

Apparently, there's a bit of an election happening next month. Have you made your mind up yet? You meet bikers of all political persuasions, as well as many who're simply N.F.I. in the whole process. The one thing that unifies us is our love of bikes and our

dislike of being told what to do with them. So, whatever political flavour you pick, make sure they know that. Tell them on the doorstep or drop them an email if you get the chance. This is the one time every five years when they might just take notice!



### **Stop Press – NW Demo Ride in Manchester – 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Thinking of a ride out on Bank Holiday Monday? Not happy with the attitude to bikers in Manchester? Then why not join in the latest demo ride. There are two start points, the **Duke of York Pub Eccles M30 0EJ** and at the **Station Pub, Ashton OL6 6XB** both at **9am**. In order to maximise the impact of the demo the final destination is not being publicised yet, but it should be fun. For the same reason we're asking that the run is not discussed on Facebook etc beforehand. See you there.

### **Last month - Manchester Bike Show – 28th/29th March**



Feedback was generally positive on this year's show. There were a few complaints (aren't there always?) but overall there seemed to be a lot of happy punters.

As ever, the MAG stall was a meeting point for members new and old as well as drawing much interest for the bikes on display – a tricked-up BMW S1000R and the vast V8 custom seen here. It was over the top in all ways and it took me half a day to realise that it had an auto gearbox and no foot controls. It was hence the world's biggest twist'n'go. If you fancy one, they're a snip at around 50 grand.

You could buy a street in Burnley for that - I think I'd rather have the bike.



## This month - National AGC, Bridgwater – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Big thanks to South-west region for hosting this year's AGC in beautiful Bridgwater. The 350 seat hall was filled to capacity to hear Lembit Öpik (Director of Communication and Public Affairs) and Dr Leon Mannings (Transport Policy Adviser) open the proceedings with very positive news regarding the increase in MAG's political activity, including the engagement with a great number of political representatives, hugely important as the Country approaches the General Election.



It was respectable showing from the NW region. We donated £2000 to MAG central, which came from the profits on merchandise sales and last year's Blackpool Bike Show in Stanley Park (so that's where your entrance fee went!)

After their sterling work on bus lanes and the dreaded "armadillos" last year, Salford MAG was presented with the Richard Tegg award, which was well deserved.

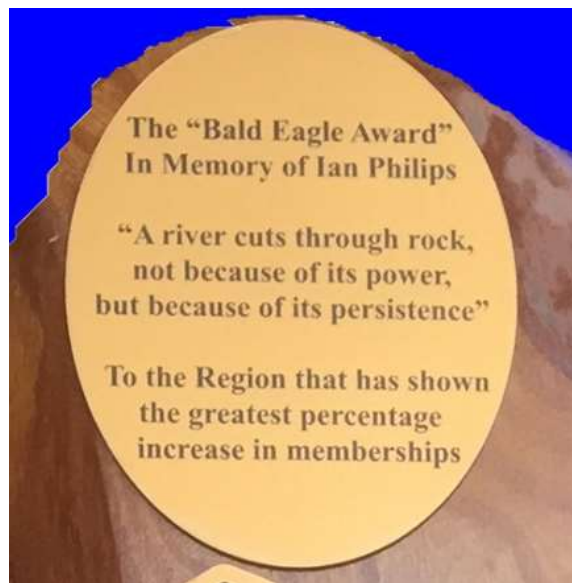
NW region also donated the brand-new "Bald Eagle Trophy" in memory of local member Ian Philips. This is to be donated to the region that has shown the biggest percentage increase in memberships over the last 12 months. This year you'll no doubt be chuffed to learn that it was won by Yorkshire. Hopefully next year, we can return it to the correct side of the Pennines.

*Above: Salford MAG rep Blayz receives the Richard Tegg Award from new MAG Chair Selina Lavender.*



*Right: The Bald Eagle Trophy – possibly the best looking award in the world.*

*Right:  
The  
inscription  
says it all;  
we've got to  
stick at it  
until we  
wear the  
bastards  
down!*



There were two candidates for the chairman's role that is elected annually. The new chair is Selina Lavender, the previous Vice Chair.

Selina said of her appointment: "I thank John Mitchell, the former chairman, for the work he has done over the past two years that has put MAG in the strong position it is today at the forefront of riders rights. His is a hard act to follow and I will give this role my all to keep the momentum going. In order to do this all the members need to get involved. MAG is very much a member-led organisation. It is built on volunteers who are greatly valued. My job is to represent their views and work with them to grow the organisation. I am honoured that the members have put their faith in me."

Selina lives in Cambridgeshire with husband Pete, Martha the dog and a Moto Guzzi Griso 1100. Selina has been riding for 30 years and is a former CBT instructor. She works as an office manager for a BACS bureau.

**Looking ahead to next month – NABD Rally 8-10<sup>th</sup> May**



Not long now until one of the most friendly, chilled-out rallies on the calendar. "You've Been Nabbed" at Astle Park, Chelford, Cheshire is now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year and is still a proper belter. MAG and NABD have always supported each other, many folks (myself included) being members of both. The MAG stand will be there again this year of course, providing help, advice and a refuge from the weather if needs be.



*The Brits show those Yanks how it's done! A V12 twist'n'go at a fraction of the price.*



*Meeting the latest EU directive on end-of-life: a self-recycling motorcycle.*

### **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 **Avernus MCC** at the **Clubhouse, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5AN** on **Wednesday 27th May** 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 Liverpool Open night 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late**

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

**Black Diamonds open night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley**

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

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

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

**Rogue Riders meeting every Thursday&Friday (social night) – The clubhouse Statham WA13 9BT**

**Mid-Life Crisis Meet'n'greet, BBQ - 3rd Wednesday of each month, Ship Inn Irlam M44 6AJ – starting April**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday April → Sept – Rising Moon MCC Ride In, Hyde – restarts this month?**

**Brotherhood Quest Bike Nite-every Monday Black Bull Pope Lane Penwortham Preston PR1 9BA**

#### Known upcoming events –

**25<sup>th</sup> April – HAMC Manchester 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party** at the clubhouse

**26<sup>th</sup> April Motley Crow Bike Show**, Black Horse Birtles Bury BL9 6TU

**3<sup>rd</sup> May Petrolheads Peepshow**, The Station, Ashton, OL6 6XB (run by Assassins MCC)

**4<sup>th</sup> May – MAG Demo in Manchester** – meet at Duke of York Eccles at 9am contact Blayz [salford-rep@mag-uk.org](mailto:salford-rep@mag-uk.org)

**8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May You've Been Nabbed 24 Rally** - Astle Park, Chelford, Cheshire

**22nd May 2015 - Warrington Wheels Youth-bike** - Grappenhall School, Warrington, entry . forms available from Bob Towler 01925 263895 or E-mail [bobtowler57@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bobtowler57@hotmail.co.uk)

**23<sup>rd</sup> May – Black Diamonds MC Rock Night** at the clubhouse Hindley

13-14<sup>th</sup> June – V8 Rumble 81 American Classic and Custom Car Show, Rixton Green, June 21 M6  
 26-28<sup>th</sup> June 2015 - Blackpool Area MAG 18<sup>th</sup> Rally, Fleetwood RUFC  
 4-5<sup>th</sup> July 2015 MLC MCC Bike show Ship Irlam  
 4<sup>th</sup> July – Spartan MCC 1<sup>st</sup> Year Anniversary – band / free food The Cartshaft, St.Marys Gate, Shaw Oldham OL2 8AE  
 5<sup>th</sup> July Blackpool Bike Show Stanley Park  
 9 -12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Millennium Caveman Bash Rally –  
 9 -12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – Motley Crow Rally, Brighton Ferry, YO8 6DH  
 18<sup>th</sup> July – Great Brain Ride in aid of Neurosurgery from Liverpool to Prestatyn (Bikers for Neuro)  
 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July AAV Rally (Battle of Waterloo) – Bradford –on-Avon £12 otg  
 14-16<sup>th</sup> August Jesters Rally, Whittingham & Goosenargh Social Club  
 15<sup>th</sup> August Millennium Bike Show Bay Horse Adlington  
 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August Rigby's Guardians MCC Ride & Weekend – Mayfield Rugby Club, Rochdale OL11 3AG  
 28-31<sup>st</sup> August Avernus MCC Underworld rally Hamilton House Farm Tarnacre Lane St.Michaels PR3 OTB  
 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015 – MidLife Crisis MCC Birthday Bash  
 31<sup>st</sup> October – Millennium Halloween Rock Night, Canberra Club  
 7<sup>th</sup> November – Blackpool MAG Hellfire Rock Night, Fancy Dress & Bonfire, Blackpool RUFC

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



*One of these bikers is a real rebel hero. And the other is Marlon Brando.*

*Ride safe!*



**THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DEAD END RALLY**  
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**Rally**  
**26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

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 Via PayPal at [www.north-west-region.mag-uk.org](http://www.north-west-region.mag-uk.org) For further details, phone 07982181132 or e-mail [blackpool\\_rep@mag-uk.org](mailto:blackpool_rep@mag-uk.org)  
 All profits go to The Motorcycle Action Group  
 "Fighting For Riders RIGHTS"

**Blackpool Motorcycle Show 2015**  
 Italian Gardens, Stanley Park, Blackpool FY3 9EQ  
 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 11am-4.30pm

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