
NORCEMOG

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Welcome to this edition. Note that there are three passes available for this Sunday at Tatton, contact Bryan Rawlinson; and two for the Arley Hall Garden Festival on 26 June, contact Andrew Threlkeld.

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**Reflections on 52 years with Morgans
Part 5 – The Bag of Bits**

The resurrection of the 1936 three wheeler took time, effort and includes a number of separate strands, some of which will have to wait until another time.

I started with a body shell, a rusted and unusable chassis and a wood frame that had so much rot that it could not be saved. Then there were the bits – lots of them, but, as it turned out, not all that were necessary...

First the chassis – I knew who I would get the replacement from, and when I telephoned to enquire, he asked how handy I was, because he already had one available that would need adjustment because he who had ordered it originally had not been as meticulous with his measuring as he might have been! So I was offered a discount for taking a brand new “just needs a few holes moving a bit” chassis.

“And you’ll be collecting the other two at the same time”. “What other two?” “One for Stan Thorpe and one for Bill Hodgkinson. They told me you would be in touch, and I have been waiting for your call”....

Then the frame – I asked a friend to replace the frame and he came and collected what I had with his apprentice, and agreed to try to get it all done over the Christmas period while his normal joinery business was closed. A couple of days later I got a call to say that embedded in one of the last joints that he had taken apart was an aluminium strip of the kind that you used to be able to punch out letter by letter which read “19 Dave loves Sue 60”. I told him to put the strip into the same joint in the replacement frame, and in due course, the new woodwork was delivered.

The rebuilding took place on a heavy duty stretcher, which meant a minimum of bending and everything at a convenient height. The stretcher was a helpful acquisition from my employment with the North West Ambulance Service, whose proper deployment was in the movement of significantly weighty patients.

After I was a little way into the rebuild, and out of the blue, Dave telephoned! Although he had no immediate recollection of the aluminium strip, he was able to tell me enough about other things with the car to convince me that he was a previous owner. Some weeks later, he came up to see the rebuild in progress and said that he wanted to buy it back. I told him how much I had invested in it, starting with the original cost, then the chassis, then the frame, then the rebuild....

The next telephone call asked about progress, and at that stage I had it almost complete and was looking for the instruments to put in the instrument panel and was not having much

success in finding the right ones. Dave told me that he lived in the South and was going through a divorce after which he would be moving his wife to the Lakes, so sure enough the day came when Dave arrived with a removal van up to which the stretcher was rolled, and into which the car was eased. Off went the car and almost all of the documents, with the log book following by post shortly after the cheque in settlement had been received, and cleared.

So eighteen years after I acquired the bag of bits, I got rid of it again, never having driven it!

Bryan Rawlinson

VSCC Meeting at Oulton Park

Despite a damp start to the day and a wet track which slowed practice lap times this was a great days racing with some fabulous cars on view from 1918 6.0 litre tutz bearcat to Austin 7 special at 747 cc.

However for Morganeers the first race of the day was Round 2 of The Morgan Three Wheeler Club Challenge. There were 13 cars in the race including 3 M3W S&S from 2012/3. The others ranged from 1929 to 1938 with engines ranging from Japs, Ford, Matchless and two Jap 8/80 running on Methanol. All of the cars raced with passengers except two which had ballast to compensate.



With the track drying as the race started lap times improved and there was some very close competition. The race was won by Hamish Bibby in his 1932 Jap 8/80 with a best lap of 66.59 mph.

In Race 4 Sue Darbyshire came 3rd in her 1929 Morgan Super Aero. This was against a field of 30 plus cars including Bugattis, Alfas, Astons, Lagondas a many others.

John Alden

NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2016

June 4th & 5th Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show – Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact - Martin Cocks – Tel 07973 488504

June 10 – 12th Cholmondeley Power & Speed Event (Formerly Pageant of Power)
Cholmondeley Castle, A49, SY14 8AH
Contact TorMog - Click Here for [Details](#)

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

Direct Dial - 01905 823896, Mobile - 07896 528302

July 10th Scenic Run – Trough of Bowland & Yorkshire National Park Click Here for [Details](#)

Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716 or Peter Moore 01253 738 201

July 30th&31st The Fast Car Festival, Donington Park, DE74 2RP Click Here for [Details](#)

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

August 7th British Sports Cars at North West Museum of Road Transport, St Helens, WA10 1DU Date confirmed, details to follow, For details of the museum click [HERE](#)

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395

August 14th August Noggin – TBC

August 14th Teddy Bears Picnic, Top Close Farm, Macclesfield

Organised by TorMog – Click Here for [Details](#)

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

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395

Sep 2nd - 4th Chatsworth Country Fair, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1PP

Organised by TorMog - Click Here for [Details](#)

Sep 3rd Morgan Challenge Race Series @ Oulton Park

Sep 16-18th Autumn Retreat – Mayfield House Hotel, Wiltshire, SN16 9EW - Click Here for [Details](#)

Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – Tel 01606 852395

Oct 9th Gymkhana - Farmer Parr's Animal World, Fleetwood FY7 8SL – Click Here for [Details](#)

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, WA6 6HH – Click Here for [Details](#)

Contact – Harry & Kay Walker – Tel 01606 882772 or email walkeruk@aol.com