



North West Newsletter

October 2018

MAG membership on the up

MAG membership is on the rise, both nationally and in the NW region. It looks like more bikers are getting the message that we've got to stick together and fight for our rights as road users, because if it's left to the bureaucrats then we won't get a look in. We always rely heavily on our small band of stalwart activists but we also need all those dedicated members who year after year renew their memberships and keep MAG going. Thanks, you are appreciated.

Last Month – MAG National AGC – 29th September



Blackpool MAG present the NW cheque to Selina

The sun shone on beautiful west Wales for this year's MAG AGC in Borth – it really is a lovely part of the world. NW region presented MAG Chair Selina with a cheque for £5000 to go into the fighting fund (and a big thanks to all of you who made that possible by supporting NW events this last year). This year's Fred Hill Freedom Award, MAG highest, was given to our very own Tony Cox in recognition of the years of hard work he's put in to the region. Never was an award better deserved!



Enthralled by Lembit and Colin Brown

Next Month – Blackpool MAG Halloween Party - 3rd November

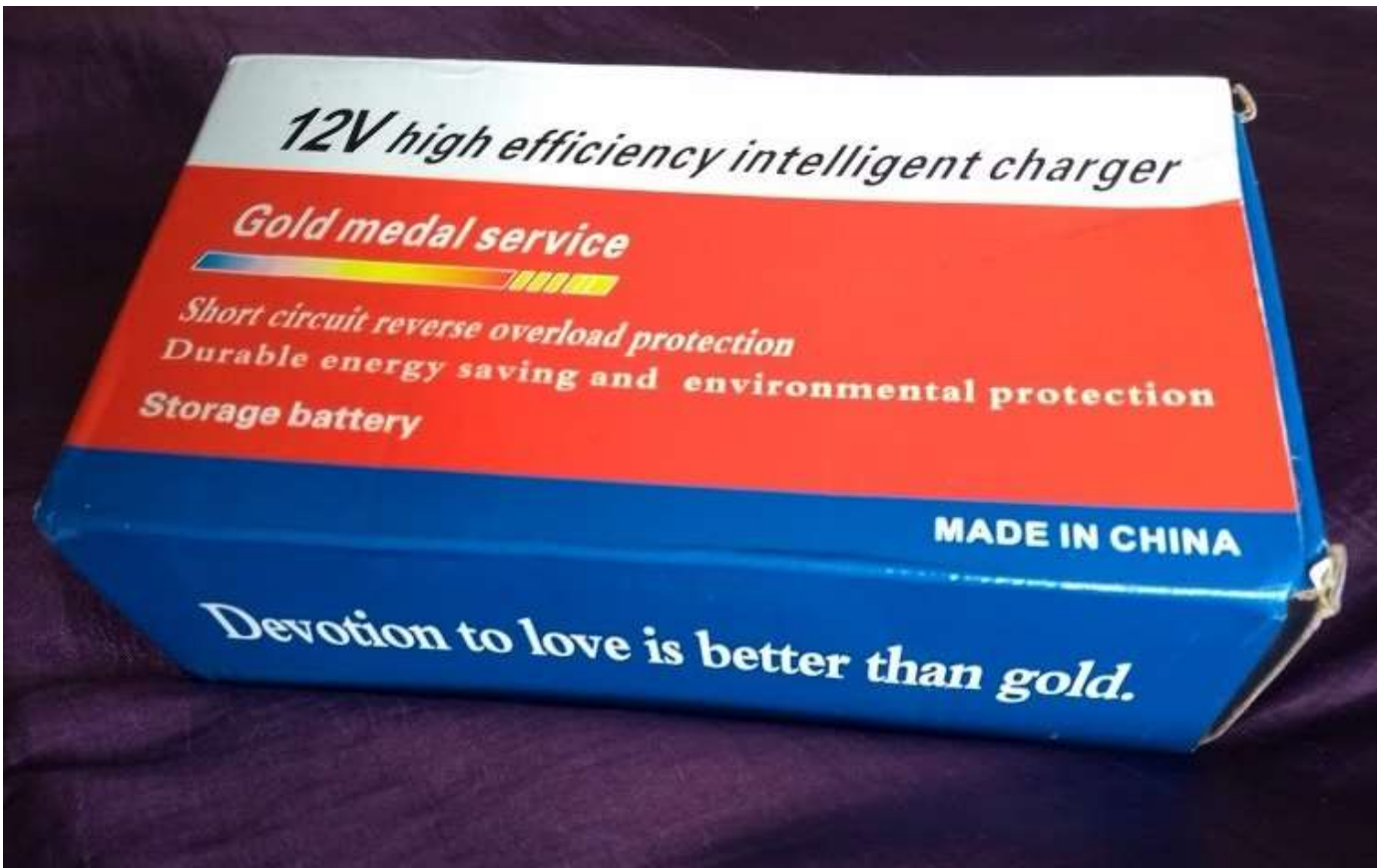
A change of venue this year for Blackpool MAG's famous Halloween bash, down to the excellent Talbot Club just at the back of the town centre. As usual there will be great music, reasonably priced drinks and a warm welcome to one and all. Plus you know that all profits will be going to MAG so we can stay on the road. As they say, party with a purpose! Plus, this is Blackpool so there's plenty of cheap accommodation if you want to make a proper night of it. The full address is: **46 Milbourne Street, Blackpool, FY1 3LL**, starts around 7.30, £5 OTD



Next Month – Motorcycle Live 17th-25th November



If you're thinking of going down to the Motorcycle Live Show at the NEC in Birmingham next month then be sure to stick your head in at the MAG stand. The stand is manned by volunteers from all over the UK, each putting in a day or two, but yours truly here will be there for the full nine days. It's always good to have a natter with someone from back home. Plus I might be able to flog you a raffle ticket. This year the MAG stand will be in Hall 4, as ever bright yellow and small (but perfectly formed). See you there.



Hope that's not their refund policy!

The Netflix model of having a car

The Buddhists say that possessions are a burden and running a vehicle can certainly feel like it (especially when it's playing up). Well, according to recent predictions by the former corporate vice president of Research and Development for General Motors Lawrence Burns, within twenty years the number of privately owned vehicle could plummet. He envisages a future where, instead of buying a vehicle, we simply take out an annual subscription to a driverless, electric car-sharing service. If you want to go somewhere you'll simply summon a vehicle on your phone and one will pull up outside. When you've reached your destination it will drive away to be cleaned and to pick up the next passengers – no parking to worry about. At present the average vehicle is in use just 5% of the time. It spends the rest of the time parked up, taking up space in driveways, garages, streets and car-parks. Burns estimates that the service will cost customers about 15p a mile as opposed to about £1.15 per mile to own a car (factoring in cost to buy, insurance, repairs etc). And as it makes more efficient use of vehicles we could get by with around 15% of the number of cars currently on the road.



Already many people have worked out that for them it's cheaper using taxis/public transport than owning a car, especially in big cities. This could just accelerate that process. MAG's concern will be how all this will affect motorcycles.

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 **Bury the Hatchett MCC** at the **Two Tubs, 19 The Wylde, Bury BL9 0LA** at **8pm on Wednesday 24th October**. Please check the NW Alliance website for any last minutes changes to venue/dates– they do happen! 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

HAMC Manchester Open night last Saturday of month - free entry, great bands, food available, open 7.30 'til late

Red Devils MC Open Night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley

Red Rose MAG - meet every 1st&3rd Wednesday, Petre Arms, Langho nr Blackburn

Ecclestone Delph Bike Meet every Tuesday – finished till next year

MT Heads Meet – Flying Horse Rochdale 8pm every Monday

Road Reapers MCC - meet 1st Sunday 1pm & 2nd Wednesday at 7.30 at the Ellsmere Rd Rec Club, Bolton

Brotherhood Quest Bike Nite – details changes

Bury the Hatchett MCC - meet at the Two Tubs pub Bury at 7.30 third Thursday of month

Ronin MCC - meet every Saturday (?) at the Greyhound pub, 44 Leigh Rd, Worsley M2 1LR - open night every 3rd Thursday

Cogheads MCC meet every Thursday (except 1st) at 8pm, Forts Arms, Clayton-le-Moors

Road Slayers Brotherhood every 2nd Friday at Rock Hotel pub, Peel Green Rd, Barton M30 7AY

Chorley Wildhartz MCC – meet first Thursday of month at Seaview Inn, Preston Rd, Chorley – suspended?

British Bulldogs MCC – every Wednesday at the Balcarres Arms, Wigan WN2 1PA

Spartan MCC meet every Thursday at Railway Linnet pub Middleton, M24 1GQ

Brigantia Rebels MCC meet at the Old Springs, Spring Rd, Wigan WN5 0JJ 1st Saturday at 7pm & 3rd Sunday at 3pm

Brigantia Rebels MCC Bike Night every Tuesday from 7pm at the Old Springs, Spring Rd, Wigan WN5 0JJ

Leyland Eagles MCC meet 3rd Mondays at Leyland RAFA Club

Avernus MCC – meet at the Red Herring, Coppull, please check www.avernus-mcc.co.uk for dates

RBLR meet 2nd Mondays at St.Chad's Club, Whittle-le-Woods

Life Behind Bars MCC meet Thursdays at the Sundial, Bury

Lioness MCC 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ Hope View farm, Astley M29 7LH

Throttle Twisters MCC every Monday – The Rifle Range pub, Burnley lane, Chadderton

Veterans Garage open at Barton Aerodrome every Monday 6pm onwards

Rising Moon Bike Night – 2nd Wednesday of month at the Travellers Call, Bredbury

Road Reapers Bike Night every Wednesday at the Ellesmere Rd Rec Club, Bolton – **finished till next year**

Norsemen MCC – last Wednesday of every month

Wild Bulls MCC meet every Wednesday at 7.30 in the Dog & Partridge, Preston.

Accrington MCC meet every other Sunday at the Sidney St club, Accrington

Boggarts MCC meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Hope View farm, Astley M29 7LH

Known upcoming events

27th October – **HAMC Manchester Halloween Party** - Fancy Dress option, prizes for best outfits, free entry, great bands, food available, open 7.30 'til late

27th October – **Accrington MCC** – Halloween Rock Night @ Poplar Club

27th October - **Rising Moon Free Rock Night** – Ashton-under-Lyne cricket club. **Rally is cancelled**

3rd November – **Blackpool MAG Halloween Rock Night** at Talbot Club, 46 Milbourne St, Blackpool FY1 3LL 7.30 on.

3rd November – **Leyland Eagles' Bonfire Rock Night** at Leyland RAFA club.

9th November – **Road Slayers Brotherhood** - Charity rock night for walking wounded, free admission, The Rock Peel Green

10th November - **Millennium 2000BC Rock Night**, Canberra Club, BAE Salmesbury, BB2 7LF £6 OTD

8th December – **Avernus MCC Anti-Christmas Party** –fancy dress @ the Red Herring, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5AN £3 OTD

15th December - **Brigantia Rebels Jingle Jam 3 Xmas Party** – details to follow.

20th–23rd June 2019 – **Manchester Rock & Bike Fest**

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



Lest We Forget
November 11th



BLACKPOOL MAG HALLOWEEN PARTY



THE TALBOT CLUB 46 Milbourne St,
Blackpool FY1 3LL

Saturday 3rd November 8pm till Late

Silly Games

Live Music
Rock DJ

£5
OTD



9th WARRINGTON WHEELS YOUTH MOTOR CYCLE COMPETITION 2019

ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MOTOR CYCLES?



HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO ENTER A LOCAL MOTOR CYCLE
(OR MOTOR CYCLE RELATED VEHICLE) BUILDING COMPETITION
TO TAKE PLACE AT WOOLSTON BROOK SCHOOL, WARRINGTON, CHESHIRE, WA1 4JL
ON FRIDAY 24th MAY 2019, (11.30am-2pm) Presentation at 1.30 Bring a gazebo

ENTRANTS CAN BE TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS AGED 18 YEARS OR UNDER.

ENTER AS MANY VEHICLES AS YOU CAN BUILD.
(Any type of bike, running or not)

ENTRANTS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER THEIR
EXHIBITS IN THE NATIONAL YOUTHBIKE COMPETITION
(www.youthbike.com), HELD IN LINCOLNSHIRE JUNE 2019

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