



NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

July 2019

Hello! Go and grab yourself a drink and get ready for a fun packed Newsletter, I hope you enjoy...., and if you have anything you want to share in August's Newsletter please feel free to send it to me via return email. Let's hope the sun keeps shining for Sunday's

Scenic run through Cheshire and Derbyshire, all the details can be found below.

For any Twitter followers I have set up a Norcemog account please follow and share your tweets! @MogNorce

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The Birks - May 2019

Not at lot to add to the following photographs. The Lake District with beautiful weather.



OK, not a Morgan in sight but we did have a lot to carry.



Enroute to the Newfield Inn. 'A host of purple bluebells'



Returning from the Newfield Inn, duly refreshed.



We had ideal walking weather for the five days we were at The Birks though some did venture further afield by car. Bluebells in abundance. A walk-up Harter Fell (a Wainwright) is just outside the front door, a stiff one-hour climb is worth it for the views over The Birks to Old Man Conistone and up the valley to The Scafells.

Being a midweek break, we almost had The Lake District to ourselves, that's except for the Herdwick sheep, and some of us managed to spot a red squirrel and some adders.

The Birks has character and everything you need, but you'll need a sleeping bag, bring and share food and a 'muck in' approach.

It's about 30yrs since our first Morgan visit and no doubt we'll be returning again.

(Photos by Richard Cressey)

Well someone had to do it!

David & Una Haynes.

NorceMog Autotest – 9th June 2019 British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland Motorsport UK Permit No. 113532

A beautiful day greeted us as we set off to Leyland for the 2019 Autotest. Great compliments to Bryan Rawlinson as the previous day had been horrific with rain all day, he must have friends in high places!

Our Autotest returned to its traditional venue, in the car park of The British Commercial Vehicle Museum, conveniently located about 5 minutes from the M6. With concerns that we were not going to have enough entrants early in the week we were delighted that 8 traditional and 4 3-wheeler Morgans turned up with 12 competitors setting about the course.



The first task set was the height bar and, despite all the various screens at different heights, there was still a reluctance to be the first few through the gate. Too low collects an automatic 10-point penalty so best to be 2 inches above (2 points) rather than 0.1 inch below. Paul Johnson and Neil McArthur both judged the bar to perfection with zero penalty points whilst Amy Anafi and Peter Pattinson also fared well with just 2 penalty points each.



Raise the bar – Peter Pattinson directs the marshals



Whoops! Brian Hill collects 10 penalty points whilst Paul Johnson judges it to perfection



A 2-stage task next with competitors attempting to park their near-side wheel on ‘the policeman’s foot’ (a plastic floor mat with an image of a sole on it), and then stop as close as possible to the marker post. Touch it and it’s an automatic 10-point penalty so 4 inches (4 points) away is wiser – but hey, we are competitors, let’s get very, very, very close – whoops! For the policeman’s foot it was no penalty if you had part of the wheel on the sole, 5 points if you missed the sole but parked on the mat and 10 points if you missed the mat altogether. Fortunately, we did not need the 25-point penalty for running the Marshal over! John Stephens, Peter Pattinson and Steve Hughes were penalty free for the policeman’s foot element whilst Paul Johnson received just 1 penalty point for judging the front of his car to the post.



Peter Pattinson shows how to do it



Neil McArthur and Phil Beazley take no chances



A limping policeman? Paul Johnson just passed through!



task including passenger next as drivers wended their way through a slalom course having to deposit tennis balls on the yellow cones on the way out, reverse into a garage on the other side of some trees and then collect the tennis balls as they slalomed back to the start. – how hard can that be? John Stevens was going for a very quick time until reminded of the fact that you had to collect the tennis balls on the way back! Even so, he was still second quickest behind Paul Johnson in the 4 wheelers however both were somewhat behind Peter Pattinson and Phil Bleazey who ably demonstrated the nimbleness of 3 wheels! Brian R was Chief Marshall and timekeeper and showed little mercy should a driver ‘lose his way’ or if the ball falls off the cone!



Martin Cooper collecting the tennis balls assisted by Amanda Greenwood

Brian & Sue Hill on the outward run



Paul & Margaret Johnson coming home

Peter Moore demands the tennis ball from a pensive Neil McArthur





Amy Anafi cuts it tight in the reversing garage assisted by Mary Pattinson

**Steve Hughes finding the cone
Assisted by Amy Anafi**



Val Hughes on the start line about to experience 'the back seat driver'!

Another final slalom course with a U-turn at 90 degrees to the slalom cones provided the 4th and final stage of the tests. The timing started as the driver lifted a tennis ball off the first cone at the start line and finished as his passenger re-deposited the ball at the end of his run. What could go wrong? Well, Neil McArthur added a least 20 seconds to his run as he dropped the ball at the start. Oh, what could have been!

With a combination of distance and time between the disciplines the overall results were determined by the winner of each section getting 1 point, 2nd place 2 points etc. for each of the 4 tasks. The minimum points to be scored therefore was 4 if you were the best at every stage. The 3-wheel and 4-wheel cars competed in different groups

The Results

Best 3-wheeler and Overall winner – Peter Pattinson – 5 points

Best 4-Wheeler – Paul Johnson – 6 points

Overall 2nd Place – Steve Hughes – 3 Wheeler - 10 points

Best Lady – Amy Anafi – 3 Wheeler – 12 points

Our Concours element was determined by all attendees voting for their favourite car with Peter Pattinson's 3-wheeler coming out a clear winner and Brian & Sue Hill's Morgan second.

Therefore, Peter Pattinson also wins The Glendower Cup (to be presented at our Christmas meal & awards ceremony) for best finish in Autotest / Concours combined. Not a bad return and well worth the trip from FellMog land!

Many thanks to Bryan Rawlinson who organises the day, supplies the equipment and serves as Chief Marshall and timekeeper. Another great day enjoyed in beautiful sunshine.

We are also grateful for the patronage of The British Commercial Vehicle Museum who, not only allow us to use their car park for free but also supplied a £2 discount for any of our members who wanted to tour the museum. It is a great collection of commercial vehicles and depicts the birth of transport from the 1800's through to modern day. My favourite piece of machinery – a steam powered lawn mower – now you don't see one of those every day! Well worth a visit if you are in the area

<http://www.britishcommercialvehiclemuseum.com/>



More photos will be available on our web site in due course

Report & Photos - Andrew Threlkeld

NorceMog at The Arley Hall Garden Festival



23rd June 2019

The day was bright and the event friendly and relaxed although Roy Senior's behaviour was a little extreme of being offered some cake; obviously, Roy doesn't recognise the phrase 'don't bite the hand that feeds you'!!



One owner allowed a number of people to squeeze into the race seat of his Plus 8; the grin of one small boy matched that of the car's bumper!

A very slight rain shower panicked all but one owner into erecting their hoods disproving that myth that



Norcemog members are not 'nesh'. Not only that but the hoods stayed up!

Norcemog ladies led by Isobel Moore and Sue Roberts maintained their reputation for exploiting every opportunity for retail therapy and returned with enough purchases to start a garden centre.

Summary: a wonderful venue, beautiful privately owned stately home, fantastic food stalls, jazz saxophonists playing music that hit the mood of the day, relaxed and happy visitors matched by the fantastic weather.



Words & Pictures – Dave Roberts

July's noggin is our annual Scenic Run which has been devised this year by Neil McArthur and Steve Grunner. Taking place on July 7th you can find further details via this link.

<http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/Next%20Event.pdf>. A challenge and a delight it has all the pre-requisites of a NorceMog event starting with Coffee at a Garden Centre in Plumley, a lunch stop and afternoon tea and cakes at the McArthur's.

We are delighted to confirm the August noggin organised by Peter and Isobel Moore. The Buck Country Pub at Paythorne, near Clitheroe is the venue and further details are via this link

<http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/1908BuckInn.pdf>. Booking is essential and Isobel needs to know numbers by Tuesday August 6th at the latest.

Two events, two months and two areas covering the North and the South of our centre! We look forward to seeing you there.

Please see the note below from Peter Grange, the Secretary of Fell Mog, with an invitation to a classic car show. If you wish to attend please contact Peter at Peter Grange centresecfellmog@gmail.com or his mobile number 07787 125226.

It would be great for NorceMog to support this event in a beautiful location. If you drive towards Keswick from the Penrith junction look out for the village of Threlkeld!

Last year FellMog took a stand at the Wigton Motor Club Classic car Show at Dalemain House which is about 4 miles off the M6 at Junction 40 which is the Penrith turnoff. We had 15 cars booked in which included great support from NorMog. The show itself had, we are told, circa 800 entrants and was a great success.

We had a good pitch where we could look down slightly on all the cars, etc. on display. We were also next to a very good catering unit which also helped!

We have decided to enter again this year and wondered if any of your centre's members would like to consider joining us on the day. Last year the entry fee was, I think £3.00 per car which got a car and two people into the event. It also gave a substantial discount to anyone wanting to go round Dalemain House and gardens. I have yet to receive full details for this year's event so not promising the details will be exactly the same as last year.

I am currently compiling a list of entrants from FellMog and would be happy to add your members to that list. The more the merrier, and the bigger the pitch we get allocated!

I look forward to hearing from anyone interested in attending.

Thanks and best wishes

Peter

And finishing off with a bit of fun from Brian Corbett

I wondered if this might amuse readers of the newsletter.

The only aspect of my newly acquired Morgan that I didn't like was the switchgear. I felt the rocker switches were not in keeping with the era portrayed by Morgan Cars.

So I did a bit of remodelling and managed to incorporate a clock. (On the theme of Morgan drivers piloting their machines I fitted a cockpit clock from a WW2 Russian MiG) These clocks are designed to withstand speeds of 1800 mph and keep time flawlessly while pulling 6G's so it should be ok in the Morgan.

Before.....



After.....,





NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2019

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

July 7th

Scenic Run – Cheshire / Derbyshire

Contact Neil McArthur neillmcarthur@hotmail.com Tel 07831 586381 or
Steve Grunner - steve.grunner@hotmail.co.uk Tel – 01270 501538

August 11th

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Aug 24 – 26th

Oulton Park Gold Cup – 3 day race week-end - Click Here for [Details](#)
Contact – Andrew Threlkeld Tel 01606 852395

Aug 30th

-Sep 1st

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 cshill4856@gmail.com

Aug 30th

-Sep 2nd

Morgans at Windermere – Details to follow

Sep 15th

Gymkhana - Farmer Parr's Animal World, Fleetwood FY7 8SL

Click Here for [Details](#) -

Contact – Bryan Fearn Tel - 01253 891539

Sep 22nd

Candles Classis Car & Bike Show, Chester Lakes, CH4 9LQ

Click Here for [Details](#)

Organised by West Cheshire MG Car Club

Oct 13th

TBD

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Autumn Trial run by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club

Click Here for [Details](#)

Nov 17th

TBD

Dec 8th

Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation
The Barton Grange Hotel, PR3 5AA

Click Here for [Details](#)

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