

## FolkMog |Annual Planning Meeting - Sunday 2nd November 2008

### Minutes

Maurice Cook opened the meeting at 2.10pm thanking the 40 members for attending.

#### **Centre Officials' Reports:**

*Chairman* - Chris Dady welcomed everyone and gave a big thanks to all who helped during the year. Special thanks were expressed to Maurice for the 11 years he had been Centre Secretary. Included was his appreciation for all the help provided by the late Martin Page over the years in keeping FolkMog going and his spirit remained with us.

*Treasurer*- Maurice reported a balance of £662 mentioning that £75 had been spent on event prizes. There had been a large cash flow this year (£9000) mainly due to the French Tour collation of attenders' payments. There was now an increased commitment due to many hostelrys requiring non-refundable deposits for meals.

*Regalia Officer* - Sandra Hunt had sent her apologies for absence but she had reported a low take up of regalia this year. She suggested advertising items on the web site and circulating the catalogue at each meeting.

*FolkMog News Editor* - Roger Tatton reported that the next issue would be coming out shortly giving an update of future events. This would be on the web site, but also distributed by e-mail to individuals as requested at today's meeting. Roger & Maurice asked to be informed of changed e-mail addresses.

*Web Site Editor* - Alan Biddlecombe explained that he reported events purely from his personal stand point and hoped this was acceptable. If he was unable to attend a meeting he would request another member to send in a report with photographs for the web site. The chat line had not proved popular yet, and unless it was used by more members it would have to be discontinued, so he encouraged people to participate. With regard to regalia being advertised on the site, it was agreed sensible to only show a few items which would be relevant to members who could then order them directly through Sandra.

#### **Centre Organisation & Election of Officials:**

Maurice explained that he had always tried to encourage motoring events as we are a car club and not just a social club. With regard to his paper (attached) on the way forward for the club, it was agreed that 3 years would be an appropriate tenure of office, allowing people to feel they had contributed long enough or enabling them to carry on if they wished to put their name forward again. It was then unanimously agreed to form a committee of six to help run the club with various duties being allocated to committee members. The following volunteered to serve on the Committee: Alan and Diana Biddlecombe, Alan Braithwaite, Roger Coverley, Caroline Page, and Roger Tatton. Maurice Cook said that his own tenure would terminate next November.

**Register Update:** Maurice reported on the register being updated ready for distribution at NTCL (Not The Christmas Lunch) in January. Several new names to be added as he had received their signed forms allowing him to publish their details. Caroline suggested that all new members should be given a copy of members' addresses when they attended their first meeting plus a form for them to fill in so they could be included in the next edition provided that they had attended at least 2 meetings in the preceeding year..

**Review of past 12 months:** Maurice mentioned we still paid a sub to belong to the Association of Norfolk Car Clubs so were notified of any events we might like to participate in. This year several of us had attended the 'Drive It' Day with a run from Sheringham Station to Wroxham Barns which had taken place on St Georges' Day. He also thanked members who had organised the Treasure Hunt and Gymkhana which had both been well attended and very much enjoyed.

**2009 Programme:** Our December meeting would be at the Fur & Feather Woodbastwick and January's NTCL at Gissing Hall (Chris again agreeing to compile the quiz) - menus for both these events were already posted on the web site.

Ian Young then outlined his suggestions for the Treasure Hunt (having been last year's winners). This

would be held on Sunday 5th April at Dedham. Everyone agreed the arrangements looked very promising and most people present looked forward to being able to support this event. Ian would require a deposit from attenders nearer the date for him to secure the booking at the Garden Cafe, Ardleigh.

Maurice mentioned the Centenary of the Morgan Motor Company and all the events arranged for next year. Four couples hoped to attend the end of July Cheltenham weekend and possibly other events during the year. It was agreed to continue with Sunday lunch meetings during the winter months, but Summer noggins on possibly different weekday evenings - as Tuesdays were not always possible for some members. These arrangements would be discussed in Committee.

Morgan Motor Challenge Series Race meetings dates would be notified and it was hoped we would give good support especially at Snetterton meetings.

*Suggestions for 2009 Programme:*

A tour requiring navigational skills (no SatNavs allowed) arriving at a pub - Chris Dady and Alan Biddlecombe to arrange.

Motoring Club Quiz date not known yet but we had entered 2 teams of 3 in the past.

Skid pan - if there is still one in the area - idea well supported

Track Day - only 3 drivers interested, so unlikely to be progressed

Trechnical Evening - only a small support again unlikely to further

Driving skills (advanced driving tuition) - interest shown

Visit motoring related venues - well supported

Holiday - in the past we had arranged a foreign trip one year followed by a UK weekend the next, so a UK long weekend was felt appropriate this coming year, especially with the economic situation being so volatile. The month of September was generally preferred.

**Any Other Business:**

David Kennett suggested the Helmingham Hall event was well worth attending for those about in early August - several members had attended over the years and agreed it was a good event.

Ian Charity very kindly offered his grounds for our Gymkhana again which was gratefully accepted, and he, Alan Biddlecombe and David Kennett agreed to organise it probably for Sunday 28th June.

Maurice thanked everyone for attending and distributed some Morgan tax discs holders advertising the Centenary as a reward for coming! The meeting closed at 3.15pm.

*Attachment:*

Centre Organisation 'FolkMog Future' - paper by Maurice Cook

**Activities**

The Eastern Counties Centre of the Morgan Sports Car Club (FolkMog) has been in existence for over 25 years and has grown considerably now having around 50 'affiliated' members (individuals or couples) coming to at least one meeting each year. The regular monthly meetings, Sunday lunchtimes in the Winter and Tuesday evening noggins in the Summer, have been augmented by biennial foreign tours, annual Treasure Hunts & Gymkhanas, occasional Track Days and various other events of specific interest. For over 10 years a free newsheet ('FolkMog News' - now up to Issue 36) has been distributed and FolkMog regalia (clothing and car badges) have been available to regular attenders, whilst for the past 3 years a dedicated web site has been on line.

**Current Responsibilities**

As was normal practice in the past for most MSCC centres, FolkMog is run by its Centre Secretary who is currently also the Treasurer, with the previous Centre Secretary as Chairman to oversee and provide advice. We have certain members who look after FolkMog News, regalia clothing, the web site and many individual members who have arranged Treasure Hunts, this year's Gymkhana and specific visits. The Centre Secretary writes the monthly report that appears in the MSCC magazine 'Miscellany' and represents the Centre on the MSCC governing National Committee which meets 4 times a year.

**Spreading the Load**

There are benefits in having the Centre Secretary as the sole organiser when numbers are small but many of the larger centres do now manage their activities by sharing out the workload and it is possible that this might well be the sensible way ahead. Should members agree it is suggested that the implications for FolkMog are discussed, in particular which *duties* should be *separately undertaken*, the possible formation of an *organising committee* and the length of *tenure of office*. Finally if this way ahead is agreed then we shall be looking for volunteers.