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Christmas comes early to Tormog (or is it late?)

At the February Noggin it was decided to hold the postponed Christmas Lunch on Sunday 7th March. So details are: The Ship Inn, Barlow Hill, Wincle, Cheshire from 12:00 onwards.

Jim has chatted to the new owners who started on the 6th Jan and they hope to have an improved menu in place, so it will be good to give it a try. They may not be able to accept plastic as they currently are having a problem establishing the link. So take readies, jic.

Tormog AGM

Thursday April 1st is the date for your diaries, a red letter day in my book, and incidentally, a red letter day for this newsletter. It will be the start of a NEW Mogging year, with a NEW chairman, a NEW treasurer, a NEW secretary, a NEW regalia Officer, a NEW venue and a NEW Tormog newsletter Editor. Ha ha ha! April Fool! Ok, a new Mogging year, but be there to support the team!

MSCC Awards Dinner

At the Awards Dinner a couple of days after the February noggin, Tormoggers will be delighted to hear that our own Simon Baines has held on to the MSCC Championship Trophy for yet another year. Not only is he a pretty quick driver on the sprint and hillclimb circuits, not only has he had a successful first season on the race tracks, he has also organised the Speed Championship, or should I say he has helped Julie, and encouraged another bunch of new entrants into competitive motorsport by organising the highly acclaimed Taster Day. At the same event, John *Bloody* Stephens again held onto the Mason Cup, Brian Lee is still Chairman, Simon was again elected at Speedmog Oraniser, I am still Awards Bloke, and best of all, our own Jean Lee was the Trophy Totty, elegantly in her latest new posh frock, presenting the trophies to all the winners

My new car has arrived!

I have taken delivery of my new car: a drop-dead gorgeous Aeromax! Silver grey, and very fast. It came complete with a green +8, which is unfortunately left hand drive, but at least I have 10 feet of scalextric track too! So, anyone want me to bring it to a noggin, I know that at least one other Tormogger ordered a knock-down priced set, so between us, we could have quite a decent track in the Bull one noggin. This generation of Scalextrics are superb, despite having been made in China, and boast a huge magnet underneath, which makes cornering rapid! I also have a kit Scalextric Mog, which compared to these two is hopeless, so a body swap look on the cards!

A WATERPROOF MORGAN (Does one exist?)

The hood on my Roadster is an improved version. In Morgan speak, this means it allows less water to penetrate into the cabin than previous versions. I know this from various storms I have passed through with wet knees and elbows. I suppose with an earlier hood all my clothing would be soaked. So as I said an improvement.

I first modified it by sticking D shaped rubbers on the windscreen pillars where the outside edges of the front hood touch. 'Touch' in Morgan speak means 1/8th to 1/2 in. gap. This cured the in-blown drops and seemed to produce a waterproof hood. Then we went through heavy rain on the motorway. Rain came in about quarter of the way along the front rail. On viewing the underside of the front hoodrail, which is a u-section, it was noticed that the continuous ribbed rubber seal was no longer ribbed. The ribs had given up and now lay flat. The solution was a self adhesive closed cell seal from Woolies stuck on top of the original. The front roof rail now fits snugly onto the top windscreen. The side clips feel as if they are squashing the seal whereas before it seemed quite slack.

Is it waterproof? Yes. Even in the downpour that was Saturday at Cheltenham there were no leaks.

In torrential rain, I parked next to a Roadster at Steve Simmonds' place and noticed the passenger, still in the car, absorbing the rain with two handkerchief sized cloths as it dripped past the header rail just as my car once did.

Regards, Lloyd

A Celebration of Power and Speed 17-18 July

Taking place in the glorious grounds of Cholmondeley Castle, the Pageant combines speed, nerve and flair with exceptional design and engineering. Since 2007 it has been the ambition of the Pageant of Power to showcase the best of historic and contemporary automotive power, whether on Land, Sea or Air. Central to the action is the 3 mile circuit within the Park grounds of Cholmondeley Castle where over 150 cars and bikes compete, spanning seven decades of motorsports. On the adjoining Deer Park Mere, the Pageant hosts the largest gathering of inshore racing power boats in the UK, World Champion Jet Ski Demonstrations and Rib rides are also on offer. In the air the largest helicopter event in Europe combines with dramatic and gravity defying aerobatic displays. The Military might on display this year will be more impressive than ever before with opportunities to watch combat power in action, look inside battle winning equipment and train with serving soldiers during the days and listen to magnificent marching bands at the Tattoo on Saturday night. All this combined with the fantastic shopping, activities and refreshments make this one of the motoring events of the year.

Join the High Peak Centre at this year's event and display your Morgan Sports Car on our static display. Places are limited and will be offered firstly to members of the High Peak Centre. Thereafter places will be open to other MSCC Centres and allocated on a first come first served basis. Last year we had a fabulous display of Morgans and many other centres joining us for the weekend and enjoying all that this event has to offer the motoring enthusiast. Please note that the cost involved is different from last year. After the first ten cars, both the driver and passenger will be charged £15.00 per person for entry via a Paddock Enclosure Ticket. Prior to this the passenger only has to purchase a ticket. Normal charge for entry is £25.00 per person. Park Passes are no longer available.

If you are interested in being part of this year's festival please telephone or email a.s.a.p. either myself Colin Hill on 01457 764804 chairman@tormog.co.uk or Jim Richardson on 01625 528641 centresecretary@tormog.co.uk to ensure a place.

Until we have an idea on numbers attending I cannot confirm whether admission for you on the day will be free or £15.00. Either way it will be worth it. Once the event appears in Miscellany places will snapped up and you may lose your spot at what has become the north's answer to the south's Festival of Speed.

For more information on the event and camping facilities available please see the Festival of Speed web site on www.cpop.co.uk

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TorMog Events Calendar 2010

Thursday	4 th March	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Sunday	21st March	Sprint Taster Day at Curborough
Thursday	1st April	TorMog Noggin and AGM at Bull I'th Thorn
Monday	5 th April	SpeedMog Sprint at Croft
Sunday	25th April	Drive It Day, FBHVC's classic awareness day
Sunday	25 th April	SpeedMog Sprint at Curborough
Sunday	2 nd May	SpeedMog Sprint at Olivers Mount
Monday	3rd May	Gawsworth Hall Classic Car Rally, bring a picnic and park with the Morgans.
Thursday	6 th May	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday	3 rd June	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Saturday	5 th June	SpeedMog Sprint at Elvington
Sunday	6 th June	SpeedMog Hillclimb at Harewood Hill
Fri/Sat/Sun	18,19,20th June	MOGmmx
Saturday	26 th June	SpeedMog Sprint at Aintree
Thursday	1 st July	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Sunday	11 th July	SpeedMog Sprint at Loton Park
Sat/Sun	17,18 July,	Cholmondeley Pageant of Power
Thursday	5 th August	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Saturday	7 th August	SpeedMog Sprint at 3 Sisters
Thursday	2 nd September	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Fri/Sat/Sun	3,4,5th September	Chatsworth Country Fair
Sunday	5 th September	SpeedMog Sprint at Ty Croes
Sunday	12th September	MSCC Club Sprint at Curborough, this is <u>the</u> one to visit to marshal or spectate.
Sunday	19 th September	SpeedMog Sprint at Shelsley Walsh
Sunday	3 rd October	SpeedMog Sprint at Prescott
Thursday	7 th October	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday	4 th November	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Thursday	2 nd December	TorMog Noggin at Bull I'th Thorn
Saturday	11th December	TorMog Dinner at Prestbury Village Restaurant
Sunday	19th December	TorMog Christmas Lunch at Ship Inn, Wincle

Further details might be in TorMogger nearer date or ring Jim Richardson, 01625 528641, jim@richardson.f2s.com
SpeedMog events Only a few have been included, see www.speedmog.co.uk for more details

In next month's issue:

The Grass is Greener on the Tarmac: John Stephens writes about the serious competition he is to face in the MSCC Techniques Speed season ahead.