
NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

March 2018

Welcome to this edition and please enjoy the read. Thanks to Isobel Moore, Roy Wilkinson and Andrew Threlkeld for content this time. There is a total of 25 attendees listed for the noggin at Lowther Castle and the proposed programme for the day is set out below. If you have not confirmed or apologised, please get in touch.

NORCEMOG REGALIA – Isobel Moore 01253 738201

February Noggin Briar's Hall Hotel 11 February 2018

Briars Hall Hotel was our Sunday lunch venue for the 11 February. There were 30 of us altogether and it was good to sit in the lounge beforehand enjoying coffee and a chat before it was time to take our seats in the dining room which had been laid out for us in impressive style. We came here last August and judging by the favourable comments this time maybe we will return next year. The hotel has a very large car park but we were only able to provide a line-up of 3 Morgans belonging to Andrew, Peter and Bryan. For the rest of us, well we blamed the weather!

A lot of the conversation focused on Norcemog's forthcoming 50th Anniversary weekend. Some had not yet booked and its only two months off now. Hope to see you all there!

Isobel

Chapter 4

When I got home it was a couple of months before my 21st birthday and one of my best friends was also 21. A couple of weeks after I got back he invited me to his 21st and also showed me his Lambretta motor scooter. They were very popular at the time and I was very impressed by it. He took me out on it and I realised that the money I had stopped out of my RAF wages, first for my mother to help her with bringing up my younger brother and also that which had saved for myself over the three years added up to more than I needed to purchase a scooter for myself. I started looking at scooters and although I liked the Lambretta more than the Vespa I eventually chose an NSU Prima which had two 6 volt batteries and an electric starter motor. No having to kick start the engine! It was a little more expensive than the Lambretta but I preferred it over the Lambretta and the Vespa.

My friend Ted, who had the Lambretta said he would teach me to drive but before that he asked me if I would escort a young lady who lived quite close to me to his 21st birthday party. I agreed but was a little concerned because during my earlier teens I had spent quite some time cycling with his younger sister as we were both in New Brighton Cycling Club. However when he had introduced me to this young lady I agreed to escort her to his 21st. She was a nice blonde lady aged 19, about the same age as his sister. When we got to the 21st party, I found that his sister had a boyfriend so this would have been a little awkward for me and that was why I had been asked to escort this young lady to the party. As it turned out, after the party, I received a phone call from this young lady called Mary inviting me to go to afternoon tea the following Wednesday, which was her half day off work as she worked in the record department of a well known music store in Liverpool.

I obtained a position in the British-American Tobacco Co in Liverpool after I had a month's leave from the RAF. However, I still had to do two and half years reserve service in the RAF for which I received a quarterly pension. As time passed I started to see more and more of my blonde girlfriend. Ted helped me become more proficient driving the scooter and I passed my driving test first time. We started going out on our scooters into North Wales of a weekend

and so Ted and I took our girlfriends on pillion. I enjoyed my scooter and often saw a college colleague who also worked in the same company as me who was ten years older than me sitting with his wife in a three wheeler car. As I got to know him we got talking about cars and I explained that it was my ambition to eventually own an MG TF. At this time I also mentioned that I was disappointed that MG had stopped making the MG TF and had completely redesigned their sports car, calling it an MGA.

To my surprise, he told me that Morgan made a sports car of a similar design to the MG TF which caused me to enquire more about Morgans. My father told me that they were very popular before the war in the 1920s and 1930s, mainly three-wheelers. In fact the three wheeler that my friend had was a Morgan.

Whilst I didn't have the funds for a car at this time, as I had decided to go on a holiday the next year which was 1959 on a scooter trip which was an organised trip to Switzerland. I mentioned this to my girlfriend but she was not sure if her parents would let her go. Boys and girls would be staying in separate accommodation on the tour, which would be accompanied by a van which would carry a mechanic and spares. We would be going through France, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg and part of Austria into Switzerland, ending up staying in Lucerne. As it turned out, my girlfriend was not allowed to go on the scooter tour and before I went I was sent a list of names and addresses of those who would be going. One of those was a pharmacist who lived just outside Liverpool, who contacted me and we arranged to meet. Apart from having scooters, we had other mutual interests and in fact, like me, he had originally arranged to go with his girlfriend but she decided not to go so he was going to take his younger brother. My younger brother was only aged 13 so there was no chance of his going!

We met in Liverpool, put our scooters on the train and travelled down to Euston and then drove to Dover. We met up with everyone else and took the ferry to Calais. It was a very interesting holiday but that is another story...

After the holiday, my work colleague mentioned that his friend had decided to sell his four wheeler Morgan and would I be interested in buying it. I told my new scooter friend John and he agreed to go with me to view it. It was a 1936 4-4series 1 registration no ANM 543 and was the 49th made, leaving the factory on 12 June 1936, four days after I was born! It has an 1122cc Coventry Climax engine. I didn't have a driving licence for a car at the time but my new friend John did have one, having passed his test and driving his father's Ford Anglia from time to time. It wasn't far to drive from New Brighton to my house, so we soon had it home. I applied for a provisional licence and we took it on the Promenade at New Brighton which was an ideal spot to learn to drive. Somehow, I managed to burn out the starter motor so that was the first repair I had to get done, but having said that, I could crank the engine to start it each time and that worked fine and I had no trouble getting it started until the starter motor was repaired.

Once that had been sorted, John and I decided to drive the Morgan to the 1959 Motor Show. Unfortunately, the dynamo failed on the journey and the battery went flat. We ended up in a dip in the road but fortunately, an HGV driver stopped and towed us out of the dip and as far as a roadside garage - difficult to see this happening these days!. The garage owner lent us a fully charged battery and said that he would repair the dynamo ready for our return together with our own battery fully charged. We carried on our journey until about midnight then tried to get some sleep - not easy in a Morgan in a layby and at dawn we continued on until we got to the outskirts of London, where we left the car and took the tube to Earls Court. We spent an interesting time at the Motor Show and then driving round London before heading back north as far as High Wycombe where we found bed & breakfast and got a good night's sleep.

Roy Wilkinson

50 Years of NorceMog

Thanks to Isobel and Peter Moore we have hard copies of NorceMog Newsletters going back to 1994. (You really must get out more!) Browsing through them it's amazing to see that some things have not changed whilst others have changed beyond imagination.

Things that have not changed!

1994

MSCC were forming a committee to look into the future management of the club

The AGM lasted 15 minutes

Dave Roberts was rebuilding a Plus 8

Jeremy Harrison ordered a new Morgan for his son's 21st birthday – His son is 28 now (then!) and he's still waiting.

Isobel Moore was fastest lady at the Gymkhana (ah, so that's why she saved them!)

1996 - Richard & Sue Cressy joined and are still members in 2018

1997 – NorceMog badge unveiled on the Life's Motors stand at MOG 1997 in Bath

The Times they are a changing

1999 – The March edition contained this article from Tim Hill

Have you ever felt that your local dealer doesn't always understand the full extent of your problem when you book your car in for service? Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by US air force pilots and the replies from their maintenance crews. P = Problem, S = Solution

P – Left inside tyre almost needs replacement

S – Almost replaced left inside tyre

P – Test flight OK except Autoland very rough

S – Autoland not installed on this aircraft

P – No2 Propeller seeping prop fluid

S – No 2 propeller seepage normal, Nos 1,3 and 4 propellers lack normal seepage

P – Something loose in the cockpit

S – Something tightened in the cockpit

P – Evidence of leak on right main landing gear

S – Evidence removed

P – DME volume unbelievably loud

S – Volume set to more believable level

P – Dead bugs on windshield

S – Live bugs on order

P – Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 f.p.m. descent

S – Cannot reproduce problem on ground

P – IFF inoperative

S – IFF always inoperative in OFF mode

P – Friction lock causes throttle levers to stick

S – That's what they are there for

P – No. 3 engine missing

S – No.3 engine found on right wing after brief search

P – Aircraft handles funny

S – Aircraft warned to straighten up, "fly right" and be serious

P – Target radar hums

S – Re-programmed target radar with the lyrics

That time of year – Subscriptions due

May we remind you all that 2018 subscriptions are due from 1st April and the cost is £10 for the year.

Cheques should be sent to our treasurer at the address below.

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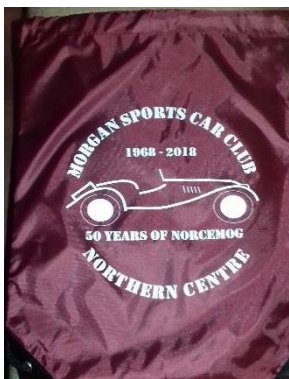
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Golden Anniversary week-end

If you haven't already booked you need to act NOW. Full details can be found at this link - <http://www.norcemog.com/50Years/Celebration.pdf> or contact Andrew Threlkeld on 07912 494768, email norcemog@gmail.com. For further information.

All members who register (£25) will be receiving their 'goody bag' (see photo) including micro fibre cloth, lapel badge, window sticker and more.



The permit for Sunday's Scenic run has been secured by David Haynes and, together with David Roberts the "Routier's Extraordinaire" have selected an interesting route.

Don't delay in booking your place to avoid disappointment.

NorceMog Committee Meeting

Members are welcome to attend our next committee meeting on Wednesday March 14th therefore if you wish to attend or have any topics to be raised on your behalf please contact Andrew Threlkeld.

Forthcoming Events

Urgent action required if you wish to attend the Lowther Castle event on March 11th and full list of this year's activities below



NORCEMOG DIARY OF 4 EVENTS – 2018

N.B. Dates **highlighted** are NorceMog organised events
Items in red to be confirmed / finalised
Easter Monday – April 2nd St Georges Day – April 22nd

Mar 11th Lowther Castle – Cumbria - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact - Adrian & Alicia Grant – Tel 01253 727336 or
Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com.

Proposed programme:

11.30 arrive at Lowther Castle, where there will be reserved parking

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Tour of the gardens including, hopefully, their monster display of daffodils

14.30 OPTION - Larch Cottage Nursery near Milkenhorpe, almost the next village to Lowther. It is free to enter and an extra part of the garden will be open. Well worth a visit. The garden is open until 4pm.

Mar 14th Committee Meeting - 18.30 TAS Partnership, Preston

April 14th MSCC AGM - MMC, Visitor Centre, Malvern

April 22nd Lunch & **AGM, Vale Royal Abbey** - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – 01606 852395

April 22nd FBHV Drive it Day –

May 4 – 7th **Northern Centre 50 Years Celebration Week-end.** The Park Royal Hotel WA4 4NS Click here for [Details](#)
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld – 01606 852395

May 6th Scenic Run
Contact - Dave Roberts & David Haynes

May 7th Gawsworth Hall Car Show, Macclesfield, SK11 9RN - Click here for [Details](#)
Download an [ENTRY FORM HERE](#)
Contact – Martin Cocks – 07973 488504, martincocks@btinternet.com

May 13th Cheshire Candles Charity Run – **Organised by West Cheshire MG Club** – All NorceMog members invited. Click here for [Details](#)

May 19th VSCC Vintage Sports Car Festival @ Oulton Park including a round of **The Morgan Challenge** - Click here for [Details](#)

May 26 – 28th Chipping Steam Fair – Entry is free of charge if you 'exhibit' your Morgan.
Click here for [Details](#)

June 2nd & 3rd Tatton Park Classic & Performance Car Show –
Invitation to be confirmed - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact - Martin Cocks – Tel 07973 488504

June? **Cholmondeley Power & Speed Event (Formerly Pageant of Power)**
Cholmondeley Castle, A49, SY14 8AH
Contact TorMog Please note this event was cancelled for 2017

- June 10th** Autotest & Concours
Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland
Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact - Bryan Rawlinson - Tel 01995 604716
- June 24th Arley Hall Garden Festival - **10 Cars Max**
Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact - Andrew Threlkeld - Tel 01606 852395
- June 29&30th MOG 18 in The Cotswolds
Contact - www.mog18.info
- July 1st All Morgans Day @ Blenheim Palace. Organised by Roadster 100 Club
Contact - allmorgansblenheim@gmail.com Tel - 07450 615044
- July 8th** **Jodrell Bank**
Details to be announced
Contact - Adrian & Alicia Grant - Adrian.grant@taspartnership.com.
- August 8th** Committee Meeting - 18:30 TAS Partnership, Preston
- August 12th** TBD
- Aug 25 - 27th Oulton Park Gold Cup - 3 day race week-end - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact - Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395
- Sep 9th** Gymkhana - Farmer Parr's Animal World, Fleetwood FY7 8SL
Click Here for [Details](#) -
Contact - Bryan Fearn Tel - 01253 891539
- Oct 14th** TBD
- Oct 14th** Autumn Trial run by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club
Click Here for [Details](#)
- Nov 18th** TBD
- Dec 9th** Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation
The Barton Grange Hotel, PR3 5AA
Click Here for [Details](#)
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