extend our thanks on behalf of the members to Geoff and Jill for arranging the event.

Bryan Fearn

PS : Dave and Sue Roberts had offered the opportunity to have a sail in a 32 foot yacht during the weekend. This was, not surprisingly, taken up by 6 of our group, who awaited for Dave's call that the weather was okay. Unfortunately the weather did not behave and high winds were forecast for the weekend so the sailing had to be called off on Saturday morning. However,

we still got a treat because David and Susan came to the hotel in the Plus 8 with it's newly rebuilt engine and immaculately prepared car. The engine bay was far better than new. The day was rounded off by dinner for which Dave and Sue joined us.

We hope to see more of them at or events in the future now that the Plus 8 is on the road again.

Geoff Mizon

Shelsey Walsh

When I saw the advert in Miscellany for the "Thrill on the Hill" organised by the MSCC it immediately brought back memories of when I used to compete with "Speedmog." However, I never did compete at Shelsley mainly as it generally came between Curborough and Prescott in September which would have meant competing in three consecutive events on three consecutive weekends which my pension would not run to. However, when I saw the advert for driving the Hill at less than half the cost of when I competed I booked it straight away.

Barbara did not come with me when I competed so I didn't expect her to come with me this time but she did, on the last minute. It was a glorious late summers day when we arrived, almost autumnal but warm. We had driven down the day before and stayed overnight, all with the hood down and again on the drive to the hill. We booked in and requested our drives be early as we wished to drive home the same day, preferably in daylight. The climb is short and sweet and I did get the usual adrenalin rush which I have always enjoyed when putting my foot down in my Morgans.

We met Geoff and Gill in the pits but lost them before we left due to us leaving early, we missed the Spitfire flyover too but being ex RAF I see at least one flyover each year at other events. Shelsley Walsh is steeped in history, at an earlier event during the summer my neighbour went to an event there with her mother as she comes from that part of the country. Stirling Moss happened to be there and she asked him could she have a photo taken with him, to which he obliged. He then asked her which cars she liked and she said Morgans and when he enquired as to why Morgans, she said her neighbour had one. He asked her was I there and she told him "no" as I had just had a heart attack, so he gave her a signed photo and sent his regards to me for a swift recovery. This I thought was a nice gesture as he didn't know me from "Adam."

A visit to Shelsley Walsh is recommended if you happen to be in the area.

The Pitstop

Barbara and I also had the chance to visit Melvyn Rutter's Pitstop which had been booked as a Christmas present for me and Barbara, by my son, for my birthday in June. However, as I was incapacitated it was put on hold until I was able to take up the offer. This happened after Barbara and I came back from Shelsley Walsh as Barbara had a week's holiday owing to her, so we took up the offer. As Barbara said "just what she wanted for Christmas, yet another visit to a Morgan dealer, as a present!" This time I agreed to go in her car and not the Morgan as she would prefer to drive her own car.

When we got there we were greeted by Melvyn and shown to our room. As I am an Art Deco fan I had chosen the Art Deco Room, and Barbara was most impressed with this and the 50's American Style Diner in which you could eat of an evening and also have your breakfast each morning. There was a fully stocked larder in the kitchen with a choice of all the cereals you could wish for, plus fruit etc and again a fully stocked American style Fridge/Freezer with drinks, milk, butter, jams and marmalade and a choice of breads. All in all you wouldn't need to go hungry.

In the village was a pub/restaurant with a comprehensive menu for an evening meal so you had a choice of where to eat. In the evening I took the opportunity to view all the cars Melvyn had to sell plus those he had in storage. We had the key to the showrooms and storage area and when you entered any area the lights came on automatically which was good. I could stay as long as I wished and inspect any car I wished, for as long as I wished!

Next morning Melvyn showed us around the remainder of his site, the offices, the stores (most impressive) and the workshops.

Morgans were being serviced and repaired and even Barbara said she would not have missed the visit for anything. Again yet another interesting Morgan visit which, as before, I would certainly recommend. You can preview the Pitstop on "You tube" or visit it yourself if you are in the area, not to be missed.

Roy Wilkinson

NorceMog Diary of Events here is the latest update.

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 at The Mollington Banastre Hotel near Chester.

For those who enjoyed last year, a reminder of what it was all about and for those who did not attend, you can now see what you missed. Those who booked last year have nearly all booked again with several new members booking after hearing all about what they missed!

Please send your cheques for £17 per person to Roy by 1st November to reserve your place. Details below:



As last year there has been a favourable response from the membership to the idea of holding the Christmas Party at the Mollington Banastre Hotel again, this time on Sunday 8th December 2013. The majority of whom have chosen to have the standard Christmas Lunch as a sit down meal at a cost of £17.00 per head. We have provisionally booked the same room which will seat 24 members which seems adequate for our current membership. A response from those who wish to attend by 1st November would be appreciated. It has also been decided that the full cost of the meal should be paid by the 1st November too, by cheque payable to "Norcemog" for £17 per head and forwarded to Roy to enable the hotel to finalise the arrangements.

As for staying overnight at the hotel, a rate of £40 per person has been agreed for the Saturday night for b&b. Dinner b&b would be £121.80 for two.

Just phone the hotel quoting "Morgan Christmas Party" and you will be booked in at the preferential rate. Whilst you could have the same rate for Sunday evening, last year only Margaret booked the Sunday and she stayed on her own! For those who have not stayed before. Guests have free access to the Leisure facilities which include a nice indoor pool.

The intention is to meet for pre-dinner drinks at the bar at 12.00 noon and follow this with our lunch at 12.30pm.

The hotel number is **01244 85147**

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Jan 12th 2014 Noggin Venue TBC

- Andy & Sue Bleasdale – Tel 01995 61718

- Feb 9th 2014** Noggin Venue TBC - Isobel & Peter Moore – Tel 01253 738 201
- Feb 12th 2014** Committee Meeting - 19:30 Mizon's - Tel 01253 892 733
- Mar 9th 2014** Noggin Venue TBC - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336
- April 13th 2014** AGM – Venue TBC – Andrew & Joan Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395
- April 20th 2014** FBHV Drive it Day - Venue TBC – Geoff Mizon
- May 5th 2014** Gawsworth Hall Car Show - TBC - Roy & Barbara – Tel 01772 324134
- May 11th 2014** Noggin Venue TBC – John & Kathleen Alden – Tel 01253 726314
- June 1st 2014** Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936
- June 8th 2014** Autotest & Concours - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716
Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland
- June 22nd 2014** Arley Hall Garden Festival - Geoff Mizon –Tel 01253 892 733
- July 13th 2014** Scenic Run - Andrew & Joan Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395
- August 6th 2014** Committee Meeting - 19:30 Venue TBC
- August 10th 2014** Oulton Park Classic Race - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936
- Aug 15-17th 2014** MOG2014 Harrogate - Neil Edwards (Yorkshire)
- Aug 24-25th 2014** Oulton Park Gold Cup - Geoff Mizon – Tel 01253 892 733
- Sept 12 – 14th 2014** Autumn Retreat – Venue suggestions, Murder Mystery?, Volunteer
- Oct 12th 2014** Gymkhana ?? - Volunteer Required
- Nov 9th 2014** Noggin Venue TBC – John & Irene Anderson?? – Tel 0161973 0169
- Dec 7th 2014** Christmas Party, – Roy & Barbara – Tel 01772 324134
