

June 2015



I hope you're all in fine fettle and those who were at the Farmyard Party had a good time. Like the '60s, if you can remember it all then you weren't really there.

Busy month coming up:

- the North-West's premier riders' rights-focussed bike rally
- probably the only bike show where you can also hire a rowing boat.
- the launch of two new MAG branches, making the NW one of the fastest growing regions.

There's never been a better time to get involved!

## This month – Red Rose MAG Relaunch - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

A big thanks to all who turned out to support the relaunch of Red Rose MAG at the Petre Arms, Langho (Near Whalley). It was great to see everyone showing a renewed commitment to being out there and getting things done. The branch is keen to support MAG nationally and within the region. To this end Blayz (Salford rep) brought everyone up to date on the notorious armadillos – the little sods are breeding! They've now spread up to the North-East.



As we predicted, they are being seen by councils as a cheap way of delivering their obligations on sustainable travel. It costs much less to bolt a few lumps of plastic onto the road than to construct a proper cycle lane. The fact that they are not much good at protecting cyclists but are also pretty lethal to bikers seems to have evaded them. We've got to beat them in Salford or they'll end up everywhere.

Red Rose MAG will be supporting the launch of the new Liverpool branch on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, meeting up at the **BP garage at Junction 31 on the M6** (Tickled Trout) at **7pm** that night to ride down. All welcome to join us. Next branch meeting is on **1<sup>st</sup> July at 8pm** and every **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** of the month thereafter.

## This month - Liverpool MAG launch - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June



Liverpool MAG will hold their first meeting, at the **Conservative Club, 73 Derby Lane, Liverpool, L13 6QE**. The city has long needed a MAG voice and it's great to see a new branch established. The council have paid only lip service in the past to "powered two-wheelers" as part of the solution to Liverpool's transport needs, which is why it's so bleedin' hard to park one in the centre. There's plenty there for the new branch to get their teeth into. So, why not get in at the start? The meeting kicks off at 8pm, with off-road parking.

## This month – Blackpool MAG Rally – 26-28th June



Not long left now till the weekend. The name has changed but the good times haven't!

The Fun 'n' Frolics has moved up the road to Fleetwood and transformed into the Cod Help Us! Rest assured however, the 18<sup>th</sup> Blackpool MAG rally will be the same chilled-out party it ever was.

The new venue, at **Fleetwood Rugby Club on Melrose Ave, Fleetwood FY7 8AY**, boasts great camping, decent toilets and showers and excellent cask ales in the smart function room.

They promise a great musical line up for the weekend and the usual friendly welcome. Tickets are just £18 on the gate. See you there.



## Next month – Macclesfield MAG launch – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Next month sees the launch of what will be the NW region's southernmost branch, way down in sunny Cheshire. The new rep. will be Paul "Winch" Winchester, a 54 year old builder, who's been riding since 1977 off and on, currently on a Honda CBR600 F3 (an anniversary present from the missus). He's hoping the branch will increase the presence and voice of both motorcycling and MAG in their little bit of the North West.

He's set up a Facebook page (search **Macclesfield MAG**) and has already visited quite a few clubs in the area. If you'd like more info feel free to email him at [doitallpaul69@hotmail.com](mailto:doitallpaul69@hotmail.com), catch him on Facebook, or call on 07889 388961.

The first meeting will be at **8pm on Tuesday July 14th at The Cock, Chelford Road, Macclesfield, SK10 3LH.**

All are welcome. So, if you'd like to get more involved why not get down to The Cock and stand up for what you believe in?



## Next month – Blackpool Motorcycle Show 5<sup>th</sup> July



If you only visit one MAG event this year, make sure it is the **Blackpool Motorcycle Show** in the **Italian Gardens, Stanley Park** on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July** from **11am to 4.30pm**. The entrance/parking fee is only £2 but this raises a large part of the NW region's contribution to the national fighting fund. Just head for the main entrance to the park off the big roundabout at the end of West Park Drive and North Park Drive and head up the drive. A marshal will be there to direct you. As well as shed loads of bikes to ogle at, there is the Art Deco café for a brew, bite or ice-cream, live music in the bandstand and a chance to sail off into the sunset on the famous boating lake. All in all, it's a great day's ride-out and not to be missed. Don't forget to vote for the best in show as well!



## Same old trouble in Wales?

NW MAG member Rick D'Rozario writes:

*The North Wales police are being shall we say "overzealous" in their handling of certain motorcyclists. It has been reported they have an "Operation Darwen" designed to aggressively target motorcyclists in their area with a view to keeping everyone safe. I don't think anyone would have a problem with that but we have a report of a number of guys being caught with small number plates and instead of being given a rectification notice they were fined £100. One rider was fined for having offensive wording on his legal number plate! We thought we had seen the last of this behaviour from the North Wales police. I'm not saying we should not have regulations but they should be policed with common sense in mind. This does nothing for the general public's perception of the police, who mostly they do a necessary and good job with little thanks. For me, North Wales is "off the menu" and, if word gets around, local traders will suffer from bikers spending their money elsewhere.*

NW Regional Rep Coxy replies:

*Thanks for the information and sorry to hear that there is still such an anti-biker attitude being shown by North Wales Police. I had hoped that since the demise of Chief Constable Brunstrom relations would have improved but it seems not. Please keep us informed of any issues and we will try and support.*

## 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 29th July** hosted by **DDMC Northside** at the **Clubhouse, Bury**. 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 Liverpool Open night 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late**  
**HAMC Manchester Open night last Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late**  
**Black Diamonds open night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley**  
**Salford MAG meeting 8pm last Thursday every month, Duke of York, Church St, Eccles**  
**Mid-Life Crisis Meet'n'greet, BBQ - 3rd Wednesday of each month, Ship Inn Irlam M44 6AJ**  
**Brotherhood Quest Bike Nite-every Monday Black Bull Pope Lane Penwortham Preston PR1 9BA**  
**MT Heads Meet – Flying Horse Rochdale 8pm every Monday**  
**Gypsy Divas meet – 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Woolpack, Adlington from 8.30pm.**

### Known upcoming events –

**26-28th June 2015 - Blackpool Area MAG 18th Rally**, Fleetwood RUFC  
**29<sup>th</sup> June - Launch of Liverpool MAG 8pm @ Old Swan Conservative Club, 73 Derby Lane, Liverpool, L13 6QE.**  
**4-5<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Mid-Life Crisis MCC Bike show** Ship Irlam  
**4<sup>th</sup> July – Spartan MCC 1<sup>st</sup> Year Anniversary – band / free food** The Cartshaft, St.Marys Gate, Shaw Oldham OL2 8AE £5 on door  
**5<sup>th</sup> July Blackpool Bike Show Stanley Park** in support of MAG  
**9 -12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Millennium Caveman Bash Rally –** Canberra Club BAE Salmesbury  
**9 -12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – Motley Crow Rally, Brighton Ferry, YO8 6DH**  
**14<sup>th</sup> July – Launch of Macclesfield MAG** The Cock, Chelford Road, Macclesfield, SK10 3LH @ 8pm  
**18<sup>th</sup> July – Great Brain Ride** in aid of Neurosurgery from Liverpool to Prestatyn (Bikers for Neuro)  
**24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July - AAV Rally (Battle of Waterloo) –** Bradford –on-Avon £12 otg  
**24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July – Runnin' on MT Rally –** Collop Gate Farm, Manchester Rd, Heywood OL10 2PX  
**14-16<sup>th</sup> August Jesters Rally**, Whittingham & Goosenargh Social Club  
**15<sup>th</sup> August Millennium Bike Show -** 12pm onwards, Bay Horse Adlington  
**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August Rigby's Guardians MCC Ride & Weekend –** Mayfield Rugby Club, Rochdale OL11 3AG  
**28-31<sup>st</sup> August Avernus MCC Underworld Rally** Hamilton House Farm Tarnacre Lane St.Michaels PR3 0TB  
**10<sup>th</sup> October – MidLife Crisis MCC Birthday Bash –** Ship, Irlam – Band of Gypsies band  
**31<sup>st</sup> October – Millennium Halloween Rock Night**, Canberra Club £5 on door  
**7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Blackpool MAG Hellfire Rock Night –** Blackpool Rugby club, £5 on door  
**21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Avernus MCC Anti-Christmas Party**, Red Herring pub, Mill Lane Coppull (then back to clubhouse) £3 on door  
**Avernus trip to Ibiza 16<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 –** Rock festival, 1497miles – anyone interested contact Ant 07584098610 for details of discount.

**JT is organising the “MMM Run” in 2016** (Manchester, Minsk and Moscow) – 5000 miles round trip. Any like-minded intrepid and foolhardy adventurers please contact Jimmy for details.

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@masafish.com](mailto:billgreen@masafish.com) and I'll put it into the newsletter next month.

Bill NW Political Rep



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