

Demo Ride Special



North West Newsletter

October 2014

As I write this the wind is howling outside and the rain is lashing against the window. I must confess I took one look at the tail end of Hurricane Gonzalo this morning and opted for 4 wheels rather than two. However, as the Buddhists say, "everything passes" (or was that Bob Dylan) and according to the Met the weather is set fair for Saturday. Let's make it a good turnout for the Salford demo ride and make those jobsworths in the Town Hall sit up and take notice.

Last Month – Hercules Run – Sunday 28th September

What a fantastic day out. The sun shone for a change on this annual charity event, organised by Geoff Madden of ASBO Exhausts fame. This year's route took over 100 riders a 100 miles over some of the North's most scenic countryside to Crossland Moor Airfield, owned by former professional superbike rider, James "Jamie" Whitham. NW MAG were once again asked to assist with the road marshalling duties with help from NW Blood Bikes and Mobile Chaos MCC. On arrival at the airfield, Jamie was on hand with plenty of cups of tea and witty Yorkshire banter. The money raised from this year's events will be split 50/50 between Jamie's favourite cancer charity and Pressall Fleetwood's Charity School, the starting point of each year's Hercules Run.



O'Reilly's Haulage support MAG's Diesel Spills Campaign



MAG's Campaigns Manager, Lembit Opik and NW representative Tony Cox were recently invited up to an open day event being held at O'Reillys Haulage Depot at Heysham. The event was mainly aimed at the 30 new Euro VI Volvo trucks that O'Reillys have recently taken delivery of and David Chambers, the General Manager suggested that it would be a good time to be presented with a roll of Diesel Spills awareness stickers to affix to the fuel tanks of their fleet of 130 trucks operating from their numerous depots across the UK and Ireland. Getting support for this campaign from a large haulage company such as O'Reillys is fantastic and MAG hopes that other companies will follow suit. A sobering thought is that we are twice as likely to suffer serious or fatal injuries due to accidents caused by spilt diesel than black ice!

David Morris, MP for Morecambe & Lunesdale was also at the event and is keen to help publicise the issues we are facing in the NW, amongst which are the "Killer Armadillos", explained in the next article!



**DIESEL SPILLS KILL
DON'T OVERFILL!**

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This week – MAG NW Demo Ride – Saturday 25th October



This Saturday, the 25th October, we get to make our feelings known about the dreaded “armadillos” in Salford and the lunatic roundabout in Irlam. Remember, these mad-cap schemes are being tested here, with us as the guinea pigs! Unless we protest and let them know the strength of feeling amongst bikers, it will be assumed that they are a success. Then soon they’ll be everywhere. We must nip them in the bud this Saturday!

The ride will meet up at the Henry Boddington, Bolton Rd, Pendlebury M27 8TG from 11am, leaving at 12 noon prompt. We’ll ride past the Town Hall, on to Irlam o’ th’ Heights roundabout and back, taking in Salford Quays. See you there!

Armadillos are New World placental mammals with a leathery armour shell. They are particularly diverse in Paraguay (where eleven species exist) but have previously been completely unknown in Greater Manchester.



The Great Tax Disc Rip Off (Reasons not to be cheerful Part 2)

Further to his piece on unfair discounts for “green” vehicles, NW MAG member Arf Fenton writes:

“The government never ceases to amaze me with trying to get every penny they can out of people. It must be a made-up job for a Minister without Portfolio to sit there thinking of ways to bend us over and smack our arses. Now you can’t pass the tax on with the vehicle you’re selling. No, what they want everyone to do now is to cash in the remaining tax for less than what it’s worth and then for the new owner to buy tax at more than the value and length of time they’re gonna get out of it! What a con and most people missed it.”

I agree with Arf. As the old saying goes “at least Dick Turpin wore a mask”.



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 at **British Bulldogs MCC, at the Castle on th'Hill pub, Hindley WN2 4BW on Wednesday 26th November at 8pm**
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 last month.

Regular monthly events

HAMC Open night last Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late

Mid-Life Crisis Meet'n'greet, BBQ - last Wednesday of each month, Ship Inn Irlam M44 6AJ – finished now until next spring, might be a rock night upstairs

Sutton Rockers Band Night, 1st Saturday of each month.

Black Diamonds open night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley

Last Friday of each Month - Open Night, Ribble Valley Chop Club

1st and 3rd Friday every month – Born of Chaos MCC meeting everyone welcome - Warrington WA4 6RS

1st and 3rd Tuesday every month – Brickies Bike Club meeting everyone welcome - Atherton, M46 0QA

1st Wednesday April → Sept – Rising Moon MCC Ride In, Hyde – over now until next spring

Salford MAG meeting 8pm Last Thursday every month, Duke of York, Church St, Eccles

Rogue Riders meeting every Thursday – The clubhouse Statham WA13 9BT

Known upcoming events –

17th Oct – Millennium Rock Night at Canberra Club Bae Salmesbury **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

17th Oct – Deathwish play the Rendezvous, St.Helens

18th October – Black Diamonds MC End of Season Do, Live Band.

18th October – Last CMA Biker Breakfast, Knowle Green

25th October – Salford MAG Demo

25th October – Lancs Road Riders Rocktober RockNight, Masons Arms

25th October –Hellraisers MCC 1st Birthday Bash, Stockport

24/25th October - Brickies Rally, Golbourne Cricket Club?

26th October – Purple Turtle Bike Shop open day, Stockport

31st October – Lancs Road Riders Halloween RockNight, Masons Arms

1st Nov – Blackpool MAG Halloween and Bonfire Party, Blackpool Rugby Club

6-10th Nov Rally in a Chalet, Pontins

8th Nov – Roadslayers 1st RockNight, St.Michaels Social Club, Liverpool Rd, Eccles M30 7LP

9th Nov – M60 Ring of Red Demo

14th Nov – Jimmy T's 30th Wedding Party, Fallowfield Club, 81 Wellington Rd, Fallowfield, M14 6BN – all welcome

15th Nov – Lancs Road Riders November RockNight, Masons Arms

15th Nov – British Bulldogs Rock Night, Castle on th'Hill WN2 4BW

22nd Nov – Avernus MCC Anti-Christmas Party at the Minstrel pub Chorley (limited camping)

22nd Nov – Cogheads MCC Frightmare Before Xmas Rocknight

30th Nov – Vesparados SC Charity Run

6th Dec – Two Wheels in Unison

7th Dec – Roughley's Toy Run Practice

7th Dec – Full Throttle 2nd Xmas Bike Show

12th Dec – MT Heads SantaStock

13th Dec – Furness MAG Xmas Party

28th Feb – Avernus MCC Underground Rock Night

Feb 2015 - Leyland Eagles Rock Night, Farrington Social Club

March 2015 - But Why AVVA Laugh Rock night and Bike show

See you Saturday!



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

Events



DEMO RIDE

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

meet up 11am at the Henry Boddington Bolton Road Pendlebury. Leaving at 12 noon. Riding past the Town Hall up to Irlam o' th' heights roundabout, to Salford Quays & back to the Henry Boddington. Along Broad Street, around the roundabout again.

WANT TO BE ABLE TO USE BUS LANES WITHOUT BEING FINED? You need to be on this Ride

SAY NO TO SEGREGATED CYCLE LANES ACROSS OUR CITY, you need to be on this Ride

SAY NO TO KILLER ARMADILLOS, BOLLARDS & PINCH POINTS DESIGNED TO NARROW YOUR ROAD SPACE, you need to be on this Ride

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN STOP THIS

For more details contact Blayz: 07791 794 740

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Autumn Bike Jumble



Rixton Car Boot Site
Manchester Road
Rixton (near Warrington)
WA3 6EA (just off the A57)



Saturday 8 November 2014

Set up from 9am

Open to the public from 10am

£10 per pitch - all pitches are under cover.

So it doesn't matter what the weather decides to do.

Clear out that garage or shed and turn those old parts in to cash!

Café on site selling tea, coffee and food.

Phone Liz on 07845 452585 for more details

Proceeds to the Poppy Appeal



Blackpool MAG's Halloween & Bonfire Party

Live Music & DJ
Camping, Food
Beer!

You know
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1st November 2014, 8pm till late, £5 OTD
Blackpool RUFC, Fleetwood Road. FY5 1RN

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