



## Here comes the summer!

The weather's warming up and there's some fun-filled MAG events coming up in June. Bear in mind though that these events exist mainly to raise funds to help MAG fight for riders' rights. So why not come along and add your support?

This Month - You've Been NABBED 25 6th - 8th May



The Spitfire fly past was stunning

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary You've Been Nabbed rally was an absolute belter, helped in large part by the brilliant weather. That and the great bands and comedians of course. Everyone was slightly disappointed when the planned fly past by a WW2 DC3 Dakota was cancelled due to engine failure – but then they sent a Spitfire instead! It was a magical moment that put the icing on the cake of a great rally.





## Next Month – Farmyard Party 30 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June

The Farmyard party rally, now in its thirtieth year, is one of MAG's biggest fundraising events. The income it generates makes all the difference in how effective MAG is. It's also a fantastic weekend with plenty of entertainment and an all-round great atmosphere. I really enjoy the ride over, through some of the finest scenery in Yorkshire, and the rally site itself is stunning. Got my ticket, can't wait!



## Next Month - Blackpool MAG Rally - 24-26th June

The Blackpool MAG rally, commonly regarded as the North-West's premier riders' rights rally, returns to **Fleetwood Rugby Club** on **Melrose Ave**. Again with superb bands, cask ales, proper toilets, hot showers and an excellent camping field, it should be a good 'un. You're not far away from the delights of Blackpool and Fleetwood either.

Last year's event received great reviews and this year's looks like being even better. So why not come along for a superb weekend – tickets available on the gate.



#### **Ride to Work Week 2016**

Ride to Work Week 2016 is on between Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. The campaign aims to raise the profile of commuting by motorcycle or scooter and to highlight the main benefits. These include:

- · Time saved less time in traffic means more time in bed!
- Money saved save on petrol spend more on you
- Easy parking motorcyclists get into the smallest spaces
- · Road skills improve riders who drive are better car drivers too
- · It's just more fun you'll turn up to work with a smile on your face

**Riders are the happiest commuters**. In a one off report by the Office for National Statistics, commuting via motorcycle, scooter and moped was found to have no negative impact on wellbeing on journeys up to 30 minutes long, in contrast to those using the bus, cycling, driving or walking, who all experienced a negative impact after just 15 minutes.

Be nice to motorcyclists, they are reducing congestion for all road users. A study which modelled a modal shift towards powered two wheelers for one of the most congested roads in Europe found that if just 10% of car drivers swapped to a motorcycle, scooter or moped, then congestion was reduced for all road users by 40%. If 25% swapped, then congestion was eliminated altogether.

**Better car drivers.** Motorcycle insurance company Carole Nash found motorcyclists' knowledge of road safety is almost twice as good as those who only drive a car. To reflect this, they produced a special car insurance policy aimed at riders.

**More motorcyclists, safer roads**. The Motorcycle Industry Association and the National Police Chiefs Council produced a framework of actions considering the idea that more powered two wheelers on the roads would increase awareness and reduce accidents. This is the same argument used by cycling lobbies and indeed an increase in both PTWs and bicycles is likely to benefit both groups.

Riders can share their own pictures and Ride to Work Week content via the Facebook page and Twitter in order to show the rest of the UK why their mode of transport is so enjoyable. Events will be held across the UK for the public and for employees at motorcycle friendly businesses. These range from bikers breakfasts to VIP parking and free CBTs for non-riding staff. The Ride to Work Week team will also put on a programme of events and Get On free ride opportunities in

Northamptonshire, where the County Council is the first in the UK to actively encourage a shift towards motorcycling.

Special content will be shared during the week via social media, using the hashtag #commutehappy

## **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 **Road Slayers Brotherhood** at the **Royal Oak, Eccles** at **8pm** on **Wednesday 22nd June.** 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 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 – meet at Bird in Hand, Eccles, last Thursday of month

Red Rose MAG meet every 1st&3rd Wednesday, Waggon&Horses, Clitheroe

Millennium MCC Biker Meet every Tuesday night - CANCELLED

Anvil MCC meet every Wed 8pm - contact Ray 07747748946

Avernus MCC - open clubhouse - last Saturday night of month Coppull Mill, Mill Lane PR7 5BW

Mid-Life Crisis Meet'n'greet, BBQ - starts again April 2016 then 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of month

Brotherhood Quest Bike Nite - every Monday Black Bull in Penwortham on A59

Cogheads MCC meet every Thursday Black Bull Huncoat BB5 6LN Contact David 07480927399

MT Heads Meet - Flying Horse Rochdale 8pm every Monday

**Gypsy Divas meet** – 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Woolpack, Haslingden from 8.00pm.

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

**Road Reapers MCC** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 12 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7.30 at the Doff Cocker pub, 780 Chorley Old Rd, Bolton

#### Known upcoming events -

**Avernus trip to Ibiza 9<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> May** – Rock festival, 1497miles – anyone interested contact Ant 07584098610 for details of discount. Itinerary, costs available for next meeting. £270 for 10 days, hotel inclusive.

20th-22nd May - Leyland Eagles MCC Rally - The Show Field, Salwick Lane, Wharles, Nr Kirkham, Preston PR4 3SN

26th-29th May - The Big Barn Rally, Etherow Country Park, Compstall, Stockport

29<sup>th</sup> May – BAR Bike Show, Bay Horse, Adlington

17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June - Thirtieth Farmyard Party – Duncombe Park, Helmsley N. Yorkshire

24-26<sup>th</sup> June – Blackpool MAG Rally – the North-West's No.1 Riders' Rights Rally! – Fleetwood Rugby Club

3<sup>rd</sup> July NW MAG Bike Show – Italian Gardens, Stanley Park Blackpool

2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> July Mid-Life Crisis Bike Show – Ship Hotel, Irlam

2<sup>nd</sup> July – LIMEFEST Summer Fair and Bike Show, Lime Tree Primary Academy, Budworth Road, Sale M33 2RP

7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July - Caveman Bash Rally - Canberra Club, Salmesbury 18 pre-book, £23 otg

8<sup>th</sup> July – Jimmy T's Party for Elaine, Britannia Hotel, Palatine Rd, Didsbury (with Deathwish)

10<sup>th</sup> July Salford MAG AutoJumble – Bird in Hand, Eccles – stalls £10, free music

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24th July AAVMCC Not Forgotten Rally, Bradford on Avon

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> August – Yorkshire Pudding Rally – Escrick Park near York

21st August Cogheads' Bike Show – rear of Arndale, Accrington 11am on

27th August NABD Fundraiser - CANCELLED

26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August – Avernus Underworld Rally - Hamilton House Farm, St. Michaels on Wyre PR3 0TB

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Preston Posse Custom Show – Vernon Cricket Club, Penwortham

11<sup>th</sup> September – Millennium Custom Show – Barons Rest, Astley Village, Chorley

**16**<sup>th</sup>-**18**<sup>th</sup> **September Jesters MCC Rally** – Whittingham Social Club, Goosenargh

16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September Spat Out of Hull - the old Farmyard site

7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Oct Rising Moon MCC Rally, Lowerhouse Cricket Club, Padiham

8<sup>th</sup> Oct Mid-Life Crisis Birthday Bash – Ship, Irlam – ticket only

29th Oct Millennium Rock Night –Canberra Club, Salmesbury £5 otd

5<sup>th</sup> Nov Blackpool MAG Hellfire Bonfire Party – fancy dress, Blackpool Rugby Club

11th Nov Leyland Eagles Rock Nite – Leyland & Farrington Social Club

19th Nov – Avernus Anti-Christmas Party – Red Herring, Coppull

26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Cogheads MCC Frightmare before Xmas – Fancy dress, Poplar Social Club, Wellington St Accrington

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 <a href="mailto:billgreen@madasafish.com">billgreen@madasafish.com</a> and I'll put it into the newsletter next month.

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