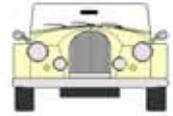




FolkMog News



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As you can see I have been playing around with the format of FolkMog News again, I hope you find this new layout acceptable; if not, please let me know.

We seem to be increasing in numbers rapidly. At the last few meetings we have had 30 or more members attending which is great to see though we may have to find bigger pubs!

Recent events

At the 'Not The Christmas Lunch', way back in January, 47 members attended with 17 Morgans. Ian Charity won the Supporter of the Year Trophy for 2004 and Malcolm and Avril MacArthur won the quiz, as usual compiled by Chris Dady.

In February we had so many at St Peter's Hall, that eight people, unfortunately including those who organised the meeting, had to wait for a second sitting. On the 12th March 30 members in 13 Morgans met at The Harbour Inn, Southwold and the following Sunday 28 people went karting at Ellough. Thanks to Terry Hunt for organising this; see his full report on this page.

Last week we held our first Tuesday evening meeting of the 'summer'. It rained! However, this did not stop a large number of people arriving (and some leaving) roofless and enjoying a meal at the Sorrel Horse at Barham, just north of Ipswich. This is one of two pubs where we are meeting throughout the summer, the other being The Bell at Brisley. The intention is to alternate between these two, a Suffolk and a Norfolk pub, on a monthly basis.

FolkMog Go-Karting by Terry Hunt

Our FolkMog Go Karting event started at the Three Horse Shoes at North Cove where a good lunch was enjoyed by all, after which we drove the short distance to the go kart track where we were given a briefing on handling and safety. We were then informed that although we should have been driving single engine karts we had all been given twin engine units. We were randomly placed into three groups and all enjoyed a ten lap practice after which we could observe each lap time. It was interesting to see how each lap time had improved. The fastest lap of the month was 42.05 sec, one member from our group achieved 42.15 sec; pretty good.

We all had a qualifying second session of ten laps which placed us in positions for the third session with the fastest nine racing against each other, followed by the second fastest group and then the third fastest. The rivalry and accusations of under cutting and obstructing after each race could be heard in the clubhouse but I feel everybody who raced, and even observed, had a great time with some very justified winners from each group. Our thanks also go to our friend Matt Smith who produced an excellent video of the highlights of the day.

If anyone would like to see the video, it can be accessed on <http://www.folkmog.co.uk> and follow the instructions from there (this can only be viewed on broadband). If you would like a copy of it on DVD then please contact Sandra & Terry Hunt on 01986 892177. The price is £2.50 to cover the cost of making the disc and postage.

The first four from each group were: -

1. Aaron Fenn (friend of Stuart's)
2. Stuart Hunt
3. Phil Ashenden
4. Kelly Hunt

1. Libby Makinson
2. Leigh Sebba
3. Richard Brown
4. Tamsin Sebba

1. Sue Bache
2. Dawn Upcraft
3. Lin Giddings
4. Ellen Walmsley



Forthcoming events

AngleMog have been invited to join us on Sunday 17 July for a visit to the National Trust property at Oxburgh Hall near Swaffham, Norfolk. Attendees should arrive between 12:00 and 12.30 pm. and bring their MSCC membership cards to obtain reduced admission fees, (no charge for NT members). We propose to picnic in a reserved grass parking area, but there is a kiosk for light snacks and a restaurant for lunches and teas, should you prefer, before moving, at 1.30 pm, to park on the Terrace in front of the moated house. This should be good for some really nice photos and the gardens should be at their best as this is their National Garden Day.

The FolkMog Gymkhana will be held on Sunday 21st August, again at Old Buckenham airfield, following the same successful formula as last year, although not necessarily having the same driving tests! Again there will be a charge of £5 per entry to cover costs.

There is a FolkMog trip to Holland on 14th to 19th September 2005, based in Bergen (70 miles north of the Hook of Holland) with plenty to see and do. The cost is £379 per person based on two people sharing a room at a 3-star hotel on a bed and breakfast basis plus a meal on the first and last evenings. Booking closed some weeks ago, but if you are interested please let Ian Charity know by 2nd May and he will talk to the tour operator to see if we can add some extra places. You can contact Ian on 01449 612157.

Roger & Chrissie have been in negotiations with the Chapter of Norwich Cathedral and we will be

holding the treasure hunt there not, as planned, on 12th June as the cathedral is fully committed, but on 2nd October. We will be parking in the cathedral close near the west front which is the main entrance to the cathedral, and the treasure hunt will be on foot within and in the vicinity of the close, following lunch in the Refectory restaurant. There will be a charge of £8 per car to cover a donation to the cathedral, prizes etc.. We already have considerable interest from those members with e-mail but please would any of you who receive this by post and who are interested let Maurice know (without commitment). Further details later in the year.

And now for those who want to push a bit more adrenalin around:

Snetterton track day by Chris Dady

Gold Track have come up with a brilliant offer for FolkMog for a track day on Wednesday 12th October. This excellent deal is:

- £130 per car
- no charge passengers
- no charge extra drivers
- a reserved garage area FOC
- a brilliant two and a half hours track time in 5 sessions!

This represents a discount of £20 plus all the other extras and is subject to a minimum of 5 Morgans.

I have done various track days and can recommend Gold Track as excellent - friendly, well controlled sessions and good facilities in terms of help and

instruction. A great way to have a fun day, and indeed get your first taste of being out on a racing circuit. There will be sessions for different car speeds/abilities so you will not have to mix with cars travelling at hugely varying speeds.

I will be on hand to give any help or advice, and it is not car damaging (unless you wish to be silly!) - you need to do nothing special to the car, other than I would recommend a service, check you have got good brake pads and make sure your tyres are sound and correctly inflated. A full tank is a good idea! Borrow a helmet that fits too, although if you let them know they can probably provide.

The ever helpful Melindi Scott runs Gold Track and she has asked that we book individually direct with her. She says she has the attention span of a small flea, so please mention you are one of the Morganeers to get this deal. She also says 'first come, first served' so as soon as you are able, get a booking in to avoid disappointment. There are plenty of takers so far, including first-timers, so don't be put off if you haven't done this before. There are still places available; book by phone or email - details in next column.

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Would you like to know how your car is performing?

Chris Crane of RPI Engineering, Horsford, near Norwich, gave us a talk a couple of years ago about the tuning and modification of Rover V8 engines, in which his company specialises; he now has some mods for the +4 Rover T16 engine too. He has proposed a rolling road day for FolkMog and is prepared to subsidise the day fairly heavily so it would probably cost members in the region of £50 including lunch. Please let Maurice know if you are interested as we would need several owners to make it viable and we then need to find a suitable date..

Forthcoming Events

Tue. 10th May - from 7.30 pm. Evening meeting at The Bell, Brisley. On the B1145, 2 miles West of North Elmham and 7 miles North of East Dereham. OS sheet 132 ref 668686 (We will meet here again in July & September)

Tue. 14th June - from 7.30 pm. Evening meeting at The Sorrel Horse, Barham near Ipswich. Just off the A14 and 3 miles South of the junction with the A140. OS sheet 155 ref 127514 (We will meet here again in August)

Sun. 17th July - from midday picnic & visit to the National Trust property at Oxburgh Hall near Swaffham, Norfolk. (with Anglemog) OS sheet 143 ref. 742012

Sun 21st August - from 11:30 FolkMog gymkhana at Old Buckenham airfield, 3 miles due west of Attleborough, just off the A11. Take the B1077 through Attleborough via Old Buckenham village. OS sheet 144 ref 088937

Wed 14th Sep – Mon 19th Sep. FolkMog trip to Holland.

Sun. 2nd Oct. - from 12:30 lunch and FolkMog treasure hunt, Norwich Cathedral. OS sheet 134 ref 234088

Wed 12th Oct. FolkMog track day at Snetterton. See note by Chris Dady. OS sheet 144 ref 007905

It looks as though there should be something here to keep everyone happy. I look forward to seeing you all throughout the summer, Chrissie & I should even make the gymkhana this year, with a bit of luck!

Roger

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