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Welcome to your May Newsletter. In this issue: Reports by Andrew Threlkeld on the AGM at Vale Royal Abbey and Committee Meeting - Another 1st for NoceMog News The Plus 8/Roadster Progression of Power . . . hope you enjoy!



May - and that time of the year when my mind's all at sea!

It's that month again, when the Morgan was anchored in the garage, as Hilary and I headed to our beloved Greek island.

As Athens is the first leg of the journey, regrettably, I'm now unable to fly.

My poem opposite expresses emotions I had when we set sail for the island, then my memories of enjoying May days on the island in our jeep. (page 14)

Waves of Emotions

On boarding the ferry, my feelings then start, eager emotions, can't wait to depart.

Ferry ups anchor, heads out through the bay, relieved emotions, we're on our way.

Now we've set sail, the Aegean lies head, impatient emotions, as the decks I tread.

Then on the horizon, the island's in sight, joyous emotions, as feelings take flight.

As we dock into port, and I glance out to sea, waves of emotions, flood over me.

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NorceMog AGM Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club, Whitegate, Cheshire 16th April 2023







NorceMog returned to this popular venue, attracting a record number of 50 members, including 4 newcomers, to mingle over coffee and biscuits in the Great Hall, catching up on the latest news and 'Mog talk' before grouping at tables to enjoy a 2-course lunch followed by the AGM minutes, all 6 minutes 55 seconds of them!

The weather was not as kind as it could have been with intermittent light drizzle, so one or two succumbed to their tin-tops. But most of us in true morganeering spirit arrived in our Mogs to line up on the Great Hall lawn for a fine display of 21 Morgans which created a lot of attention and admiration from the golf club members.

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome to New Members

The Secretary welcomed new members Tony & Penny Cory, and John & Jane Unterhalter who were attending their 1st NorceMog AGM

1 Apologies

Received from: Ann Boyle, Hilary Burgess, Ian & Dee Baines, Andrew & Lynn Brown, Jay Hale & Yvonne Chadderton, David & Jan Leonard, Neil & Francesca McArthur, Brian Mooney, John & Lynda Stephens, David & Sue Roberts

2 Present

50 members were present and signed the attendance sheet.

3 Acceptance of previous minutes – 9th April 2022

Accepted by – Linda Fearn Seconder – Russell Bairstow

Matters arising – There were no matters arising

4 Secretary's Report

Thanks were expressed for members support and attendance - yet again there was a record number of members registered in attendace. In 2015 there were just 18 members present compared to 50 at this years meeting.

The Centre is building up some momentum again after the lack of events due to covid and our noggin venues are also now a place of interest rather than just a lunch meet!

The NorceMog committee met in person earlier this month for the 1st time in 3 years.

The Newsletter, which has also become known as Norcellany, continues to be well received and our thanks go to Les Burgess for his continued endeavour.

Volunteers to arrange noggins were requested and reminded they are always welcome!

Only 5 cars had confirmed for the Windermere Jetty visit so far!

There are 5 vacancies for Arley Hall.

5 Treasurer's Report

Finances – See Accounts below.

Membership renewal – subs (£10) for 2023 which are now due, were collected by Linda.

The finance report was unanimously accepted by a show of hands.

6 Election of Officers

Position	Current Officer
Chairman	Andy Bleasdale
Secretary	Andrew Threlkeld
Treasurer	Linda Fearn
Regalia Officer	Isobel Moore
Newsletter Editor	Les Burgess
Competition Secretary	Martin Cocks
General Officer	Vacancies

Members listed above were prepared to continue.

Interest in joining the committee was expressed by Peter & Rosemary Murphy and Simon Westwood-Bate (from September).

Further discussion to take place regarding their potential future involvement.

7 Any Other Business

There was no AOB

8 Closing Remarks - Andy Bleasdale

In closing the meeting, the Chairman expressed gratitude to the Secretary and the Newsletter Editor regarding their continued support of the centre, followed by accepting 'volunteers' for the remaining vacancies in the 2023 calendar of events.

Andrew Threlkeld

Northern Centre Secretary. 21st April 2023

NorceMog Accounts Income and Expenses Account for the Year to 31st March 2023

Income		Payments		
Subscriptions 2022-23	563.00	AGM Subsidy	109.00	
Subscriptions 2023-24	110.00	Lytham Hall	764.85	
Lytham Hall *	561.55	Bridgewater	136.00	
Bridgewater	147.20	August Noggin	465.00	
August Noggin	465.00	Christmas Meal	1150.00	
Christmas Meal	1225.00	Trophies & Engraving	74.00	
Windermere **	84.00	Bank Charges	70.80	
3155.75	3155.75	Flowers	28.48	
0100.70		Name Badge Holders	25.26	
* Plus £227.40 paid in last years account				

Excess of Income over Expenditure 332.26

** May 2023 visit

Balance at 1st April 2022 2864.99
Balance at 30th March 2023 3197.35

Prepared by NorceMog Treasurer - Bryan & Linda Fearn Reviewed by Neil McArthur.

A savory two course lunch proceeded the AGM agenda as members group together in the Great Hall...













...savouring starters and a main course - and for afters, the minutes short and sweet.



NorceMog Committee Meeting Wednesday 5th April 2023



Minutes of the Meeting

Present

Andy Bleasdale, Les Burgess, Martin Cocks, Linda Fearn, Steve Grunner, Neil McArthur, Bryan Rawlinson, Andrew Threlkeld.

Apologies

Isobel & Peter Moore

Minutes of 14th May 2021 meeting - AT

Accepted as true record.

Previous Actions from Minutes

Action Register agreed and updated.

Treasurer's Report - LF

Approx £3000 in bank

Accounts will be reviewed by NMcA before AGM - LF / NMcA.

Subs for 2023 and payment for Windermere Jetty being received.

HSBC to be informed of Bryan's death and new signatory required - LF.

Linda prepared to continue as Treasurer.

Possible new account with Lloyds to be reviewed - AT.

AGM Preparation - All

SG, NMcA & BR would prefer to step down from the committee if replacements can be found. BR still willing to co-ordinate the Autotest at Leyland.

Email to members to request any interested volunteers. - AT.

Volunteers to organise 2023 / 24 Events. AB to discuss with attendees at AGM.

Diary of Events - 2023 - All

Vacancies for August, October, November.

Autotest permit. - MC.

Blackpool Carnival -100 Years. Article to be included in digital Morganeer to offer opportunity to other Centres to display cars. - AT.

Morgans at Windermere - NorceMog presence in 2024 - Include in 2024 Diary of events and co-ordinate NorceMog presence - AT.

Gymkhana with 3-wheeler club - Propose to run as parallel competitions for 3 and 4 wheel Morgans. Members of MSCC would be covered by MSCC insurance, 3M3W members covered by their own insurance. AB & BR to co-ordinate communications with Steve Hughes of M3W.

Christmas Meal & Awards - Barton Manor Hotel confirmed as venue - LF.

Noggin Possibilities

Other ideas

Midweek events v's Sunday events.

Lancaster Canal sailing from Barton Grange - Fish n Chip supper & Quiz for £18 per person - AG.

Steam Museum, Poynton - AT http://www.enginemuseum.org/index.html

Bowland Brewery at Clitheroe - AG.

James' Places - Different venues - AG.

The Carding Shed - http://thecardingshed.co.uk/

JCB tour - mid week - AT.

Newsletter - LB

LB stated he enjoys preparing and editing the Newsletter and was assured it is appreciated.

He is concerned at the lack of response from the Committee and members in general regarding requests for content. He was reassured this has always been the case.

AT was to re-issue request regarding Roadster / Plus 8 pictures and information.

It was suggested to add the Newsletter to the NorceMog Facebook page. A jpeg of the front cover posted on the Facebook page together with a link to the Newsletter should work - AT.

Regalia - IM

It was felt regalia sales would be increased if we had samples of merchandise with NorceMog logo. Members more likely to order if quantity of examples were available.

If required, we can also 'piggy-back' on MSCC supplier 'Logo that Polo' and have NorceMog badge embroidered on merchandise through them. The option for other embroidery and MSCC badge also available at little extra cost.

We need to order a new batch of car badges. Premier, who supplied the 50th anniversary badges, to be asked to quote - AT.

Discuss above with IM.

Competitions Secretary - MC

Apply for Permit for the Autotest in June.

Inform Iain Levinston when applying to ensure cost covered by MSCC.

Website - AT

Though the current web site is practical and functional it was agreed to investigate a more professional version to be visually more attractive. This would encourage more people to join NorceMog and it must be managed by NorceMog (preferably a committee member)

* LB to investigate 'Go Daddy' templates, costs and operation for suitability and effectiveness.

AOB - AII

NorceMog logo image at 300dpi - LB to supply to AT.

Increase in subscriptions - it was agreed the current fee is appropriate to cover expenses.

Our thanks to Martin & Vivien for hosting the meeting and supply of tea and biscuits.

Andrew Threlkeld

Northern Centre Secretary 9th April 2023

* Subsequent to the meeting, upon reviewing costs, to save on budgeting for the website, LB offered his creative services to design and produce a more corporate opening page to link with existing following pages, retaining the format and functionality of the site.

AT to programme this opening page linked to existing pages and continue to manage the site.

This is now in progress and will be uploaded and active online soon.

Abbreviations:

AΒ Andy Bleasdale LB Les Burgess MC Martin Cocks LF Linda Fearn AG Adrian Grant SG Steve Grunner NMcA Neil McArthur IM Isobel Moore BR Bryan Rawlinson ΑT Andrew Threlkeld

Another first for NorceMog News

In May 2022 Jay and Yvonne Hale reported on this one-off Plus 4 and for NorceMog, being first with news is no one-off.

NorceMog always aims to be first with the news, in reporting on all things Morgan, like this article on the Plus 4 Spiaggina that appeared in last months Miscellany. We featured this one-off Morgan model a year ago, back in the May 2022 issue of NorceMog News, thanks to the details that were supplied by Jay and Yvonne Hale.



The progression of power!

The popular classic Plus 8, hands the power on the road to its successor, simply called the Roadster

A Morgan is instantly recognisable as a characteristic classic sports car. See one on the road and there's little doubting what it is. Two powerful examples are the Plus 8, launched in 1968 and the Roadster introduced in 2004 as its replacement, a progression of power that retained much of the classic original styling.

The Plus 8

The introduction of the Morgan Plus 8 in 1968 had instant and lasting popularity for thirty six years, before being relaunched again in completely re-engineered form between 2012 and 2018. The Plus 8 was the front runner in the production of more powerful, high performance Morgans and was associated with Peter Morgan who recruited ex-BRM race engineer Maurice Owen to lead its development from a wooden shed, dedicated for the purpose!

The Plus 8 prototype was based on a modified chassis from the Plus 4, lengthened and widened to accept a Rover V8 aluminium block with the Plus 4's Moss gearbox carried over and the Salisbury 7HA axle uprated with a limited-slip differential. The Plus 8 prototype was built with a Buick 215 block, on which the Rover V8 is based, due to the difficulties with obtaining a Rover V8 as Rover's production was committed to producing engines for their V8 powered P5 and P6 saloons.

The chassis was altered in stages to accommodate its gearbox changes (Moss 4 speed from 1968 to 1973, Rover 4 speed 1973 to 1976, Rover 5 speed LT77 and later R380 types from 1977 to 2002) and in 1976 the body was widened to accommodate a wider chassis and the wings were then widened to accommodate and handle the increasing power and need for wider tyres.

The original 1968 Plus 8 was 57 inches wide and the later models 64 inches, with an optional wider body at 67 inches. From the 1960s (and according to all the auto magazines) through to the 1980s, the acceleration of the Plus 8 between 20-80mph, was the fastest of any production car on the market.



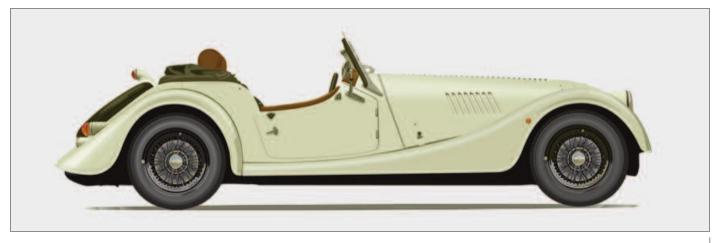
The Morgan Plus 8 launched in 1968

Initially, carburettored up to the mid 1980s, fuel injection was introduced in line with Rover's car and later, Land Rover's progressively increasing cubic capacity was passed on to Morgan and the V8 grew from 3.5 litres to 3.9 and finally to 4.6 litres. Then in 2002 Morgan created a LeMans Edition with similar exterior features, such as the hardtop, to the 1960 Plus 4 LeMans winner and In 2003 a 35th year Anniversary Edition of the Plus 8.

Following the discontinuation of the Rover V8 engine, production of the Plus 8 ended in 2004.

The Roadster

After phasing out the Rover V8-powered Plus 8 in 2004, Morgan announced this new Ford V6 powered model, a classic destined to continue being a driving force on the road - that was simply called the Roadster.



With the advent of the Roadster, many moaned the end of an era, with the Plus 8 being so much associated with Peter Morgan who had died a couple of years previously. However, the Roadster was a model that most capably picked up from the Plus 8 and took over as Morgan's flagship traditional steel chassised range.

Picking up from where the Plus 8 left off, the Roadster inherited the same body style, chassis, suspension and brakes, even the wheels, the basic design of which was used on the first production Plus 8 in 1968 and strongly identified with the model, were carried over into the new Roadster. Powering the Roadster was Ford's 2967cc, 24 valve Duratec V6 as used in Ford's top-of-the-range, go-faster Mondeo, the infamous ST220 mustering 223 BHP and 210 ft/lbs of torque; the gearbox was the MT75 gearbox as fitted to Ford's bad-boy Cosworth Sierra.

Then came the Roadster Series 2; with refinements that included a reduction of engine power to 205 BHP (sourced from the US Ford Escape) and the Getrag gearbox and reduction of axle ratio. These reductions meant that although there was a loss of power, the Series 2 is probably a less raw car. Another refinement was the front suspension roller bearings that were, an original development by Peter Mulberry of Mulfab and used in a similar form by Morgan.

The final stages of the Roadster until discontinuation of the steel chassis car in 2019, had Ford's 3726cc V6, sourced from the US Ford Mustang, with 280 BPH and 280 ft/lbs of torque meaning the power had increased significantly from that of the final 4.6 litre Plus 8.



The Morgan Roadster launched in 2004

For a characteristic classic sports car, with all the features you could wish for, then a front-runner is sure to be a Morgan Plus 8 or Roadster, rewarding you with performance achieved from these specifications:-

	1968 Plus 8	2004 Plus 8	2004 Roadster	2019 Roadster
Engine	Rover V8	Land Rover V8	Ford Cyclone V6	Ford Duratec V6
Gearbox	Moss 4-speed	Rover 5-speed	Ford 5-speed	Ford/Mazda 6-speed
Max power	168 BHP	220 BHP	223 BHP	280 BHP
Max torque	199 ft/lbs	260 ft/lbs	206 ft/lbs	260 ft/lbs
Acceleration	0-60 6.5 seconds	0-60 5.2 seconds	0-60 4.9 seconds	0-60 5.5 seconds
Top speed	124 mph	131 mph	134 mph	140 mph

There are few cars on the road today that make you feel like a Morgan does in retaining their classic heritage. It's often forgotten that back in the seventies Porsche introduced the 928 with the intention of getting rid of the 911, a car they saw as becoming an automotive anachronistic.

As history has shown, they failed dismally at that attempt in burying a legend. Morgan have had more success, which was classically demonstrated in the production of the Plus 8 and Roadster.

Les Burgess

Edited from info obtained on the internet

The Plus 8, re-engineering of a powerful classic by these members.











David Roberts. Original 1976 Plus 8. Rover V8. Re-engineered 1990. Land Rover Cross-Bolted 3.9 V9.

The Plus 8, a powerful classic and popular choice of these members.



David & Una Haynes. 1989 Plus 8. Rover 3.5 V8



Richard & Susan Cressy. 1997 Plus 8. Rover 3.9 V8



Jay & Yvonne Hale. 2002 Plus 8. Rover 4.0 Gems V8





In Fond Rememberance - Bryan Fearn...now with Linda. 1980 Plus 8. Rover 3.5 V8. 1998 Plus 8. Rover 4.6 V8.

The Roadster, a powerful classic on the road for these members.



Chris & Sheridan Webb. 2008 Roadster. Ford V6 Duratec.



Nick Taylor. 2009 Roadster. Ford V6 Cyclone.



Duncan & Jen Cook. 2014 Brooklands Roadster. Ford V6 Cyclone



Geoff & Gill Mizon. 2014 Roadster. Ford V6 Cyclone.



Neil & Francesca McArthur. 2015 Roadster. Ford V6 Cyclone



Graham Cocking. 2016 Roadster. Ford V6 Cyclone



Andrew & Joan Threlkeld. 2019 Roadster. Ford V6 Cyclone



Diary of NorceMog Events Enjoy meeting up with your fellow members

Check Website for any Event Updates www.norcemog.com

Highlighted - Events organised by NorceMog. Dates/Events listed in Red - to be confirmed/finalised.

Jan 8

The Inn at Whitewell, Clitheroe, Lancashire

Contact Andy Bleasdale Tel 07973 315676

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Full Details



Feb 12 The Riverside Inn, Acton Bridge, Nr Northwich

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Full Details



Mar 12 The Dalton Arms at Glasson Dock, Lancashire

> Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com

Full Details BOOKING ESSENTIAL



April 10 Oulton Park - British GT & GB3 Championships

Half price admission

April 15 MSCC AGM - MMC,

Visitor Centre, Malvern



April 16 NorceMog AGM/Lunch, Vale Royal Abbey, Whitegate

Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768

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Full Details



April 23 FBHV Drive it Day: Pipes in the Peak, Derbyshire

Full Details



Gawsworth Hall Car Show, Macclesfield May 1

Contact Martin Cocks Tel 07973 488504.

martincocks@btinternet.com

Full Details



May 7 **Cheshire Candles Charity Run**

Organised by West Cheshire MG Car Club

Full Details MORGANS WELCOME



May 21 Windermere Jetty - Museum of Boats, Speed & Steam

> Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com

Full Details BOOKING ESSENTIAL



June 11 **Autotest & Concours**

the British Commercial Museum, Leyland

Contact Brian Rawlinson Tel 01995 604716

Full Details

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June 25 Arley Hall Garden Festival, Arley, Cheshire

> Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com



June 30 -July 2 MOGFEST 23 & Annual Dinner Windsor & Brooklands Museum, Surrey

Bookings open and can be made through MSCC Travel Club



July 9

100 years of Blackpool Carnival

Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com Full Details



July 15

Oulton Park - Ford Power Live

(Perhaps only Ford engined Morgans) Half price admission Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768 norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com



July 24 - 27

Fat Lamb Tour: Yorkshire Dales / Cumbria

Contact Adrian & Dot Long Tel 07831 377255

adrian.long@icloud.com Full Details DON'T DELAY TO RESERVE A PLACE



July 28 - 30

Oulton Park Gold Cup-3-day race weekend

Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768
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Full Details 29th - 30th Half price admission



Aug 13

To be confirmed

Event under review with Kate Robins & Donna lafrati **Details to follow**

Sept 1-3

Morgans at Windermere

Contact Les Ellis Tel 07900 962348 les2mog@gmail.com

REGISTRATIONS OPEN 1st April



Sept 10

The Buck Country Pub, Near Clitheroe

Contact Isobel & Peter Moore Tel 01253 378201

isobelpeter@gmail.co.uk

Full Details

LIMITED TO 30 MEMBERS



Sept 14-17

FolkMog week-end at Woodhall Spa

Several NorceMog members are going on this trip.

Although Closing Date was June 2022

Contact <u>wilson.steve12@googlemail.com</u> for any cancellations



Oct 8

To be confirmed

Event under review with Paul & Margaret Johnson

Details to follow

Nov 5

To be confirmed

Event under review with Peter & Rosemary Murphy

Details to follow



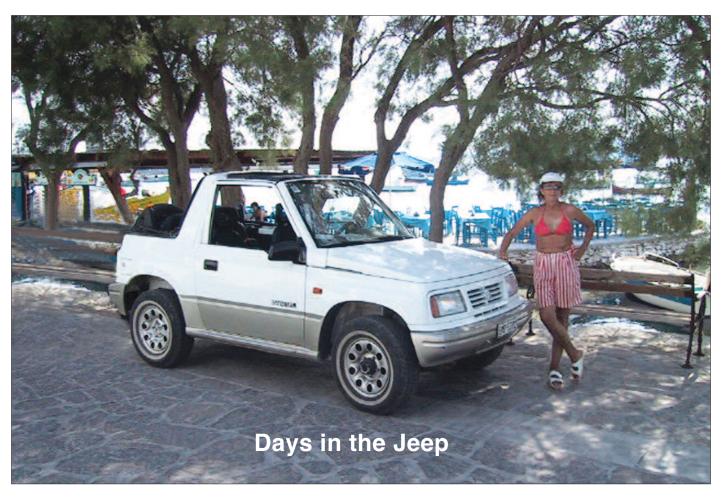
Christmas Lunch & Annual Awards Presentation Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston

Details to follow



If you have an idea for hosting a vacant monthly event, we welcome proposals.

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May 2005 - Alyki, Paros.

After days in Naoussa, enjoying chilling out, there's days in the jeep, getting out and about.

So round to Dimitris, for our jeep that we get, then away with the top, and off we set.

To Nea Chrysi Akti, embracing the breeze, the windsurfers there, showing skills with ease.

Then Piso Livadi and a favourite spot, enjoying lunch on the harbour, we visit a lot.

Driving up to Alyki, is the furthest we go, lunch on the beach, as the waves gently flow.

A stop off at Drios, we make on the way, as we head up the coast, for another great day.

Then inland to Lefkes, panoramic views to see, the gleaming white houses, and a monastery.

Down to Parikia, browsing streets one by one, then back at Kolymbithres, to laze in the sun.

Round to Santa Maria, another great beach, getting out and about, to places easy to reach.

After days in the jeep, on the island we tour, it's days in Naoussa, to chill out some more.



Piso Livadi fishing harbour, Paros

Imagine Greek Island memories - being 'Days in the Mog'.

Cheers - Les les@lbacreative.co.uk



