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Front cover pictures: Top: MogFest hotel car park, Lower: Oulton Park.

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## **Noggin News**

By Andrew Threlkeld

**[PLEASE book ASAP if you intend to partake in any of the following](#)**

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

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch & Privilege parking at Houghton Manor PR2 5SQ  
A Brunner & Price establishment – Menu available soon to pre-order meals - [Details](#) – **Booking Essential by 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

**November** - We still have a vacancy for the November Noggin if you have an idea. Please contact [norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com](mailto:norcemog.sec@morgansportscarclub.com) to discuss.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – 3-course Christmas Lunch & Annual Awards Presentation – Barton Manor Hotel - [Details](#) – **Booking & payment required by 12th November**

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## **The Morgan Sports Car Club SPRING WEEKEND 4 - 6 APRIL 2025**

HOSTED BY THE YORKSHIRE CENTRE AT BURN HALL - NEAR YORK  
Organised by MSCC Event Advisor JAN LAWSON.

The AGM of The Morgan Sports Car Club will be held from 2pm to 5pm in the main function room of Burn Hall on April 5th.

Attendance at the AGM meeting (2-5pm April 5th) is open and free to all members of the MSCC.

The Spring Weekend will include - The return of the 'Dinner Dance' - A newly invented fun driving experience - and other activities to provide enjoyment and laughter. Details of the weekend and booking will be available in October - so save the dates 4 to 6 April 2025.

It will be a fun weekend.

## **NorceMog Regalia**

The NorceMog logo is now available as an option when ordering from the [MSCC regalia](#) site.





## **MogFest 2024, 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July**

By Simon Drew

Heather and I travelled to Telford in “Molly” our 4/4 Morgan on Friday afternoon of the 26th July with (as you would expect) the top down all the way. We arrived late afternoon after a great drive on the A roads through Cheshire and Shropshire. The hotel had reserved an area of the car park, with around 70 Morgans gathered all in one place - quite a spectacle !



*This is just the hotel car park!*

The Friday evening welcome BBQ for the Mogfest was at the Coalbrookdale Museum of Iron near Telford, there was probably about 100 people in attendance for the rather well stocked BBQ and accompanying accoutrements. We got talking to a couple from Chicago who owned a 1961 Morgan, and were travelling around the UK in a hired Morgan and spending their last few days at Mogfest. There were also representation from Switzerland, Holland and Germany.

After a swift night cap (as you do) we retired to bed. Waking up on Saturday to a reasonable day, and we travelled after breakfast to the Mogfest site at Weston Park on the A5 to the east of Telford. We parked up along with 150+ Morgans of all shapes and sizes and different colour combinations, we doubt there were two the same - the beauty of owning a unique Morgan ! There





were also some of the dealers present, including Oakmere, Central, Williams and Krazy Horse, highlight of my day was Heather sitting in a 2012 Morgan 3 Wheeler - alas she didn't buy it !

Heather and I held for all of 10 minutes the pedal morgan record which was around a 100yd course, both pedalling like mad and Heather steering we beat the holders at the time by 8 seconds.....only to be beaten a few minutes later by a couple of mid twenty something fellas by 2 seconds. They should have been handicapped ! :)

There were approximately 20 cars in the concourse, though sadly I don't know which one won the competition, but each of them were polished and presented within an inch of their lives.....



*Morgan Concourse.*

After a pre packed picnic next to Molly we ventured around Weston House itself, with only the ground floor being available to view.

We left mid afternoon just as the rain started, and headed back to the hotel.

Dinner was in the hotel, and attended by around 150 guests, all Morgan fanatics. We sat next to two chaps from Northern Ireland who had driven their own Aero and Roadster via the Belfast > Liverpool ferry. The other side from us were a couple with a new Plus Six - he was 6ft 6in..... !! Anyway good food, good wine, and good company.



*1930's steam Locomotive.*



*1934 LMS Stanier Mogul 2-6-0. The sole survivor of the type.*

Sunday saw us take the option of the Severn Valley Railway excursion from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth via diesel/steam locomotives. The day was perfect, top down, sun out and 22 degrees. We caught the 10:45 to Kidderminster being pulled by a diesel from the late 1960's. Hour and fifteen minutes later we pulled into Bridgnorth, only to hop out and jump back on the steam train back to Kidderminster which departed 10 mins after we arrived. By this time it was 12:10 and with another hour and fifteen mins meant into Kidderminster at 13:30 ish with then a quick lunch before heading home.

We drove back via Shrewsbury in glorious weather - just perfect for the 3 1/2 hour journey back home once again via the A roads of Shropshire and Cheshire before we joined the M6 at Warrington.

If you are down in the Kidderminster area, we would strongly recommend taking some time to enjoy the Severn Valley Railway and if you can, hop on and off and see the little villages along the route. We wished we had spent longer for the day, but knowing we needed to get back in reasonable time for late Sunday afternoon there was only so much time we would be able dedicate to the trip.

A great weekend !



## **MogFest Concourse Gallery**

By Roger Benton

Some additional pictures from MogFest concourse entries.



*Couple of Aero's in the concourse.*



*Four seater, I think this won one of the concourse sections.*



*David Roberts with his lovely +4.*







*Cosworth power ARP4. This was number 14 out of 50 that were produced.*

In the concourse there was a section for cars to be judged by visitors and this one in the picture below caught my eye for being a very nice Morgan but also for the number of badges. The car has two badge bars and there's more on the luggage rack as well. Four of the badges relate to breakdown cover!





## **Oulton Park Gold Cup, 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July**

By Roger Benton, Tony Cory and Andrew Threlkeld

### **Friday**

By Roger Benton

Friday was practice day so not many spectators or club cars with just Andrew's and my car from NorceMog. The spot allocated to us was excellent with a fine view over the 'Cascades' corner.



*That's my car on the left, a Plus Four, and Andrew's Morgan on the right, a 3.7L V6 powered Roadster.*

After setting up the club area it was coffee then a wander around the paddock.





*Morgan 3 Wheeler, there was a number of these racing over the weekend.*





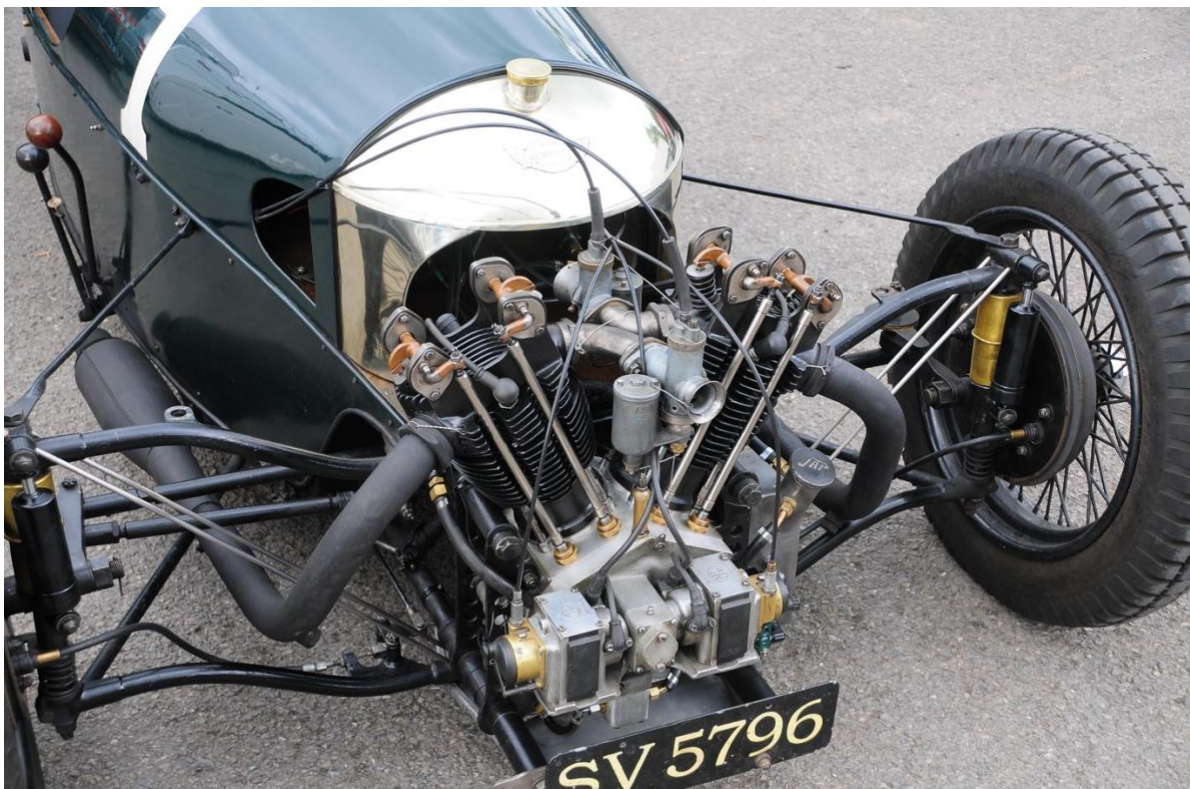


*Maserati, ok it's not a Morgan but it is a thing of beauty.*

## **Saturday**

By Tony Cory with additional pictures by Andrew Threlkeld

Despite leaden skies at times the rain mostly held off and we had a good day out.







*Morgan +8 racing in 70s Road Sports class. Elliot Paterson driving. Photo by Tony.*

Ed: The +8, driven by Elliot Paterson, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the first race from a pole starting position. In the second race the +8 didn't finish but did record the second fastest lap of the race.



*Great to see the Morgan out in front of all those Lotus's, TVR's and lone Ford Anglia.*





*Morgan being hassled by a Porsche (could be the other way round) but still out in front.*





**Sunday**

By Roger Benton with additional pictures by Andrew Threlkeld

Sunday was a glorious sunny and warm day with 6 Morgans attending.



*Great view from the Morgan area.*



Shortly after arriving I was invited to be a passenger in an early 911 Porsche as the Porsche club did a couple of laps of the circuit. A great start to the day.

In the Paddock I joined David Roberts and his friend David Saxl who was racing that day in his Riley TT Sprite.



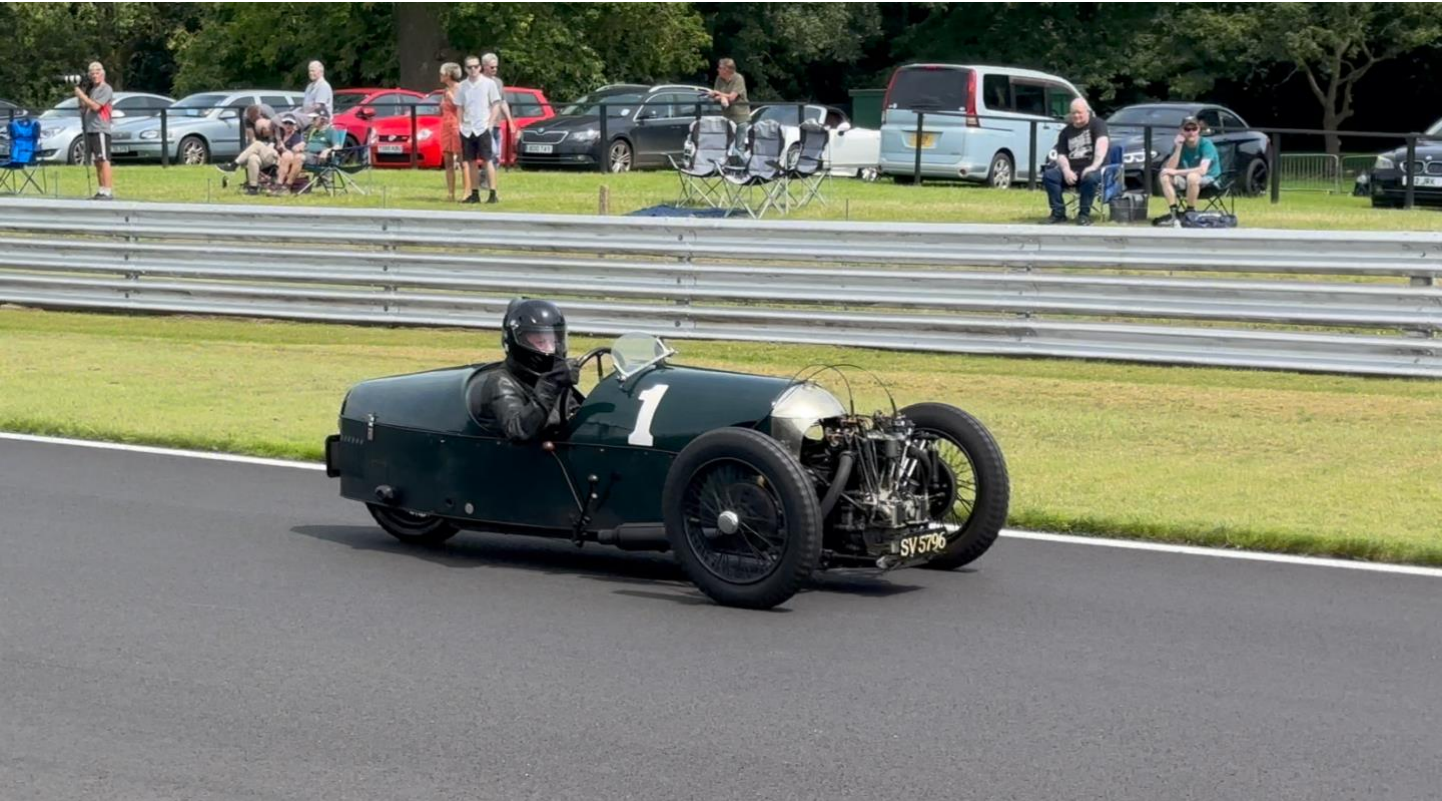
*Riley TT Sprite, David Saxl in the car and David Roberts standing.*

David and his Riley were entered in the Egerton Cup race with two races, one about midday and the second at 5:30. The Riley has a steering column mounted gear lever with a pre-selector gearbox, unfortunately on the first lap of the first race David broke his gear lever off! The three of us took the gear lever assembly apart. A rummage through David's toolbox produced a handle for a hacksaw blade that just fitted where the detached gear lever should be. David completed the second race recording a respectable lap of 2minutes 38seconds and then drove home to London!



*Riley TT Sprite on the right and Alfa Romeo RL Targa on the left.*

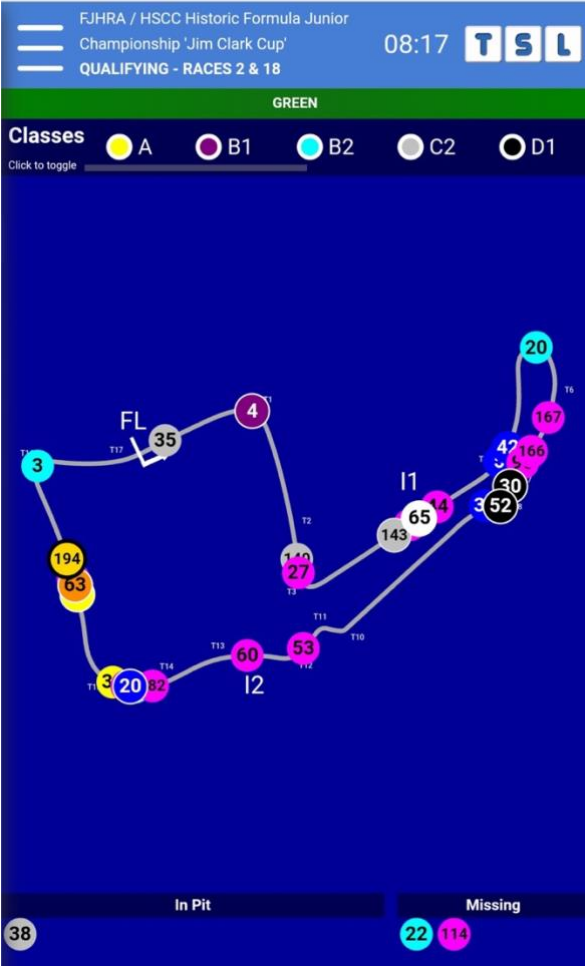




There were a number of 3 wheeler Morgan Super Aero's racing.

Timing Solutions Ltd. ([TSL](#)) provide live timings of the races including lap times and positions, in addition they also provide graphical live tracking of the cars on the circuit.

FJHRA / HSCC Historic Formula Junior									
Championship 'Jim Clark Cup'									
QUALIFYING - RACES 2 & 18									
GREEN									
POS	NO	CL	PIC	NAME	BEST	GAP	DIFF	LAPs	LAST
1	194	E1	1	RICHARDS Lotus 22	1:52.109			4	1:52.109
2	53	E1	2	WILSON S Lotus 20	1:54.538	2.429	2.429	4	1:54.538
3	20	D2	1	HIBBERD Lotus 20	1:57.771	5.662	3.233	4	1:58.051
4	80	E1	3	FENNELL Lotus 22	1:58.094	5.985	0.323	4	1:58.094
5	39	D2	2	CARLTON-SMITH Lotus 20	2:00.489	8.380	2.395	4	2:01.006
6	44	E1	4	HOLEY Renmax BN1-2	2:01.168	9.059	0.679	4	2:04.573
7	154	E1	5	FRIEDRICHS Lola Mk5A	2:01.311	9.202	0.143	2	2:01.311
8	27	E1	6	WILSON R Lotus 27	2:01.413	9.304	0.102	3	2:01.413
9	167	E1	7	SCHMIDT Brabham BT6	2:01.432	9.323	0.019	4	2:06.075
10	166	E1	8	UNDERWOOD Brabham BT2	2:02.128	10.019	0.696	4	2:04.861
11	90	E1	9	FLANN Lotus 22	2:04.726	12.617	2.598	4	2:07.556
12	68	E1	10	LEES Lola Mk5A	2:05.086	12.977	0.360	3	2:10.695
13	42	D2	3	AUBERT Lotus 20	2:05.260	13.151	0.174	4	2:06.716
14	143	C2	1	MONUMENT Lotus 18	2:06.083	13.974	0.823	3	2:10.590
15	5	D2	4	LONGDON Lola Mk3	2:06.855	14.746	0.772	4	2:07.872
16	8	D2	1	MORTON Condor S2	2:07.260	15.151	0.405	3	2:11.447
17	65	E2	1	FERRIS Donford FJ	2:07.294	15.185	0.034	3	2:12.930
18	60	E1	11	FRASER Lotus 20/22	2:08.671	16.562	1.377	3	2:08.671
19	3	D2	2	FLEMING Lola Mk2	2:09.239	17.130	0.568	3	2:09.239
20	35	C2	2	HUTCHISON JNR Envoy Mk1	2:10.210	18.101	0.971	3	2:10.210
21	140	C2	3	PICKERING Britannia FJ	2:11.296	19.187	1.086	3	2:15.848
22	4	B1	1	BARRON Gemini Mk2	2:11.980	19.871	0.684	3	2:13.717
23	121	B2	3	RUSSELL Elva 100	2:14.019	21.910	2.039	3	2:14.598
24	144	C2	4	O'KANE Crossle 4F	2:16.569	24.460	2.550	3	2:16.569
25	100	E1	12	CARTER	2:16.860	24.751	0.291	0	2:16.860







*Just like Daddy's*



*40's and 50's Music*



*Pit walk*



## **Buck Country Inn, 11<sup>th</sup> August**

By Mal Westwood-Bate with additional pictures from Peter Murphy.

Roy Senior and Simon Westwood-Bate possibly discussing how long retirement would last this time !!

It was taken on the day of the Superb Lunch at the Buck Inn as arranged by Peter Murphy and his lovely wife Rosemary.

Rosemary and Peter invited us all, after our lunch to join them at their peaceful holiday cabin. Here Norce Mog folks soaked up the sun on the veranda. We were well refreshed with tea, coffee and Rosemary's delicious baking.

We were also able to see some of the handmade beautiful glass pieces made by Rosemary and Peters excellent pottery with succulent plants looking rather splendidly displayed in his excellent workmanship.



*Morgan's parked at the Buck Country Inn. Great turn out with 36 members enjoying the event.*



*Excellent lunch with a la carte menu, the roast beef was particularly nice*





*After lunch it was a short walk to Rosemary's and Peter's lovely Lodge for tea and cake including some very nice flapjack prepared by their granddaughter.*



*Relaxing on the veranda at Rosemary's and Peter's Lodge.*

Editor: Thankyou Mal for the excellent meeting report, I couldn't resist in adding one additional photo. I'm not sure if people knew but Sunday was also Rosemary's birthday. The Red Arrows had been at the Blackpool air show and were flying home to their base late that afternoon and, as luck would have it, they chose a route that took them right over Rosemary's and Peter's lodge, and here is a picture to prove it!



*The Red Arrows doing a fly past for Rosemary's birthday, taken from the veranda at their lodge.*



## **NorceMog members support Springhill Hospice** **Charity Event: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

By Andrew Threlkeld

On a somewhat dull cloudy morning 3 Morgans from the NorceMog clan (the Murphy's, Tony Slater & Threlkeld's) arrived, with hoods down of course! The event was a classic car display in the Hospice car park accompanied by music (and dancing!) from the 40's and 50's. Each vehicle contributed £10 towards the running costs of the Hospice.

A vast array of cars were on display including representatives of the local Mini club, a De Lorean, a Trabant, a sit up and beg Ford Popular not to mention Austin 1100, Austin 7, TVR's a Triumph TR6 and many more.



The event was well attended by visitors in addition to the display



vehicle owners with the Morgans attracting more than their fair share of attention, especially after Andrew raised his bonnet and gentlemen hovered like bees around a honey pot! Among the visitors were NorceMog members John & Chris Burrows without their Morgan.

Refreshments were also available however not many visitors went back for seconds!

Post display, the organisers provided instructions for a beautiful 23-mile scenic run across the moors, round Hollingworth Lake and dropping into Littleborough. Shades of the Irish Gordon Bennett Classic Car Run came to the fore as the instructions contained different road numbers to the ones we used and a variety of routes were taken at each junction. Cars parked in lay-bys, consulting GPS phone apps were common along the route. The final instruction "for those attending the BBQ proceed to Milnrow cricket club". OK, but how do we get there?

All in all, an enjoyable, hood down day, well for Joan & Andrew it was hood down all day anyway.



## **Members and their cars**

Editor: Stuart recently purchased a Morgan and joined Norcemog so I asked if he would be willing to write a little about his car, this is what he sent me. Thanks Stuart and welcome to Norcemog.

### **Stuart Dundas**

As a precocious 10 year old, I wrote a letter to the Morgan factory asking for information on their cars.... I got a nice letter back, thanking me for my interest and enclosing a Morgan tie pin!



So moving on nearly 60 years I've finally bought one - It's a 1971 4/4 with a Ford 1600 Crossflow engine. It's basically sound and roadworthy, but the last owner hardly used it for years, and so it's a rolling (light - I hope) restoration. I'm fortunate to live close to Life Motors at Banks - the oldest Morgan garage in the world, where Matt is very helpful with advice and doing any jobs that are beyond me.

I've lowered the driving seat now, by removing the wooden blocks underneath - it's now fixed in position, but it means I can now see THROUGH the windscreen rather than over the top of it....

I expected the non - power assisted steering to be heavy, but I feel it's heavier than it should be - so that's something I'm trying to sort.

Enjoying tootling around - now that we have some sunny days - and attending car shows with a local (Non-make specific) car club

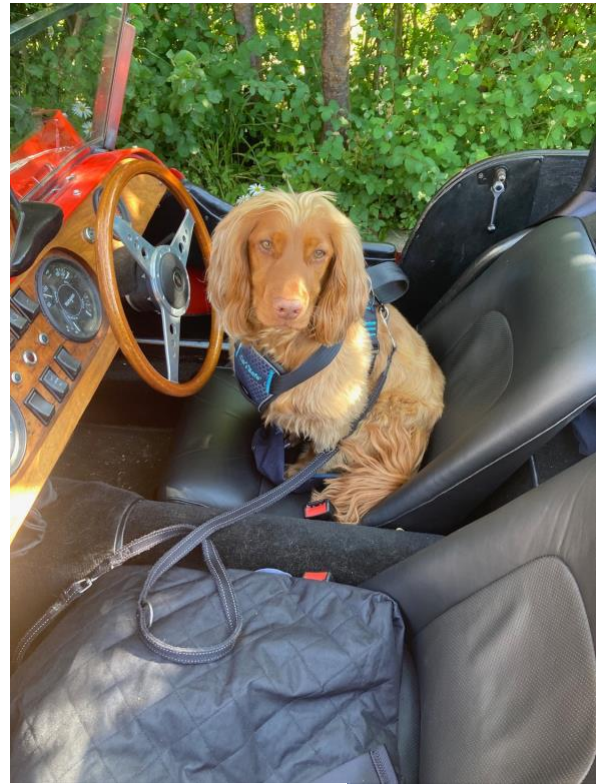


As I'm getting more confident in distance driven, I hope to meet up with fellow NorceMog members to say hello....

Cheers  
Stuart



PS Photos include one with my riding mechanic Jake - I let him drive short distances but I have to operate the pedals as his legs are too short... (*Ed: Does that make him a paw driver?*)



*Jake in the driving seat.*



## NorceMog Events 2024

<div></div> <div>Diary of NorceMog Events</div> <div>Enjoy meeting up with your fellow members</div> <div>Keep a check on this Website for any Event Updates</div>		2024
Highlighted - Events organised by NorceMog. Dates/Events listed in Red - to be confirmed/finalised		
Aug 30 to Sep 1	<b>Chatsworth Country Fair</b> - Chatsworth House, Bakewell Invitation from High Peak Centre - TorMog Contact - Julie Baines Email - <a href="mailto:tormogchair@gmail.com">tormogchair@gmail.com</a> <a href="#">Full Details</a>	<div></div> <div>OPEN TO MSCC MEMBERS ONLY</div>
Sep 1	<b>Cheshire Classic &amp; Performance Car Show</b> At Arley Hall, Northwich, CW9 6NA Organised by Great British Motor Shows <a href="#">Full Details</a>	
Sep 12 Thursday	<b>Hangar 42 Spitfire Visitor Centre followed by lunch</b> Contacts - Jay Hale and Peter & Isobel Moore Please see FULL DETAILS for contact information and trip content <a href="#">Full Details</a>	
Sep 17 -24	<b>Best of British Festival of Motoring, Isle of Man</b> Organised by Scenic & Continental Car Tours NorceMog members have booked this trip and contact SCCT for availability <a href="#">More Details</a>	
Oct 13 Pre order Meals	<b>Haighton Manor</b> , Haighton Green Lane, PR2 5SQ Lunch & dedicated parking area at this Brunner & Price establishment Contact David Sims <a href="#">Full Details</a>	
Nov 3	TBD	
Dec 8	<b>Christmas Lunch &amp; Annual Awards Presentation</b> Barton Manor Hotel, Barton, Preston, PR3 5AA Contact Linda Fearn at <a href="mailto:lindafeearn737@icloud.com">lindafeearn737@icloud.com</a> <a href="#">Full Detail</a>	



## **And Finally (almost)**

Bit of a long newsletter this month but there has been a lot of great events to report on and I received many contributions and photos it was a shame not to include them.

Thanks to all those contributing, it is a great help and really makes the newsletter what it is which is a newsletter about the events and members who make up Norcemog.

As always, I would encourage members to continue to submit articles and/or photos.

All the best

Roger

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PS. Please don't stop reading as there is a bonus article on the next page.

But to fill this page, here is another picture from the concourse section at MogFest.





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## **MSCC Business Group**

The MSCC business group is a re-named Steering Group. They meet regularly to discuss MSCC business as per the attached minutes and comprise of (in no particular order)

Jann Robinson – Current Chair of MSCC  
Martin Rickerd – Immediate Past Chair  
Gill Bevan – Club Manager / Membership Secretary  
Andy Reeves – Commercial Lead including Insurance  
Charles Neal – Miscellany Editor  
Frank Whitefoot – Mogfest organisor  
John Anderson – Not sure of role, possibly Vice Chair  
Roger Coverley – Treasurer

### **Business Group meeting notes**

18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Zoom

Attending Jann Robinson, Martin Rickerd, Jan Lawson(1<sup>st</sup> item)

Gill Bevan, Andy Reeves, Charles Neal, Frank Whitefoot

1. Apologies: John Anderson, Roger Coverley, Andy Reeves (after telephone report)
2. Survey recommendations: Jan Lawson reported that the 6 recommendations sent by the Review group had been “quick wins”; uncontroversial suggestions that the MSCC could implement immediately. CN had commented on the forum that most points had already been introduced and the others were being considered; support was needed, for example on articles showing the variety of activities that were available to members and other items for MSCC media.
  - The more strategic improvements were discussed; the perceived feeling of disconnect between regions and the national club would not be a focus if activities were referred to as MSCC activities. Centres organise social events and local driving but are part of the Club; all members belong to the MSCC. CS would be encouraged to take a more active role in the NC. CN suggested that giving CS the opportunity to talk between themselves outside of formal meetings would encourage a consistent approach whether organizing their activities or welcoming new members into their groups. JR would discuss ways of facilitating communications with JA.
  - Better communication of Club services was recommended: our new retail volunteer Nicki Williams has plenty of ideas and has been talking to previous incumbents so that when she takes the position properly in August this aspect of membership should be well addressed. JR mentioned that she had been contacting new members personally but to improve efficiency of messaging and time the first zoom call was planned on 8<sup>th</sup> August 7pm where we can inform members of Club benefits and find out what they can offer. GB & MR will attend too- other members of the Business Group are invited to attend.
  - The perennial request for technical articles in Miscellany was partially answered with a suggestion that a forum could meet these needs with careful wording taken on advice. CN would help to find a moderator; the emphasis would be that all posts would be from personal experience not advice. Articles could then be taken from the forum. JL suggested that the innovations competition could be run in Miscellany; it is hoped that this can be run on the day at Mogfest Weston Park as the trophy donor was keen to see it awarded; a subsequent article could encourage members to send in their ideas and supplement the current Mog Mods collated by Pat Hadley.



3. Mogfest: FW reported that numbers were better than anticipated, with bookings around the Brooklands mark. Tickets and itineraries had been sent out; marshals were required for parking on Saturday morning, and CN notified the group that Jane Peck was no longer able to attend and assist at the gymkhana; JR agreed to help find volunteers through Staffs and GlamMog. FW would ask Brooklands if they had any MSCC flags not collected in 2023.
4. Chair: JR posts updates and developments on the forum as they occur to quicken the process of decision-making. No comment would be taken as agreement, but all were asked to keep reading. It was agreed that the AGM could be moved around the country; when details had been worked out the NC would be informed. J&L had been investigating spam e mails; all e mail addresses were now in the members' area only to cut down on trolls harvesting information from the website. The only e mail address in the public pages would be the new Club Manager one, although all details would still be included in Miscellany so members would know how to contact the right person. The spam filter had been raised and would be monitored; J&L were trialling an alternative provider with high security. JR noted RC's report which mentioned that he would be recording Club assets so that other groups could use items currently stored in Daventry. It was suggested that moving the storage nearer CN would be more practical. Budgets were required from each group by the end of July; guidelines were already on the forum.
5. Communications: CN showed the new postcards which have the website and QR code on the back; these can be used with personal detail stickers, as a compliment slip or any other use. They would be distributed at Mogfest.
6. Commercial: AR suggested that a separate discussion on selling spares would be required, once he had a chance to talk to Nigel Taylor and with RC involved. He was working on a budget with Nicki Williams and would submit it to MR & RC. The insurance scheme was still being reviewed; the latest update would be live in a few weeks, which should improve quotations for the majority of mid -value and -age Morgans. The level of quotes requested was very high and the conversion rate still higher than predicted. A Miscellany article focusing on the positives would be instructive detailing that PJI are very responsive and worth contacting for future quotes.
7. Competition: MR added that he would be collecting the Innovations trophy to take to Weston Park; John Beskeen would be asked to judge on the day. CN would look for any other trophies in storage and MR would ask ALP about those needed for concours and gymkhana.
8. GB added briefly that discussions were underway with J&L for their customer relations module, Member Vision. The forums were being populated, new member numbers were good.
9. Outstanding items: Volunteer Charter, Business & NC roles would be looked at by JR. Budgeting was required by end July by all groups.
10. Business group meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> 10am; Paul Fileman would be asked to join.