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Events Calendar 2014

February

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| 5th | Wednesday | 1009 Club Night at the Empress of Blandings , Romsey Road (A31), Copythorne, Cadnam. |
| 19th | Wednesday | Photo Night – Postponed to March |

A list of club events will be found on our website for 2014 following the AGM. Select Calendar. 1009 events are shown in green and others in blue. Meetings and events may be added throughout the year and some venue options may be subject to change. All members are welcome to add events to the list at monthly meetings.

1009 Website

At the AGM, Andrew gave an overview of the work Fiona, Malcolm Bailey and he have put into improving the website. From the weekend of 25 January, the usual URL www.1009mg.org.uk will bring up a new but recognisable page. An extract is shown below.



The top image can be easily changed as the year progresses. The functionality is similar to the previous site with all the usual links. The one change will be that the section for member's cars in the photo gallery will require a password to access. It was suggested at the AGM that members could submit their personal photo along with an image of their car so get taking those 'selfies'!!!!.

Malcolm Bailey has looked after the website on behalf of 1009 for a considerable number of years but business commitments have meant he has less time to manage our site. Fiona offered to develop a revised site with Andrew and I am sure you will agree the site looks good. Of course, if you find any issues or bugs during your experience with the site please advise Fiona, Andrew or other club officials.

We thank Malcolm for his support over the years and wish him well for the future.

Secretary's Notes

Apologies for the confusion over the actual January club night. It was initially scheduled for January 1st but the EoB was closed hence a quick shift to Wednesday January 8th. Slightly depleted in numbers there were still enough members there to warrant the use of the function room but procedures were kept to bare minimum so if you didn't make it you didn't miss much.

Thank you to those who made it along to the EoB for the AGM on January 15th. Another very good turn out and the use of the upstairs room meant we could proceed without interruption. Our appreciation to Pauline Holt for jotting down the minutes. Topics discussed:-

From this January our newsletter editor, John Anderson, is stepping down and his position will be taken up by Clive Oliver. John has done a tremendous job as editor and we would like to thank him for all his hard work and endeavor in producing the newsletters. As a mark of gratitude the club presented John with a beautiful engraved glass candle holder. Although we have Robin Plumley on hand to oversee the February newsletter I am hoping Clive (personal commitments allowing) will be able to assume his new role as editor in time for the March edition.

I would also like to welcome Fiona Sommerville on board as a new member of our officialdom. With a wealth of knowledge in IT Fiona has volunteered her services and is now responsible for reinvigorating our website. Together with Malcolm Bailey, the pair of them have spent a considerable amount of time in updating to the present format and we look forward to working with Fiona to ensure she has the full support of us all. We are also aware of Malcolm's contribution in this process for which we are greatly indebted. With any luck Fiona will be with us club night to bring us up to speed on the subject.

All other officials remain the same, Linda Taylor as treasurer handling both Club and NFR accounts. I am happy to continue as secretary for another year, Gordon Maxwell remains our Entries coordinator for the NFR and Robin Plumley will be multi-tasking with his unique ability to step in as and when required.

You will be happy to know that annual cost of subscription will remain the same this year. The healthy bank account confirms the benefits and justifies this most positive step forward by the club. We will be announcing renewal dates in May.

Mid monthly venues have been decided for the entire year and just need coordinating with an appropriate month. The complete breakdown will be available shortly should you require it.

The question of inventory again popped up and it was decided that should any member possess item(s) belonging to the club they should keep hold of them but inform Robin who will consequently compile a catalogue of property which can then be made available for members to use. It remains impossible to gather everything under one roof but to know who has what is a step in the right direction

There will be a NFR meeting at the EoB on Wednesday night Feb19th and therefore it was deemed sensible to leave all matters arising until then. Anyone volunteering their services once more for the Run will be very welcome on the night where you will be brought up to date on the progress so far. However, it would be nice to have the choice of charities decided before then.

Ian Galloway suggested it would be helpful to have members names put to faces as well as cars. We are now asking you all to submit photos of yourselves and spouses/partners together with your beloved MG's so we can print an article in the newsletter every month featuring different members. That way we can have everyone speaking on first name terms and contributing to the newsletter at the same time.

A full copy of the minutes is available.

- 2nd March.....Cobweb Spin. Hillier Gardens, Romsey
10.00am
Winchester MGOC
- 13th April.....Gathering and Picnic Arundel Castle
10.00am
Chichester MGOC
- 27th April.....FBHVC Drive it Day. Details to come
- 4th May.....Popham Air Show
- 17th/18th May.....Beaulieu Spring Autojumble
- 18th May.....MG's at Stanstead Park. Solent MGOC
10.00am
- 25th May.....Classics in the Park. Upton Country Park,
Poole 10.00am
DAMASC
- 1st June.....NFR
- 8th June.....People and Places Run. Tamar Valley
MGOC £25 per car
- 15th June.....Cwm to Coast Run. Bridgend MGOC £15
per car
- 6th July.....Cotswold Caper. Gloucestershire MGOC
£20 per car
- 25th August.....Brockenhurst Carnival

Please feel free to add to the list.

Roy

Editor's Notes

John and Linda Anderson formally 'retired' from their work as Editor of the 1009 Newsletter with the January edition being their final production. John and Linda were thanked at the AGM and presented with an engraved glass vase. Well done to them both.

Clive Oliver has offered to take on the role as Editor full time and I will stand in on occasions when he is away or unable to. It was arranged that I would look after the February issue so here I am again! This time of year is generally quiet on the club front outside but I hope to have captured a number of articles and snippets of interest to members. In addition to John's note in the last edition about the December mid-monthly at the Waterloo Arms, Mike and Rachael waived the mince-pie payments so instead we added £30 to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance collecting pot.

Finally, apologies for delay in issuing this as both Karen and I have been ill with flu virus.

Robin Plumley

AGM

Thirty members braved another wet evening to attend the AGM in the upper room of the Empress of Blandings. Many thanks to Pauline Holt for the minutes replicated below.

Southampton and New Forest MG Owners Club

AGM Minutes – 15 January 2014

30 members attended the AGM

1. Apologies: Malcolm and Julie Rumsey, Clive and Karen Oliver, Chris and Jan Bitten, Karen Plumley, Fiona Somerville.

The meeting commenced at 8 p.m. and Roy thanked everyone for attending. New members Roly and Lindsey Stansfield were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Minutes of AGM 2 January 2013

Minutes agreed - proposed by Andrew Kettle and seconded by Jon Holt. There were no matters arising.

3. Election of Officers

Roy Sneddon – Chairman
Linda Taylor – Treasurer
Clive Oliver – Newsletter Editor

Proposed by Linda Anderson and seconded by Bill ?

In recognition of John Anderson's work as editor of the newsletter for the last three years Roy presented him with an engraved glass on behalf of the club.

4. Treasurers Report

Linda reported that the Annual Account for the club showed a healthy balance of £1557.15. This was largely due to collection of yearly subs from May 2013.

Proposed by Andrew Kettle and seconded by Pat Knox.

The New Forest Run account balance sheet was not available but Roy reported that this also showed a good balance of approx. £1400.

5. Annual Subscriptions

It was agreed to keep the annual subs the same. The accounts justify the move to annual subs. Renewals will be due in May 2014.

6. Newsletter

Clive Oliver will take over the post of editor from John Anderson.

Roy would like ideas and suggestions for the newsletter. He suggested re-starting a write up on individual members cars including a photo of the car and owner/owners.

7. MG 1009 website

Andrew Kettle has been in communication with Fiona Sommerville about plans for the new 1009 website which she has agreed to take over from Malcolm Bailey. Andrew explained that Malcolm will continue to host the site as it is very costly to move the domain and current links to the 1009 site would be broken. Malcolm will do the conversion to the new website layout. The members were shown a sample print of the new website pages. The layout will be more conventional with easy to follow links. One of the links will be to a monthly calendar showing meeting dates and other MG related events. Andrew will continue to take photos and add to the website. The new website should be going live from Sunday 19 January.

Roy thanked Malcolm and Fiona on behalf of the club.

8. 1009 Day Trips for 2014

The bi-annual meeting at Cricket St Thomas for MG owners has been discontinued. Roy asked if anyone had suggestions for alternative club outings.

Robin Plumley is planning to do the Cotswold Caper on 6 July.

9. Mid monthly venues for 2014

Green Dragon (Brook)
White Buck (Burley)
Rising Sun (Wootton)
The Drift (Beaulieu Road)
The Filly (Brockenhurst)
The Gun (Keyhaven)
Waterloo Arms (Lyndhurst)
Red Shoot (Boldrewood)
Master Builders (Beaulieu)
Lamb Inn (Nomans Land)
Forest Inn (Ashurst)

Dates for venues to be arranged.

The Film Show planned for February has been postponed.

10. Inventory

Rob agreed to prepare an inventory list and forward to Roy for completion.

11. New Forest Run

Roy has put an advert in next month's MG Owners club magazine. He has received correspondence from a couple from the Tamar Valley who enjoyed the run last year and are planning to come again this year with several more cars from the group. Roy would like to arrange to meet up with them before the run. Gordon has entry forms available.

Charities:

BrendonCare – Tania nominated this charity. BrendonCare runs Care Centres across the South of England and also provides social clubs for the elderly in Dorset and Hampshire. Funds are needed to support people in the care centres who can no longer afford to pay for their own care and also to help run the social clubs.

The Society of St James – nominated by Collette. St James is a charity that helps provide accommodation and support to homeless and vulnerable people in Southampton.

Other nominations:

Sailability

Riding for the Disabled
Honeypot
Basics
Naomi House

John Anderson offered to do a voting slip for the New Forest Run meeting on 19 February.

Progress so far:

Entry forms are available from website and there has been lots of interest

Sponsors have been notified

Braemar House has been booked

12. A.O.B.

(a) Ian Galloway suggested that it would be helpful to have members' photos on the website with their cars. Andrew will take forward if members send their photos to him. The photos would be available to club members only via a secure login.

(b) Xmas Dinner – Rob asked whether everyone was happy to try Sway Manor again (there will be a change of ownership this year). Members agreed to continue with Sway Manor – possibly 13th December 2014.

(c) Quilt – The raffle for the quilt was won by Pat and Steve Knox who decided to donate the quilt back to the club to raise more funds for the Downs Syndrome Charity. Roy asked for sealed bids by the end of February.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Brockenhurst Carnival/Fete 2014

Dear classic car enthusiast,

I can confirm that our annual Brockenhurst Carnival & Fete is on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August at the usual venue of Brockenhurst College, Lyndhurst Road, Brockenhurst. The attendance of yourself plus any other members of your club would be very welcome.

There is of course no entry charge for your vehicle or passengers but an indication of vehicle numbers would be appreciated by 30 June.

Kind regards,

John Heaven
Lymington & Brockenhurst Lions

My Car!!

A suggestion at the AGM was to resurrect the newsletter article about our cars. So I offer my thoughts on the subject.

My first MG was a 1967 MGBGT bought in 1976. I had been offered a Tartan Red MGCGT and turned it down!!! The car bodywork was excellent although I had to replace the head gasket etc which kept the car going for some time until I sold it. I asked my father about looking after it as I was due to be away at sea for seven months. As it turned out the village local butcher made me an offer so I sold the car. It does not appear on any database these days. After my return home the following year I needed a car and with memories of the long hot summer of 1976 I decided to move to a Triumph, finding a red Spitfire Mk IV which I kept

for the next two years until buying a nearly new Triumph Spitfire 1500 which stayed with us for the next six years.



And then back to MG. I was working in Grimsby and living in Cleethorpes. I noted a local garage whose owner had a Pageant Blue, 1979 MGBGT. I asked if he would consider selling but he said no but I left him my number just in case. However, about three months later I received a call asking if I was still interested. We sold the Spitfire 1500 to Guildford Sports Cars, got a lift to Guildford railway station in an MG N Type, bought the MGBGT from Grimsby and drove across the Pennines to my uncle in Burnley who, as an engineer who once worked with Ken Tyrell racing gave it a once over as ok, following which we drove back to Southampton via Guildford to collect our dogs. That was 1984 and we joined the MGOC and Southampton and New Forest MGOC where we attended meetings and outings. Karen, with Melissa were collected from Princess Anne Maternity Hospital in 1986, much to the disgust of the midwife when I turned up in the MG although I had made sure the carrycot was properly strapped in on the rear bench!! As usual however, the 'growing family forces sale' decision occurred. One daughter, two dogs, a roof-rack for pushchair with Lucy on the way, the MGBGT had to go. Twelve years in the wilderness of three family cars took us through to 2000 when I was able to return to MG and bought a black 1979 MGB Roadster. Having rejoined the MGOC we attended numerous national and local events and have done ever since. We added an MGTF160 in 2003 but the MGB was sold in 2004. The MGTF160 in X-Power Grey we still have and is shown crossing the Alice Lisle ford on the New Forest Run in 2010. I bought the car at ten months old with just below 14,000 recorded miles although now the mileometer shows about 42,000 miles some eleven and a half years after the car was delivered new.

Robin

Mike Rolls Event

From: Michael Rolls <mikerolls4mgs@compuserve.com>
To: sneddons43 <sneddons43@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, 30 Jan 2014 14:23
Subject: MG/Rolls

Dear Roy,

Hope you are all well,

Just to let you know that we are planning a April Fools CREAM TEA, on the 6th of April, 2pm - 4.30pm, at our workshops, Please can you let your members know and if people wish to come I will need numbers no later than March the 24th.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Regards,

Carole.

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Please remember we volunteer to fill these posts, so if you wish to speak to one of us, PLEASE ring before 9pm or at weekends, thank you.