

# SOUTHERN FOURS and EIGHTS

Morgan Owners Group South

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## Coming Events

### Day at the Races

April 28 - Reservations April 24

### Spring Meet

May 11-13 - Reservations April 1

### MOG 20 Concours July 1



1. It was running when I shut it off



2. Hey guys, this was supposed to be a concours meeting

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SPRING MEET  
Ashville, North Carolina  
May 11-13, 1990

Local contact: Bill and Brenda Swann  
704-687-0912

FRIDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING:

Meal for wine, beer, sodas, and cheese party (before and after dinner):

SATURDAY: Drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway to Mt. Piscah for lunch, napping on the grass, hiking, motoring, etc.

SATURDAY EVENING:

Bill and Brenda will lead us to the restaurant where we shall dine, then back to the motel for more socializing.

SUNDAY: Breakfast and then off to the Parkway to motor to the Folk Art Center of the Highland Handcraft Guild. Next stop is Craggy Gardens to check out the beauty of the area, and box lunches.

\$3.00 per night, per room:

This small charge will be included in your bill to help defray expenses of the hospitality room.

Sales Pitch:

If you have not worked up your nerve to join us, we extend to you a special invitation. This is a very congenial group which will welcome you warmly. We are informal, if you want to talk morgans, we do that, and if you do not, we do that too. Our motto is our Morgans are the vehicles used for making friendships. Please join us.

WARNING: Ranger Rick of the National Park Service wants you. If you speed or disobey his rules on the parkway, HE WILL GET YOU. He is watching, so be good.

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## OFF TO THE RACES.....

What is spring without the Walter Mitty Vintage Races? For those who have not joined us, you need to come out and see. Meet Morgan enthusiasts, racing nuts, people watchers, and those who covet owning and/or driving some of the mean machines.

Plan to come early. Last year, those who did not had to park outside the gate, as the paddock area parking is limited. Bring your picnic, and there will be the traditional "MOG South" cooler. We park our Morgans on the grass and make a day of catching up on the news, watching the races, and of course we cheer the Morgans on the track.

We are working on the chance of driving a parade lap again this year. Keep your fingers crossed.

To finish the day properly, we will dine at Major McGill's in Flowering Branch, Georgia. Lance and Mary Lipscomb will lead the way to the restaurant, for those who can keep up with them. Maps will be provided for the rest of us.

### MUST DO'S:

1. Call Lance and Mary by Tuesday, April 24 for Dinner reservations
2. BE THERE

Did you know there are a growing number of Morgans racing these days? Some that I have heard of are: Jack Poteet, Larry Nelson, Harry Gaunt, David Chiles, Lee Gaskins, Jim Besst, Dave Bondon, Greg Miller, Rich Fohl, Jay Dorsk, and Alec Knight.



3. Finally, we finished to autocross

CALENDAR

April 28	Walter Mitty Vintage Races, MOG South Lance & Mary Lipscomb	404-972-1112
May 11-13	Spring Meet, MOG South Asheville, North Carolina, Buena Vista Motel Reservations Bill & Brenda Swann	704-274-1646 704-687-0912
June 9-10	OHMOG 7, Ohio Club, Granville, Ohio DeDe Hall Karen Besst	614-587-1356 614-875-4693
June 30-July 4	MOG 20, MCCDC, Marlinsburg, W.Va. Sheraton Hotel, make reservations now Alan Marsh	304-267-5500 202-667-6970
July 14-15	MOGWEST 90, California Mike Hallem	213-476-6363
July 20-22	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, OHMOG Chas Wasser	513-825-2856
August 3-5	Morgans Over America, MCCDC, Luray, Virginia Alan Marsh	202-667-6970
August 10-12	Morgans Over America, Canadian Club Niagara Falls, Ont Audrey Beer	416-857-3210
September	Autumn Mog, 3/4 Club, Connecticut	
October	Fall Meet, MOG South, Chattanooga, Tennessee Dan & Nancilee Kelly Gus & Lee Spahr	615-821-9612 615-894-4200
December 16	Holiday Party, MCCDC	
December	Christmas Party, MOG South, Jamestown, North Carolina David & Sarah Chiles	919-454-2888



4. Odd, all headed in the same direction at the same time

5. Come on Dad, this is serious



MOG 20 CONCOURS

For those behind on the news, MOG South was asked to direct the concours at MOG 20. By default Lance and Mary Lipscomb and Bob and Wynell Bruce bit the bullet and came up with a plan, with help from a lot of folks. This plan met with the approval of MOG South at our Christmas party and then was sent to the MCCDC Officers for approval or rejection. The approval came, to the dismay of those involved, so now we are gathering steam to present the MOG South interpretation of a concours, to take place Sunday, July 1, 1990.

Dave and Cheryl Childress have been blackmailed into being judge coordinators, and Gus Spahr was told he would not be allowed to drive his Plus 8 if he did not agree to being tech coordinator. Out of the kindness of their hearts these folks graciously agreed. See what can happen when desperate?

You are next. There will be a great need for workers and judges. As for workers, we want folks to help direct the cars entering the field, help tech, and we don't know what else. The system of judging will be different to most of us. The plan is to have two people judge ONLY certain parts of the cars, such as wheels, interiors, or what ever. This will remove the pressure of having to judge entire cars, which we hope will make judging much faster, and easier.

The concours will be a roaring success with everyone helping in the spirit that makes MOG South folks special.

By the way, make your reservations NOW for MOG 20 by calling the Sheraton Inn at Martinsburg, W. Va., 304-267-3500.



7. Turn left, Emily, left



6. Two in Deakins Blue





MOG XX  
MARTINSBURG, W.Va.  
30 June- 4 July 1990

MOG XX CONCOURS RULES ..... MOG SOUTH

I. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in the MOG XX concours the car must be registered for MOG XX.

In keeping with the systems used by many English clubs, and for the purpose of this competition, a Morgan will be defined as an automobile having the following attributes. (With exceptions noted.)

WOOD FRAMING: except; SLR's, +4+, and the E.E. Plastics prototype

"Z" SECTION CHASSIS: except; 2 cylinder Trikes and Triumph chassis SLR

SLIDING PILLAR FRONT SUSPENSION: except; Triumph chassis SLR

II. FUNCTION

In keeping with the MOG South philosophy that the Morgan is functional, and not just a work of art, the automobile and its systems will be evaluated in the following manner:

All Morgans entered in the concours will be subject to a technical inspection, with points deducted from the final concours score for non functioning systems.

All Morgans will be required to drive from the tech inspection location to the concours field.

Race Morgans will be tech inspected at the concours site and then must drive onto the field under their own power.

III. CLASSES

Classes will be divided as follows:

TRIKES, all

EARLY 4/4, including 1962 LATE 4/4, 1963 to 1985

EARLY +4, including 1962 LATE +4, 1963 to 1985

EARLY +8, including 1975 LATE +8, 1976 to 1985

DROPHEAD, all

FLAT RAD, all

FOUR SEATER, all

NEW CAR, all post 1985

PREMIER, MOG 19 "Best of Show" & "Best of Class"

RACE, must show log book from recognized sanctioning body, e.g. SCCA, SVRA, VSCCA, etc.

(NOTE) The Premier Class will consist of the "Best of Show" and the "Best of Class" winners from last year. It provides the "cream of the crop" from MOG 19 the opportunity to compete against each other. Each entrant will be presented with a special trophy plate to recognize the quality required to show in this class, and will be eligible for the "best of class" or "best of show" awards.

(NOTE) The parameters of the classes may change depending upon the number of cars in any one class.

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IV. CLEANING OF CARS ON THE FIELD

Until judging has commenced, cars may be cleaned once parked with their class upon the concours field. A horn will sound as a 5 minute warning, with a second horn indicating that judging has begun. Entrants violating this rule will be assessed a 10 point penalty.

V. JUDGING

In order to provide as unbiased an evaluation of the Morgans as possible, judging will be done by teams, who, instead of evaluating the entire car, will only evaluate a portion of the car (for example, interiors). Once the teams have finished, their scores will be totaled to give an overall score for each automobile.

Judging sheets specific to the Race and Trike classes have been developed.

*(NOTE) It is important you understand that all cars wishing to compete for trophies must remain on the field until judging has been completed, as determined by the the concours cocordinators.*

VI. TROPHIES

A "Best of Show" trophy will be awarded. The winner of this award will not be eligible for a "Best of Class" trophy. As has been done in the past, the recipient of this award will be selected by a panel consisting of the President MCCDC, the meet coordinator, and the Concours coordinators.

A "Best of Class" trophy will be awarded in each class, except as noted.

"Judges Special" awards will be awarded to cars that do not finish "Best of Class" but are worthy of recognition. Two "Judges Special" awards have been designated for each class, but these may be reallocated depending on the quality of the cars in each class.

A "Peoples Choice" trophy will be awarded based upon the votes cast during the concours by registered MOG XX participants.

*(NOTE) In order to receive a "Best of Class" trophy, a car must score minimum of 150 points. If the best car in a class does not score 150 points, it will be awarded a "Judges Special" award.*

THE DECISION OF THE CONCOURS COORDINATORS ON ANY DISPUTE IS FINAL

*ALL Morgans are encouraged to be on the Concours field whether or not it is to be judged.*

MOG South Concours Coordinators:

Bob and Wynell Bruce	404-974-2631
Lance and Mary Lipscomb	404-972-1112



8. The beautiful, the fast, and the ugly

LADIES, there is going to be an event at MOG 20 we can take part in, and learn from. There is going to be an autocross school. Last year was the first time for this event, and not many women took part. Those who did, really enjoyed it.

Tom and Sue Baruch were in charge and they had Rich Fohl, Jay Dorsk, and Lee Gaskins, all excellent autocross drivers, to give instruction, encouragement, and support. They were all great in giving help, and no one yelled at anyone, or laughed.

So this year let's make a point of getting out and giving it the old MOG South try. I want everyone to stand as witnesses. Lance Lipscomb has given Mary, his wife, and me the OK to drive his Plus 8 in school. Talk about faith, or is it something else. Mary, does he want something?

9. He thinks I am going to share





## MORGANS OVER AMERICA

The "Morgans Over America" is still bigger than life to some of us. The Europeans are definitely coming this July. Twenty two cars have been registered to cross the Atlantic.

About half of the cars and owners are going to California, to arrive in time for MOGWEST 90, July 14-15. The group will leave next day for a cross country journey reaching Columbus, Ohio, July 27. There OHMOG (Ohio Club) will host a weekend event to honor the travelers. The group will travel on to meet the MCCDC folks August 3, in Luray, Virginia.

On July 25, the other half of the Europeans will arrive in Washington, DC to start their adventure. The Morgans of this group will be coming by boat, into Baltimore, Maryland.

This group will meet the west coast group in Luray for a bash hosted by MCCDC, the weekend of August 3rd. Next stop is Pennsylvania, where all together the travelers will relax at the farm of Lee and Gus Spahr, with the help of MOPS (Philadelphia Club). I believe the next rest stop will be with the 3/4 Club in New York. Then it is off to Niagara Falls, where the Canadian Club will host their annual meet and make the weary travelers welcome.

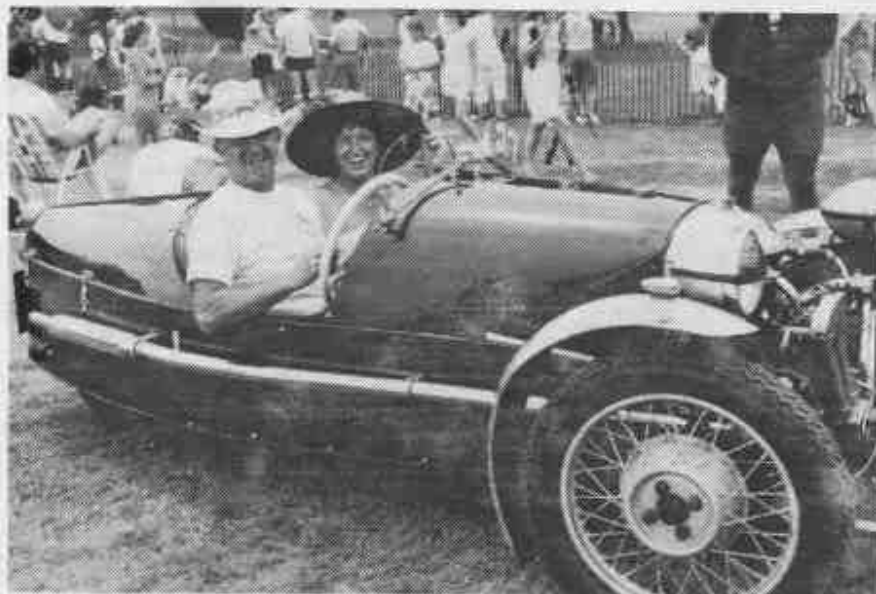
The President of MCCDC, Alan Marsh, has contacted MOG South to ask for our participation in this great saga. At present we are working on trying to get something together for the east coast bunch, the weekend of July 27. Keep that weekend open, for we may need you to help party. Stay tuned for the next chapter.



10. Where did everybody go?

## DUES:

Sure don't want anyone left on the side of the road, therefore last call for dues (\$20.) BEFORE I crank out the 1990 roster.....



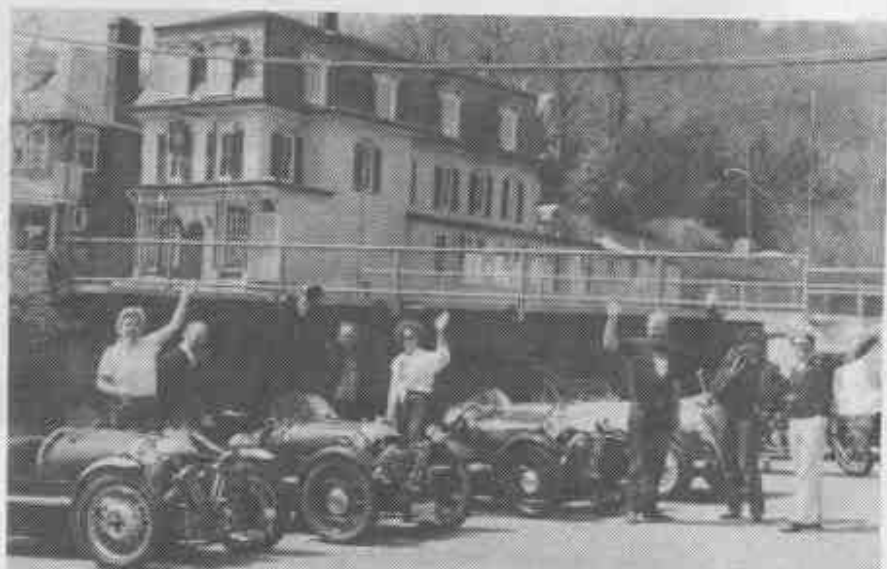
11. Had to chase those guys a long way to get the hats

Wesley Devoto is working to put one of his three Morgans together for this spring. Wesley keeps telling me he has these cars. I want to see one on the road.

Butch Garrison keeps shuffling cars, his latest purchase is a Corvette his dad owned when Butch was a teenager. The car was sold years ago and Butch lost track of it, but finally found it. That's nice Butch, but not a Morgan.

Hope Lee Gaskins Super Sport will be back racing in April. There were engine problems last year so we will be looking forward to seeing Lee and the SS back on the track.

12. Hi Mom!



Several weeks ago Tony Newton, a Mog South member living in New Jersey, spent the weekend with us. Tony and Bob removed the engine from Angus (Bob's trike) and now the engine sits on the work bench, with parts coming off. (I keep hearing loud ugly words coming from the garage.) As fate seems to provide, Lance Lipscomb is at this moment in Germany, with a side trip to inspect the Morgan factory. By coincidence, the chap who manages the Matchless engine parts also lives in Malvern. Lance departed Atlanta with a handfull of British Pounds and a shopping list of parts to put that noisy, ugly thing back together again.

I hope no one has to resort to what I do to get work done on their Morgans. The water pump died on my Plus 4. The new one came the Friday Tony arrived. He offered to help replace the water pump. Bob said no thanks. On Saturday evening Lance, Fred Sisson, Peter Olsen, Randy and Dale Johnson came over for pizza. Bless who ever came up with the idea of betting Bob a dollar each that he would NOT get the water pump installed and working by the following Saturday evening at 9 PM.

It worked! Bob put it off til Thursday then decided, well why not. He finished that evening and Elizabeth (my Plus 4) is again happy.

Now, will I hear any bets? I really would like to take Angus to MOG 20. I'll be happy to help you out sometime.



13. Some people will go to extremes for attention, but two toned legs are a bit much

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 Wynell Bruce  
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 404-974-2631

David and Jennifer Kay have a Drophead Coupe in restoration with Don Simpkins. These folks attended the Christmas party in Atlanta this December. They live in Greenville, S. C. and we look forward to seeing them with their Morgan at our events.

I don't know if you are aware of it, but I receive calls from folks wanting to buy and sell Morgans. If you know of Morgans for sale, please let me know. I'll be glad to take the information and give it to those who are interested.

Like spring blossoms popping up, Morgans are rolling out. The word is that Dan Kelly's 4/4 will be back on the road soon, fully restored. Norris Haynes is doing the job for Dan, and I know Lois Williford's Plus 8 is next in line.

Fred and Roni Sisson's Plus 4 has a rebuilt engine, new interior, new paint, and Fred is building yet another engine for the beastie.

Randy and Dale Johnson bought one of Jim Rogers Plus 4's in bits and pieces last year, and it will be completed anytime now, as soon as the upholstery is finished.

I'm sure everyone knows Gus and Lee Spahr are running around in a beautiful red Plus 8 these days. Their 4/4, who's engine assumed room temperature (died) one dark night, soon will be sporting a new engine.

David Chiles racing 4/4 now rests on a new chassis, and will compete at the Walter Mitty Vintage Races in April.

Larry Nelson purchased a 4/4, and will start racing this spring. Also, Jack Poteet will be out on the track with his, new for him, 4/4.



14. Odd looking chappy

Charlie and Caroline King, with their 4/4 and Flat Rad, survived Hurricane Hugo in Charleston. I am sure they will have lots to tell us.

Lance is doing something to his Plus 8. What Lance, make it go faster????

Jim Little, of Gadsden, Al. has sold his Plus 4. Sorry you had to sell Jim, keep us posted as to when you purchase another.

Rumor has it that Frank Childress sold one of his Plus 4's. We haven't seen Frank and Carol in some time. Come join us and catch us up on the news.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

It did not storm as predicted and we had a great time at our MOG South Annual Christmas Party. Randy and Dale Johnson welcomed us with open arms, and we had loads of delicious food and warm fellowship.

One of the high points for the ladies, low point for the gentlemen(?) was Bob Bruce producing a sweet potatoe soufflé, which he built from scratch, all by himself. The ladies were thrilled, for if Bob can, why can't their beloved ones? The beloved ones were dismayed for he set a bad example. I might as well confess, guys. Bob said that when you get hungry enough, you can do lots of things, which includes cooking delicious food. Just ask him what all he has cooked since September and he sure has not lost any weight.

Anyway, back to our party. The MOG South production plans for the MOG 20 Concours was presented and discussed. Not many comments other than encouragement because no one wanted to have to take over and do it themselves--what a great motivator.

There was no list made of those attending but here are those I can recall: Peter and Shari Olsen, David and Jennifer Kay, Homer and Barbara Deakins, Gus and Lee Spahr, Lois Williford, Fred and Roni Sisson, Wesley Devoto, Dan and Nancilee Kelly, David and Sarah Chiles, John and Mae Council, Jack and Emily Poteet, Jim Rogers, Jack and Pat Zimmerman, Don Simpkins, Bob and Wynell Bruce, and I believe Randy and Dale Johnson were there. I know I have missed folks, please forgive my "short and long term memory lapse". Or, if you choose, write me a letter and I will be sure to put your name in BIG print next issue.

Our friends in the Ohio Morgan Club called before the party to once again offer the challenge of which club tallied up the most miles driving to the Christmas party. Their party was the same night, and the one time before when the challenge was offered, MOG South lost. OHMOG was presented with a plaque in honor of that great feat. This time MOG South came through loud and strong. MOG South defeated OHMOG by 2 hundred and something miles, so be prepared gang, we will PROBABLY be presented with some great "something appropriate" at MOG 20. Maybe we should start writing an acceptance speech. Any Ideas???

THE DAY AFTER THE CHRISTMAS PARTY BRUNCH took place at the Bruces'. Bob stuffed things in closets and found that the vacuum really does work. He even had the coffee ready by the time Morgans started arriving. The ladies took pity on Bob and brought all sorts of goodies to eat, so once again, Bob did not go hungry. Everyone sat back, relaxed, and told Morgan tall tales.

I often wonder if all Morgan clubs are as congenial as our group. I don't know when I have ever met nicer people than MOG South members. What ever the occasion, it is great to be together and enjoy the friendship of all.

## FALL MEET

Our fall meet is in good hands. Dan and Nancilee Kelly, and Gus and Lee Spahr are working on plans for us to travel to Chattanooga, Tennessee for our fall adventure. We will be hearing from them as soon as they have "the plan" ready.



Congratulations to John Council and May Ventress. Their wedding was November 24, 1989, in Huntsville. They are commuting between their homes in Huntsville and Boone until summer, when Alan graduates from high school. Then, Boone will be where they park their Morgans.

Rich Fohl will be married in May, and I am sorry to say, his racing 4/4 is for sale. We wish the the very best, and hope another Morgan will be in their future.



15.  
Gee it's cold,  
where is the  
heater

MOG South: Dues. January 1 - December 31, 1990  
send to:  
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MORGAN INFO: Year \_\_\_\_\_  
MODEL: + 8 + 4 4 / 4 + 4 + Trike  
TYPE: Roadster Drophead FlatRad SuperSport

Other \_\_\_\_\_ SEATS 2 4

COLOR: Body \_\_\_\_\_ Wings \_\_\_\_\_

SERIAL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ RHD LHD SERIES \_\_\_\_\_

1990 DUES (\$20.00) included \_\_\_\_\_



## MOG SOUTH

### PICTURE IDENTIFICATION

1. Walter Mitty  
Gary Wagner, Allan Modny  
and David Chiles
2. Walter Mitty  
Jack and Pat Zimmerman
3. MOG 19-after the autocross
4. Walter Mitty
5. MOG 19-Field Trials  
Alec and Pelter Knight
6. MOG 15-Dulles Marriott  
Wynell Bruce's Plus 4 and  
Homer Deakins Drophead
7. MOG 19-autocross  
Emily Davidson
8. Walter Mitty
9. MOG 19-Martinsburg, W.Va.  
Randy Johnson and  
Wynell Bruce
10. MOG 19-Martinsburg, W.Va.
11. Pittsburgh Grand Prix  
Bob and Wynell
12. Trike Run-Ringoes, N.J.
13. MOG 19  
Bob Bruce?????
14. Walter Mitty
15. Spring Meet-Highlands, N.C.  
Alec Knight and Bob Bruce