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Noggin News

November 5th – Private dining at The Swettenham Arms **Closing Date – 21st October. Check with Peter for latest information** petermurphy@live.com

December 10th - Christmas Lunch & Annual Awards Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston
Organiser – Linda Fearn Email - Email = lindafearn737@icloud.com

NB The November & December events are to be pre-ordered and PRE-PAID Full details for menu choice and payment details here.

November - <http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/2311Swettenham.pdf>

December - <http://www.norcemog.com/Next%20Event/2312XmasParty.pdf>

Circuit Des Remparts

Angouleme



Every third weekend in September since 1939 vintage and classic racers gather in the historic hillside town of Angouleme, which straddles the beautiful Charente River. At the hub of the city is an amazing 12th century Cathedral. However, during this weekend in September all eyes are on Circuit des Remparts.

The weekend opens on Friday with the Concours D'élégance, where the cars can be ogle and judged. On the Saturday there is an opportunity to drive in one of the three rallies

available dependent on the age of your vehicle. The short route for vintage, medium for classic and the longest for if you think your vehicle will make the distance! All finish at a Chateau for lunch with further opportunity to ogle, look under bonnets and speak "Français"



Racing proper begins on Sunday and it's close up and personal, the atmosphere is electric. There is plenty of opportunity to get close to all the cars in the paddock and experience the sound and smell of the vehicles. Sunday also turns the city into a massive car display where every road or square has a car club or marque available to view.

This was our first major nine-day outing in "Penny" after our Fat Lamb practice run. We travelled down to stay overnight at a hotel just outside Portsmouth to catch the early ferry to Caen. We then made our way to break off the journey at Le Mans and met with others also on their way to Angouleme. Only one other Morgan a Plus 4 (2011) with us at this stage however, there were several other cars, Jaguar XK120 (1954) XK150 (1960) E Type (1963) Rover 2000 (1968) Sunbeam-Talbot 90 (1956) also several Porsche.



We avoided the toll roads throughout the trip using the more scenic and Morgan friendly RN and D roads which are in a better state of repair than our own! We made our way down toward Saumur following the River Loire and had a short stop at the picturesque town of Amboise before arriving at Angouleme on the Thursday evening. We stopped at the "Apart City Hotel" which although located at the bottom of quite a steep hill has ample parking and is 15 minutes walking distance from the city centre.

After the weekend of racing, we took the scenic route up to Orleans for an overnight stay and took the opportunity to sightsee before another afternoon drive up to Normandy and the seaside resort of Deauville for a three-night stay.



Also known as the “Nice of the North” or the “21st Arrondissement of Paris” Deauville has its own film festival and board walk with beach huts named after film stars. Not to mention the designer shops Louis Vuitton, Hermes and the like.

Friday morning, we caught the early ferry from Caen back to Portsmouth and back home to Chester, a journey of one thousand two hundred and fifty eight very memorable miles. An exceptional weekend in Angouleme. It's not every day you see a 1926 Bugatti being followed by a DeLorean!

Shiny side up!

Report & Photographs by Dave and Jan Leonard.

September Noggin

The Cross Keys Inn, Church Lane, Whitechapel



Whilst The Cross Keys is a symbol that is closely associated with the Catholic Church representing the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, they can also be seen as a symbol of authority, unity, and humility. How appropriate then, that the Inn's address represents its religious connections whilst the attendance of NorceMog members demonstrated unity, humility and a touch of authority! I must remember to take that tongue out of my cheek now!



Hosted by Margaret and Paul Johnson, 23 members arrived in glorious sunshine to make a great display in the car park of this well-presented Inn. Not a cloud or hood in sight as members congregated for a pre-lunch drink on the patio outside the restaurant.

We welcomed new members Tony Slack and Glenda Gaskell with their pristine 4/4 and they have been kind enough to describe their first NorceMog noggin experience below. The service was superb as the pre-ordered meals arrived and everyone enjoyed the food, drink and company, as always.



The display in the car park (main photo at beginning of Newsletter) attracted much attention from other visitors and the compulsory inspection, by the men present, resulted in many discussions from enhanced windscreen wiper blades, the merits of LED sidelights and the best way of opening and closing the bonnet – back catch released first for opening and locked last for closing, it has more flexibility.

We also started discussion on a return to the same Inn in 2024. Robin Askew has contact with a private collection of American war vehicles close by and a visit there with lunch at The Cross Keys may well appear in our 2024 calendar!

Suitably fed and watered departing members decided a run through the beautiful Lancashire countryside was called for on the journey home. Our thanks to Margaret and Paul for a lovely day, we look forward to next year!

The Very First Time

New members Tony & Glenda describe their first NorceMog Noggin experience.

Glenda and I set off on a lovely sunny Sunday morning to attend our first Norcemog Noggin, with a little bit of nervous anticipation.

We had a lovely journey across the Lancashire countryside, thanks to our Google Maps friend. We arrived at the Cross Keys Inn which is in a beautiful countryside setting, we drove into the car park to be met by a line of highly polished Morgans.

After joining the end of the line, we were approached by several smiling faces, introductions were made and we were handed our name badges by the secretary Andrew, we were made very welcome.

Then in a convivial atmosphere we spent several hours enjoying good food and conversation. A lot of advice was given to a new member including were to obtain better parts and embellishments for our Morgan.

All the advice being greatly received by ourselves.

All in all, we thoroughly enjoyed a lovely afternoon and are really looking forward to meeting you all again in November.

We would like to thank all the attending members for the friendly welcome and introduction to the experience of joining Norcemog.

Many thanks to you all. - Glenda and Tony.

Your MSCC – National Committee Meeting – September 24th 2023

The National Committee comprises of the Club Officers and the Centre Secretaries for each of the regional Centres. There are 2 National Committee meetings per year, conducted by video link through Zoom, and the latest one was 24th September. (Unfortunately, I was away and tendered my apologies!). The agenda below looks quite lengthy, however, all reports are submitted to Centre Secretaries prior to the meeting and the proceedings are generally run very efficiently.

National Committee Meeting – Sunday 24 September 2023, 10.30 am Agenda

It will be assumed that those attending have read all papers circulated before the meeting, including the record of the FEGP meeting of 7 September.

1. Apologies for absence
2. DAL of previous meeting (29 January 2023) and matters arising
3. Chairman
4. Vice Chair, including Centre liaison
5. Past Chair
6. Treasurer: Club accounts
7. Company Secretary, including applications for posts
8. Club Manager & Membership Secretary
9. Competition
10. Communications
11. IT Systems
12. Commercial, including Regalia, Partners, Insurance
13. MSCC events - Mogfest
14. Travel Club
15. Sub-committee reports a. FEGP b. RSC c. Calendar committee
16. Any other business and date of next meeting

The DAL (item 2) refers to the Decision and Action Log and a full copy is available on our web site using this link - www.norcemog.com/DAL.pdf

For those of you interested in MogFest 2024 brief details are below though I am sure there will be more information in Miscellany.

Mogfest 2024 – Details from NCM meeting 24th September –

FW gave the NC some details for the 2024 event: the welcome activity on Friday would be at the historic buildings. Saturday activities would be at Weston Park, Shifnal 25 mins away with good access on M5 & A5 for day visitors; concours on the drive, gymkhana, trade stands, spares fair organised by Midland Centre. Staffs Centre would assist TA with some ideas for stands when required. Entertainment and a tour of the house would be included followed by the annual dinner and perhaps dancing this year. Sunday's activity would be a trip on the Severn Valley Railway, with reserved coaches for the outward journey and rover tickets allowing flexible returns and the opportunity to stop at Highley visitor centre, Bridgnorth. MR agreed that it was a promising venue, having attended a site visit with a small group in August. Bookings would be open from 2nd October; the launch announced in Miscellany and on the website, **early bird discounts on packages available to 8th December.**

Should you have any other queries regarding the meeting or would like a copy of the reports please contact me through norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com Riveting stuff, I know!

And Finally

Talk about ideas above their station. The owner of this Bentley had the temerity to park alongside our display at The Cross Keys – The Cheek of it!



For all the latest news on all our events please click this link.
<http://www.norcemog.com/Calendar%20of%20Events/2023Diary.pdf>

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