



# North West Newsletter

November 2018

## MAG – more than ever, the voice of bikers.

Last week I learnt that twenty years ago the average biker was 34 years old and rode a sports bike. I also learnt that today the average biker is 54 years old and rides a retro bike such as a Bonneville. Could it be the same person, just older? If so then that's certainly a big challenge for motorcycling. MAG is working tirelessly to help make motorcycles the more attractive choice of transport by, for example, campaigning for exemptions from Clean Air charges and urging more action on thefts. Only MAG is out there, fighting for a better deal for bikers. With the continued support of our members we'll hopefully see a brighter future for biking.

## This Month – Blackpool MAG Halloween Party - 3<sup>rd</sup> November

It was another fantastic night for Blackpool MAG at their latest Halloween Party – there was a great venue, a great band and, of course, great company. Many thanks to Blackpool MAG and all who were there. All profits obviously went straight into the MAG fighting fund.



## Trouble with “too law-abiding” robots

The introduction of self-driving vehicles may cause traffic chaos and gridlock as a result of the robot driver being just “too law-abiding”. Most human drivers are pretty good at assessing situations and knowing just how much risk to take. Robots however may be programmed to be totally risk averse and to follow the exact letter of the law. It's been estimated that a mixture of human and robot drivers may increase congestion by around 16%, despite previous claims that introducing self-driving vehicles would reduce congestion. Not until all vehicles are autonomous will the situation improve.

As a result the Law Commission has implied that such robot vehicles will have to be programmed to break the law, such as mounting the pavement, going faster than the speed limit or nudging its way gently through pedestrians when absolutely necessary to make progress. MAG argues that motorcycles are part of the solution to traffic congestion. It looks like that isn't about to change soon.



## This Month – Motorcycle Live @ the NEC 17<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> November



As ever, the MAG stand was manned everyday by volunteers from all over the country and with a constant flow of visitors it was never a dull moment. The Chinese-built Benellis looked well put together and good value for money. The new Imperiale model comes with luggage and will be priced to compete with the Royal Enfield Bullet at around four and a half grand.



The new Norton 650 Atlas drew a big crowd but split opinion – most loved it but a few said they would rather ride Graham Norton. Meanwhile the march of the three wheelers continues with more than ever at the show this year. The Can-Am stand was particularly popular (for those with deep pockets).



Star of the show for me was the reborn Fantic Cabellero 500. Weighing in at just 150kg it seems well built, nicely styled and potentially a load of fun (and also available in 125 and 250 versions). Meanwhile the retro styled Paton Classic TT, with a 650 twin Kawasaki engine, can be all yours for just £24 255.





The National Motorcycle Museum had some superb historic machines including prototype Triumphs, a 350 DOHC twin and a 750 four, both from the late 60s/early 70s. Sadly, they were too little too late.

## 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 **Rock House, Eccles** at **8pm on Wednesday 23rd January 2019**. 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** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (not December)

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

**Red Rose MAG** - meet every 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Petre Arms, Langho nr Blackburn

**MT Heads Meet** – Flying Horse Rochdale 8pm every Monday

**Road Reapers MCC** - meet 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1pm & 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7.30 at the Ellesmere Rd Rec Club, Bolton

**Bury the Hatchett MCC** - meet at the Two Tubs pub Bury at 7.30 every Thursday

**Ronin MCC** – change of venue

**Cogheads MCC** meet every Thursday (except 1<sup>st</sup>) at 8pm, Forts Arms, Clayton–le-Moors

**Road Slayers Brotherhood** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at Rock Hotel pub, Peel Green Rd, Barton M30 7AY

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 7pm & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3pm

**Leyland Eagles MCC** meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at Leyland RAFA Club

**Avernus MCC** – meet at the Red Herring, Coppull, please check [www.avernus-mcc.co.uk](http://www.avernus-mcc.co.uk) for dates

**RBLR** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at St.Chad's Club, Whittle-le-Woods

**Life Behind Bars MCC** meet Thursdays – change of venue

**Lioness MCC** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month at the Travellers Call, Bredbury

**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 Poplar Club, Accrington

**Boggarts MCC** meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at Hope View farm, Astley M29 7LH

**Hell's Belles WMC** meet last Monday of the month at the Cauldron Radcliffe (not Dec)

**Phoenix Rising MCC** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 3pm Toll Bar Inn, Bolton, BL6 7QH

### Known upcoming events

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Avernus MCC Anti-Christmas Party** – bad taste fancy dress @ the Red Herring, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5AN  
£3 OTD

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Brigantia Rebels Jingle Jam 3 Xmas Party** – @ Old Springs. Spring Road, Kitt Green Wigan WN5 0JJ (£2 entry half going to cancer research)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Phoenix Rising MCC Rock Night** - Toll Bar Inn, Bolton, BL6 7QH 8 till late

**16<sup>th</sup> Feb – British Bulldogs MCC Valentines Bash**, Balcarres Arms, Aspull, WN2 1PA, free entry, free food, live tunes from "The Hunter" – 8.00pm till finish – everyone welcome

16<sup>th</sup> Feb – MT Heads Valloween Rock Night – Rochdale Ukrainian Club, OL11 1HJ free entry and food, music, cheap bar  
 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Red Devils MC Party Night @ the clubhouse Hindley, all welcome.  
 15<sup>th</sup> March – Road Reapers MCC Rock Night – Ellesmere Club Bolton  
 29<sup>th</sup> March – MT Heads Rock Night – Flying Horse, Rochdale OL11 1 NJ  
 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Manchester Rock & Bike Fest – NOTE DATE CHANGE.  
 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July – Running on MT Rally – the Last One! Tickets on sale at Valloween.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August – Avernus MCC Underworld Rally  
 20-21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2019 – Lioness MCC in conjunction with Boggarts MCC Rally, Hopeview Farm, Astley, M29 7LH.  
 26<sup>th</sup> October – Accrington MCC Rock Night – Poplar Club, 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 [billgreen@masdafish.com](mailto:billgreen@masdafish.com) and I'll put it into the newsletter next month.

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**Loud pipes save lives.**

**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 4TL. DSHJFKDQAZ-2019-MAX-2019. (11.30am-2pm) Presentation at 1.30 Bring a gazebos

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](http://www.youthbike.com)), HELD IN LINCOLNSHIRE JUNE 2019

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