
NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

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Welcome to this edition and please enjoy the read. The July Noggin visit to Jodrell Bank and lunch at the Crown in Goostrey is now fully booked. If you are not amongst the 24 booked, jolly bad luck! Details of Nantwich Show and Wigton Classic Car Show are included.

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**NorceMog Autotest – Bilborrow Village Hall
10th June 2018
MSA Organising Permit No. 107772**

A new location for our Annual Autotest and Concours event whilst the Commercial Vehicle museum is undergoing refurbishment. The Bilborrow Village hall provided a spacious car park plus tea and coffee making facilities with drinks and biscuits kindly provided by Bryan Rawlinson and Ann Boyle.

Perfect weather greeted the participants as they assembled at the village hall eagerly awaiting the start of the event. 3 wheeler Morgans were represented by Chris & Ann Harfield as well as Bryan R's which had been 'towed' to the location. The 4-wheel contingent were made up of Andy Bleasdale's Series 2, to be joined by Martin Cocks and his Series 2 fresh from his recent restoration – the Morgan that is not Martin. This provided much mirth throughout the day as they were compared and contrasted to determine which was best! Of course they are both beautiful!



Colin Hill also brought along his BMW powered Plus 8 however felt it was too big to fit between the height bar test. Paul & Margaret Johnson, John & Irene Anderson, Ann Boyle and Andrew &

Joan Threlkeld made up the rest of the attendance.

With signing-on complete 9 participants studied the fiendish tests set up by Bryan & Andy B. These comprised briefly of parking the nearside front wheel in the policeman's foot, setting the height bar from a distance and then driving your Morgan underneath. Reversing into a garage up to, but not touching, the plastic tube. Driving forward into another garage to pick up a bucket with 3 tennis balls which were then deposited on 3 cones between the garage and the finish. What could possibly go wrong?

We still have not learned that it is better to be 6 inches (15mm) from the obstacles than 1mm too close. Remember this for the reversing and height bar test and you leave with just 12 penalty points instead of 50! – We know, we know, we know, however we just have to try for that perfect score!

Our concours this year was determined by each attendee having a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of the cars present and the vehicle with the highest number of points was the winner. In a distant 3rd place was Colin's Plus 8 as the 2 Series 2's vied for the top spot. With a narrow victory of just 2 points was Martin's just pipped Andy B.

A re-arrangement of the cones and the speed element of the day was introduced. Competitors had to follow the line of cones down the left, through a pair of cones at the end, back down the right hand side and then repeat the manoeuvre but this time slalom back through the cones on the right hand side. The results of this element were added to the previous scores to determine the Autotest Champion for 2018.



The results were as follows –

Best Lady – Ann Harfield

Best 3-wheeler – Chris Harfield

Autotest 1st Place – Andrew Threlkeld Autotest 2nd Place – Martin Cocks

Concours Winner – Martin Cocks's Series 2 Concours 2nd – Andy Bleasdale's Series 2

Glendower Trophy for best combined score in Autotest and Concours – Martin Cocks

We were delighted to welcome new NorceMog members, (well they weren't actually members until Bryan Fearn, our treasurer, collared them in the pub at lunch time.). Dale and Lynn

Errock from Freckleton called in to show off their Roadster which they had owned for a whole 3 weeks. I was so impressed with Dale as he had been looking for 12 months until he found exactly what he wanted, patience exemplified. The result was worth the wait though, a Jaguar metallic red Roadster with beige leather – just beautiful. We hope to see them at future noggins.

Andrew Threlkeld.

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Nantwich Show - Wednesday, 25th July

This is an excellent event, the best one day agricultural show in the UK - and it is combined with the World's Biggest Cheese Competition (4500 cheeses), with lots of tasting and buying opportunities.

Those that have come before will know free entry tickets are provided by the Show Organisers for those using the Morgan parking area in amongst the Classic Cars, but cars need to be on-site by 8.30 am and will need to remain in position until 6.00 pm....but this has never been strictly enforced and everyone has been made welcome even if arriving a bit late or leaving early. **If you are coming again this year, please let me know so I can make sure we have enough space.**

If you are coming for the first time and wish to park with us and get free entry tickets please contact me with the names of those coming, details of your car and your contact details please so I can get the organisers to send you the passes and tickets.

This year, Rob Stones has kindly offered to repeat his guided tour of Peter Wilson Auctions, which was excellent when he first did it a couple of years ago and is not to be missed. Currently the proposal is to do this at 11 am. Peter Wilson Auctions is in the centre of Nantwich, a short walk from the show. If you prefer, you can just come to Rob's tour and park in central Nantwich. Rob however does need to know how many will be coming to his tour **so please let me know by email or phone soon, if you wish to do this, so I can pass on the number to him.**

We hope to see lots of you at both these events,

Warm regards,

Jay
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Wigton Motor Club Classic Car Show - 19th August

FellMog are attending the above and have space booked. It is quite a big show, up to 700 cars attending in previous years, and is held at Dalemain House which is quite close to Junction 40 of the M6 at Penrith. We have attended as individuals in the past but one of our members is trying to organize an area just for Morgans, partly to celebrate 50 years of the Plus 8. We already have 10 cars booked in but more are very welcome. As our neighbouring centres I thought it worth an email to see if you would be interested.

Attendees will have to pay £3 per car to get in and arrival is between 9.00 and 10.00 am. If anyone is interested in joining us please let me know and I will pass on the details to our member who is coordinating the event.

Peter Grange
Centre Secretary, FellMog, 6 Earle Court, Kendal Cumbria LA9 4SF 07787 125226

Martin Cocks's latest Restoration Project!

Regular members are well aware of those in our Centre who excel in restoration. Series 2 Morgans brought back from the 'scrap heap' include Andy Bleasdale's, Dave Roberts has one in progress and Martin Cocks who brought his recently finished example to the Autotest in June. Just shows what can be achieved in 4 years of hard graft, good friends to help, the patience to search eBay and the like for spare parts and family skills for re-creating otherwise unobtainable features – a daughter that can stitch leather for example. The pictures below show the start and end points of Martin's recently completed project, he already has the next project in his workshop!

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Morgans @ Arley Hall Flower Festival Sunday 24th June

What a pleasant manner to idle away a Sunday in such glorious sunshine. Geoff organized the display of nine Morgans and we were all in place in good time. Sue's first errand was to buy some roses. She wanted time to browse and choose her roses in peace and this before the public had been admitted. The roses were soon installed behind the seats of her Morgan and very nice they looked too. Other people enjoyed bacon butties to start their day.

There was pleasant shade to sit behind the Morgans at first but with time various people had to retreat into the shady and cool porch. We have memories of this porch being a retreat from rain and wind in the past. Lord Ashbrook paid us a visit and thanked us for coming and hoped we would enjoy our day. Adjacent, but not too near, was the Band Stand and later in the afternoon typical brass band music wafted our way. There were lots of plant stands, craft tents and food stalls. The latter with their range of unusual food very useful to supplement picnics and the ice cream stall did a roaring trade.

The Morgans generated much interest throughout the day and people asked sensible questions and of course the myth of the cars are built of wood had to be dispelled from time to time. There were enough of us around to answer those questions and many opportunities for Morgan owners to go off and look at the gardens, woodland walk and the various stalls.

One particular lady came and asked David if he knew what an SS100 was? Replying Jaguar and possibly 1930s the lady went on to explain that when she met her husband, a pilot, towards the end of the war he had an SS100 and he and his mates had a 'devil may care attitude' as many did at that time. He kept the SS100 for a few years after the war then moved on to a number of MGs and a Riley. He never owned a Morgan however. She was aware of the rarity of the SS100 and smiled and said "I'd probably be a millionaire if he had kept it". Before leaving the lady explained that her husband died over 20 years ago and then she produced a photograph of her husband in RAF flying gear standing at the side of his aircraft, she was immensely proud of him. Quite an unexpected and moving experience David says.

Looking forward to next year,

Una Haynes.

CHAPTER 6

I flew from Auckland to Sydney and got a taxi to my hotel. I had no problem entering Australia on my British passport. I only had a hotel booked for a long weekend, so I started to look for more permanent accommodation but I found that it was hard to come by. Eventually, I found a bungalow which was not far from Coogee beach, the area being called Randwick. The lady who owned the property lived there with her daughter and she was offering a room which her son normally had but he was currently working in London. I thought that this would be ideal, but when she found out that I didn't have a job, she said that she wouldn't let a room to anyone who was unemployed.

As I was rather keen to have the room, I decided to visit WH & HO Wills, a branch of the British American Tobacco Company for whom I had worked in Liverpool and explained that I was looking for employment. I was passed on to the accountant who was quite interested in me, having himself worked in Liverpool. In fact, he had met my former boss at a conference in the UK the previous summer. I was offered a job starting the next week which fitted in well with me as I was able to tell my landlady that I had a job so I moved in as soon as I had sorted myself out. The company had a canteen so I was able to get my lunch at work and my landlady provided bed and breakfast.

When I worked in Liverpool I received a cigarette allowance of 50 a week and in

Sydney this was increased to 60 a week and I arranged to sell them on to my landlady at a knockdown rate so we were both happy with the arrangement.

Whilst I had experienced a few minor earthquakes in New Zealand, I was quite surprised when one occurred while I was having my breakfast one morning in Sydney and they told me that they were not unusual.

I didn't bother about a driving licence in Australia as I thought everywhere was very busy in Sydney. I took a coach trip to the Blue Mountains one Bank Holiday weekend, which I found very interesting. I also found travelling around Sydney and the local area by bus and tram good and of course the local beaches had easy access.

After about six months I tried to work out an interesting trip back to the UK. One route that I thought of taking was to sail to the West Coast of the USA, cross the states by train and then take a ship to Liverpool. I thought of a number of other options but as far as value for money was concerned a P&O ship from Sydney back to the UK seemed to be the best bet. It had an interesting itinerary which included Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth, then Colombo, Bombay and Aden, followed by the Red Sea and the Suez Canal.

I sailed from Sydney, passing under the famous bridge and taking a photo as I did so. I was sharing a cabin with one other person. In Melbourne I visited the Dandenongs and the theatre and when we got to Adelaide, I climbed "Mount Lofty" which gave good views of that part of South Australia. Next it was across the great Australian Bight which was quite rough and eventually we reached Fremantle for a visit to Perth. From there we crossed the Indian Ocean to Ceylon which I had visited on my way out to New Zealand, so I managed to hire a car for the time that we were in port and took my fellow passenger for a tour around the island.

From Colombo, we sailed to Bombay – quite an interesting city, not that I would like to live there! then it was on to Aden, where I was able to buy myself a transistor radio, and then on to Suez. Before arriving in Suez, I booked a trip to go overland by coach to Cairo and the Pyramids with a P&O representative. This was a very interesting trip and included a ride on a camel. (when I tried to do the same thing when Barbara and I went on a Nile Cruise in 2003, we were advised not to on the grounds of "Health & Safety!") after visiting Cairo we went on to Port Said and rejoined the ship for the next stage of the journey, to Piraeus.

Once there, a group of us visited the Parthenon and other Greek sites, including the Greek Royal Guards. After a day of site seeing, we were back on the ship for the voyage to Naples and a visit to Pompeii, then on to Marseille and then Gibraltar, which was very English in many respects. The final leg, to London, and the train from Euston to Liverpool. Who should I meet on the train but my neighbour Graham, whose sister Valarie I had taken to London in the Morgan a few years before, so we had a good catch up on the journey home.

Roy Wilkinson.

That time of year – Subscriptions due

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.

Bryan Fearn, Little Poulton Hall, 32 Little Poulton Lane, Poulton -le-Fylde, FY6 7ET

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NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2018

N.B. Dates **highlighted** are NorceMog organised events
Items in red to be confirmed / finalised

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 Arrive 11.00 Talk and garden tour arranged, followed by lunch at the Crown at Goostrey.
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

Aug 31st - Sep 2nd Chatsworth Country Fair in grounds of Chatsworth House. Display your Morgan and save £120! Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact High Peak Centre (TorMog) – Colin Hill chill4856@gmail.com

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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