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Editor's MGA as purchased – will it be finished in 2007?

Chairman's Chat

Well the start of a New Year, I hope that you have all had a good time and a chance to recover from the excesses of the Christmas and New Year celebrations. As you read the first 2007 Newsletter I am sure that you will all know that the first club night is only a couple of days away and it's the AGM. A chance to meet other club members, elect this year's committee and have a say on what your club is doing.

The current committee reviewed the questionnaires and comments from members regarding events and have drawn up a provisional Calendar (a copy of which is in the Newsletter). The contents of the calendar could obviously change depending on the outcome of the AGM and the new committee.

On the subject of the committee as yet we have not had any new nominations, if you are interested please let a member of committee know.

We have now almost finished the DIY project on the lounge / dining room, just a few little bits to finish off. Then we can move on to the kitchen, our bedroom and the conservatory. It seems to be never ending. But these can wait, its time to finish off servicing the skis, only a few weeks to go now until our skiing holiday. Were off to Colorado (USA) again, decided to spend a few days in Steamboat Springs, a resort that we haven't tried before, then on to Vail for the rest of the fortnight.

Once we get back I will need to spend some time on the MG. It's not been on the road since September and I think it might need a bit of welding to the rear suspension. From the noises it was making I suspect that some of the mountings our being torn off. Then there are a few little projects to finish, disc brake conversion for the rear axle and electric power steering. With this and the work on the house it looks like it will be a busy start to the year.

Well hope to see you all at the AGM, don't forget there is a free supper.

Finally a few important notes and reminders.

- Club trip to Wales over the Spring Bank Holiday (May) weekend. Although a lot of members indicated an interest we have only received a few bookings. There are only 16 rooms, so make sure you send in your booking form and deposit in early to avoid disappointment. See form for more details.
- Have you renewed your membership? If not it is way overdue. Please complete form and return to Gordon Mallett or any other member of committee.
- Although we have received some requests for club clothing, I need a few more orders to be able to get the best price. I am hoping to be able to place an order very soon, if you want anything please contact myself or a member of the committee.

Forthcoming events.

Tue 30th Jan,	AGM and club night at Fox Lane, Sports & Social Club.
Tue 27th Feb,	Ten Pin Bowling, Lakeside Superbowl, Preston.
Tue 27th Mar,	Natter & Noggin or possible Guest Speaker Night. If you have any suggestions or contacts for a potential guest speaker, please let a member of committee know.

Tony

Secretary's Notes

Well, 12 months ago I had not a care in the world. Now, I've got International Haulage business to worry about and being the secretary of our fantastic club, the AGM on Tuesday the 30th. Luckily, all I have to do is organise the hot pot supper for 30 people. I have to warn you, hot pot is not my speciality, now chilli, that's a different matter as those who came to the open house on Boxing Day will testify, I hope.

The "Cold Turkey" run went well with no snow or ice to complicate the matter. A possible 13 cars started the run, (if it's any different, I'll stand corrected) from the Spinners Arms in Chorley and by coincidence finished at the same venue. That was lucky because they had arranged to accommodate those seeking sustenance, both liquid and solid. (Although not necessarily in that order!)



I did see on my way round a strange bloke in large vehicle taking pictures. I do hope he was not from the local constabulary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Ryding and family for planning and supervising the route.

The committee has provisionally planned the events for 2007; however there will be an opportunity to re-arrange the schedule at the AGM. Work permitting, I'll see you there.

Bye for now

Graham

PS. There are a few of last year's members who have still not paid their subs. The AGM is the perfect time to settle your debt. Gordon Mallett has vowed to name and shame those who haven't paid their fees in February's newsletter.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club

held on 31st January 2006 at Fox Lane Sports & Social Club

2005 committee members present – Tony Sharples (chairman), Andy Schultz (technical), Mark Blennerhassett (treasurer), Gordon Mallett (membership), Dave Dutton, Bill Ryding, Bill Bradshaw (secretary)

A total of 36 members and partners were in attendance.

Tony Sharples opened the meeting at 8.35 pm with some general remarks concerning the club's activities in our Silver Jubilee year, highlighting the very successful Isle of Man trip, the Capesthorpe Hall birthday bash, and the Lancashire Lanes run. Tony also thanked members who had contributed time and effort into organising events, and submitted newsletter items.

The minutes of the 2005 AGM were read by the Secretary, and generally accepted as a true and accurate record of those proceedings, proposed by Roger Schofield, seconded by Dennis Read. There were no matters arising.

The audited financial report for 2005 was presented by the Treasurer, showing total assets at £1254.86. Income for 2005 was £8145.55 (£2022.78 in 2004), expenditure £8088.47 (£1818.31 in 2004). The IOM trip expenditure was £5750, and income £5590, including an overcharge of £80 by Magic Holidays written off. Thanks were extended to Doug Machell's fiancée Natalie for contributing a £314 cheque for the Guide Dogs charity collected from her place of work. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Don Dixon, seconded by Elizabeth Schofield.

Election of committee members – with the retirement of Secretary Bill Bradshaw, one seat on the committee was vacant, all other committee members being prepared to continue. The only nomination for the position of Secretary was Graham Lockwood, who was duly elected. Acceptance of this change was proposed by Mike Newton and seconded by Jeff Reid. The 2005 annual run committee were also re-elected for the 2006 run (Tony & Karen Sharples, Mark & Karen Blennerhassett, Joy Ellison, Dave Blackledge, Dennis Read, Andy Schultz).

2006 events – there was general satisfaction with club night events, and. 'other' events (runs etc) showed general assent. There were some useful additional suggestions from the November planning meeting, viz. go-karting, Houghton Tower, etc., which will be discussed by the committee. Bob Moore and Carol Weston volunteered to organise a Sunday run from Hellifield, Dennis Read, Roger & Elizabeth Schofield, and Karen Blennerhassett offered to organise evening runs, and Martin Davidson agreed to give a talk on the Thrust project on our April club night.

AOB – Following a query on the Sam Bennett trophy award, Tony Sharples explained the philosophy behind the scoring method, which was generally agreed to be continued for 2006. Carol Weston offered a vote of thanks to the committee for helping to make our Silver Jubilee year a success, endorsed by general acclaim.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.
Bill Bradshaw
Secretary
1st February 2006

Annual Report

The following report summarises the club and its activities over the past 12 months

Club Activities

During the last year the club and its members have been involved in some 28 organised events. 6 of which we visited or took part in; Penwortham Gala, Lostock Hall Carnival, Garstang Show, 15th Lancashire Classic Car Show, Woodvale and the MGO Northern National. The latter being well supported bearing in mind it was on the same day as Woodvale, 14 cars made the trip to the Northern National where for the third consecutive year we received the prize for best club stand. Again almost half of those making the trip to the Northern National made a weekend of it.

The remaining 22 events were organised by the club, of which 11 were club nights, along with the Dales run, clay pigeon shoot, our trip to Scotland, the "Lancashire Lanes" run, Illuminations run, Annual Dinner and Cold Turkey run. Following the success of the previous years 4 mid summer evening runs we decided to repeat these, allowing members more opportunities to give their cars a run and then meet friends for a drink. Again the "Run committee" organised an excellent event which generated funds (£300) for "Guide Dogs for the Blind".

Again Bill Ryding should receive a special "thank you" for his time and effort spent organising 2 of the events. The Scotland trip and the Annual Dinner, which with the support of Lillian they organised an excellent event, again at the Leyland Golf Club.

Of these 22 events nearly all were organised by the committee, so special thanks should go to the members (non committee) who organised events this year, Roger and Elizabeth Schofield for the route and picnic arrangements for the run to Formby, Bob & Carol Moore for the Dales Run and Dennis & Cath Read for the bomb burst evening run.

As usual the normal club nights started off with the AGM (which was well attended) and followed more or less the same pattern as the previous year with Ten Pin bowling, quiz's, treasure hunt, show your car, auto test, horse racing, Natter & noggin etc. This year we succeeded in being able to arrange a couple of guest speaker nights; the first was thanks to club member Martyn Davidson who gave a talk on the Thrust SSC world land speed record project, the second was by David Buckley (with his dog Ike) on the Guide Dogs for the Blind. The final event of the year was the Cold Turkey run organised by Bill & Andy Ryding. In general through out the year the number of members attending events has been similar to last year, but some events have not seemed as popular so the committee have been considering some alternative ideas.

Newsletter

Thanks to the efforts of Bill Bradshaw (Editor) and Rachel Bailey (Publisher) the Newsletter has been published on a monthly basis with the regular information covered by the committee and there have been only a few but very good articles from club members. Towards the end of the year it was decided that the club should print its own Newsletter for which a colour laser printer has been purchased.

Membership & Club Apparel

Membership during the year has remained reasonably consistent with around 60 members at the end of September. The extended range of club clothing on offer has been very successful and will be continued next year, with some additional items being investigated.

Financial

The club remains in a healthy financial position, this years accounts will be handed out to members at the AGM (on Tuesday 30th Jan 07) and will be available on request to those members who cannot attend.

Tony Sharples,
Chairman.

On behalf of the 2006 Committee.

Agenda for Annual General Meeting 30th January 2007

Open Meeting @ 8:30pm

Opening remarks by Chairman

Reading of minutes of 2006 AGM by Secretary

Following agreement that these are a true and accurate record, proposal that these be accepted / seconded.

Matters arising

Financial report by Treasurer

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Matters arising

Election of committee members.

Nominations can be accepted at this meeting. The list below shows those nominations received so far. A vote will be taken in the event of more than one nomination for a position

Election of officers

Chairman – Tony Sharples

Secretary – Graham Lockwood

Treasurer – Mark Blennerhassett

Election of General Committee

Andy Schultz - (Technical)

Gordon Mallett - (Membership)

Bill Ryding - (Events)

Bill Bradshaw - (Newsletter Editor)

2007 events programme - list showing proposed 2005 club night and other events will be issued to all present, and suggestions will be invited for other events to be considered at next committee meeting.

Annual run committee to be selected from volunteers

Any Other Business

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Calendar of Events for 2007

Date	Club Event
Tue 30 Jan	AGM
Tue 27 Feb	Ten Pin Bowling
Tue 27 Mar	Natter & Noggin - Possible Guest speaker, if one can be found.
Tue 24 Apr	Natter & Noggin with slide show
Wed 16 May	Evening Run
Tue 29 May	Show Your Car Off
Jun	Outdoor activities
Wed 13 June	Evening Run
Tue 26 Jun	Treasure Hunt (Martyn Davidson)
July	Lostock Hall
July	Garstang Show
Wed 11 July	Evening Run
Tue 24 July	Auto Test
Aug	Northern National
Aug	Woodvale Show
Wed 15 Aug	Evening Run
Tue 28 Aug	Evening Run
Sun 9 Sep	Lancashire Lanes Run
Tue 25 Sep	
Tue 30 Oct	Quiz Night
Tue 27 Nov	Natter, Noggin & Planning
Fri 7 Dec	Annual Dinner
Sat 29 Dec	Cold Turkey Run

Committee, Contacts & Useful Information



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