
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

May 2015

Welcome to this edition, after a month when I have been taking the Morgan to work, but not during the past much colder week. If you have not already sent your subs, (still only £5), please send them to Bryan Fearn, Little Poulton Hall, 32 Little Poulton Lane, Poulton le Fylde FY6 7ET. Any remaining unpaid at the end of May will miss their June Newsletter.

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.

Morgan Sports Car Club - Northern Centre

AGM – 12th April 2015

The Royal Oak - Garstang

Minutes

- 1 Apologies** – A & A Grant, G & G Mizon, A & C Kidd, P Dunbavin, N & F McArthur, P & S Atkinson
- 2 Acceptance of previous minutes** – 13th April 2014 - Proposed by L. Fearn, Seconded by A. Bleasdale
- 3 Secretary's Report** - Secretary thanked fellow committee members for their support, Noggin organisers for their endeavour and members for their support of NorceMog events. Attendance at Noggins improving with the 3 events of 2015 attracting over 20 members at each event. Web site established through 2014 and generally well received
- 4 Treasurer's Report** - A statement of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015 was presented by our treasurer. Bank balance stood at £1790.84 which included 18 renewals for the 2015-16 season. The accounts had been independently reviewed by N. McArthur and accepted at this AGM. Anticipated membership for 2015 – 16 will be 50.

Action – Secretary to issue group email reminding members that subscriptions are due. – AT

Action – Retain signed copy of accounts in NorceMog file - AT

- 5 Election of Officers** - There had been no nominations for any position on the committee however all the current committee members were prepared to continue. The current committee were unanimously re-elected.

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 - The 2015 calendar was reviewed and the following points made:

May 10th – Helmshore Mills Textile Museum – Booking completed for a NorceMog private tour and the lunch venue will cordon an area for the Morgans to park. **Contact John Alden – 01253 726314**

June 21st – Arley Hall – 10 passes available but 5 or 6 already allocated. **Contact Geoff Mizon – 01253 892733**

August – CarFest North – NorceMog application rejected as MSCC already represented.

Action – Secretary to investigate who has reserved the ‘Morgan’ spot.

Action – Remove from web site Calendar of events.

Sept. 13th – Gymkhana – Venue identified near Fleetwood.

Action – **Bryan & Lynda Fearn** to confirm booking and source lunch arrangements.

Oct 16 – 18th – October Retreat - Murder Mystery week-end to be advertised in May edition of Miscellany

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. The resolution to increase subscription to £10 from 2016 was unanimously carried by the members present with no abstentions.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Current discontent being aired through MogTalk etc. with changes to MSCC operation, primarily organisation of Le Mans Classic and the ‘running of the club as a business.

A healthy discussion took place recognising the need to change some accounting practices to reflect current legislation however it was felt that the ‘spirit’ of the club was being lost. The club’s prime focus should be to serve its members not to make a profit. The treatment of the Le Mans Classic organisers (Quentin & Ann) was regrettable after the years of great service they had provided. However it was also recognised that provision of bank statements from the separately operated bank account may have created a different route for the MSCC Directors / NCM (National Committee Meeting) to pursue. The ‘instruction’ to Quentin to “make a £10K profit” was felt to be unfair to the members who attended the Le Mans Classic. (Post Meeting Note – The ABTOL bond had to be renewed annually and cost £8K with audit fees over the 2 years (LMC is a biennial event))

It was believed that, having taken this stance with Quentin's account, the MSCC directors should treat all the separate Centre bank accounts (i.e. NorceMog etc.) in the same way.

Further concerns were voiced that many, respected long standing MSCC members had expressed dissatisfaction with recent decisions and this must be a cause for concern for the future of MSCC.

It was accepted that none of the members present were aware of all the facts and the secretary agreed to investigate posting all NCM papers on the web site giving all members the opportunity to be aware of central MSCC progress and any proposed changes.

8.2 Vote of thanks – John Alden proposed a vote of thanks to the current secretary for his work especially on the web site establishment.

8.3 Record of Attendance

Members present signed the attendance sheet which the Secretary will retain in the NorceMog file.

Meeting closed.

NorceMog Diary of Events Dates in red are subject to confirmation. Please read the list below in conjunction with the Minutes above. I will update the calendar of events next month.

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