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# SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

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Newsletter of the Southern Morgan Group MOGSouth Vol. 1/97

## 1997 Spring Meet Details

The 1997 MOGSouth Spring Meet will be held in and around the Gainesville/Braselton, Georgia area, May 9, 10 and 11. As was decided at the Christmas party, the meet will be centered around the Atlanta area's British Car Day held at Chateau Elan on May 10.

Accommodations have been made at the Best Western Lanier Centre Inn in downtown Gainesville. They are holding twenty rooms for both Friday and Saturday nights. The rate is \$70.00 per night for a King room. We will also have a parlor room that opens onto the pool courtyard for our hospitality room both Friday and Saturday nights. On Friday night, we will have sandwiches and light snacks as well as beer, wine and soft drinks for you to enjoy at your leisure. On Saturday, we will have beer, wine and soft drinks after the event. Breakfast will be available both days in the hotel restaurant. On Saturday morning we will most likely need to leave for the Chateau by 8:30AM as the organizers usually want the cars on the field by about 9:00AM. You will be mailed separately from the Atlanta British Car Club the

registration forms for the event. Pete Olson has contacted Chateau Elan regarding a prepared lunch you may order in advance for the event and details regarding that are contained elsewhere in this issue.

On Saturday night we have planned dinner for a local restaurant, Poor Richards, that is highly recommended. After dinner we can of course retire to the parlor room for further 'noggin and natter.

The hotel is holding the twenty rooms until May 1. They may be reached at 800 782-8966 or 770 531-0907. Please mention Morgan Owner's Group South when making your reservations.

The Atlanta British Car Day usually draws 450 to 500 cars and this year we are hoping for a record turnout of Morgans. We had fourteen last year. Please plan to join us this year for what promises to be a great meet. We plan to award a trophy voted on by one person per Morgan attending, for the Morgan you would most like to see in your garage, the Mogger's Choice. If you have any questions, please call Randy Johnson at 404 624-9674. Hope to see you there!

# Morgan Name Badges

A majority of active MOGSouth members have requested that we procure Morgan name badges. As such, Lance Lipscomb suggested a design which was adopted and an order has been placed. If you would like to order a name badge(s) please provide the name(s) you would like on the badge(s) in the space below and return to me along with your check payable to MOGSouth for the appropriate amount. Badges are \$7.50 per badge plus \$.50 per badge for packaging and mailing. Obviously if I hand deliver the badge at a meet, etc. the \$.50 per badge is waived.

In order to have your badges ready by the Spring Meet (May 9) I must have your order by May 1.

Please order name badges as below:

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Number of badges:

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

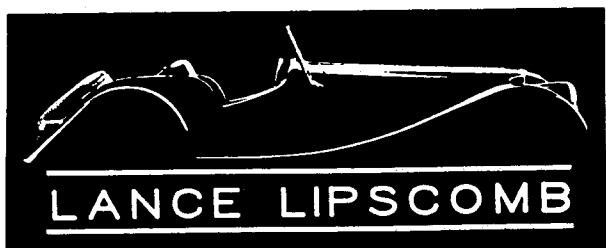
Packing/Mailing:

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to MOGSouth and mail to:

Randy Johnson  
1794 Fair Oaks Place  
Decatur, Georgia 30033-1449



# Chateau Elan Picnic Box Menu

Pete Olson contacted Chateau Elan regarding having prepared box lunches for the Spring Meet.

Listed below is the menu available and the cost per lunch.

You must contact the Chateau at (770) 932-0900 extension #6181 at least 24 hours prior to the event to place an order.

We felt this may be easier on most folks than bringing a picnic from home or shopping the morning of the event.

In the past, wine, beer and soft drinks have been available on the grounds of the Chateau during the event.

All picnic box entrees include their Wild Mushroom Pasta Salad.

1. Assortment of Marinated Vegetables with Yogurt Dill Sauce and Fresh Seasonal Fruit.....\$8.95
2. Chateau Elan Hoagie Sandwich and Lychees.....\$9.95
3. Parmesan Crusted Chicken with Tomato Herb Dip and Fresh Seasonal Fruit.....\$10.95
4. Chilled Poached Salmon and Cucumbers with Yogurt Dill Sauce and Fresh Berries.....\$12.95
5. Sliced Roast Beef Tenderloin served chilled with Cornichons, Horseradish Cream and Fresh Seasonal Fruit.....\$14.95



# TIPS FROM FRED

## BATTERY CABLES

A good source for the long battery cable that you need for the Morgan rear-mounted battery is a welding supply store. Not only will they have super-good copper cable, but they will have the copper ends with the eye to connect the solenoid. This eye should be a crimp-fit and they will install it for you.

For the battery end..... There are several types of cable ends. Ask at a good auto parts store. I would recommend that you convert to a side post battery.

A six-volt cable has to be much heavier than a twelve-volt cable. There is nothing wrong with a good six-volt system. It just runs at a higher amperage than a twelve-volt system and therefore requires a heavier gauge wire and heavy duty switches. That is why it is quite OK to convert a six-volt car to twelve-volt system. You will actually be "over-wired". No problem.

Aircraft and the military use twenty-four volt systems as the wire is thinner and thus saves weight.

## SPLICING A BATTERY CABLE

It is not a good idea to splice a battery cable. It is best to replace the whole thing. In the real world- it is often done.

Because of the amperage, the splice should be mechanical, not soldered. The standard splicing device is a "split-pin fastener".

Good hardware stores, electrical supply houses and welding supply stores will have them. The heat generated in a high-amp connection

can melt the solder. Use the split-pin fastener and be safe.

## BATTERY CONNECTIONS

Clean the battery post and clamp with a wire brush made for the job. Any auto-parts store carries the brushes and there is no excuse for not owning one. Now, an old-time trick....Grease the post before you install the cable.

I know this sounds weird but I read if in an old International truck manual....and tried it. It works just fine. No problem making a connection and the terminal simply does not corrode. Try it!

## BATTERY

Check the terminals. I use those little red and green, treated felt washers that fit under the terminals to prevent growth....They seem to work!

If you do not drive your Morgan often, you should bring the battery up to full charge with a charger every few months. Even if you do drive it often, that wonderful, marginal, Lucas generator may not keep up with the demands of the headlights, ignition, starter, etc., and you may be running on a partial charge. Again, hook it up to a charger every month or so to bring it back up to top charge and prevent problems.

You do not need to hook the charger directly to the battery. I connect the ground wire to the engine and the hot wire from the charger to the battery terminal on the starter solenoid.

Get it right! Red is always the positive(+) lead and black is always the negative (-) lead on the charger.

# Morgan Wearing Apparel

By Randy Johnson

I have recently found a source for wearing apparel (shirts, jackets, hats, sweatshirts, etc.) that can be embroidered with several Morgan logos, the winged wheel as well as two forms of the word Morgan in two of the different typefaces that the MMC utilizes. The winged wheel is approximately three inches wide as is the Morgan without the swash. The swash Morgan is approximately two inches wide.

I purchased a short sleeve khaki color twill shirt with the Morgan wing and it is the best looking logo I have ever seen. The source is Triple C Motor Accessories of York, Pennsylvania. Phone number is 717 854-4081 and FAX is 717 854-6706. They have a very nice catalog and their prices are the best I have seen. The twill shirt is \$32.00/short sleeve and \$35.00/ long sleeve. Knit golf shirts are \$24.95. Hats \$10.00. Jackets \$49.95 and \$69.95. Sweatshirts \$24.95 and \$39.95.

These people are very nice to do business with, the service was great and the quality of the items I have purchased excellent. Give them a try!

Mount your battery right. Bungee cords, although commonly used, are not right.

Make a proper box and use a proper battery clamp. A loose, jouncing battery will have a short life and is a problem waiting to happen. (out of sight, out of mind?)

## TRICKLE CHARGING

If you seldom drive your Mog, you may be tempted to put a continuous "trickle" charger on the battery to keep it up. The trickle setting on most chargers is around 2 amps, *too high a rate for continuous use*. This is really for charging small (motorcycle) batteries of for a slow charge on a car battery.

A true trickle charger for continuous use should only be around 100 milliamps.

## BATTERY ACCESS

When I re-did the rear wood in my '4, I cut out a square hole over the battery. I use an aluminum cover/door. It measures about 10" x 14". The aluminum fits flush to the wood (I used a router around the edges of the opening) and is held by four counter-sunk flathead bolts that screw into T-nuts. Now I can fasten the wood floor more securely to the body still have easy access to the battery.

Tips from Fred is re-printed with permission from *The Morgan Owner's Bedside Reader* by long time Morgan owner and MOGSouth member Fred Sisson. For a copy of *The Morgan Owner's Bedside Reader*, contact Fred at 770 446-7124. It comes with a money back guarantee!

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## Dues Due

Dues for 1997 were due January 1. Many of you have already paid-thank you very much.

Dues remain \$20.00 for the year. If I have written "dues due" by the mailing label for this newsletter, my records show you have not yet paid.

Please make check payable to:

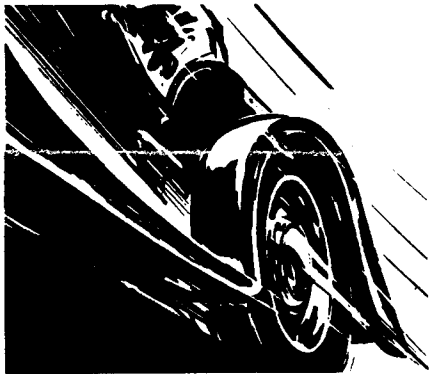
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## Richard Payton

Richard Payton, husband of long time MOGSouth member Lois Williford Payton passed away suddenly and unexpectedly November 16, 1996.

Many MOGSouth members shared Lois and Richard's happiness at their wedding and I am sure that we now share Lois' grief.

Richard was retired from the United States Navy and Lois is planning a memorial service in his honor for Memorial Day Weekend at Mary Alice Park on Lake Lanier in Cumming, GA. Details will be forthcoming.

## 1997 Vintage Events, Etc.

**March 12-15** SVRA Sebring Vintage GP, Sebring, FL

**April 3-6** SVRA Spring in Savannah, Roebling Road, Savannah., GA

**April 25-27** HSR Walter Mitty Challenge, Road Atlanta, GA

**May 9-11** MOGSouth Spring Meet, Gainesville, GA

**June 26-29** SVRA Mid-Ohio, OH

**July 3-6** MOG 27 Harper's Ferry, W.Va.

**July 19-20** VSCCA Pittsburgh GP Pittsburgh, PA

**August 2-3** Meadow Brook Concours and Historics, Waterford Hills, MI

**September 19-21** HSR Atlanta Historic Race, Road Atlanta, GA

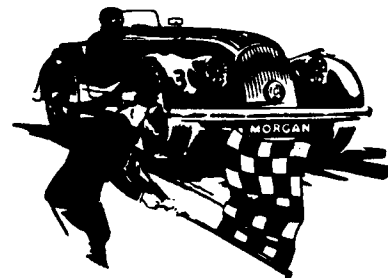
**September 26-28** Morgans at the Point, Summit Point, W.V.A.

**October 16-19** SVRA Atlanta Vintage GP, Road Atlanta, GA

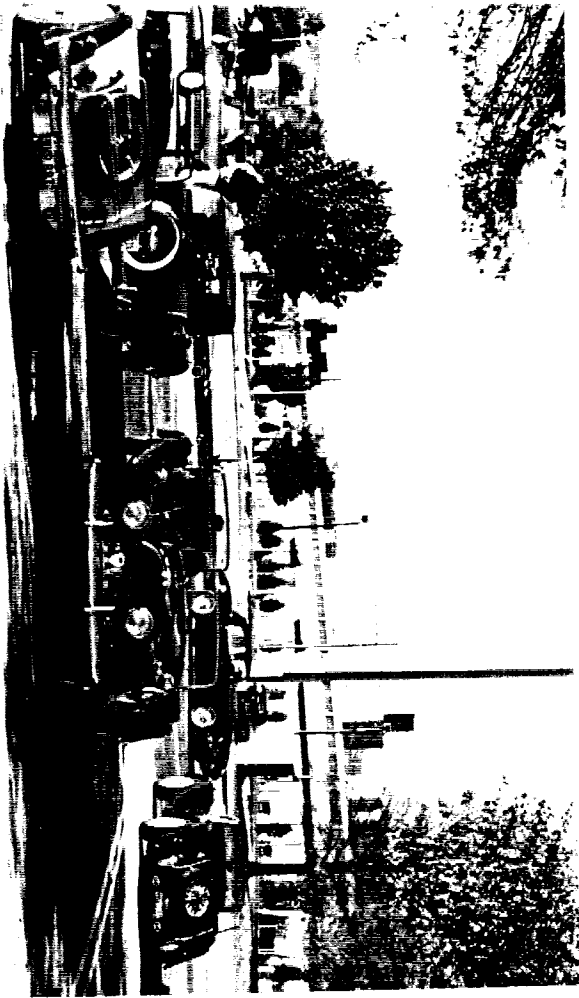
**October 31- November 2** HSR Savannah Historic Races Roebling Road Savannah., GA

**December 6** MOGSouth Christmas Party, Roswell, GA

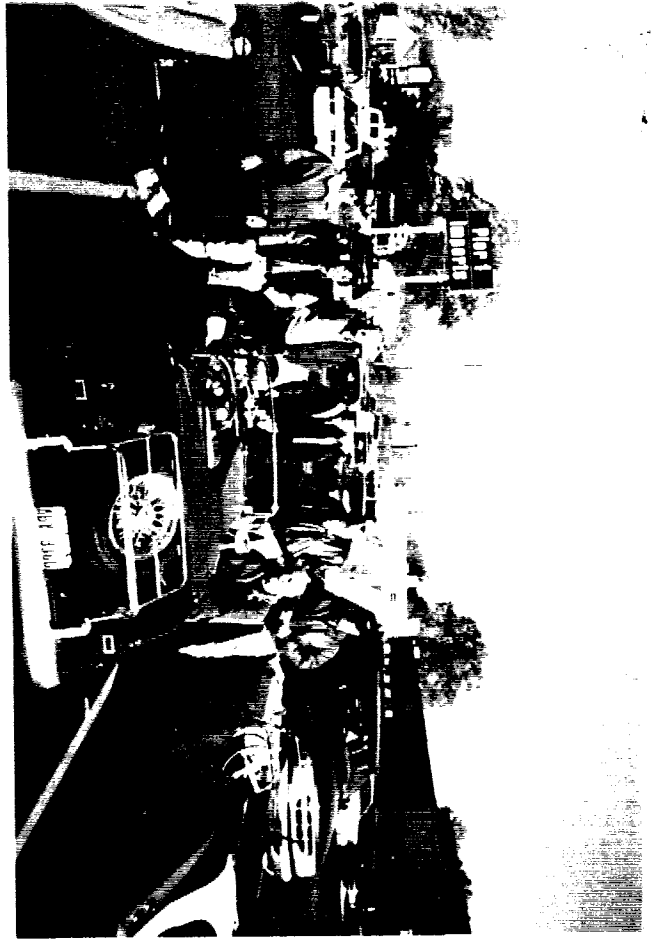
*For information only. Please contact sanctioning body or local track or organization to confirm date and event.*



Several of the cars that attended the Chattanooga British Car Meet, November 1996

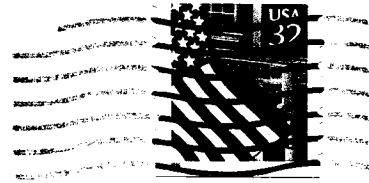


MOGSouth local Atlanta Breakfast Clubbers, Fall of 1996



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