



## Manchester double

MAG has welcomed news that the number of dedicated parking places for motorcycles in Manchester car parks has more than doubled – and they are all free! A review of motorcycle parking within the city showed that demand for parking exceeded the supply and that, as a result, a considerable number of motorcyclists were parking unofficially, and sometimes illegally.

The Manchester City Council Highways Team has reacted by providing more spaces for motorcyclists. They consulted various motorcycle community groups and organisations including MAG. We said that having spaces in car parks and on the ground or first floors, making sure they were well-lit and having CCTV coverage was important, along with anchor points or rails for chaining bikes to. All of these suggestions have been adopted. There are now 127 dedicated motorcycle spaces; a mixture of

on-street (63 spaces) and covered car parks (64 spaces). MAG's Director of Campaigns & Political Engagement, Colin Brown, said:

*"It is great to see this increase in parking provision for motorcyclists in Manchester and I would like to thank the MCC Highways Team for listening to our comments on the security aspects of the provision. The bays provided are free to all riders, which is a great way to encourage motorcycle use. This will, in turn, reduce congestion and emissions in Manchester City Centre."* Motorcyclists are urged to use the



newly available spaces and to avoid parking illegally as enforcement will follow. A grace period informing motorcyclists of the new provisions will run from 12/03/21 to 06/05/21, when motorcyclists who are parked illegally will receive an information leaflet advising them of the new parking provisions across the city centre. During the grace period motorcyclists will not receive a parking ticket. However, after the grace period ends, MCC will enforce penalties (£70 penalty, discounted to £35 if paid within 14 days of issue) for motorcyclists parking in the wrong place. This includes designated cycle parking spaces and racks. Motorcyclists can park in normal pay and display bays anywhere across the city, provided that they purchase a pay and display ticket. It is advisable to write 'M' for motorbike and the registration number of the bike on the ticket before attaching this to the motorbike, to discourage theft. A motorcycle parking policy will be produced in order to finalise and formalise the changes. MAG Chair, Selina Lavender, said:

*"Any MAG members looking for support due to of a lack of motorcycle parking spaces in their area can contact central office for assistance."*

Full details are available on the council's website at:

[https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500346/city\\_centre\\_parking/332/motorcycles](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500346/city_centre_parking/332/motorcycles)

## Fancy a Bonny?



In common with a lot of businesses the **National Motorcycle Museum** has had a hard time recently. One way to show our support is to get some tickets for their Winter Raffle:

1st Prize - **Brand New/Old Stock 1979 Triumph T140D Bonneville Special 750cc** which has never been run or registered. Showing just 11 "push" miles only!

2nd Prize - **Sealey MC680E Electro Hydraulic Motorcycle Lift** - (RRP £1600)

3rd Prize - **Luxury Hotel Break & Dinner for 2** (includes VIP museum tour, 1 night stay & dinner at the new Marco Pierre White Steakhouse in the Manor Hotel, Meriden)

Tickets can be bought at

<https://www.nationalmotorcyclemuseum.co.uk/product/raffle-ticket/>

The draw will take place on 25th April 2021.

## Shiny side up



With the end of lockdown and better weather on the horizon, I'm sure we're all hoping to get out more on the bike. For many of us this may be the first we've ridden during this last six months and our biking skills may have got a bit rusty. If so, MAG stalwart Jimmy Torrance suggests the website

<https://shinysideup.co.uk>.

It's nicely presented and not too dense. Novice riders can learn something new and the more experienced can get some useful reminders. Let's be careful out there!

## Greener petrol, higher prices

From this autumn E10 petrol will be available on forecourts – that's unleaded with 10% ethanol (double the 5% currently added). Officials estimate that the new fuel will cut carbon emissions by 750,000 tonnes a year, the same as taking 350,000 cars off the road. This is all part of the UK's plan to be "carbon neutral" by 2050. One problem however is that bioethanol (produced from crops) contains less energy than good old unleaded. This means that your miles per gallon (in old money) will go down so the cost of running the bike will go up.

# Common ethanol fuel mixtures

Code	E5	E10	E15	E25	E85	E100
Composition	max 5% anhydrous ethanol min 95% gasoline	max 10% anhydrous ethanol min 90% gasoline	max 15% anhydrous ethanol min 85% gasoline	max 25% anhydrous ethanol min 75% gasoline	max 85% anhydrous ethanol min 15% gasoline	~5.3% water 100% Brazilian hydrous ethanol (contains on average 5.3 vol.% water)
Countries	Western Europe today	USA today (Western Europe in near future)	USA EPA approval cars > 2000	Brazil	USA / Europe	Brazil

Gasoline blends for use in regular cars

Flex Fuel Vehicles

Added to this those running older bikes will experience problems with the new fuel, such as damaged seals and plastic parts. Petrol stations will be required to still provide the current E5 fuel although it will now be a “super-grade” and cost more.

This, however, is the tip of the iceberg when it comes to changes we have to make if we are to meet our emissions target. Transport is only one source of carbon dioxide. Gas boilers are to be banned in new homes by 2025, but about 25 million homes in the UK are already heated by natural gas and home energy use accounts for 15 per cent of the country’s greenhouse gas emissions. Almost a million gas boilers a year will have to be replaced with low-carbon forms of heating to meet the UK’s climate targets. There are doubts whether we have enough qualified gas engineers to manage this.

Just twelve industries in the UK account for 62% of our carbon emissions, including manufacturing and construction. These industries are concentrated in the Midlands, the North and Scotland with over half their employees based here. It’s to be hoped that “green technologies” can replace these jobs.

This is not to say that we shouldn’t be aiming for net zero carbon – just that we shouldn’t kid ourselves that it will be pain-free (or cheap). But when we’ve achieved it we’ll have reduced global carbon emissions by a staggering 1.1% (the UK’s share). China’s currently stands at 28% - but of course we can trust them to reduce that.

## “Smart” saga continues



Grant Shapps, the Transport Secretary, has ordered an enquiry into the safety of so-called “smart” motorways. This is after a series of collisions and deaths have undermined public confidence in these roads. This comes after it was revealed that half the cameras on these roads are not working, allowing drivers to ignore lane closures with impunity.

It looks like it may take more than daft adverts with singing insects to set things right.

## North West Motorcycle Alliance

### There are high hopes for a June meeting (30/6/21)

This is not a MAG organisation but a monthly meet for all bike clubs, organisations and interested bikers anywhere from Cheshire up to Lancaster. However, under the current circumstances, very little on the calendar will actually be taking place.

**Please check the NW Alliance FB page for any last minute changes**

**Regular monthly events in normal times!**

**HAMC Liverpool Open night** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, open 7.30 ‘til late

**HAMC Manchester Open night last Saturday of month** – **Not running at the moment**

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

**Red Rose MAG** – meetings suspended until new venue found

**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

**Ronin MCC** – every Saturday night @ the Plough, Hazel Grove

**Road Slayers Brotherhood** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at the Veterans’ Garage Barton – **restarts 2<sup>nd</sup> week in September**

**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 George, Southport 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, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5AN every other Friday

**RBLR** meetings to be arranged ( St.Chad’s Club is out of action)

**Life Behind Bars MCC** meet every other Sunday – Hare & Hounds, 170 Outwood Rd, Radcliffe

**Lioness MCC** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ Hope View farm, Astley M29 7LH – free food!

**Throttle Twisters MCC** every Monday – North Chadderton Social & Bowling Club, open night every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

**Veterans Garage** open at Barton Aerodrome every Monday 6pm onwards

**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

**Phoenix Rising MCC** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 3pm Tempest Arms, Chorley Old Rd, Bolton

**Coyote MCC** – meet every Tuesday Old Cock Inn Oldham Rd Middleton M24 2EB

**Pist’N’Nuts MCC** – meet every Thursday 8pm @ The Pear Tree, 431 Hadfield Rd, Hadfield SK13 1PY

**The Sisterhood** – meet first Tuesday of month @ 7pm at The Cart & Horses, Astley M29 7SD

**Millennium 2000BC** meet at Broadfield Arms, Leyland, every other Monday

**Shieldmaidenz MCC** meet at the clubhouse, 198 Liverpool Rd, M44 5DB 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

Road Kill MCC meet at the clubhouse, Unit 10, M44 5AZ, Irlam every Tuesday evening about 6pm.  
 Rally Rebels RC meet at the Cock & Rabbit, Manchester Rd, Southport every other Sunday 3-5pm  
 Antagonist MCC meet every Wednesday at the Church Inn, Chadderton OL1 2RR  
 Union Riders MCC meets at the Malaga Drift, Eccles M30 0DY every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday from 8pm  
 Gawsorth Jesters MCC meet at the Harrington Arms, Church Lane. Gawsorth SK11 9RJ, Weds evenings from 7.00pm.  
 Heathens MCC – meet at the Top House, Oldham OL4 5TB first Wed of month @ 8pm  
 Wiccan Wolves MCC meet @ Radcliffe Cricket Club M26 3RF every other Friday

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](mailto:billgreen@madasafish.com) and I'll put it into the newsletter next month.

Bill  
 NW Political Rep



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