

THE MORGAN THREEWHEELER CLUB AGM 2015

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Having been asked to stand and voted in as Chair following a period of turbulence in the Club, my reflections on the year fall into four main categories.

The first could broadly be called Club morale. No club will proceed in an entirely peaceful way and disagreements are part of the process by which the club evolves. Over the last year, some of these disagreements could be described as conflicts, and some of these conflicts have resulted in resignations, so a word about conflict.

Conflicts are not *necessarily* bad although if not confronted and worked through, they can have bad results. I believe that the best approach to conflict is to acknowledge its presence and to confront and work through it if at all possible. This calls for honesty and humility on both sides and a willingness to see the best in others. I recognise that I fail at times to live up to those aims. However, as a Club, I want to try to help to create a culture that recognises these aims and works to realise them. In that way, I believe that morale will flourish.

The second category is the practicalities of managing the Club. Over the year the Committee has been managing the day to day affairs, but also has worked to rescind or modify practices that have given rise to discord or inefficiency and to create new practices that will help the secure, effective and harmonious running of the Club. You are being asked to vote on some of these at the AGM.

The third category is the activity promoted and organised by the Club that brings members together in friendship and in the enjoyment of their Morgans. Mogspares and Used Parts Exchange have continued to provide an excellent service that helps Members keep their wheels turning. The racing section has had an excellent year under the able leadership of Pete Clews. The Public Relations and Events section, headed by Ian Parkinson and Richard Atherton have done much to restore excellent relations with the Morgan Motor Company, to recruit new members, to involve 5 speeder owners and to promote events such as Goggles and Gauntlets. Michael Joseph has organised another successful Training Day with a focus on young members and those who don't turn up at monthly group meetings. GOs have quietly worked away at making their group activity enjoyable and well attended. All this activity has been ably publicised through the Bulletin and the Web Site. My thanks to all involved in these areas.

The fourth category is my wish list for next year should you want me to continue in the Chair. The most immediate issues are in the housekeeping department. I would like to finalise work on defining a "Club Event" in order that members can work creatively under the umbrella of the Club, particularly in the knowledge that our insurance will cover their activity. I would also like to create a reserves policy so that we can use our financial resources to the best effect for the membership rather than having excessive sums depreciating in low interest bank accounts. I would also like to explore ways to use IT to help manage our operation, specifically a database to store records and information and to provide reminders of tasks that fall due.

Finally, may I thank all those who have contributed in so many ways and put so much time and effort into to the functioning of the Club over the year with particular thanks to those who are not standing for re-election this time, John Scruton, Chris Harfield, Nick Taylor and Len Critchlow.

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