

By and large it's been a cracking summer for biking and I'm glad that I've been able to take advantage of it. I reckon the high point for me was a run down to the All Arms Veterans Rally in Bradford-on-Avon in July, where I couldn't have asked for better weather, countryside or company. A couple of the MAG rallies ran it close though! The only fly in the ointment have been the roads – I've never known Britain's motorways to be in a worse state. A run down to Caerphilly last month took seven hours, and for half of it I seemed to be white-lining through stationary cars. It doesn't make for a very relaxed ride either when they start getting out for a walk. Thank God for Vance and Hines – perhaps loud pipes do save lives after all!

Last Month – Lee Rigby Memorial Ride – Saturday 23rd August

NW MAG's Protest Ride against the dreaded "armadillos" was postponed so as not to clash with this event. Many MAG members had let us know that they wanted to attend the Lee Rigby ride so our protest run will now take place in October (more below). The turn-out was impressive, everyone chipping in a fiver at the end towards the Combat Stress charity for sufferers of PTSD. All in all, it was held to be a "good call" on the part of NW MAG not to try to compete with such a worthwhile event.



Looking ahead – MAG NW Demo Ride – Saturday 25th October



There will be a North-West demo ride on Saturday 25th October against the imposition of the dangerous "armadillos" in Salford and the crazy new roundabout in Irlam. As stated last month, the council are trialling these mad-cap ideas while the rest of the country watches. If they are seen to be accepted here, then we could soon have to deal with them nationally. So, we're very much on the front line in this one – let's make our united voice heard and stop it now!

The ride will meet up at Henry Boddington, Bolton Rd, Pendlebury from 11am, leaving at 12 noon prompt. We'll ride past the Town Hall, on to Irlam o' th' Heights roundabout and back, taking in Salford Quays. Poster and directions below. Let's make it a good turn-out!

If we don't protest now, it definitely won't "turn out nice again"!



Hercules Run – Sunday 28th September



The ever popular Hercules Run, this year will be heading out from Preesall Charity School, Over-Wyre at 9am prompt, 28th September. The ever enthusiastic bunch will be heading for Crossland Moor Airfield which is owned by former professional motorcycle racer and now commentator, James (Jamie) Whitham. Jamie will be there to meet and greet, answer questions, sign autographs, and make the teas (not too sure about the last bit). The run will be raising money for Jamie's favourite cancer charity. NW MAG have once again been asked to organise the road marshalling of this event so if you want a challenge, would like to help raise money for a very worthy cause, and can get out of bed early on a Sunday morning, please contact the NW Rep, Tony Cox on 07836-519391. If you would like to just take part in the event, entry forms can be downloaded at the NW MAG web-site www.north-west-region.mag-uk.org

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 **Black Diamonds MC, Clubhouse, Hindley on Wednesday 24th September 8pm**

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

5. Regular monthly events

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

Mid-Life Crisis Meet'n'greet, BBQ - 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

6. Known upcoming events –

26th – 28th Sept – CAT MCC Rally, venue same as last year

28th September:- Hercules Charity Run:- Preesall Charity School FY6 0NN -> Crosland Moor Airfield

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

4th Oct British Bulldogs Rock Night Castle On th'Hill Hindley (band Night Train)

10th-12th October Mobile Chaos MCC Rally, Silverdale

17th Oct – Millennium Rock Night at Canberra Club **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

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

11th October - Terry Cartwright Memorial Rock Night, Adlington Cricket club

18th October – Black Diamonds MC End of Season Do, Live Band.

24/25th October - Brickies rally

1st Nov – Blackpool MAG Halloween and Bonfire Party, Blackpool Rugby Club, FY5 1RN

22nd Nov – Avernus MCC Anti-Christmas Party at the Minstrel pub Chorley (limited camping)

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.

Bill

NW Political Rep



Events

**Blackpool MAG's Halloween
& Bonfire Party**

Live Music & DJ
Camping, Food
Beer!

**You know
You want to!**



MAG
Motorcycle Action Group

1st November 2014, 8pm till late, £5 OTD
Blackpool RUFC, Fleetwood Road. FY5 1RN
For Details phone: 07836 519391
www.north-west-region.mag-uk.org



DEMO RIDE

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

meet up 11am at the Henry Boddington Bolton Road Pendlebury M27 8TG. Leaving at 12 noon. Riding past the Town Hall up to Irlam o' th' heights roundabout, to Salford Quays & back to the Henry Boddington. Along Broad Street, around the roundabout again.

**WANT TO BE ABLE TO USE BUS LANES
WITHOUT BEING FINED? You need to be on this Ride**

**SAY NO TO SEGREGATED CYCLE LANES ACROSS OUR
CITY, you need to be on this Ride**

**SAY NO TO KILLER ARMADILLOS, BOLLARDS & PINCH
POINTS DESIGNED TO NARROW YOUR ROAD SPACE,
you need to be on this Ride**

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN
STOP THIS**

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