

NEMMOC MAGAZINE



February 2011

Chairman's Report.....

Happy New Year to all my Fellow Members. Well our year started off with a really lovely night out at The Old Mill in Metal Bridge. Once again exceptionally fine fayre, good company and lots of laughter. A wonderful turn out!

Our February meeting proved that we're all raring to go and we had quite a few folk come along to catch up after the festive season. I know a number of you are busy getting your cars ready for the start of the season on Drive it Day (17th April), so lots of busy-ness around our cars right now. Some of you might like to come along to the "Open Day" at the MMOC Derby Office on the 27th March (10.00am) - might be an opportunity to pick up some bits and bobs for your car. Also a chance to touch base with other clubs and network for spares, etc.

We've got a pretty full and exciting calendar for 2011 and I do hope we'll see many of you coming along to join in the fun and enjoying our fabulous cars.

Drive It Day (17th April) looks like it'll be a good day out. Arthur Henderson has planned a coastal route this year and I'm up for Fish & Chips at the seaside any day! Yet another opportunity for us to get together to travel around our lovely North East countryside.

On the back of our success last year – I have a feeling this year is going to be just as successful and just as much fun, so I'm looking forward to the season getting started and hope to bump into as many of you as possible over the year.

It's brilliant to start our year in such high spirits and with such enthusiastic support. See you on the 17th April.

Tracey Cramond
Chairperson

Minor Million Anniversary

This year sees the 50th anniversary of the Minor Million, the car produced to celebrate the achievement of the production of the one millionth Morris Minor. The MMOC stand at the Classic Car Show at the NEC in November certainly made sure everyone was aware of the anniversary.



Social Calendar 2011

Held at Burnmoor Cricket Club 8pm	
Feb 3 rd	Catch Up Night
Mar 3 rd	Pie n' Peas / Question Sheets
Apr 7 th	Easter Eggs/Bonnets/Paste Egg Competition
May 5 th	Speaker – TBA
Jun 2 nd	Drive Your Car Night – TBA
Jul 7 th	Curry Night
Aug 4 th	Quiz/Shorts n' Shades (prizes for the wackiest)
Sep 1 st	Pie n' Peas / Natter Night
Oct 6 th	AGM
Nov 3 rd	Presentation Night
Dec 1 st	Christmas Party

Rallies 2011



17 April	Drive It Day
15 May	Souter Lighthouse
22 May	Northern Regional Rally, Shildon (camping available)
05 June	Wallington Hall
26 June	Preston Hall Museum
2-3 July	National Rally, Knebworth (camping available)
17 July	Newby Hall
24 July	Ripon Old Cars
6/7 August	Red Row (camping available)
20/21 August	Branch Rally, Stanhope (camping available)

Please contact Rally Organiser Colin Bell on 01388 811042 / colinbellse@aol.com

More details are on our website;
www.northeastmorrismenors.com

DRIVE IT DAY – 17 APRIL 2011

A brief overview of the route for Drive It Day, which is a lovely coastal journey:

Start Point

Wynyard Services Southbound A19 TS22 5PZ 09:15 to leave at 09:30

Heading South on A19 to Crathorne then heading East over North York Moors through Hutton Rudby, Stokesley, Comondale to Scaling Dam for coffee halt at The Grapes

After coffee continue East to Staithes before turning North & following coast through Boulby, Loftus, Skinningrove, Skelton, Saltburn, Marske to Redcar for Fish & Chip Lunch

After Lunch continue along A66 to Middlesbrough then using Transporter Bridge to cross Tees & heading via Seal Sands back to Wynyard Services

Approx 75 mls

NORTHERN REGIONAL RALLY – 22 MAY 2011

NEMMOC are hosting the Northern Regional Rally this year. The rally is going to be held at Locomotion, The National Railway Museum at Shildon.

Camping will be available at a campsite at The Countryman pub at Bolam from Friday 20th May with a hosted evening of entertainment on Saturday 21st May. Entrance fees, etc, still to be confirmed – More details on website as soon as available.

Moggies on the Box

Loads seen over the past months: a white convertible on a programme about Alison Steadman; a derelict moggie seen in the back of the barn on Jimmy's Food Factory; a green van seen on Wallace and Gromit's World of Invention; a blue saloon seen on Rock and Chips; a moggie seen in archive footage on The One Show; a moggie in archive footage seen on Terry Wogan's Ireland. Two spotted by Arthur Henderson – a green traveller in Hustle and a red convertible in Antiques Road Trip.

DIY SCRAPPING BANNED

(Registered Keepers may no longer “scrap” a car or light van themselves)

The new RED V5C registration documents, which DVLA began issuing on 15th August 2010, will eventually replace the current design. The new form does not have a “tick box” for owners to indicate that they want to scrap their vehicle and the DVLA are no longer accepting notification from owners on the old design forms. Going forward authorities will only cancel a vehicles registration if they are notified by an Authorised Treatment Facility (ATF) advising that the vehicle has been scrapped. The ATF will then issue the owner with a Certificate of Destruction.

Should an owner wish to dismantle a “spares” car themselves, they will have to keep the registration alive and make a SORN declaration. The vehicle will then be recorded as off-road, and no tax due. This means that the registration remains live and the SORN will need to be renewed each year. The only way to finally scrap the vehicle will be to take the remains of the vehicle to an ATF together with the red V5C form for official “scrapping”.

The change is apparently to make us all more environmentally responsible, and to ensure we dispose of vehicles in the most appropriate manner. This change is unlikely to impact the majority of us; however, anyone using a “spares donor” will be affected. One concern that has come to light is that ATFs may be reluctant to accept part or fully dismantled vehicles at all, or may charge for disposal, making many of us continue with the SORN process.

Christmas Party – December 2010

Sue Bell

I think everyone who attended the party will agree that the event was a success with plenty of fun for young and old.



Kath Henderson had prepared a fantastic buffet and organised party games – thanks to Kath for all her hard work.





Leading Light Award

The Leading Light Award is awarded to the person who has done a lot for the club during the year and is voted for by club members. The award for 2010 went to Arthur Henderson for all his hard work during the year. Congratulations Arthur.



The club charity cheque was presented to representatives from the RNLI, Hartlepool, - they were thrilled with our donation, which was in excess of £800, and also loved the hospitality shown to them on the night. Mark from the RNLI was also the lucky person to win a bottle of whisky on the night.

Easter Egg Appeal

As usual, the club will be donating Easter eggs to Hawthorn House this year. Hawthorn House is a respite home for the disabled. Please remember to bring your eggs to either the March or April social nights.



Morris Valuations



We now have four club members who have successfully completed the Morris Valuation Seminar and are now qualified to value Morris Minors. They are:

Malcolm Bainbridge
Colin Bell
Grant Cramond
Arthur Henderson

If you need any help with a valuation please get in touch.

MARCH SOCIAL NIGHT

Our March social night is also a Pie n' Peas supper night. A form is enclosed for you to pre-order before the 3rd March. Please return the form to Kath Henderson at the address shown.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – UVS867



Congratulations to Maggie – Vic and Mary Olsen's Morris Minor – first registered on 13th February 1961.

2011 Charity – Brighter Skies

The charity which the club has nominated to support in 2011 is “**Brighter Skies**”, a fund raising group based in Spennymoor who started up in 2008 and raise funds for the Alzheimer's Research Trust.

APRIL SOCIAL NIGHT

April social night is our Easter event with competitions for the best Easter Bonnet and best paste egg. Please remember to bring your entries with you.



POST CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

As usual in January there was no social night at Burnmoor but we had a get together for a meal. This year we went to The Old Mill at Metal Bridge and had an evening of good food and good company.



True to form Kath Henderson had organised a raffle and one of the prizes was won by someone in a group on an adjoining table – he was quick to model his prize, which was a thong. Fortunately, he modelled it over his trousers.!!



It was a good start to 2011 and everyone is looking forward to a great rally season.

You can see more pictures on our website.

A LOOK BACK AT 2010

As there are no rallies to report on at this time of year I thought we could have a look back at some of the events of 2010.

Drive it Day:



Crook Carnival:



Dalemain in Cumbria:



The National Rally at Harewood:



I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a great 2011 season.

Future Magazines

If anyone has any items they would like to see in future issues please get in touch with me with any ideas you may have. Sue Bell on 01388 811042 or email at colinbellse@aol.com.

Any members who have items for sale, or are looking for items, can advertise in the magazine and/or on the website – any items for the website please contact Colin Bell (contact details as above)

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