
NORCEMOG

NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

May 2016

Welcome to this edition. Note the meeting point for the May noggin – the Cross Keys on the A59 at noon for lunch. Book with John Alden.

NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201

Morgan Sports Car Club - Northern Centre

AGM – 10th April 2016

Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club

Whitegate Cheshire CW8 2BA

Minutes of the Meeting

The secretary welcomed members to the 2016 AGM and a special, warm welcome to new members present.

1 Apologies Received

A & C Kidd, H & K Walker, G & A Cocking, A & S Mattison, J Threlkeld.

2 Acceptance of previous minutes – 12th April 2015

Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by John Alden, Seconded by Linda Fearn

3 Secretary's Report

Increasing attendance at events through 2015 with the best attendance, yet again, at the event with the shortest notice – Aspinall Arms organised by the Bleasdales'.

Over 250 members attended the 12 events including 48 different members attending at least 1 event.

Thank you to all the organisers, including those that are not actually committee members and special thanks to Bryan & Linda Fearn for finding a Gymkhana venue which we have missed over the previous 3 years.

Web site is now well established and always open to suggestions.

4 Treasurer's Report

Bryan Fearn presented the accounts showing a balance of £1312.25 in the Norcemog bank account.

Forthcoming expenditure included replenishment of car badges, regalia purchase and building a 'fund' in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of NorceMog in 2018.

Members were reminded that subscription renewal is now due.

The accounts were reviewed by Mr N McArthur and signed off.

Members present voted to accept the account as presented.

5 Election of Officers

The secretary had been inundated with a dearth of applications however the current officers were prepared to stand again and 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 Any Other Business

6.1 Planned events for 2016 were discussed as follows

Gawsworth Hall Car Show – the web site link had been repaired and entry forms were available through the Norcemog web site. Roy Wilkinson had brought some printed copies of the entry form for those present and interested.

Autotest – due to double booking the Autotest was moved by 1 week from 12th to 19th June
Arley Hall – only 4 passes remaining

St Helens Motor Museum – British sports car day – Norcemog are invited to display their cars as part of this event

Autumn Retreat – 6 couples had already booked however we would have to release 'reserved' rooms soon.

Christmas Party – Same venue as 2015 however notice was made of some poor service and 'cool' meals last year to be discussed with hotel. Should we experience similar issues this year we will look for alternative venue in 2017.

Secretary to issue a mid-month update to all members including the changes above, reminder of subscription renewal and vacancies available for the May Noggin trip to Bancroft Mill Engine Trust and Museum.

6.2 Vote of thanks

Mr. McArthur proposed a 'vote of thanks' to the committee for their endeavour through the year.

6.3 Record of Attendance

All attendees signed attendance register, retained by Secretary with a signed copy of the accounts.

Meeting closed 14.35

J. A. Threlkeld

Reflections on 52 years with Morgans Part 4 – The Story So Far...

My wife Glenise and I drove our first Morgan in 1964 on our honeymoon and said we would have a Morgan one day. It took 25 years and three children before we could afford one, and we picked up our 1980 4/4 series V on our silver wedding anniversary 25/1/1989 and it is still in the family today.

We joined the MSCC in 1987 with a view to buying a Morgan. We noticed an advert in Miscellany for a Beamish weekend run by Normog so we decided to go and meet some Morgan owners and find out a bit more about owning a sports car. We arrived at Beamish on the Friday afternoon in a Ford Fiesta and trailer tent, and the first people we met were Tony and Mary Oliver. They put us right about Noremog and Norcemog but they did make us very welcome; and when we went back two years later in a Morgan, Glenise won the prize for the fastest lady in the auto test.

In 1995, I bought a bag of bits and spent the next 18 years building it up, and there will be more about this in a future chapter.

Glenise and I took the Morgan to France twice and enjoyed the adventure very much, but she felt unwell halfway through the second week of our second trip, so we came home early. This was the start of her terminal illness. We took our time traveling home and that was the last time Glenise went in the Morgan.

After Glenise's death I lost interest in the Morgan, but Isobel Moore kept on at me and she and Peter took me to my first noggin (firsts are always hard) after a few months.

I gave my son Ian the Morgan and, having first₂ sorted things out with his two sisters, I told

him to balance things with his sisters after my demise. And I started to work on the bag of bits that would make up into my 1936 f4.

Bryan Rawlinson

DIARY FOR 2016 Red is "to be confirmed"

NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS - 2016

N.B. Dates **highlighted** are NorceMog organised events

May 15th - Sunday May 15th 2016

Bancroft Mill Engine Trust & Museum **Gillians Lane, Barnoldswick, BB18 5QR.**

CONTACT - JOHN ALDEN - 01253 726314 OR 07963 253154

In a beautiful part of the country with plenty of Morgan Driving roads the Bancroft Mill Engine Trust will be 'steaming' on the day we visit.

Reserved car parking for Morgans, a guided tour around the museum (see history below) and lunch will be taken at 12.00 at the Cross Keys, East Marton BD23 3LP on the A59 between Gisburn and Skipton.

History

The Bancroft weaving mill was the thirteenth and last mill built in Barnoldswick. The town was originally in the West Riding of Yorkshire but is now administered by Lancashire County. It was at the very edge of the Yorkshire woollen industrial centre. Construction of the mill started in 1915, but was delayed by the Great War, and only finished in 1920. James Nutter had died in 1914, but the firm was carried on by his sons, and the ceremonial starting of the mill engine took place on 13th March 1920, when James' surviving daughter, Eliza, opened the stop valve to set the engine in motion. The engine cylinders were then formally named "James" and "Mary Jane" after her parents.

The mill featured some of the latest construction and engineering techniques of the time and produced electricity via a large dynamo for lighting and to power pumps. There was a room in the cellar which housed storage batteries to provide lighting when the engine wasn't running and so avoid the risk of fire from the use of oil or gas lamps igniting fine cotton dust in the mill. One member of the family lived in a house not far from the mill, and a cable was laid to provide electric current for lighting the house. At least this one house, and possibly two others, was supplied with DC current from the mill. Later an alternator replaced the dynamo giving predictable electric pump speeds and the ability to use equipment with transformers. Electrical efficiency was much improved, in this respect the mill was again at the forefront of technology and the safety aspect of this technology made Bancroft Mill a good place to work. The engine and mill ran without interruption for 58 years producing high quality cotton cloths until, in December 1978, when the last orders were woven out, the mill closed. In its heyday 200,000 yards of cloth could be produced in a week.

Following its closure the buildings and machinery were then sold for demolition and scrap, with a view to levelling the whole site and covering it with houses. Very much at the 11th hour, proposals were put forward to Pendle Council by a group of interested people, to preserve at least some of the mill, namely the engine in its house, boilers and boiler houses, and the chimney. In 1980 the Bancroft Mill Engine Trust was formed by volunteer members as a Registered Charity for this purpose; it has fulfilled its aims and is healthier now than at its inception.

Over the 30 years since the formation of the Trust much has been achieved, buildings have been repaired and maintained whilst sympathetic changes have been introduced to make the site suitable for use as a museum. A large collection of memorabilia related to the cotton textile industry has been amassed, with a number of machine tools for the workshop and several small engines. A Rockford lathe that came to Britain under the Lease-Lend scheme in 1941 is scheduled to be complete and installed by Christmas 2011. It has been brought up to date with a motor control that complies with current regulations that has been made by members.

Whilst the engine has been operated throughout each summer there has been a programme of replacement of worn parts undertaken each winter with major work undertaken on the low pressure cylinder inlet valves. Members have skimmed the shafts and made new journal/thrust bearings for them.

For many years we have woven tea towels (using a Pilling Lancashire loom) as demonstration pieces on steaming days which are then sold in our shop.

Steam raising plant is not as it was during the working life of the mill, originally a Lancashire boiler with automatic stokers was used and supplied steam at 160 pounds per square inch. Archimedes screw type elevators moved the pulverised coal from the store to the stoker hoppers. This boiler is still on view but its high capacity is not required any more, A Cornish boiler that had been installed in the 30's has been used throughout the museum's existence, it has had a major overhaul involving taking it away for the work and a subsequent minor repair as well. Its centenary comes in 2012.

The chimney has had attention twice in the life of the Trust, it was completely overhauled, pointed and linseed oiled by the late Fred Dibnah who also made extra stiffening bands for it, less rigorous attention was given to it in 2000 and 2011.

Further details at www.bancroftmill.org.uk

Contact - John Alden – Tel 01253 726314 or 07963 253154

May 21st – Confirmation of the VSCC's Vintage Sports Car Festival at Oulton Park

28 & 29 May Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show – Click Here for [Details](#)

Contact - Martin Cocks – Tel 01772 862936

June 19th Autotest & Concours – Click Here for [Details](#)

Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland

Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716

June 26th Arley Hall Garden Festival - **10 Cars Max** - Click Here for [Details](#)

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395

July 1st – 3rd **Week-end at Eynsham Hall Hotel** including The ALL MORGANS DAY at Blenheim Palace

Contact - Isobel & Peter Moore – Tel 01253 738 201 Click Here for [Details](#)

July 9th & 10th Chateau Impney Hill Climb - Droitwich Spa, WR9 0BN Click Here for [Details](#)

Contact - Ian Patton, Chateau Impney Hill Climb Team

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July 10th Scenic Run

Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716 & Peter Moore 01253 738

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July ?? VSCC Meeting @ Oulton Park – TBC

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August 3rd Committee Meeting - 18:30 TAS Partnership, Preston

August 7th British Sports Cars at St Helens Transport Museum - Date to be confirmed, details to follow

Contact - Andrew Threlkeld - Tel 01606 852395

August 14th August Noggin - TBC

Aug 27 - 29th Oulton Park Gold Cup - 3 day race week-end Click Here for [Details](#)

Contact - Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395

Sep 9 - 11th Autumn Retreat - [Mayfield House Hotel, Cotswold](#).

Oct 9th Gymkhana / CVEC Autumn Trial - To be confirmed

Contact - Bryan Fearn Tel - 01253 891539, A. Threlkeld - 01606 852395

Nov 13th Noggin Venue TBC - John & Irene Anderson - Tel 0161 973 0169

Dec 11th Christmas Party, Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham -

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