
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

April 2015

Welcome to this edition, and I have been asked to remind you all that subs (still only £5) are due on 1 April. Please send them to Bryan Fearn, Little Poulton Hall, 32 Little Poulton Lane, Poulton le Fylde FY6 7ET, or you can bring your cheque along when you come to the AGM, about which lots in this edition, including the Agenda and the Minutes of last year's AGM. Get yourself along!

NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201

NORCEMOG WEBSITE

Andrew Threlkeld has taken this over, and will welcome any contribution you want to make, especially photos.

NORCEMOG AT LOWTHER CASTLE AND GARDENS 8 March 2015

After a Saturday of expectation, polishing and double checking that all was in order on 'Stanley' the series II for what would be its first serious outing of the season. Incantations had been chanted to the moon for a dry warm day, as Stanley has still to gain any weather equipment or a heater.

Sunday dawned with stair rods from the sky and hopes dashed (for me anyway, Sue was delighted) We set off in the Mondeo for the trip to Lowther Castle and its Gardens. We left in good time (Roy it's about an hour and a half) and the sky cleared as we passed Lancaster and we arrived at 11.00am to a crisp March morning and found 6 cars had braved the trip to the Lake District. Now where to look for the other Morgan types who had also ignored the cold - head for the cafe! Success 18 friends were to be found thawing. Coffee and half a scone later, suitably fortified and under the stewardship of our very knowledgeable guide we spent the next few hours touring the remains of the castle and gardens, it must have been one of the area's finest houses - but unusually not terribly old.

The work to recover the castle ruins and gardens from 70 years of neglect has been extensive. The charity has made safe 80% of the ruined castle (it still needs a dab of plaster or two!!) and the team have unearthed many areas thought to have been lost, including a Japanese garden and an enormous rock garden (its a sort of Heligan of the North). The weather although cold stayed dry and sunny but after 2 hours walking the garden the cafe beckoned for a 2nd thawing and lunch. After lunch the obligatory trip to the fishing tackle shop in Penrith and then home.

If you didn't make the visit I would recommend it highly if you go soon the daffodils will be in full bloom. Thank up Adrian for a great day.

Cheers

Andy Bleasdale

bleasers@hotmail.com

NorceMog Diary of Events Dates in red are subject to confirmation.

Sunday 12th April 2015
Norcemog AGM & Lunch
The Royal Oak, Garstang, PR3 1ZA

Contact - Bryan Rawlinson Tel 01995 604716.



In the centre of the glorious little Lancashire town of Garstang is where you will find the historic 17th century coaching inn, the Royal Oak Hotel and, daily, they supply the weary traveller with a wide range of drinks including real ales dispensed from the bar and an imaginative menu of quality English fare sourced locally and prepared on the premises.

The Norcemog AGM returns to the North of our area at The Royal Oak, Garstang. Arrive about midday and the 'relatively informal' meeting takes place after lunch. Please see Agenda below which includes the Election of Officers which we have to complete each year.

We will always welcome members' contributions either through comments or even organizing a Noggin which we attempt to plan 12 months in advance.

New members on the committee are also much appreciated to ensure we cater for our members needs and wishes. There is a proposal form below should you or a fellow member wish to volunteer to join the committee which meets twice a year.

Morgan Sports Car Club - Northern Centre
AGM – 12th April 2015
The Royal Oak - Garstang

AGENDA

1 Apologies

2 Acceptance of previous minutes – 13th April 2014

3 Secretary's Report

4 Treasurer's Report

Finances
Audit report
Membership renewal –

5 Election of Officers

Position	Current Officer
Chairman	- Andy Bleasdale
Secretary	- Andrew Threlkeld
Treasurer	- Bryan Fearn
Regalia Officer	- Isobel Moore
Newsletter Editor	- Adrian Grant
Competition Secretary	- Martin Cocks
General Officer	- John Alden
General Officer	- Bryan Rawlinson
General Officer	- Roy Wilkinson

6 2015 Diary of Events Review

7 Proposal to increase Northern Centre Subscription to £10 from 2016

Although we are currently well funded the committee felt that expenditure should be considered and provisions made looking at requirements over the next 3 – 5 years. Items and anticipated costs include

- Replacement of existing outdated NorceMog banner with stand-alone 'Feather' banners. Cost £100 - £200
- Purchase of a 'professional quality' gazebo for use at NorceMog events and displays e.g. Arley Hall, Tatton Park, Gawsworth Hall, Autotest, Gymkhana etc. Cost £500 - £600
- Subsidy of Christmas Party to provide decorations and novelties etc. Cost £200 max
- Replenishment of unique NorceMog merchandise (e.g. Car Badges) Cost £800
- Miscellaneous Expenses e.g. Web site domain and web hosting, Trophies & engraving, Gratuities, event deposits (e.g. Christmas Party) approx. £350 p.a.

In addition, 2018 will be the 50th Anniversary of The Northern Centre – NorceMog. Naturally we will want to celebrate the year and possibly commission celebratory regalia. The proposed increase in subscription is to finance the above and provide funds for the Golden Celebration Year.

A members vote will be taken on this proposal at the meeting.

8 Any Other Business

If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to have your views expressed on any matters relating to the centre, please contact a committee member before the meeting.

AGM AGENDA NOTES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In order to keep Norcemog attractive to and enjoyable by its members we need to keep a steady flow of new ideas for our events. This can be assisted greatly by a regular turnover of committee members. Several of the current committee have been officers for approaching 10 years one or two even longer.

Our constitution requires that all the Officers of Norcemog need to be elected each year, we therefore require volunteers to fill ALL the various positions.

Please consider volunteering to join the committee in any of the positions and help by bringing some new blood to the organisation. If you are prepared to help (or know another member who is), please use the form below to make a proposal. (be sure to confirm the person is willing to stand if you are proposing another member).

OFFICER PROPOSAL FORM

Position	Name of Proposed Person	Signature of Proposed Person
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Proposed By _____

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Proposal forms must be returned to Andrew Threlkeld, Grasmere, 38 Milton Rough, Acton Bridge, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 2RF. by the 28th March 2015.

Norcemog AGM
13th April 2014
Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club

1. Apologies

Bryan Rawlinson & Roy Wilkinson

2. Secretary's Report – Geoff Mizon

We offer a warm welcome to those new members who joined us through the year.

A full programme of events was completed in 2013 and whilst attendance was representative of the limited membership everyone enjoyed the variety of events supplied.

This was Geoff Mizon's last secretary report as he planned to step down at this AGM and Bryan Rawlinson was also relinquishing his Treasurer's position. Geoff proposed a vote of thanks to Bryan for his endeavour as Treasurer over the last few years.

3. Treasurer's Report

Due to Bryan's absence this was delayed until after the Election of Officers – see item 5 below.

4. Election of Officers

With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer all committee members were prepared to serve another year.

There was 1 proposal for Secretary – Andrew Threlkeld

There was 1 proposal for Treasurer – Bryan Fearn
These 2 positions and existing committee members were unanimously elected by the members present

5. Treasurer's Report – Bryan Fearn

Membership – 30* members for 2014 v 33 last year

Balance at bank £1972.38 which was £200 higher than 2013 but included £150 subscription money for 2014.

Assets – 7 car badges and 13 clips worth approx. £310

Bryan proposed having a £20 petty cash float to cover incidental expenses, this was accepted by those present

Andrew Threlkeld suggested implementing an expenses form to be completed for all expenses which would also serve as a paper trail for auditing of the accounts.

Action - Andrew to supply committee members with a sample of expense form

With the change of committee members the approved signatories for cheques will also have to change.

Andy Bleasdale – Chairman – no change

Bryan Fearn – Treasurer – to replace Bryan Rawlinson

Andrew Threlkeld – Secretary – to replace Geoff Mizon

Action – Bryan Fearn to organise necessary paperwork with HSBC

* Another 3 members renewed their subscription on the day bringing the total back to 33

6. Diary of Events 2014

6.1 Autumn Retreat - currently in diary for Sept 12 - 14

As of this meeting there was no volunteer identified to organise the retreat however members present suggested various venues including Llangollen, Mid Wales, Matlock Bath and Port Merion. There was discussion about previous events and the success that had been enjoyed with entertainment provided on the Saturday night.

Action – Andrew Threlkeld to work with other committee members to provide options

6.2 Gymkhana – currently in diary for October

This event had lapsed in recent years due to lack of support. There was a feeling that the event was worth considering and re-instating and discussion took place on how to increase interest and invite other centres.

John Anderson pointed out that DonMog were visiting Manchester during a week-end in September and it might be an idea to coincide a Gymkhana on the Sunday of their week-end.

Action – Andy Bleasdale and Andrew Threlkeld to discuss

6.3 Base Camp – currently in diary for November

Lack of support for the NT base camp in 2013. There were suggestions of a house in Little Stretton which has en suite bedrooms which members may find more acceptable. Sue Roberts volunteered to investigate and liaise with Isobel Moore

Action – Sue Roberts & Isobel Moore

6.4 Christmas Party

The 2014 Christmas Party will be at The Mollington Banastre again however this is the last year that Roy and Barbara will be organising.

A vote of thanks to Roy and Barbara was proposed for the excellent work that had put in over previous years.

A volunteer is required for the 2015 event. **

** Post Meeting Harry Walker offered to investigate for 2015!

6.5 Other Events

May 11th – Keighley & Worth Valley Railway – Lack of interest to date, need members to commit or event may be cancelled – Contact John Alden

May 31st / June 1st – Tatton Park Classic Car Show – 2 day passes still available from Martin Cocks

June 22nd – Arley Flower Festival – Invitation confirmed, limited to 10 passes, 7 still available – Contact Geoff Mizon

July 13th – Scenic Run – Oakmere Morgan have agreed to host morning coffee from 10am. Route will centre around Cheshire countryside. Contact – Andrew Threlkeld

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Regalia – Isobel Moore

New supplier sourced in Lytham area (Crazy Dogs). Quality and prices good e.g.

Polo shirt inc. Norcemog badge & VAT £13

Sweatshirt (no Hood) £16

Ladies Jacket , soft shell, water resistant etc £45

Gents Jacket £55

Hoody inc badge etc – single colour £20

Hoody inc badge etc. – dual colour £22

Supplier will do 'one-offs' and can alter the badge (e.g. add car reg no.) at no extra cost.

Action – Andrew Threlkeld to provide web site link on Norcemog web site

7.2 Oulton Park – Dave Roberts

Dave had enquired if we could include a lap of Oulton Park at a scenic run as had happened in the past. Unfortunately the cost would be too great however the Manager has offered the possibility of a parade lap at some future classic car event.

Action – Dave Roberts to consider and liaise with Oulton Park as appropriate

7.3 Drive it Day – 27th April

No specific arrangements made however some clubs will be meeting at Lakeland Motor Museum, Newby Bridge. Proposal to make your own way and arrive by 11.30 for a chance of a snack at the café. Expected to be very busy.

7.4 Geoff Mizon

All present agreed a vote of thanks to Geoff for his 5 years as secretary and previous 5 years as Newsletter Editor – Thanks Geoff.

Meeting started 2.30pm and closed at 3.15pm. 29 people present consisting of 15 members plus some partners

J. A. Threlkeld
Norcemog Secretary

25 April 2015 MSCC AGM, Visitor Centre, Malvern

26 April 2015 FBHV Drive it Day - TBC

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2015
Gawsworth Hall Classic Car Show
Church Lane, Gawsworth, Cheshire, SK11 9RN

CONTACT - ROY & BARBARA WILKINSON TEL 01772 324134 OR 07754 565955

An annual event since 1998, the show takes place from 10.30am to 4.30pm in the walled Elizabethan pleasure gardens.

A highlight of the Hall season, one of the North West's most popular rallies, attracting an eclectic mix of classic cars and motorcycles from the turn of the last century to the present day.



With the first recorded rally taking place in 1902, and held by the Manchester automobile club, Gawsworth has long been linked with the motor vehicle. In the 1940s and 1950s the Hall was also home to Denis Ferranti's wonderful collection, including a T59 Bugatti that now takes pride of place in Ralph Lauren's garage.

In recent years, highlights include wonderful eight-litre vintage Bentleys, huge posses of American muscle cars, and dozens of period scooters. All are welcome to come and go as they wish, ensuring a relaxing day for both owners and visitors, with an informal concours and autojumble also taking place. We hope you can come and join us for what's always a fantastic event, with a garden party atmosphere.

Driver of Eligible Car £5.00 each
Adult Passengers in Eligible Car £5.00 each
(Includes entry to the House and Grounds)

Sunday May 10th 2015
Helmshore Mills Textile Museum
Holcombe Road, Helmshore, Rossendale, BB4 4NP

Contact - John Alden - 01253 726314 or 07963 253154
Please confirm your attendance by 30 April

Nestling side by side in the quiet village of Helmshore in the stunning Rossendale Valley

are two original Lancashire textile mills, Higher Mill and Whitaker's Mill, together known as Helmshore Mills Textile Museum.

We will have a private tour lasting about 2 hours with a break for tea/coffee where you can:

- Soak up the atmosphere of the historic mills and witness original machinery at work.
- Follow a journey to discover how raw wool and cotton were transformed into yarn, ready to be woven into cloth
- Experience the Revolution gallery, where you can follow the story of Lancashire's unique role in the industrial revolution
- Imagine how the grand and mighty waterwheel powered the stocks as they thumped the wet woollen cloth
- Have fun and learn in an exceptional environment, at our many activities, events and special exhibitions

For more information visit <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/helmshore-mills-textile-museum.aspx>

After the tour we will take a short drive to the Holden Arms to dine.



Set amidst the Lancashire Moors, The Holden Arms in Haslingden offers the hungry family or the thirsty walker a chance to sit and enjoy the comfy surroundings and very warm welcome.

TATTON PARK CLASSIC CAR SPECTACULAR May 30th & 31st 2015

We have been invited to provide a display of Morgan Cars for the above event. I propose that we attend the show on Saturday and Sunday and have requested 12 free passes for both days. If you would like to attend and take advantage of a free pass give me a ring to reserve your place and then please complete the form below and send together with a stamped addressed envelope to me at :

Martin Cocks, 34 Hazelmere Road, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9UL

This event attracts a vast array of classic/performance cars as well as our Morgans and is something not to be missed. There is also perhaps the largest autojumble as well as many trade stands to tempt you, and in addition you can visit the House and Gardens (National Trust) and spend the afternoon with some peace and quiet if that is your choice. **The latest date for sending me the completed form is 25th April 2015**

Martin Cocks Email: martincocks@btinternet.com Tel: 07973488504

Request for Free Pass for Tatton Park Show May 30th & 31st 2015

Day. Delete as applicable Saturday / Sunday / Both

Name.

Make.

Model.

Reg No.

Year.

Don't forget to enclose a SAE for your pass to be sent to you.

June 5th – 7th MOG 2015 – Devamog Llangollen

June 14th Autotest & Concours - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716
Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland

June 21st Arley Hall Garden Festival - Geoff Mizon –Tel 01253 892 733
(10 cars max)

July 12th Scenic Run North - Andrew & Joan Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395

24-26 July 2015 Silverstone Classic Tickets for the Silverstone Classic in July 2015 are now available. This year is the 25th Anniversary of the event and Status Quo are the headline act on Saturday night! We have reserved a Morgan Sportscar Club area. The car club code is C1525009 Tickets can be booked through the website www.silverstoneclassic.com Go to the Car Clubs page and enter the code. You then need to buy the 'CAR CLUBS DISPLAY PACKAGE' ticket. This ticket gives you entry for 2 people and 1 infield vehicle pass for your Morgan.

Please note you will NOT be able to bring any other vehicle onto the club area. This is for Morgans only. There is plenty of free public parking available. For the best ticket prices book before the 31st March 2015. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us either by email or 01908 330273. Michele and Peter Chapman



**Norcemoo7g Autumn Retreat
16th – 18th October 2015
Murder Mystery Week-end**

The Stirk House Hotel is an award winning hotel mixing 16th Century charm with luxurious classic interiors. Set in the heart of the Ribble valley and surrounded by splendid views of the magical Pendle hill and the rolling countryside of the Trough of Bowland and Yorkshire Dales.

The hotel has spa facilities, pool, sauna, steam room and gym which guests have full use of.

<http://www.lidun-group.co.uk/stirk/index.html>

The week-end includes a black tie / posh frock dinner on the Saturday night with a 'Licensed to Thrill, Criminal Cabaret Show' provided by 'After Dark Entertainments.' Details on next page.

The rates below are based on 2 people sharing a Classic double / Twin bed room and includes Dinner , Bed & Breakfast on each day plus the Murder Mystery Event

16th October 2015 for 3 nights - £258 per person £516 in total

16th October 2015 for 2 nights - £200 per person £400 in total

To book your place please phone 01200 44 55 81 and ask for Helen on Reservations mentioning Morgan Sports Car Club event. A £50 deposit will be paid and cancellation will be accepted up to 7 days before the event.

It would help if you would also let Geoff Mizon know via Geoff.mizon@btinternet.com so we can keep track of room utilisation

2015 **Christmas Party – Sunday December 13th**, Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham