
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

July 2015

Welcome to this edition, and the lovely weather which gives the possibility of driving your Morgan WITHOUT A JACKET ON! Long may it continue. A longer edition than normal, enjoy it. Note that you need to book for the Scenic Run on 12 July, and if you want to go, book today!

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NORCEMOG WEBSITE

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

Norcemog Autotest – Sunday 14th June 2015

The British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland, Lancashire

Must be sung to the tune of The Wild Rover!

I've been a Morgan driver for many a year,
But there's one thing I dread and it fills me with fear,
It happens in Leyland and I join the rest,
For the Annual NorceMog full Autotest

Chorus

And it's no, nay, never,
No, nay never no more,
Will I drive the damn Morgan,
To the lowest score,

This day it was raining and we stood around,
Under the brollies and wet on the ground,
But then the peace shattered to the greatest of roars,
"Get them hoods down and let's have some scores",

Chorus



Tis true that they meant it, this was for real,
There was Roy and young Patrick and the Bleasmobile,
Andy competing from out of the blue,
But could he be better than his wife Sue?

Chorus

There was all the cunning and usual tests,
So we all put our hoods down and we tried our best,
Go between and under, but don't rock the bar,
Do you know better the size of your car?

Chorus

This year I cracked it and I thought I knew
Avoiding the penalty, is the thing to do,
So if you fit under with 15 inches to spare,
It's better than 20 penalties, so just take care

Chorus

The rounds did continue and our confidence grew,
Then Bryan, the chief judge, said "here's something new",
He gave us a handful of round tennis balls,
"Now put 'em on cones, and make sure not one falls."

Chorus



But the cones they were staggered, not easy to do,
We had to slalom between and put balls on them too,
The stopwatch was ticking, we all had to rush,
Oh no Geoff has lost one, it rolled under the bush,

Chorus

In third place was Peter, this was his first time,
In second was Martin, his driving was fine,
The winner was 1 place better than last year's
It's Andrew, wow! I nearly burst into tears*

*(I didn't really but it has to rhyme!)

Chorus

The Best Lady, was driving a series 2,
Who else could it be but Andy's wife Sue?
Thanks go to Bryan who yet again,
Gave us all a great day out, apart from the rain

Chorus

In total 10 drivers all did compete,
Then off to the pub to get something to eat,
There was also a concours, judge by the staff,
Of the Commercial museum, did they have a laugh?

Chorus

Roy did take 1st spot with his Morgan so green
In second was Geoff, his roadster so clean,
The Glendower Cup for the best combined score,
Went to Andy Bleasdale, the man with the roar!

Final Chorus!

Apologies to all Wild Rover fans from **Andrew Threlkeld!**

MORGANS AT ARLEY HALL 21 June 2015



This was our first time to Arley Hall. As is usual when Morgan days out are planned the weather forecast is eagerly watched. The event was being held 21st June, midsummer's day, but this was after all a British summer so anything could happen. We set off from Market Drayton hood down with plenty of time for a leisurely drive but of course the 'Wally' factor came into play. The main road was closed and there were diversion signs through Crewe. Unfortunately the Saturday night revellers in Crewe had taken the arrows from a diversion signs so we then had a scenic tour of Crewe. There was no sun for David to navigate by so he followed his intuition, which actually turned out to be spot on. When we passed the Bentley factory, a pleasing looking brick built 1930s building and then the New Bentley Showroom resplendent in its own field we knew where we were and soon joined the main road again. It reminded me of a sunny Saturday afternoon in Market Drayton a couple of years ago. The usual RAF gliders were outnumbered by private aircraft with wingwalkers and we subsequently found out that corporate entertainment for Bentley owners was an afternoon of flying over the Shropshire countryside with some aerobatics included. Suggestions for Morgan corporate entertainment much appreciated.

We reached Arley Hall, before the advised time, to find Colin Hill already there, hood up, and parked in the parking slot in front of the Hall. Gradually others arrived, all hood up, and we parked in the roomy allotted space. Most people had brought chairs of some sort and with the keen wind that was blowing we put them near the Hall wall. One of the officials invited us to use a porch to shelter from that rather keen wind.

The site was a hive of activity with stallholders setting up their stalls. David was dispatched to find 'Bacon Butties' and duly returned with them. There was lots to do and see at Arley from the lovely vegetable and herb gardens to the numerous stalls in the craft tent. You can watch wood turners at work and other country crafts. There was lots of interest in the cars and many people stopped and looked and chatted. One of our members had come with a shopping list and soon returned with a number of grasses. With so much retail therapy available, especially for keen gardeners, a list is a must. Some of us idled the day away watching the people go by while others visited the church and the hall. Decidedly a Morgan Day in the 'slow lane.'

Una Haynes.



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.

11 July Thrill on the Hill - www.morgan-motor.co.uk/events/toth2015 if you are interested.

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

Sunday July 12th 2015
Town & Country Scenic Run
Lancashire & Yorkshire Boundary

Contact – Andrew & Joan Threlkeld

Tel or Txt - 07912 494768

Email – norcemog@gmail.com

Booking is essential!

After last year's run in Cheshire we are moving to the north of our region for the Town & Country Scenic Run straddling the Lancashire and Yorkshire border.

Get the hood down as we tour the delights of the old mill towns and across the beautiful countryside that our region has to offer.

Total distance will be approx. 70 miles (more if you get lost!) split by a lunch break

We will assemble from 10.00am and start with morning coffee and biscuits (£2.50 per head) at the award winning village inn & restaurant The Millstone at Mellor (Post code - BB2 7JR) (<http://millstonehotel.co.uk/>).

Detailed instructions for the 40 mile route to the lunch stop will be provided taking us

through mill towns and countryside, past reservoirs and across streams for approx. 40 miles to the lunch stop.

Lunch will be taken at Stubbing Wharf near Hebden Bridge, (post code - HX7 6LU), where a full bar menu is available or Sunday Lunch @ £11.95 for 2 courses, Black Sheep £2.95 per pint, Timothy Taylor's Landlord £3.15 per pint. (<http://stubbingwharf1.tru-m.com/>)

A different route of 28 miles back to the Preston area where we will enjoy afternoon tea at Samlesbury Hall, (post code - PR5 0UP) at £3.80 per head for Tea and Scone with Jam & Cream. (<http://www.samlesburyhall.co.uk>)

Booking is essential, please let Joan & Andrew know ASAP so that numbers can be confirmed at the various venues.

MSA Permit No. 90511 has been issued

18 & 19 July VSCC Hawthorn Memorial Trophies Meeting

I'm one of very many enthusiasts for vintage and classic cars who has special memories of what then was the VSCC Seaman Trophies race meeting at Oulton Park. This event was the one totally unmissable date in every north-western old car enthusiast's calendar. Nothing, but nothing, was allowed to stand in the way of 'VSCC Oulton': you simply had to be there.

The VSCC last came to Oulton Park five years ago. As with some preceding visits, that race meeting returned an unacceptable loss. Whilst attendance was satisfactory, all the gate receipts went to the circuit owners. The racing grids were thin, with too many drivers / owners opting out due to full diaries and a reluctance to spend Friday afternoon battling up the M1 or M5 and then M6. The disappointing number of entry fees plus programme sales receipts fell well short of the circuit hire cost and associated expenses.

Looking back to the golden years of VSCC Oulton, there are so many great memories. It would be marvellous if this 2015 race meeting were to be sufficiently well-supported to deliver a result for all parties to the organisation of the meeting. An outcome that would ensure that VSCC Oulton would regain its former top-level place in the calendar for years to come. And sustain a growth of interest in our types of car here in the north of England. Circuit owners, Motor Sport Vision, are making every effort and appreciable concessions to ensure this year's VSCC Oulton is a success. MSV really do want us back. If you have not visited the circuit for some years, then you will be amazed at the vast improvement that has been made to its facilities. Today it is a manicured top quality venue, set in the finest Cheshire countryside.

This appeal is that, if possible, recipients will please advise me of the contact details for Newsletter Editors or Secretaries of motor clubs catering for older cars that are based loosely here in the north west that can be circulated, as well as taking the trouble to forward my message to one-make car clubs that have membership sections with regional i.e. northern areas. In fact, do forward this message to anyone who you think would enjoy coming to VSCC Oulton Park.

In brief:

Saturday July 18 – practice from 9am, racing from 1pm; full programme including three races for the Hawthorn Trophies (pre-1961 racing cars; VSCC's 'Set 4' cars, and 1950s sports-racing cars), plus a relay race (always fun to watch), and scratch and handicap races. Fuller details from www.vsccl.co.uk

Saturday evening – Chequers food outlet / restaurant (paddock – infield location) will be open, (Friday evening also, plus for breakfasts $\frac{6}{6}$ from 7.15am both on Saturday and Sunday);

large outdoor screen showing VSCC and other themed films; live cool jazz band. Club BBQ at £10 per head, tickets available during the day. Camping / caravans / mobile homes – free places for the first 200 applicants can be booked, first come first served, but once those have been taken, additional camping etc. can be accommodated (details from VSCC office). Local hotel and B&B accommodation is listed on the MSV website www.motorsportvision.co.uk

Sunday July 19 – no noisy activity is permitted under environmental restrictions, but there will be much for all the family and every enthusiast to enjoy, short of actual circuit racing. The Club's Concours d'Elegance will make a welcome return and entrants will parade round the track; cycle races are being planned, including some for children and younger cyclists and for veteran cycles. Other attractions include 2 hours of 'Autosolo' timed competitive tests for VSCC cars on the rally circuit; supervised circuits of the track for club groups in appropriate cars (some already booked); demonstrations by VSCC trials cars on the circuit's 4X4 test track; bus rides in period single deck vehicles round the full circuit; children's attractions including period fairground and a treasure hunt within the in-field area. Autojumble, vintage parts traders and charity stalls. An air display is booked. The programme is scheduled to finish between 2 and 3pm

Admission charges – a bargain. Car clubs (and of course VSCC Members) can book discounted tickets for the 2 days for £15 per person (otherwise £25) through the Club Office www.vsccl.co.uk. 'Sunday only' entry remains to be finalised, but there will be free entry for cyclists and 'pay at the gate' of a modest figure, with extra concessions for those arriving in vintage / pre-war or other 'interesting' cars.

Club contact details please to:

John Warburton 01942 67177 (answerphone)

warburton.brookwood@virgin.net

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

8 August – Birkdale Village Fete

Birkdale village (postcode PR8) are holding their annual Sumer Fete on Saturday August 8th which involves closing the main street for 'entertainment' as below.

Following on from the success of the Village Christmas Victorian Event, a fantastic family day is planned by the Local traders. Pet Parade, Street Entertainment, stalls, rides for the little ones , traditional games like hook a duck , tombola etc , raffle for local charity, offers on in your local shops restaurants , wine bars and café , hot food, BBQ etc and so much more.

Life's Motors will be displaying some cars and we have been invited to attend and add to the display.

If you are interested please let Andrew Threlkeld know as soon as possible.

29 -31 August Oulton Park Gold Cup

Contact – Geoff Mizon

Tel - 01253 892733

Email – geoff.mizon@btopenworld.com

Booking is essential by 3rd August!

Geoff will need a SAE to send your tickets plus Model, year, colour and reg number of your car.

The Oulton Park Cup will once again return on August bank holiday weekend (29-31 August) and it returns with an amazing racing line up featuring the Derek Bell Trophy, which recalls the Gold Cups of the 1970s, in which Formula 5000 and Formula 2 cars regularly competed for the prestigious trophy. Historic Formula 3 and Formula Ford machines will be amongst the other single-seater categories in action. GTs and tin tops will also compete, from 1970s sports-prototypes in the Martini Trophy, to the frequently sideways Lotus Cortinas and Mini Coopers in the Historic Touring Cars.

Away from the track, a large military display with vehicles and a Spitfire will feature, fire breathing Group B rally cars will take to the special stage, air displays will thrill from the sky, live jazz music will play throughout the weekend and, as always, a huge collection of special cars will take over every inch of our infield, this and loads more family entertainment will make this years' Gold Cup an event to remember (please visit our website at <http://www.oultontpark.co.uk/>, for more information).

NorceMog has been invited to attend and will be entitled to park in the special display area with free entry for the driver over the weekend (please note that passengers will need to purchase tickets through the website, <http://www.oultontpark.co.uk/> or at the gate for entry, children under 13 go free).

Saturday – Practice Day

Sunday – Race day 1

Monday - Race day 2

Booking is essential by 3rd August



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

All Morgans' Day 2016

Dear Centre Secretaries,

The first "All Morgans' Day" event held during

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2009 attracted 135 cars.

Since then the Morgan Centenary Roadster 100 Register has enthusiastically organised and sponsored three more Biannual All Morgans' Day Events at Waddesdon Manor.

Attendance numbers grew to 160 cars, then to 200 and last years event was the best so far attracting 220 Morgan Cars of all Three and Four Wheel Models.

Overseas visitors have been with us from Germany , Sweden, Thailand , Canada , USA - plus one regular visitor from Brisbane Australia !

The purpose of this note to you is to provide all MSCC Centres with an early notice, before your annual Event Planning Meetings for 2016.

Our next "All Morgans' Day" will be held at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire on Sunday 5th June 2016 from 9.30am until 5.30pm.

Special Display Parking Arrangements, in front of the Palace Grand Court and along its Drive, have been agreed for in excess of 220 Morgans of all Models.

Hopefully you will be able to inform your members via websites and newsletters.with an early note of the date.

As usual, we shall be inviting MSCC, MMC, Morgan Dealerships, a Charity and others to join us and display- and the Roadster 100 Organising Team will ensure this is a day not to be missed.

We hope to be advertising again in Miscellany in the New Year

Regards – David Harris and Frank Lomax – The Morgan Centenary Roadster 100 Register Coordinators.