



WAMGOC

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New Forest Run 2010

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Happy 24th Birthday WAMGOC.

Twenty four years ago in 1986 WAMGOC was born.

Like all historic events handed down by word of mouth, details can sometimes get a little confused. I didn't become a member until 1988, but a few years ago I was talking to some of our founder members and this is what they remembered.

Our club was started when Terry Secker and his friend Peter Garwood a local MG specialist and MGOC members, wanted to get involved in MG motorsport for a bit of fun.

Terry wrote to the MG Owner's Club to ask how best to contact other local MGOC members who might also be interested, and to put an advert in Enjoying MG for them to meet.

Soon Terry found that he had become the Area Secretary of the High Wycombe and District MG Owner's Club.

The first meeting took place at a wine bar in High Wycombe on 25th June 1986, at the same time as England were knocked out of the 1986 World Cup by Argentina when Diego Madonna claimed that his first goal was scored by the 'Hand of God'.

This of course could not be true as the 'Hand of God' was in High Wycombe creating the High Wycombe and District MG Owner's Club.

The rest as they say is history.

15 WAMGOC members took part in a display of MG's at the Stokenchurch Dog Rescue, Country Fair & Dog Show, on Sunday 4th July.

The nine MG's in the display were joined by an MR2, a Lincoln and an E Type, which broke down later when the owner wanted to go home. "He should have brought an MG!"

The weather was good but very windy but we all had a great day watching the dog show and sampling the fine fair on offer.

Thank you to all of you who came along especially all the guys who had only arrived back from France late the night before.

Our local area Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club are holding their annual BBQ at the Wycombe Height's Golf Club on the Tuesday 17th August and Tim and Alan their secretaries, have invited us to join them again this year.

The format for the evening is 'Bonnets Up', so please bring as many MG's as possible.

The golf club are organizing the BBQ and knowing their quality the food will be excellent as well as good value at £10.95 each.

All you need to do is let me have your name and a cheque by 1st August.

BBQ Menu

6oz Burger/Cheeseburger
with Butter

Jacket Potato

Marinated Chicken Wings

Mixed Salads

Hotdogs

Fried Onions

£10.95 Per Person.

Our next Informal Gathering will take place on Sunday 25th July 12 noon at The Firecrest, Wendover.

Please add this to your dairies.

No need to book, just turn up early. These events always attracted large numbers of members and friends, who enjoyed getting out and using their MG's. Come along and join us!

Do you know any good pubs that do excellent food? Then please let us know! We are looking for new venues for this summer's informal gatherings. Please pass the details on to me or any member of the committee and we'll check them out.

The New Forest Run. Organised by The Southampton and New Forest MGOC and incorporating The D-Day Anniversary 2010.

A WAMGOC favourite for years and still increasing in popularity, I believe there were 9 WAMGOC cars this year.

While the run is the major attraction the “weekend” comes a close second.

The run down to the New Forest, about 80 miles offers every opportunity to enjoy your MG, there are many alternative routes, ranging from a simple blast down the motorway, (usually the slowest on Saturday afternoon), through a variety of A routes, to my preferred route down the Test Valley, not the slowest but takes the longest due to the attractive scenery, the places of interest and the excellent lunch time pubs.



Having got into the New Forest where to stay? Over the years WAMGOC members have camped, caravanned, stayed with relations, used B&Bs, motels, and for the more affluent 5 star hotels. The New Forest is a tourist area, and so there is plenty of choice of accommodation but it is necessary to book early, as it is very popular with weekend visitors.

Saturday night is the usual WAMGOC affair, with lots of eating and drinking in the many excellent restaurants and eateries in the Forest.



An early start, 9.30 ish at the Scout Hut Copythorne, where a Bacon Bap and a hot drink are available (for a donation) and most welcome for those who have not had to endure a B&B breakfast.. It is a large field but 200 cars nearly fill it and make a magnificent sight on a bright, sunny morning.

Then off we go on a 80mile, or 90 if you get lost or drive a Midget. I am always amazed that such a compact area can yield a different route every year and every year is filled with interest and natural beauty.

Entrants are provided with a picnic to be taken en route or at the end at Exbury Gardens.

For us OAPs an evening meal and another night in the B&B followed by a leisurely run back to Marlow completes the weekend; arriving 10 minutes before the rain, is that skill or what?

Octagonal Run 2010 Sunday 15th August

The start this year will be from the Lambert Arms, Aston Rowant, with the lunch time destination being the Cotswold Wild Life Park, Burford and back to the Lambert Arms if you wish to have an evening meal. (See menu further on.)

Please book this date and come and join us for what we hope will be an enjoyable day

If you have not booked please do so as we would like to know numbers. Form provided

WAMGOC Charity 2010.

At our April meeting it was decided that the charity we will be supporting this year will be the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust which provides a life saving service 365 days a year, covering the three counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon.

As you know the Octagonal Run is the main event in our calendar and it's also a great way to support our charity by booking your place on the run.

Carl Undrey from the Trust attended the May Club Meeting to tell us about the Air Ambulance service. He gave a very good talk and told us all about their work and how each mission costs about £1200.

So we have decided that this will be our target. £1200 to fund at least one of the rescue missions, who knows how many lives we could save by giving just a little,

Angela has one of their collecting boxes which will be taken to club meetings/events for members to put their loose change in to help us raise funds for the Trust.

Please do all you can.

Future Dates

July

2nd – 4th Festival of Speed Goodwood
Sun 4th Glos MGOC Cotswold Caper
Wed 7th Monthly Meeting at The Gate.
Sun 4th Stokenchurch Dog Rescue Fair.
Sun 18th Epsom Area MGOC Surrey run
Sun 18th Uxbridge Auto Show.
Sun 25th MGCC Summer Day Out The Vyne
Sun 25th Informal Gathering Firecrest Noon
Wed 28th Classics on the Common Harpenden

August

Sun 1st Malvern Classic Car Show
Wed 4th Monthly Meeting at The Gate.
Sun 15th WAMGOC Octagonal Run.
Tue 17th Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club BBQ at Wycombe Height's Golf Club.

Sept.

Wed 1st Monthly Meeting at The Gate.
Sun 5th West Sussex MGOC Southdowns Run

Friday 11th /14th WAMGOC weekend, North Yorkshire Moors.

17th 19th Revival Meeting Goodwood

Sat 25th Sunday 26th Kop hill climb

Sun 26th Wamgoc Canal Cruise.

Oct.

Wed 6th Monthly Meeting at The Gate.

Uxbridge Auto Show

Sunday 18th July 2010

10.00 am - 5.00 pm

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is presenting the 27th Annual Uxbridge Auto Show, a family show, its purpose to raise funds for numerous local charities. It is held on Hillingdon House farm site (previously known as the Middlesex Showground), Uxbridge next to A40.

The show is a display of approx 2000 vintage, veteran, classic and club vehicles, as well as new car displays and auto jumble, and attracts between 15000 and 20000 visitors. More details can be found on their website www.uxbridge-autoshow.com.

So why don't you give your MG an extra special clean and spend the day looking under bonnets and chatting to like minded car fanatics, or watch the marching band or motor bike stunt team performing in the arena. I am sure you will enjoy the day and it will bring back lots of memories of cars you used to own or learnt to drive in.

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We expect to be the only MG club at the event so would like a large and varied display of both old and new cars, and it will be the perfect opportunity to recruit new members. So if you would like to join us, please complete the form below and return to Shirley and Dave Townsend, 7 Edinburgh Drive, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8QY along with a cheque payable to WAMGOC for £5 per car by Friday 25th June (£10 per car and driver on the day, passengers extra). If you need any more information call us on 01895 631615.

I/we would like to bring my/our to the Uxbridge Auto Show on Sunday 18th July 2010.

Name
Telephone

Address
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I/We enclose my/our cheque for £5 per car payable to WAMGOC

Canal Boat Cruise/Pub Lunch on Sunday 26th September

As promised I have now arranged our outing to the Grand Union Canal for the above date. The boat will leave from :- Pitstone Wharf, Cheddington Road, Pitstone, LU7 9AD .

The boat will depart at 2.30 pm. and the cruise will last for approximately 90minutes. Tea/coffee/bar will be available on board
Cost: Adult £7.75. Concessions £7.25.
Children £4.50.

We plan to find a suitable canalside pub that we can meet at for lunch before driving to Pitstone Wharf for the cruise. Details will follow next month. Of course, you are very welcome to picnic and join us at 2.30pm at the wharf.

If you would like to join on this WAMGOC adventure! Please complete the attached form and send to Mrs. A. Magee, 31, Spinfield Mount, Marlow SL7 2JU together with cheque for the appropriate amount. Friends and family are most welcome to join us. (We need a minimum of 25 for the cruise to take place, so could I please have your forms back a.s.a.p.)
Angela Magee

Canal Boat Cruise 26th September 2.30 pm.

Name.....
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Address.....
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As Keith has mentioned we got up early from our French trip to support the club for the Dog charity, a bit windy but a good day. Just a couple of photos of the day.



MG France 2010

Yet again a superb holiday arranged by Roger Anderson. Thanks Roger. Roger also arranged the weather for us again. Dining out al fresco every night.



We had the E-Type with us again with a slight problem with battery charging so the car had a charge each night and even got home OK. A Toyota MR2 also crept into the line up belonging to Darryl & Annika.

We split up into smaller groups to investigate the area Roger & Janet and us two went more north this time and investigated some Troglodyte caves. And found the dwellings built into the hillside. Very nice crepe and coffee in one of them. The same cave was set up for viewing and unusually this one had windows in the rooms. Not sure I would like to live in them. The café was the entrance to the cave.

I do not have any responsibility for the Toyota MR2. Nice Car Darryl

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This report is a quick one as we only came back at the weekend and had the dog show on Sunday and Arthur & Angela are still in France enjoying themselves so it was down to me to put this one together with the news letter sorry if my grammar and content is lacking.

Someone may do a fuller piece next month.

The week went too quickly as usual fitting in the activities including a visit to the lake. Barry was upset as the slide was closed. Ann & I did not swim in the lake so went back and cooled off in the pool.

We all went to a garden one day and it was opened up just for us and the lady has spent the last 30 years converting it from a field. They even put up umbrellas and opened up bottles of bubbly.

La Lude

Drinks on the Lawn

We did have an accident on the Thursday when Vicky had a fall and unfortunately broke her hip. By the time you all read this we hope Vicky has had the operation in Le Mans hospital and we give her our best from us all. We would also like to thank Marie-Clare for her help in sorting the problems out for Vicky and Peter.

Our Hostess Marie-Clare

WAMGOC Octagonal Run

Entry form

Name.....

Address

.....Post code

'phone..... *E-mail.....

MG Model..... Year..... Reg.....

All vehicles must be fully insured, taxed, and have appropriate MoT.

* Confirmation, by e-mail helps reduce our costs; we will not disclose your details to any third party.

Entry fee for run

£ 25.00 per car

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This fee covers tulip route instructions, rally board, and entry for driver and one passenger to The Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Cheques should be made payable to WAMGOC.

Send the completed form with your cheque to David Lloyd, 15 Penmoor Close, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4BU.