

You can tell that summer's almost here, the rain's getting warm. NW MAG's got shedloads happening this summer so make sure you get down and make the most of it – details below! Nationally, of course, there will be the usual fun and frolics – hope to see you there too. And thanks again for being a member of MAG and helping make sure that we all have the freedom to enjoy it.



Tickets for Europe's biggest "Motorcycle Only" Rally are still available at [www.farmyardparty.com](http://www.farmyardparty.com)

**Last Month – NW Demo Ride in Manchester – 4<sup>th</sup> May**



Around nine in the morning a group of twenty bikers on a mission met at the Duke of York in Eccles. Salford MAG's Political Officer and rep Blayz co-ordinated, with military precision, a short ride to Old Moat, Withington, Manchester, in order to rendezvous with another Salford MAG Member Owen Morris, NW rep Tony ("Coxy") Cox and Manchester Rep James ("Jimmy") Torrance.

The goal of the exercise was to confront (in as nice a way as possible of course) the Chairman of Transport for Greater Manchester on his own doorstep. MAG doesn't usually feel the need to do things like this but, as he has flatly refused to meet up with us at his offices, it seemed like a reasonable way forward. At the very least it would remind him that we are not just quietly going away (as he would like) but are going to pester him and the committee until we get to make our point. One way or another, we will make them discuss the dreaded Armadillos and access for bikes in bus lanes.

As it was, he seemed none too impressed by our social call. Blayz managed to collar him as he was leaving his house and got him to agree to a meeting with MAG. The time has yet to be arranged but, rest assured, this ain't the end of it!

## Last month – NABD Rally 8-10<sup>th</sup> May



I, like many others, arrived in an advanced state of dampness on Friday night – not the most promising start to the weekend. However, the torrential rain stopped and the magical power of ethyl alcohol soon made everything right.

NABD is always a fantastic rally – great bands, great comedy and great craic. This year didn't disappoint.

Best band for me were female three piece The Kix, greatest thing to come out of South Wales since the M4. The MAG stall saw a steady flow of new and old faces, loads of fresh members signed up and a fair bit of cash raised for the fighting fund.

If you couldn't make it to NABD, or just fancy another great weekend, fear not 'cos the Blackpool MAG rally is coming up mighty soon (see below).

## Looking Ahead to June

There's much happening in June: one new branch, one old branch relaunched and one cracking rally on a new site.

## Liverpool MAG – a branch whose time has come

Liverpool City Council has long treated bikers as second class citizens (have you tried parking there lately?). Well, one bunch of scouse bikers have had enough and Liverpool MAG will hold their first meeting, starting at 8pm at the Conservative Club, 73 Derby Lane, Liverpool, L13 6QE. If you want to see bikers have a voice on Merseyside, take a ride down and get involved – it's going to be interesting!



## Red Rose MAG – Relaunch Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June



Message from Graeme Preston, Red Rose MAG webmaster :

“On Wednesday 17th June we officially relaunch Red Rose MAG at a new venue. Our new home is the **Petre Arms, Whalley Road, Langho, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB6 8AB**. The first meeting will take place Wednesday 17th June at 20.00hrs, please arrive for around 19.30hrs. The pub has ample parking and cheap beer and fo

od is available, if you intend eating you might want to get in a little earlier so you don't miss start of meeting.

If you are a member of MAG but not active we would welcome your attendance, if you're not a member but want to find out more we would REALLY welcome your attendance, if you are a member and perhaps a member of another group, we would welcome your attendance for moral support - "lol" - see you there people....”



## Blackpool MAG Rally – 26-28<sup>th</sup> June



Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> glorious year, the Blackpool MAG rally has moved onwards and upwards to **Fleetwood Rugby Club** on **Melrose Ave**. With superb bands, cask ales, proper toilets, hot showers and an excellent camping field, it sounds like a real winner to me! Tickets are only £15 advance/£18 OTG – what a bargain. Our kid's just paid £220 to go to Glastonbury the same weekend and Hooker's not even playing there! Oh, the folly of youth!

### 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 **8pm** on **Wednesday 24th June** hosted by **Rogue Riders MCC** at the **Clubhouse, Warrington Rd, Lymm WA13 9BT**. Here is the latest, up to date list of biker events that 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  
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  
Brotherhood Quest Bike Nite-every Monday Black Bull Pope Lane Penwortham Preston PR1 9BA  
MT Heads Meet – Flying Horse Rochdale 8pm every Monday  
Gypsy Divas meet – 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Woolpack, Adlington from 8.30pm.

#### Known upcoming events –

13-14<sup>th</sup> June – V8 Rumble 81 American Classic and Custom Car Show, Rixton Green, one mile from Junc 21 M6 – free to stallholders if they're bike/car orientated. Camping. £15 weekend, £10 day.  
17<sup>th</sup> June – Relaunch of Red Rose MAG, 8pm Petre Arms, Langho (just off A59).  
26-28th June 2015 - Blackpool Area MAG 18th Rally, Fleetwood RUFC  
4-5<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Mid-Life Crisis 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 on door  
5<sup>th</sup> July Blackpool Bike Show Stanley Park in support of MAG  
9 -12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Millennium Caveman Bash Rally – Canberra Club BAE Salmesbury  
9 -12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – Motley Crow Rally, Brighton Ferry, YO8 6DH  
18<sup>th</sup> July Rogue Riders MCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Rock Nite – Clubhouse, Warrington Rd, Lymm WA13 9BT  
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  
24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July – Runnin' on MT Rally – Collop Gate Farm, Manchester Rd, Heywood OL10 2PX  
14-16<sup>th</sup> August Jesters Rally, Whittingham & Goosenargh Social Club  
15<sup>th</sup> August Millennium Bike Show - 12pm onwards, 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> October – MidLife Crisis MCC Birthday Bash – Ship, Irlam – Band of Gypsies band  
31<sup>st</sup> October – Millennium Halloween Rock Night, Canberra Club £5 on door  
7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Blackpool MAG Hellfire Rock Night – Blackpool Rugby club, £5 on door  
21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Avernus MCC Anti-Christmas Party, Red Herring pub, Mill Lane Copull (then back to clubhouse) £3 on door

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

Bill, NW Political Rep



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