



Spring has sprung, the daffs are out and you can shed a couple of layers of thermals (well, soon you will!). Lifts your spirits, don't it? As you would imagine, there's quite a lot coming up over the next month so we'll hopefully see you out and about.

NW Region AGM - Sunday 22nd February

I was looking forward to a blast on the bike down to this year's NW AGM but, being lumbered with a laptop, I decided at the last minute to take four wheels instead. As I drove over the tops at Haslingden through driving sleet and snow, the van shuddering from side to side in the cross-winds, I considered that, on balance, I'd probably made the sensible decision. So, big respect to all of you who turned out on such a foul day and made your way down to Eccles.

If you cut MAG in half it'd have "Democracy" running through it like a stick of Blackpool rock. Everyone gets to have their say and nothing is legitimate unless voted through by the membership. As ever though we struggle for folk willing to take on officer positions. NW Regional Rep Tony Cox agreed to one more year in post and was obviously voted in unanimously. Salford rep Blayz volunteered to take on the long-vacant NW Clubs Liaison rep post and yours truly will also act as NW treasurer for the next year. However, we could definitely do with expanding the "team" and sharing the roles out a bit more. Could it be you next year?

A massive thanks to Salford MAG for organising the event and delicious refreshments and also to the Duke of York for providing the venue.



Big thanks to Salford MAG!



Manchester rep Jimmy holds the floor

Looking ahead – Manchester Bike Show – 28th/29th March



This is a cracking show that seems to get better each time. There's plenty to look at and stands that cater to all tastes. Without doubt, of course, the best stand will be the NW MAG stall, which will be there again this year. Once again it'll be manned by volunteers, all eager to inform and assist - so swing by for a natter as you're passing.

The price is £16 on the door (£2 off if you're an OAP!), and a very reasonable £3 for kids.



Looking ahead to next month – National AGM Saturday 11th April

This year's Annual General Conference is being hosted by South West MAG on **Saturday 11th April 2015 at Bridgwater & Albion Rugby Football Club, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4TZ.**

Booking in opens at 10am Saturday morning. AGC starts at 12:30 and all attendees will be provided with a light lunch and a "cream tea" (the local equivalent of hot-pot and red cabbage) following the close of business. Please remember to bring your membership cards to book in and be able to vote during the meeting, otherwise you'll have had a very long and wasted journey! There is an after party featuring "Generator" from 8pm which is open to all, free to AGC attendees £5.00 for all others. Camping £5.00 per person from 12 noon Friday to 2pm Sunday.

The AGC is for existing MAG members and representatives of affiliated clubs (registered in advance) only.

If you are a Facebook user can log your attendance and ask questions via

<https://www.facebook.com/events/433742153468959/>

Further enquiries should be addressed to sarahmitzi@gmail.com or warriorwabbit@gmail.com

Southport Cruisers Easter Run – Sunday 29th March

Southport Cruisers MCC will be organising their annual egg run for the children of Clumber Lodge Home, Formby on 29th of March. This is their 30th Run, which is even more impressive when you consider how much brass for a good cause they must have raised over the years. If you'd like to join in and help make this year's event a success then meet up at the Sands, Shore Rd, Ainsdale PR8 2QD at 11am. For more details contact: elaine-mcqueen@hotmail.co.uk



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 to be hosted at **8pm on Wednesday 25th March by HAMC at the Clubhouse, Manchester, 16-22 Liverpool Rd, Cadishead M44 5AF**. 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.

Regular monthly events

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

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

Black Diamonds open night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley

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

Salford MAG meeting 8pm Last Thursday every month, Duke of York, Church St, Eccles

Rogue Riders meeting every Thursday – The clubhouse Statham WA13 9BT

Mid-Life Crisis Meet'n'greet, BBQ - last Wednesday of each month, Ship Inn Irlam M44 6AJ – finished now until next spring, might be a rock night upstairs

1st Wednesday April → Sept – Rising Moon MCC Ride In, Hyde – over now until next spring

Brotherhood Quest Bike Nite-every Monday Black Bull Pope Lane Penwortham Preston PR1 9BA

Known upcoming events –

28th Feb – Millennium Rocknight, Canberra Club.

6th March – Avernus MCC Underworld Rock Night RBL Club Spenmore Lane Coppull PR7 5BY

6th March – Salford MAG Fund Raiser, Duke of York Eccles

13th March – Roadslayers Open Night, St.Michaels, Eccles M30 7LP

14th March Last Bastion Birthday party, Clubhouse Liverpool

21st March 2015 - But Why AVVA Laugh Rock night and Bike show

28-29th March Event City Bike Show Manchester

29th March Two Wheels in Unison Charity Ride for Derian House, starting from Avernus clubhouse Coppull

22nd May 2015 - Warrington Wheels Youth-bike - Grappenhall School, Warrington, entry forms available from Bob Towler 01925 263895 or E-mail bobtowler57@hotmail.co.uk

10th April Brotherhood Quest Rock night – Vernon Carus Cricket Club,

12th April Bikers Against Rape Fundraiser Bike Show for the Trusthouse, Preston Bay Horse Adlington 12pm-5pm

26-28th June 2015 - Blackpool Area MAG 18th Rally, Fleetwood RUFC

4-5th July 2015 MLC MCC Bike show Ship Irlam

5th July Blackpool Bike Show Stanley Park

10-12th July 2015 Millennium Caveman Bash Rally

24th-26th July AAV Rally – Bradford –on-Avon

14-16th August Jesters Rally, Whittingham & Goosenargh Social Club

15th August Millennium Bike Show Bay Horse Adlington

28=31st August Avernus MCC Underworld rally Hamilton House Farm Tarnacre Lane St.Michaels PR3 0TB

10th Oct 2015 – MidLife Crisis MCC Birthday Bash

31st October – Millennium Halloween Rock Night, Canberra Club



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@madafish.com and I'll put it into the newsletter next month.

Bill

NW Political Rep



Southport Cruisers
30th Annual Easter Run



Sunday 29th
March 2015



For more info contact: mcqueen@btconnect.com or 07515524507



Motorcycle Action Group Ltd
Annual General Conference
Saturday 11th April 2015

Booking in from 10:00 a small lunch will be provided
AGC starts at 12:30 finishing with cream tea for all
attendees

Followed by
After AGC Party at 8pm
Easter EGGtravaganza
Featuring



At Bridgwater and Albion Rugby Club,
Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4TZ

Hosted by South West Region

Camping at the Rugby Club £5 per person from midday Friday
to 2pm Sunday

Contact information for accommodation or transport links:
Sarah Smith - sarah.smith@btconnect.com 07780360802
Tracy Smith - tracy.smith12@gmail.com 07442480124



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Both Nights

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Rally

26th-28th June 2015

NEW SITE Fleetwood Rugby Club,
Melbourne Avenue, Fleetwood, Lancashire
FY7 8AY

Pre-book £15, OTG £18. MAG Affiliated clubs, buy 5 get one free!!
Postal applications SAE & Cheque to: Blackpool MAG,
29, Lincoln Avenue, Cleveleys, Lancs. FY5 2DT
OR

Via PayPal at www.north-west-region.mag-uk.org For further
details, phone 07982181132 or e-mail blackpool-rend@mag-uk.org

All profits go to The Motorcycle Action Group
"Fighting For Riders RIGHTS"

Blackpool Motorcycle Show 2015
Italian Gardens, Stanley Park, Blackpool FY3 9EQ
Sunday 5th July 11am-4.30pm

All Proceeds to:



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