



NORCEMOG NEWS

NORTH WEST AND CHESHIRE

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Hi all, I hope I find you well. Sorry for the delay, I have been cruising along the Montgomery Canal and then came back to a paper mountain to climb. I have an update on Andy's car this month for you and also a quiz, with the offer of a drink at the end of it for the winner! We have new members Anton Konrad & Shyla Tarr who I would like to welcome. Also, this month is the report from Andrew on Oulton Park. Enjoy the read! If anyone is interested there is a room available at The Fat Lamb for the Yorkshire event in May next year. Due to the postponement someone has had to drop out so please let me know if you are interested.

If you have any stories to share or pictures to show, please send them through for next month's edition, stay safe everyone.

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This is a little quiz that Arwyn Williams has set for us and although there isn't a prize, Arwyn has promised a drink for the winner!

1. What links Nurse Gladys Emmanuel, Brigitte Bardot and a well known Bedfordshire Morgan dealer?
2. M, B, R & D are types of what?
3. La Goleta was a yacht owned by whom?
4. What was the only non Morgan car to have received a body built in the Pickersleigh Road works?
5. Who was famously described as Morgans "non sales director"?
6. What links the PA474, the Avro Lancaster flown by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight with the Pickersleigh Road works?
7. Who was Merlin?
8. What was Charles Morgan's occupation before he joined the Morgan Motor Company?
9. Name the 1980's gothic horror film in which Hugh Grant drives a Plus 8 (with the hood up!!)?
10. As well as Morgan, another motor manufacturer was based in Malvern Link and also marketed a three wheeler, name them?

11. Which famous racing Morgan carried the chassis number 4840, which number did it subsequently carry?
12. In 1990, who said "Their pride seems to be in manufacturing from the furthest-back state they can, and buying the most basic material. I am surprised they don't start with the tree itself."?
13. In what year was a Morgan first fitted with a Ford engine?
14. Following the discontinuation of the Ford Crossflow engine, Morgan sourced engines from Fiat for the 4/4 and the Plus 4; what is the reputed reason for Morgans ceasing to fit the FIAT engine?
15. With which of the "Big Four" railway companies, was HFS Morgan apprenticed?
16. What was "Big Blue"?
17. What is the registration number of Roy Clarkson's special bodied Plus 4 rally car?
18. Who was the first winner of the Morgan Motor Company Challenge race series in 1985?
19. What hangs in the dispatch bay at the Morgan factory, to guard against avian intruders?
20. What were originally made by Rubery Owen and then later ABT (until July this year!)?

Oulton Park Historic Gold Cup – 29th – 31st August 2020

Wow, we were able to take the Morgan out and meet other Morganeers – the closest we've been to a Noggin for months.

I had registered Northern Centre interest and applied for passes for this event earlier in the year but then the dreaded Covid took over and the MSV (Motor Sport Vision) staff were furloughed hence silence. We regularly checked the web site, could see other clubs that had registered pre-covid however our application was still pending.

On one occasion we could see our application was 'approved' but we hadn't been notified and only day passes were available for Sunday or Monday. When we logged-on to the web site the full array of passes could be applied for including week-end passes hence my keyboard almost melted as the applications were made.

The passes came through and were then re-issued with a location area added – those that attended last year will be aware the allocated location was in the middle of the car park with no view of the track. This year we are grateful to Dave Roberts and Arwyn Williams who not only attended on the Saturday but also staked (literally) a claim to an area overlooking Cascades – our traditional meeting place.

I eventually received official notification that our application had been accepted but by then, there were no more passes being issued!



Nevertheless, NorceMog and DevaMog members enjoyed some fine weather and it was wonderful to see familiar faces (and cars) in a relaxed environment.

Morgans were well represented over the 3 days of the Gold Cup.



Whilst the exhibitors, car clubs and spectators were much less than a 'normal' Gold Cup the on track racing was well supported and as entertaining as usual.

We send our best wishes to Chris & Carol Bennion (pictured here) who have relocated to Norfolk but still expect to meet up with NorceMog members at future events.



The Saturday was a practice day, still very entertaining, there were 10 races on the Sunday and 11 races on the Monday including Historic Formula Ford, Classic Formula 3 (1971 – 84), Classic Formula Ford – pre '82, Historic Touring Cars – pre '66, Thundersports Endurance and GT cars not to mention the 60 minute Historic Trophy race itself featuring Jaguars, mainly E-types.

Add to that a classic car auction including a 1934 Rolls Royce, 1947 MG TC, 1979 Aston Martin – 1st owned by Roger Taylor of Queen and a 1986 Ferrari 328 GTB and you can gather that all petrol heads were well and truly catered for both on and off the track.

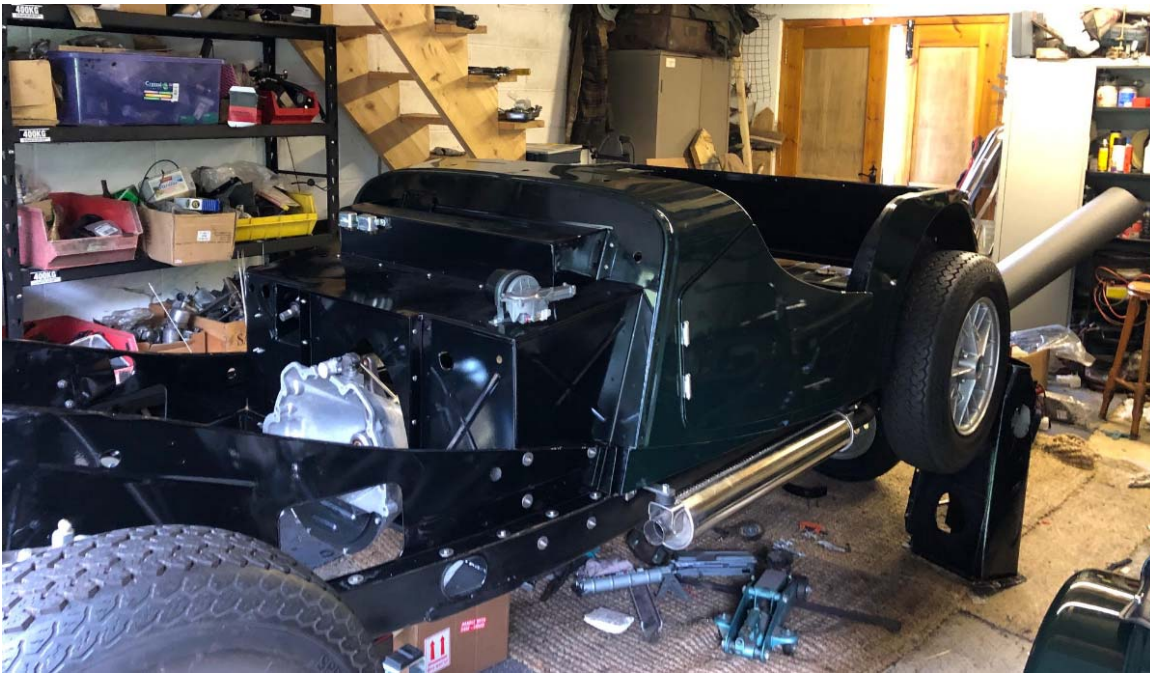
Andrew Threlkeld

October update on Andy's car!

A final decision was made - Connaught Green. That's the 4th Morgan in that colour maybe I need to be a bit more adventurous!!!!

The next jobs are sticking the body down then plumbing and wiring

The engine requires half a day and then I can get it back and install it.







NORCEMOG DIARY OF EVENTS – 2020

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

Dates with this format have been cancelled due to Corona Virus

Please note that the events below are subject to cancellation due to Corona Virus. We will endeavour to keep the diary up to date as the status of events is confirmed.

If you know of any that have been cancelled please email norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com

Oct 18th Autumn Trial run by Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Car Club.
Fishpool Farm, Fishpool Rd, Delamere, CW8 2HP.
Click Here for **Details**

Nov 15th TBD

Dec 13th Christmas Party and Annual Awards Presentation
The Barton Grange Hotel, PR3 5AA
Click Here for **Details**
Contact – Bryan & Linda Fearn – bryanfearn@hotmail.co.uk