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Dear Fellow Morgan Enthusiasts:

For the past year my wife Ann and I have been bothered, distressed, concerned about the absence of a Morgan club here in sunny Florida. About a year ago, we finally got our new +8 from Isis Imports. The arrival of this shiny red new addition to our family only made us more acutely aware of the lack of a local Morgan group.

Like many of you, we filled this void by joining other Morgan clubs. This enabled us to keep up on some of the activities of these clubs. Because of the time and distance involved, actually participating in most of their monthly fun is out of the question.

The obvious solution: a Florida Morgan club!

Our first problem -- finding out who own Morgans in Florida, was solved by lists supplied by Bill Fink and Bob Couch of Morgan Spares. (That's how we found out about some of you and your interest in Morgans.)

Our next problem -- getting started. What was needed was some type of catalyst to get things going. This occurred when we spotted Bob Yeager, of Highland Beach, driving his beautiful 1952 British racing green flat-rad +4. Because of our mutual interest in Morgans, we got together a number of times to discuss the formation of a Florida Morgan club. Bob has been a member of several New York Morgan clubs and knows the enjoyment and benefits that can be derived from active club membership. His wife, Joan, agrees with my wife, Ann - they think Morgans should all be air-conditioned ... especially in Florida.

Our present mailing list includes a number of restoration shops and sources for Morgan spare parts. If we eliminate these non-owners, our mailing list probably has at least sixty Morgan owners in the State of Florida. If we can just all pull together and have even a moderate percentage of owners respond, we have tremendous potential for a major Morgan club here in the southeast.

Another idea, which Bob Yeager and I have been discussing and have gotten pretty excited about, is the possibility of pulling together a group of Florida Morgan owners who might be interested in making a convoy type of journey up to the National meet hosted by the Washington, D.C. Club in Harrisonburg, Virginia. This meet is

scheduled for July 1-July 4. Our plan would be to leave Florida on the 30th of June. Anyone wishing to either leave with us or join us on the way north should give us a call at one of the phone numbers listed below.

We would also request anyone excited about the prospect of a Florida club to consider possible meeting locations. We've talked about the possibility of using an English looking, thatched cottage type of Steak 'n Ale restaurant on Federal Highway in Boca Raton for a first meeting. However, we would be open to any suggestions within a convenient drive for most of the people coming to a meeting. Anyone doubtful about the ability of his Morgan to drive the distance required could certainly come in a vehicle of "lesser stature".

The aims of the Florida Morgan club (? or Florida Morgan owners group [Flomog]) are simple and straightforward:

- o Fun (noggins and natters, road rallies, etc.)
- o Friendship
- o Technical support in areas of restoration and maintenance
- o Sharing information on activities of other clubs

Wouldn't it be nice to have a friend to turn to when your Morgan decides to do something strange? Wouldn't it be a lot of fun to see other Morgans and Morgan owners on a regular basis?

If we've succeeded in getting you interested or excited about forming a Florida Morgan club please fill out the enclosed form. If possible, send a photo of your Morgan (past or present) and fill out as much info as you can on the form.

If you know any other Morgan owners or enthusiasts whom you feel would be interested in club membership, please tell them about the club and let us know so they can be contacted. Also, if you want to be more involved in the work of getting our club started, call either of us at the phone numbers shown below. Your help and encouragement will be greatly appreciated.

To encourage you to respond -- hopefully in favor of our club -- we've enclosed a stamped/addressed envelope. Let's join together and start getting more enjoyment out of Morgan ownership!

Alan and Ann Aker
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Call on weekends or after
7:00 p.m. during the week

Bob and Joan Yeager
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