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Front cover pictures from the Morgan and MG meeting at the American War Vehicle Museum.

Contributions to NorceMog News always appreciated.
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Noggin News

By Andrew Threlkeld

July 14th – Hoghton Tower, PR5 0SH – Privilege parking, Guided tour and lunch in private dining room. £32 per person – Contact Geoff Mizon to reserve a place [Details](#)
CLOSING DATE has passed – please contact Geoff Mizon for any late availability

July 26th – 28th – **Oulton Park Gold Cup** – If you intend to take advantage of the 50% discount on tickets, please note the **applications will close early in July.** [Details](#) – **Only 5 members have booked so far!**

August 11th – Lunch at The Buck Country Inn at afternoon tea / cakes at Lodge Murphy! - [Details](#) **Closing Date 3rd August**

September 12th – **Thursday** – Visit to Hangar 42 at Blackpool airport followed by lunch at Waters edge, 4 miles away. - [Details](#) – **Booking Essential**

Hanger 42

I wanted to draw everyone's attention to an event coming up on Thursday the 12th September, this is the visit to the [Hanger 42 Spitfire Visitor Centre](#).

The event looks very interesting and I hope to be attending and I would encourage anyone thinking of coming along to book their place.

The event includes a guided tour of the visitor centre including talks by the staff, dressed in period uniforms, in the recreated aerodrome huts to demonstrate what life was like for the pilots just going out on a mission.

The Hangar 42 collection has five Spitfire replicas, of various marks. The collection also includes the Hawker Hurricane MKI and the Messerschmidt bf109e. All the aircraft being lovingly restored with original wartime parts, bringing these iconic aircraft back to life. For a small fee, visitors can take the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of one of the Spitfires and have a number of unique photographs taken to mark your visit.

After the visit lunch is at the [Water's Edge Pub and Restaurant](#) where there's a great selection of food available seven days a week, including a carvery served all week. Water's Edge also have a fantastic choice of homemade cakes and fresh ice cream!

Oulton Park Gold Cup

Another good event is the Oulton Park Gold Cup. So far only 5 members have book. I intend to go on the Friday and Sunday (Saturday I go to MogFest) so book soon to obtain the discount.



GOLD CUP
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27-28 JULY 2024

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8th Cheshire Candle Charity Run

By Simon Westwood-Bate

Simon and Marilyn Westwood-Bate attended the 8th Cheshire Candle Charity run, which was the alternative calendar event for Norcemog on the 12th May. We were made most welcome and were the only Morgan attending the event.

The event, organised by the Cheshire MG Sports Car Club was held to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, Cheshire Branch. The day was warm and sunny and we really enjoyed the day out on the Denbigh and Berwyn moors. The total raised this year was an all-time record at £4,500.



At the start



On route



Arriving at the finish

Ed: I also asked Simon if he would tell a little about his Morgan, this is what he sent me.

Our Morgan adventures started by going to a DVLA Vehicle Number Plate auction, just by chance, being held at the Morgan Car Factory, to try to purchase a personal number plate for my 1954 Ferguson tractor!

Because I had registered to bid, part of the deal was a free factory tour and test drive of a Morgan +4.

The number plate 300 SWB was purchased.

The DVLA wanted to encourage people to attend their auctions in person, rather than bid on-line or by phone; to this end they wanted to make a film of our experience, which to our embarrassment, is permanently on "You Tube"!

It doesn't make a lot of sense because they cut out a lot of the dialogue and reasoning behind it; so the story is completely lost and distorted but all welcome to have a laugh on our behalf.

[300 SWB - Morgan Factory](#)

On the 1st September 2016 we were driving to Bristol, via Malvern, to order our Morgan!

My wife's only stipulation was, if I purchased it, I had to keep it clean!!

My only concern was, could the good lady drive it should I partake in a small glass of alcohol? A test drive was organised and my fears were laid, seeing her return from the test drive with a very large beaming smile on her face!

My wife had printed the specifications of the 4X4 and Plus 4. We each had our own copies and ticked what we wanted our Morgan to be.

We chose the Plus 4, the larger engine capacity and overall look of the car was very pleasing to the eye.

My wife astutely advised me to have everything that I wanted on the car!

I had to have Connaught Green as it was what was associated with British Racing Green, (the colour of Sterling Moss racing cars), Ivory upholstery and green carpets. Lamp reading light etc., etc.

The only useless thing is the cassette/ radio, which was supposed to be so I could listen to the cricket whilst motoring, it is impossible to switch on and totally unnecessary.

We went to the factory during the building of our Morgan and signed and dated the wood work behind the driver's seat, we also went to see the leatherwork be fitted a week later.

My wife kindly purchased the suitcase and a storm cover, which I can highly recommend.

The good lady made one other purchase for me at the time we collected it from Williams, in April 2017. She purchased everything I needed to keep the Morgan in pristine condition and even gave me lessons on how to wash it!

In the first month we had driven 1500 miles; yes we love our Morgan and have met and made some great friends and memories.

The number plate sits in pride of place front and rear. Look out for us and give us a wave we can guarantee that we will smile and wave back at you.

American War Vehicle Museum & Lunch

By Roger Benton

This event took place on Thursday 6th June organised by Robin and Ann Askew.

Not only did we all have an excellent day but Robin and Ann managed to arrange rather nice weather as well so it was hoods down for everyone (except one car!).

The event was coordinated with the MG Club so there was a nice mix of MG cars and Morgan's with a total of 13 cars at the museum.

The day started early at 9:30 gathering at the Spread Eagle in Sawley aiming for a 10 o'clock start for the social run to the museum.



Gathering at Spread Eagle in Sawley. There are two Morgan's in there somewhere, the rest were in the other car park.



Social run route

Robin and Ann had sorted an excellent route for us to follow and provided route directions but amazingly I think everyone managed to stay in convoy so, for me at least, it was just a case of following the car in front. The route was 20 miles through some lovely scenery, over Easington Fell, past the Inn at Whitewell and took about 50 minutes. The weather was sunny and the roads smooth (mostly), the scenery was

stunning so it was Morgan motoring at its best. I was even tempted to take my side screens off but the wind was too cold for me.

Here are a few pictures from the social run taken from the video recorded on my GoPro.

*Leaving Sawley**Waddington**Over Easington Fell**Heading South West towards Whitewell**Arrived at the Museum*

The museum, owned by Terry Till and his son, is impressive with several tanks in working order (I guess the guns are not working though). Particularly, there was a fine example of a Sherman tank fitted with a radial aero engine and Terry mentioned, if I heard him correctly, that the engine could be removed in about half an hour, impressive. All the vehicles we saw were maintained to a very high standard.

*Sherman tank*

The collection also consisted of numerous tractors, again most if not all in working order and in excellent condition with seemingly brand-new tyres.



'Ant Eater' crane

Terry also owned two cranes called 'Ant Eaters', Terry thought these were the only two in working order in the world. When bought the tracks were seized solid and one of the engines was cracked so they were both stripped down and restored and now look immaculate.

In addition to the impressive collection of vehicles almost every wall of the three very large sheds is covered with memorabilia of all kinds.

Robin rounded off the museum visit with a small competition. Two questions, one about Morgan's and one about MG's, both requiring the identification of a piece of equipment. No one identified the Morgan item so I think the bottle of wine was given to Terry. The MG question was won by a Morgan owner!

Lunch was planned for the Cross Keys at Whitechapel so we had a short drive from the museum of about 10 minutes. The drive might have been short but was quite entertaining as at one point I was unsure about the directions so pulled over at a 'T' junction and was treated to the sight of Morgan's going in very direction! Everyone made it to the lunch venue and we were treated to an excellent meal after which a member of the MG club gave Robin and Ann a well-deserved vote of thanks and a wish for more collaborative events between MG and Morgan clubs.

Thank you to Robin and Ann for organising such an interesting day. To finish off here are a few pictures from the lunch and a video link for the social run.



[Video link 1080p](#) & [Video link 4k](#) these are YouTube videos. The video is only 4 minutes, the GoPro is great at recording video but the audio is just wind noise so I have replaced that with some nice music, "The long Road" by Mark Knopfler.

Youngtimer Car Show at Gawsworth Hall

By Roger Benton.

Celebrating post 1970 cherished classic cars and motorcycles the show took place on the Bank holiday of 27th May. David Roberts had a couple of spare tickets and kindly invited me and my Morgan to come along. We arranged to meet outside Gawsworth Hall but as I approached, I heard something behind me and a quick glance in the rear-view mirror confirmed a green +8 with a yellow bumper was now behind me.

The weather forecast was not good but in the end it was ok with only about 20 minutes of persistent rain throughout the day.

There was a good selection of cars but it was the Porsche's and Ferrari's that dominated and took pride of place with some very nice examples on display.

Over all it was a very pleasant day with a nice friendly atmosphere and a great setting in the grounds of Gawsworth Hall.

There were three Morgan's; my Plus Four, David's +8 and Les Ellis's (FellMog) +8.



Les's +8



David's +8 and my Plus Four

There were some lovely cars on display, including a rare Ford Sierra XR8 fitted with a Ford V8 and making a rather nice V8 sound. However, the stand out moment for me was when we had a visitor to look at our cars. He was clearly a potential future Morgan owner and as soon as he showed some interest David offered for him to sit in his car. His name is Kit, he is four and it is with the kind permission of his mother, Clare, that I reproduce here some of the pictures we took of Kit and our Morgan's.



Kit's mum wanted a picture of him in front of our cars resulting in this picture.



Gymkhana Addendum

In last month's newsletter for the Gymkhana, it was Simon who won the concours but at the time I did not know Simon's surname. Simon duly identified himself so I am pleased to give an honourable mention to Simon and Heather Drew and 'Molly' their Morgan car for winning the concours. Of course, this is a good opportunity to include a few superb photos, taken by Simon, of a concourse winning Morgan. I also asked Simon for a few details of his car so after the photos there is a write up, from Simon, about their car.







"Molly the Morgan" was acquired last summer from Melvin Rutter on the Essex / Hertfordshire border. I used to live not far from Melvins and knew the dealership well from driving past it. Anyway, I had an 1993 Land Rover 90 which I refurbished and was offered a price I couldn't refuse so with the cash I acquired our first Morgan.

She is a 2004 4/4 with the 1.8litre Ford Zetec and she only had 4,500 miles on the clock. Sad story really in that the previous owner acquired her new in 2004 presumably when he retired. But as you can tell she did very little mileage each year. Apparently his daughter rang Melvin and asked him "to come and collect it" as her dad could no longer get in the Morgan. I wrote to the previous owner who had kept every possible bit of paper over the 20 years of ownership, to say that she would be well looked after!

A few months ago I took her to Techniques in Stotfold who added a new Librands S/S exhaust and manifold, plus new aluminium radiator and fan (this was great investment as the fan was on almost constantly). She is serviced by Matty at Lifes Motors (who I think most owners in the NW will know).

The exhaust, spark plugs, air filter etc has made a noticeable difference to the torque and the acceleration 20mph to 50mph - just what she needed !

Anyway see you at the next Norcemog event !

Simon & Heather Drew

NorceMog Events 2024



Diary of NorceMog Events

Enjoy meeting up with your fellow members

Keep a check on this Website for any Event Updates

2024

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

Jun 28 Interclub International Weekend Malvern

-30 3 Counties Showground, WR13 6NW

50%
Discount
Ends 29
Feb

Discount code = MOGIC24

[Full Details](#)

Web Site - <https://www.interclubweekend.com/>



Jun 30 Arley Hall Garden Festival, Arley, Cheshire

Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel **07912 494768**

Email = norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com

Free
Admission
Maximum
10 cars

[Full Details](#)



Jun 30 Lancashire Classic & Performance Car Show

At Hoghton Tower Nr Preston, PR5 0SH

Organised by Great British Motor Shows

[More Details & Tickets](#)



Jul 14 Hoghton Tower - Guided Tour & Private Dining

Contact Geoff & Gill Mizon

Email = geoff.mizon@btopenworld.com

[Full Details](#) Closing Date = 14th June 2024

40
Members
Maximum



Jul 26 Oulton Park Gold Cup-3-day race weekend

-28 Contact Andrew Threlkeld Tel 07912 494768

Email = norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com

50%
Discount

[Full Details](#)



Aug 11 The Buck Country Pub, Near Clitheroe

Followed by Tea & Cakes at Lodge Murphy

Contact Rosemary & Peter Murphy

Email - petermurphy@live.com

32
Members
Maximum

[Full Details](#)



Sep 1 Cheshire Classic & Performance Car Show

At Arley Hall, Northwich, CW9 6NA

Organised by Great British Motor Shows

[Full Details](#)



Sep 12 Hangar 42 Spitfire Visitor Centre followed by lunch

Thursday

Contacts - Jay Hale and Peter & Isobel Moore

Please see FULL DETAILS for contact information and trip content

[Full Details](#)**Sep 17 Best of British Festival of Motoring, Isle of Man**

-24

Organised by Scenic & Continental Car Tours

NorceMog members have booked this trip and contact SCCT for availability

[More Details](#)**Oct 13 Haighton Manor, Haighton Green Lane, PR2 5SQ**Pre order
Meals

Lunch & dedicated parking area at this Brunner & Price establishment

Contact David Sims

[Full Details](#)

Nov 3 TBD

Dec 8 Christmas Lunch & Annual Awards Presentation

Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston, PR3 5AA

Contact Linda Fearn at lindafearn737@icloud.com[Full Detail](#)

And Finally

Hope you enjoyed reading this month's newsletter.

On 27th July I and a few others are heading down to [MogFest](#) for the day. There have been lots of issues with trying to book MogFest online so if you want to book, I would recommend phoning Scenic Tours on 01732 879153.

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter summer will have arrived.

All the best

Roger