

The summer feels like it's really got started now – the evening ride outs are sunlit and warm, the weather at the Farmyard Party was brilliant and the Blackpool MAG Rally was superb. But, as ever, there's trouble brewing for MAG to battle.

Last Month – 27th - 29th June - Blackpool MAG Rally



The feedback was unanimously positive for the weekend – great bands, great atmosphere and a great set-up. The main marquee was even better than last year with an improved stage area and light show. The weather even held reasonably fine! A big thanks to all the team at Blackpool MAG for putting another fantastic event.



Looking ahead to July – Blackpool Classic and Custom Show, Stanley Park, Blackpool – Sunday 6th July

Our next NW MAG event is the Bike Show in the Italian Gardens, Stanley Park kicking off about 11am. You can enter your bike for free or just have an ice-cream and mooch about the fine machinery on display. The £2 entrance fee goes straight into the MAG fighting fund, which makes it all doubly worthwhile. You may even win one of the magnificent prizes! If you go in through the main entrance off the big roundabout at the Beech Ave end of West Park Drive, then you can't miss it.



Armadillos loose in Salford!



As much as we all get irritated at times, I'm sure that we're all in favour of making our roads safer for cyclists - but should this be at the expense of other road users' safety, namely us? Salford Council are trialling "segregated cycle lanes" using "armadillos" - scary lumps of plastic that have been bolted to the road to separate cycles from the traffic. The council claim that the armadillos have been "used successfully in Europe for a number of years" and are trialling two sites:

Liverpool Street

Approximately 80 metres of semi-segregated cycle lane have been implemented on the westbound carriageway of Liverpool Road, between Albion Way and Cross Lane.

Middlewood Street

Approximately 70 metres of semi-segregated cycle lanes have been provided on Middlewood Street eastbound.

No cyclist in their right mind would trust these things to save their lives. They won't deter cab drivers from swinging into the kerb to pick up or drop off punters. Buses or trucks, cyclists' biggest threat, will hardly notice them. A motorcycle, however, could easily come unstuck if it clips one inadvertently.

The council is "very interested in receiving feedback" on the trial sites from all users, which will help in "evaluating the product, and influence how we progress with segregated cycle lanes in the future". So, it's all still to play for. MAG is already in talks with the council but you can add your voice by emailing cyclesalford@urbanvision.org.uk

Alternatively, you can get involved with Salford Area Motorcycle Action Group, which meets 8pm the last Thursday of every month at Henley's Bar, Barton Lane, Eccles M30 OFR, or contact Blayz at salford-rep@mag-uk.org



Don't trust 'em mate!



Fit for purpose?

North West Motorcycle Alliance

This is not a MAG organisation but a monthly meet for all bike clubs, organisations and interested bikers anywhere from Cheshire up to Lancaster. The next meeting is at **8pm on Wednesday 30th July** hosted by **Road Slayers Brotherhood** at **St Michaels social club Liverpool Rd peel green, M30 7LP.**

Here is the latest, up to date list of biker events this summer which the Alliance has put together, which includes a few changes from last month.

Regular monthly events

HAMC Open night last Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late.

Mid-Life Crisis Meet'n'greet, last Wednesday of each month, Ship Inn Irlam M44 6AJ

Sutton Rockers Band Night, 1st Saturday of each month.

Black Diamonds open night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley

Last Friday of each Month - Open Night, Ribble Valley Chop Club

1st and 3rd Friday every month – Born of Chaos MCC meeting everyone welcome - Warrington WA4 6RS

1st and 3rd Tuesday every month – Brickies Bike Club meeting everyone welcome - Atherton, M46 0QA

1st Wednesday April → Sept – Rising Moon MCC Ride In, Hyde

Salford MAG meeting 8pm Last Thursday every month, Henley's Bar, Barton Lane, Eccles

One off events

4th July – 24th Snatch Rally, Wirral Rugby Club, Liverpool

4-6th July – Mid-Life Crisis Bike Show, Ship Inn, Irlam

5th July – Lee Rigby Ride In - Rochdale

5th July Triumph Owners' Club 2nd Annual Show & BBQ – 12-3pm Wheatsheaf Inn, Raby CH63 4JH

6th July- Blackpool Bike Show, Stanley Park, Blackpool

6th July - Full Throttle's Big Bikini Bike Bash, Dukenfield

10 - 13th July - Millennium Caveman Bash, Canberra Club, Salmesbury nr Preston.

11th July – 13th Dead End Rally – Furness MAG, Hawcoat Park, Barrow

18th July – Photo shoot, 12pm (noon) at the pond, Faro Rally site

18-20th July, Billing Biker Bash, Billing Aerodrome, Northampton.

19th July – Original Cruisers Rock Night, Southport Railway Club

25th – 27th July AAV Rally – Bradford-on-Avon

25-27th July - MT Heads Rally, Rochdale

2nd August – Rogue Riders Bike Show, Wheatsheaf, Lymn WA13 0TR (Band – Deathwish)

8th August –FWE MCC 18th Fairly Well Endowed Rally, Crow Edge Community Centre, Sheffield Road, Crow Edge, HD9 7TP

9th August – Headbangerz Ball, Spar Ta events

15th August – Bits and Tits Charity Bike Show and Rally, the Mill, East Rushton, Norfolk NR12 9HR

17th August – Cogheads MCC Bike Show, Accrington Arndale

22nd August – Avernus MCC Rally, Hamilton House Farm, Tarnacre farm, St. Michaels PR3 0TB (tickets currently available)

23rd August – Lee Rigby Charity Bike Show and family day, Mayfield Rugby Club, Castleton.

25th August – Preston Posse Custom Bike Show, Shawes Arms, London Rd, Preston.

30th August – Millennium Bike Show – venue TBC

6th September Scavengers Rocknight (with Rampage) at the Roundhouse Bolton BL1 3TZ £5 to get in

12th-14th Sept – Jesters MCC Rally Whittingham nr Preston, Autumn NABDness Enstone Airfield, Lone Wolf Full Moon Rally.

20th – 21st Sept - But Why AVVA Laugh Rock night and Bike show.

26th – 28th Sept – CAT MCC Rally

28th September – North West Custom and Classic Show – Ramsbottom Cricket Club

4th Oct – Millennium Rock Night at Canberra Club (provisional)

11th October – Mid-Life Crisis MCC Birthday Bash – Cheese Puff Death Squad at Ship Inn Irlam

24/25th October - Brickies rally

1st Nov – Blackpool MAG Halloween and Bonfire Party, Blackpool Rugby Club

22nd Nov – Avernus MCC Anti-Christmas Party at the Minstrel pub Chorley

As ever, if you would like to have your say on anything vaguely MAG-related, or sell something bike related, just drop me a line at billgreen@madasafish.com and I'll put it into the newsletter next month. See you at the Bike Show.

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NW Political Rep



Events

North West **MAG** In Association with The Friends of Stanley Park
 Motorcycle Action Group Present

BLACKPOOL MOTORCYCLE SHOW
 The Italian Gardens, Stanley Park.
 Sunday, 6th July 2014
 11.00am till 5pm
 All Proceeds to MAG UK

£2 per bike/trike parking which gains Free entry in the show
 Trophies for Individual Classes & Overall Best in Show
www.north-west-region.mag-uk.org
 Mobile : 07836-519391

Mid-Life Crisis Mcc Charity Bike Show Event
 Saturday 5th July & Sunday 6th July 2014
 Ship Hotel, Liverpool Road, Irlam, M44 6AJ

Various Stalls
 Tarot Readings
 Bike Show Categories: -
 Custom
 Streetfighter
 Classic
 Scooter
 Rat & Best In Show

Food Stall Excellent Bands

Open from 12 noon both days

Northwest Bloodbikes
 No. 1145329

No. 1040907

The Wirral Branch of the Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club
 in association with the Wheatshaf Inn
 Raby CH63 4JH
 proudly present their 2nd Annual Motorcycle Show & BBQ from 1200-1500 on 5th JULY 2014

www.wirral-tomcc.co.uk/start.php
www.wheatshaf-cowshed.co.uk/
www.davida.co.uk/blog/
www.snatchmcc.com/snatch-rally

Great food, great beer, excellent bikes and secure parking & camping ... see our website for details
 Best Triumph, Best Classic, Best Custom will all be judged and there'll be a vote for The Peoples Choice

Bikers' Gathering

Every Tuesday Evening at 6 pm
 April to September
 in Sunny Monswende



Meet fellow riders and talk bikes
 cafes, chippy and a biker friendly pub close by
 Bring your own suntan lotion

Use the car park gate behind the Bath Hotel in Northumberland Street