

5th Anniversary Edition!



Over the last five years, MAG has done us proud. We're now an effective, professional campaigning group that is taken seriously in the corridors of power. Due to MAG's lobbying, motorcycles will not be included in the congestion charging zones in several cities. This will benefit thousands of local bikers who rely on their elderly motorcycle to get them through the horrendous urban traffic each day. However, experience has taught us that a battle is never won and the chances are that we'll have to have that argument again in the future (see "Motorbikes blamed for London's pollution" below). MAG still needs all the support it can get. So, don't forget to renew that membership this year – and why not see if you can convince a mate to join as well!

MAG warned you about this years ago

Within the next three years, all new cars sold in Europe are expected to use technology that detects limits and slows down vehicles travelling too fast. It will be one of 15 new safety features fitted as standard to cars, HGVs or buses, including technology that detects when drivers are losing concentration or falling asleep, a system that keeps cars in the centre of lanes, accident black boxes that record vehicle movements and automatic emergency braking, which brings vehicles to a stop when pedestrians step into the road or a car ahead suddenly slams on the brakes.

The measures are expected to be rubberstamped by the European parliament and member states in September. The UK government has already said that vehicle standards will be aligned with those in the EU after Brexit, meaning that the same rules will be expected on British roads. Speed assistance uses GPS technology to detect the limit on a road, allowing a vehicle driving too fast when a speed limit changes to be automatically slowed down. It will not be possible for the driver to switch off the system completely but drivers will be able to override it when it kicks in by pushing down on the accelerator letting motorists overtake the vehicle just in front.

MAG has highlighted concerns about such technology years ago. If it were applied to motorcycles as well it could cause some dicey moments – fancy being hard over in a bend when the engine dies on you?

The new safety features include:

- **Alcohol detection** to prevent motorists driving when over the drink-drive limit. Breathalysers can be installed for previous offenders.
- **Drowsiness detection** which warns tired drivers to take a break.
- **Lane-keeping assist** which monitors a vehicle's position and moves it to the centre of the lane.
- **Event data recorder** - like an aircraft black box, it allows data to be accessed after a crash.
- **Direct vision** - makers of HGVs and buses must fit bigger windscreens and side windows so drivers can see cyclists. This one sounds good for bikers too.

Edmund King, president of the AA, welcomed measures such as automatic emergency braking but warned: "*This sort of technology can be problematic when you suddenly switch from a 40 to 30mph zone and there is a taxi right on your tail. Quickly slowing right down isn't always the wise thing to do. It also relies on ensuring that it has a very comprehensive and up-to-date map of all speed limits. What happens when you enter roadworks and the car allows you to go too fast?*"

Volvo announced weeks ago that it would roll out technology to limit the top speed of cars to 112mph from 2020.

This Month – Manchester Bike Show 23rd-24th March

The general feedback was that the Manchester Bike Show at Event City was better than last year. The MAG stand was there both days and there was a constant stream of members, new and old, calling in to say Hi. As ever, we're always chuffed with the level of encouragement we get. Here are some interesting machines at the show:



As always, MAG gives every member the red carpet treatment!



Grobo from Blackpool MAG's latest creation shows that you can make a thing of beauty from the ugliest donor bike (Sachs 650 Roadster)



Two of the prettiest bikes of the '70s – a GT250A in the foreground (when they'd lost that Ram Air nonsense) with a matching 750 Kettle behind.



British Bulldogs MCC brought the one-off, 4.5 litre Melling Titan V-twin. As they said, "your Rocket 3 is nice – small but nice!"



CHiPs with everything.



What do you do if you really want a BSA Gold Star but all you've got is a Suzuki LS650 Savage? It's work in progress but looking mighty good.



Lambrettas, new and old.

Motorbikes blamed for London's pollution



Not seen much nowadays

Despite MAG explaining that powered two-wheelers (PTW's) are part of the solution to pollution and congestion problems, a recent newspaper article says bikes are to blame!

Since 2010, levels of fine particulate pollution from London traffic have dropped at only a quarter of the rate in Paris. In the same period there has been an 11 per cent year-on-year increase in the use of motorcycles in the city, leading some academics to assume that the bikes must be the cause.

"It's a really big and unexpected rise," Gary Fuller, from King's College London, said. In trying to explain the trend he says two factors stand out: Firstly the rise of delivery companies such as Deliveroo which partly use PTW's, and secondly

the decision in 2011 that motorcycles have been allowed to use bus lanes in London. You couldn't make this stuff up.

He went on. "Standards on motorbikes are far looser," Dr Fuller said. "You only have to think what happens if you're out there and a moped passes you by. It's very obvious. If you're behind a motorbike you can really smell the exhaust." He must think we all ride ancient mopeds. A Deliveroo spokesman said that nearly half its riders used bicycles.

With regard to NOx emissions, older carburetted bikes actually produce less than newer fuel-injected models. And of course bikes don't tend to sit in traffic for hours, churning out pollution whilst going nowhere. Rest assured, MAG will make sure that the record is put straight.

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 **Avernus MCC** at the **Red Herring pub, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5AN** at **8pm on Wednesday 24th April 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 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

MT Heads Meet – Flying Horse Rochdale 8pm every Monday

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

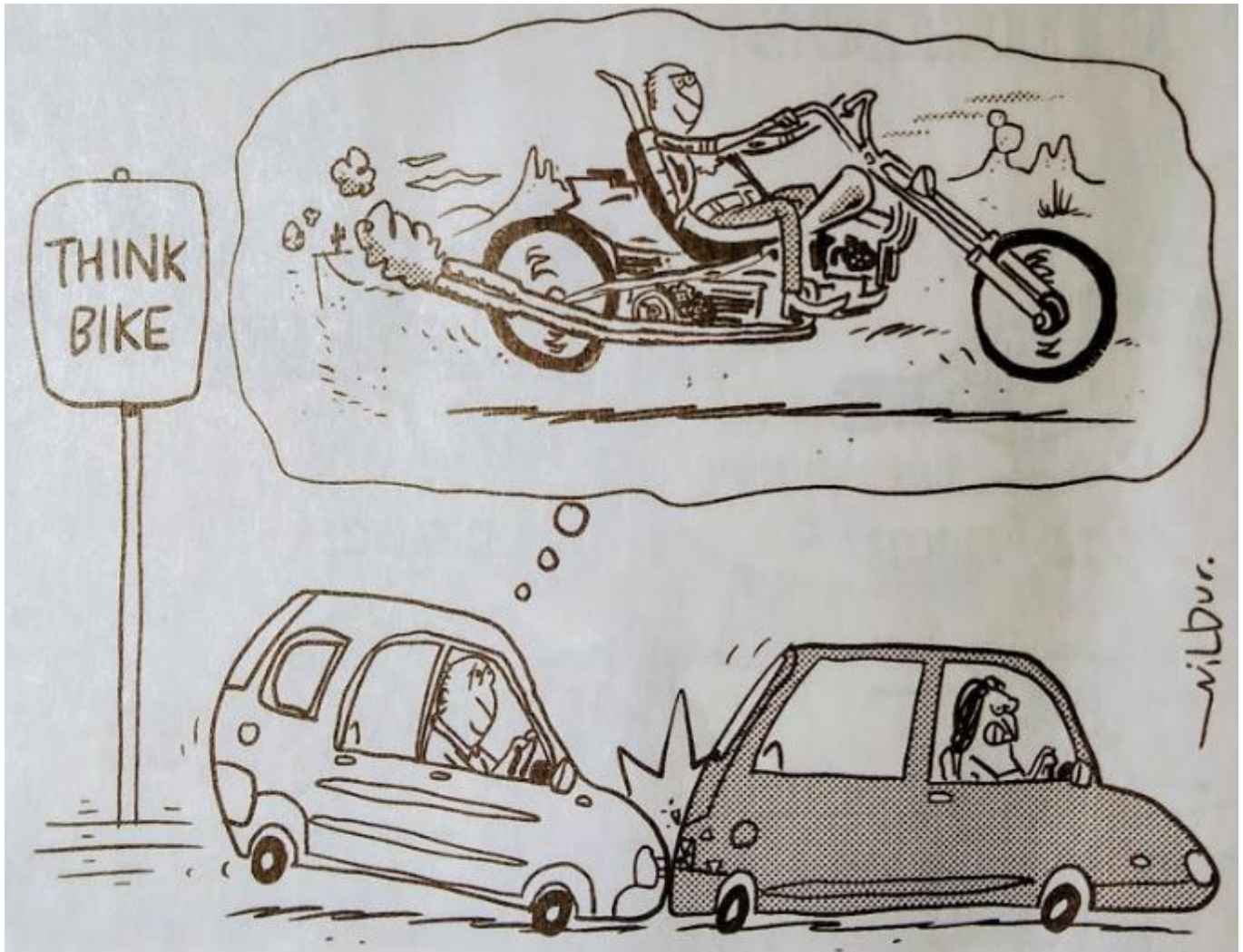
Bury the Hatchett MCC - meet at the Two Tubs pub Bury at 7.30 every Thursday
Ronin MCC – change of venue
Cogheads MCC meet every Thursday (except 1st) at 8pm, Forts Arms, Clayton-le-Moors
Road Slayers Brotherhood every 2nd Friday at Rock House Hotel pub, Peel Green Rd, Barton M30 7AY
British Bulldogs 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 1st Saturday at 7pm & 3rd Sunday at 3pm
Leyland Eagles MCC meet 3rd Mondays at Leyland RAFA Club
Avernus MCC – meet at the Red Herring Mill Lane Coppull PR7 5AN every Sunday
RBLR meet 2nd Mondays at St.Chad’s Club, Whittle-le-Woods
Life Behind Bars MCC meet every other Sunday – Hare & Hounds, 170 Outwood Rd, Radcliffe
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 – Wednesdays at the Travellers Call, Bredbury. Bike Night starts in March.
Norsemen MCC – every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month @ Irlam Social Club
Wild Bulls MCC meet every Wednesday at 7.30 in PR1 Bar, Preston.
Accrington MCC meet every other Sunday at the Poplar Club, Accrington
Boggarts MCC meet every 1st & 3rd Monday at Hope View farm, Astley M29 7LH
Hell’s Belles WMC meet last Monday of the month at the Cauldron Radcliffe
Phoenix Rising MCC meet 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm Toll Bar Inn, Bolton, BL6 7QH
Coyote MCC – meet every Tuesday Old Cock Inn Oldham Rd Middleton M24 2EB
Pist’N’Nuts MCC – meet every Friday 8pm @ Spring Gardens, Compstall Rd, SK6 5HE
The Sisterhood – meet every Tuesday @ 7pm at the Greyhound Hotel, Sporting Lodge Inns, Warrington Rd, Leigh WN7 3XQ
Millennium 2000BC meet at Broadfield Arms, Leyland, every other Monday from 1st April

Known upcoming events

29th March – **MT Heads Rock Night** – Flying Horse, Rochdale OL11 1 NJ
6th April - **Avernus MCC Rock Night** – Red Herring Mill Lane Coppull PR7 5AN
6th April – **Dead Pegasus Charity Fundraiser for Autism** at the St.Stephen’s Club, Banks @ 7pm
13th April – **Hell’s Belles WMC Open Night** at the Cauldron Radcliffe M26 2TA
27th April - **Highway to Hell Charity Run** leaving HAMC Manchester clubhouse at 1pm
4th May – **HAMC Liverpool Comedy Night** – 8 till late, headline act John McCreadie
10-12th May – **NABD Rally** - Cheshire Showground
11th May – **Throttle Twisting 60s, 70s, 80s Charity Music Night** at the Rifle Range, Chadderton
17-19th May **Leyland Eagles MCC Rally**
23rd-25th May 2019 – **Manchester Rock & Bike Fest.**
21st-23rd June – **Farmyard Party**
28 –30th June - **Blackpool MAG Rally**
29th June – **Brigantia Rebels MCC Armed Forces Day** at the Old Springs starts at 12, money to the British Legion
6th July - **Spartan MCC 5th Anniversary** at the Railway Linnet pub Middleton, M24 1GQ
20th July - **Hell’s Belles WMC Open Night** at the Cauldron Radcliffe M26 2TA
26th – 28th July – **Running on MT Rally – the Last One!** Tickets on sale now!
28th July **Norsemen MCC St. Rocco’s Charity Run**, starting from Rope & Anchor, Woolston at 9am
10th August **Coyote MCC Charity Fundraiser Night** at the Old Cock Inn, Middleton M24 2EB
23rd – 26th August – **Avernus MCC Underworld Rally** Rainford Junction pub, 102 News Lane St.Helens WA11 7JU
13-15th Sept - **Jesters of Preston MCC Rally** at Whittingham Club, Goosnargh
20-21st Sept 2019 – **Lioness MCC in conjunction with Boggarts MCC Rally**, Hopeview Farm, Astley, M29 7LH.
5th Oct – **Avernus MCC Rock Night** – Red Herring Mill Lane Coppull PR7 5AN
19th October (prov) – **Norsemen MCC Rocktober** – Irlam Social Club
26th October – **Accrington MCC Rock Night** – Poplar Club, Accrington
3rd November - **Hell’s Belles WMC Samhain Night** at the Cauldron Radcliffe M26 2TA
9th November – **Millennium 2000BC Rock Night** @ the Canberra Club, Salmsbury with free camping

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



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