

Changing the Guard at the Motorcycle Alliance Party



Manchester rep Jimmy T has, for the last few years, also chaired the Motorcycle Alliance Party. This is dedicated to raising the awareness, and championing the rights of bikers. Now Jimmy feels that it is time for him to step back and give someone else a chance. Jimmy writes...

"As 2011 was drawing to an end, the North Manchester Motorcycle Alliance (later to become the Northwest Motorcycle Alliance) held a meeting with the view that in order to combat policing problems in Manchester we should form a political body. So, the Motorcycle

Alliance Party (MAP) was born in January 2012. An application was made to the Electoral Commission and we became official in February 2012. Our first aim was to have a candidate stand for the role of Police Commissioner in Greater Manchester. Then HM Government changed the rules and added so many exclusions that, we felt, it made a farce of the democratic system. We decided to target our energies elsewhere. We have fielded candidates in council elections, Mike Yarwood standing in Salford as well as Jimmy T standing in Withington and gaining a whopping 1% of the vote (a true "one percenter", if ever there was one!). However, it is the fact that we are putting up candidates, who could potentially take away votes from more established parties, that raises our profile. MAP has given both MAG and the NW Alliance another stick with which to defend freedom and our way of life. Politicians are more likely to listen.

Sadly however, I (as founder and party chairman) have taken the decision to pass on the baton of responsibility in the near future, owing to a combination of age (63) and ill health, having been paralyzed recently after a stroke. Thankfully I am now in recovery.

Thus we now seek nominations to take over as Party Chairman, until such a time I will remain in the post assisted by the Treasurer Bill Green to whom all Nominations should be addressed."

It's one of those jobs that are as big you make them, but to keep the party ticking over isn't much work. If you fancy getting involved, drop me a line on the usual email address below.

Bikes in Manchester Bus Lanes – add your voice!

At present, if you ride in a bus lane in Manchester you are breaking the law. Salford MAG believes that the city should join others, such as London, Birmingham and Bristol, and open up the lanes to motorcyclists. Trial after trial has found this to be safe and to ease traffic congestion. If you agree, please sign Salford MAG's e-Petition, "Transport for Greater Manchester: Allow powered two wheeled vehicles full Bus Lane use.." You can find it through the link

<http://www.change.org/p/transport-for-greater-manchester-allow-powered-two-wheeled-vehicles-full-bus-lane-use>

This month – – Blackpool MAG Hellfire Rock Night 9th Nov



Another belting night from Blackpool MAG, back at the old venue, Blackpool Rugby Club. Thanks to all who attended, a great night was had by all. Plus, of course, some more cash for the fighting fund!



This month – Salford MAG AGM

This Saturday, 21st Nov 2015, Salford MAG will hold their annual AGM. Registration will start from 12 noon, with the meeting starting at 1pm. As usual, it will be held at the Duke of York pub, Eccles Manchester M30 0EJ. Please can current members bringing their MAG membership card as this will be required for registration and to vote. So, if Salford is your local branch, why not bob in and add your ten pence worth? You'll find a warm welcome.



Looking ahead to next month - Anti-Xmas Party Fundraiser 4th December



Salford MAG, purveyors of fine musical events to the people of Eccles, are putting on their next rock night extravaganza on 4th Dec. Doors open at 7.30. Get yourself down there if you fancy a great night out and want to raise funds for MAG. Classic rock will be provided by the excellent Powertrip.



MAG Central has moved!

MAG Central has moved to a more cost effective premises that will better suit our needs. The new address for all correspondence is;

The Motor Cycle Action Group Ltd,
Unit C13,
Holly Farm Business Park,
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CV8 1NP

Any correspondence to the old address will be re-directed for a number of months. The telephone and fax numbers stay the same as does the e-mail address, details at www.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 hosted by **A59ers MCC** at the **Petre Arms, Whalley Rd, Langho, Blackburn BB6 8AB** on **Wednesday 25th November** at **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 the previous month.

Regular monthly events

HAMC Liverpool Open night 3rd Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late

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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

Avernus MCC – open clubhouse every Saturday night from 24th Sept. Coppull Mill, Mill Lane PR7 5BW

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 – 1st&3rd Wednesday, Woolpack, Haslingden from 8.30pm.

Rigby's Guardians meet every Sunday 6.30-9.00 at the Gardener's Arms, Hollin Lane, Middleton M24 5LE (near Junc. 19 M62)

Known upcoming events –

21st Nov – Avernus MCC Anti-Christmas Party, Red Herring pub, Mill Lane Coppull (then back to clubhouse) £3 on door

21st Nov – Salford MAG AGM, Duke of York Eccles, 1pm start

4th Dec – Leyland Eagles Rock Nite – Leyland & Farrington Social Club, Derby St, entry by donation.

4th Dec - Salford MAG Anti Xmas Fancy Dress Fundraiser, (with Powertrip) Donations on the Door

20th Feb 2016 – Red Rose MAG Rock Nite – Judge Walmesley, Whalley, BB7 9NT £5 on door

Avernus trip to Ibiza 16th -26th May 2016 – Rock festival, 1497miles – anyone interested contact Ant 07584098610 for details of discount. Itinerary, costs available for next meeting

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.

22nd – 24th July 2016 – HAMC Manchester 81 Bike Show/Rally (full weekend free camping – live bands& DJ all weekend, bars till late, pole dancers, trade stands, merchandise, food, cash prizes) – Rixton Green (1.5miles from M6 junc.21)

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.

Bill

NW Political Rep

“HEAVY SNOW WARNING: Worst El Nino in recorded HISTORY means UK faces winter WHITE-OUT”

Daily Express

Have fun!



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