

SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN MORGAN GROUP MOGSOUTH VOL. 1/06

MOGSouth - Welcome to 2006!

Good things are happening in 2006! This is going to be a great year for MOGSouth. We have some wonderful events planned for the club and there are many more that you can enjoy with others in the automobile community. Get that car out from under the cover and get it ready for the road. We have a great Spring Meet being planned by Bob Steele, in and around Clay County Alabama and, Atlanta British Motorcar Day will be at Berry College in Rome this year. Details about these two events are elsewhere in this issue.

Not only do we have 'big doings' here in the colonies, but also the factory has been busy as well. The development of the much anticipated Four Seater is complete and the recently released photos are included here (Courtesy of the Morgan Motorcar Company website.) They have also redesigned and reengineered the front of the Aero 8 to give it the improved Aeromax headlights, plus other interesting enhancements.

As is normal for the factory, they have used the occasion of the Geneva Autoshow to unveil these



two new Morgan developments. These photographs were available a few days before the show, on the Factory website, on 27 February. The Factory indicates that this new model will be available with either the 2.0L 4 Cylinder and 3.0L V6 motors. In addition to the two different drivelines, there are lots of other interesting 'bits' to this new car.

The roof line is new and distinctive, curving down to the rear of the body, quite unlike the previous Four Seater. The side curtains are newly engineered and are painted, not upholstered with the top material. The interior offers folding seats in the rear with reasonably positioned three point harnesses and it appears that they will accommodate folks of larger stature. The center console fascia is quite nice. One other significant change is the new 18 inch wheels. There is a lot of discussion as to the viability of the low profile tires, with respect to ride comfort. We'll have to wait to see what the later reports say in this regard. It certainly is an attractive car and one we would certainly like to have here. It will be interesting to see just when one of these new Four Seaters finds its way to our shores. But perhaps some miracle will occur . . .

Breaking News - According to Dennis Glavis of MorganWest, on 28 Feb, who was about to leave for Geneva, there are 16 additional Roadsters, over the 82 we knew about, coming to the US.

Maybe, just maybe, we **will** see a new Four Seater!!



The painted side curtains are attractive as are the rounded slope of the rear windows.

Note the interesting treatment of the front with a small grill below the number plate. Is there a factory scoop or oil cooler behind this lower grill??



18" Wheels and low profile tires seem to fill up the wheel arch nicely. But how's the ride?



All Photos Courtesy of the Morgan Motor Company Website

More MORGANFACTORY

NEWS

The other big unveiling in Geneva is the New Aero 8. The Aero 8 Series 3 or New Aero as some are calling it, finally addresses the front end headlight treatment that has been the source of significant argument amongst the Morgan community and a source of jokes for the press. You either liked it or you hated it, and there were very few in the middle. The new headlight treatment takes on the more straight forward front end unveiled on the Aeromax, last March. The other new enhancements include more sound and heat proofing and a rubber mounted differential, as well as lightweight carbon composite hardtop.



2002 Aero 8

NEW AERO



The factory's other new model is the commemorative 4/4. Two cars are to be produced for each year of 4/4 history and to be styled in such a way as to tie the cars to those they commemorate.



STEEL WHEELS WITH HUBCAPS



FOLD-FLAT WINDSCREENS



SPECIALLY DESIGNED REAR WINDOWS

Availability of these cars is now very limited, with only a few remaining. And those remaining are commemorating fairly modern cars. The interiors have a new appearance with dashes painted to match the car's exterior and a new center gage cluster.



As seen on <http://www.worth1000.com>



...and then there is this *new* model.

Any racers out there need a new tow vehicle . . .
Lee, Gene, Ray, Dave, others ??



MORGAN PUB CRAWL – July 2007

A 'Morgans Over America' like tour is being arranged for the summer of 2007. This event is primarily focused in the northeastern US and Canada and looks to be quite an interesting tour. One could easily take in the MCCDC MOG event, over the 4th of July weekend, do some personal and car maintenance, and then make the short 350 mile trek up to Syracuse, NY to start the event on the 8th of July.

For those MOGSouth folks that might be interested, there is a more detailed itinerary available, and the event organizers have an email address established, mogpubcrawl@aol.com, should there be any questions.



TENTATIVE ITINERARY

DAY 1	SUNDAY, JULY 8 th	Meet in SYRACUSE, NY	KICKOFF DINNER
DAY 2	MONDAY, JULY 9 th	Travel To LAKE PLACID, NY	212 Miles
DAY 3	TUESDAY, JULY 10 th	Travel To FARMINGTON, ME	241 Miles
DAY 4	WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 th	Travel To SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK	246 Miles
DAY 5	THURSDAY, JULY 12 th	STOP DAY (Meet Morgans coming north from New England / East Coast)	
DAY 6	FRIDAY, JULY 13 th	Travel To CAVENDISH, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	197 Miles
DAY 7	SATURDAY, JULY 14 th	STOP DAY	British Car Show (Rustico)
DAY 8	SUNDAY, JULY 15 th	Travel To NEW GLASGOW, NS	
DAY 9	MONDAY, JULY 16 th	Travel To BADDECK, NS	236 Miles
DAY 10	TUESDAY, JULY 17 th	Travel To DARTMOUTH, NS	198 Miles
DAY 11	WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 th	STOP DAY	
DAY 12	THURSDAY, JULY 19 th	Travel To YARMOUTH	176 Miles/Ferry To Bar Harbor
DAY 13	FRIDAY, JULY 20 th	STOP DAY	
DAY 14	SATURDAY, JULY 21 st	Gathering With the 3/4 Morgan Club	
DAY 15	SUNDAY, JULY 22 nd	Travel To HYANNIS PORT, CAPE COD, MA	
DAY 16	MONDAY, JULY 23 rd	STOP DAY	
DAY 17	TUESDAY, JULY 24 th	Travel To MYSTIC, CANADA via NEWPORT, RI	
DAY 18	WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 th	STOP DAY (Farewell Party/Awards Banquet)	MYSTIC
DAY 19	THURSDAY, July 26 th	Owners Proceed to Individual Destinations	

TWO MORGANS FOR SALE OR RESTORATION!!

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All Morgan tasks undertaken
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Morgan #1:

1960 Plus 4, SN 4236
Black w/black leather interior, wire wheels
cream faced instruments
parked in garage for 10 years
great top, side curtains, tonneau, side curtains
asking \$16,000
will be ready to drive this spring

Morgan #2:

1965 Plus 4, SN 5867
restored rolling chassis, rebuilt original engine
new tub/wood, wire wheels
great black leather, top, boot, side curtains
stripped body panels ready to reassemble and paint
asking \$12,000



Offers and questions to SuperDave Bondon at (770) 330 - 6210, dbondon@bellsouth.net



From the Archives



One the greatest benefits of serving in the Army when I was younger was the opportunity to see the world. This photograph was taken just off the pier in St. Tropez on the French Riviera in June, 1981. (Yes, I was clean shaven once and . . . thin.) This four place caught my eye and I had to commemorate the sighting with a photo. Note the neat pin-striping detail on the bonnet and doors.

This was the last of a number of yearly pilgrimages my friends and I made to the French Riviera. It was only some 10 hours away from our Army post in Germany. We packed the car and left after work on a Thursday, drove all night and arrived in St. Maxime on Friday Morning, where we camped for the weekend. St. Maxime was just across the bay from St. Tropez, and unlike St. Tropez, it was affordable for a young Army Lieutenant. We brought a tent and not much else and spent a glorious weekend in the sun. We dressed for the evenings and made the short trip from St. Maxime, around the bay, to hobnob with rich and famous in St. Tropez. All we could afford was a few beers and a pizza but we were living the good life!

It seems that I never had a car that would fit four folks, so the trip was always made in one of my friends' cars, and I was always was in the back. One excruciating trip was made with me in the back seat of a Camaro, and another in the back of a Saab 99. A Morgan four place would have probably been no more uncomfortable but would have at least made the trip a bit more interesting. It was very soon after this picture was taken that I was back in the US buying my 1981 4/4 from Bill Fink.



BRITISH MOTORCAR DAY

13MAY2006

BERRY COLLEGE

The club will participate, as it does every year, in the Atlanta British Motorcar Day on the 13th of May. This year, the event is moving from the previous location at Chateau Elan to a new venue, Berry College in Rome, Georgia. Berry College is easy to reach. Go north from the perimeter, up I-75 and follow the following instructions.

From I-75 north of Cartersville take US Hwy. 411 west to SR1 just south of Rome and turn right. SR1 is a loop road that runs around the east side of Rome. Take SR1 to the intersection with US27 and turn right. Go 1/4 mile North to the main entrance to Berry College on the left. Turn into the main entrance and go right at the traffic circle to the Ford Complex. The show will be in the big field just to the west. For details on the show go to their web site at <http://www.atlantabritishmotorcarday.com>

The Kinzers' (Jackie and Dwight) have graciously offered to host the MOGSouth Club after the event, with a buffet supper beginning around 4:30 and ending whenever people want to leave. Folks can cool off (dry out?) and rest up before heading out. I suspect we will all convoy over to the Kinzer's from Berry College, but the directions are easy, if you need to travel separately.

Go north (a left turn off the campus) on US 27 for about 8 miles. Take GA 140 (a right turn) for 2.2 miles. The Kinzers' home is at 1252 GA 140 on the right. Watch for the Union Jack! You can't see their house from the road. Drive on up and park anywhere, as Jackie says 'We aren't too proud of our grass since we live in the country.' They are only 15 miles from I-75 at Adairsville which makes it simple to get back to the Atlanta area with very little traffic.

Please be sure to RSVP by telephone (706-232-7152) so that Jackie has a rough idea of numbers to plan the menu.

SOUND BITES

As is typical with the New Year, All the Trade Publications are Highlighting the New Cars. Just a bit of the Morgan coverage.

Road & Track Buyers Guide - 2006

Morgan Aero 8

"Morgan celebrates the 21st century by offering the Aero 8, a production version of its FIA GT race car. High-tech anachronisms are everywhere: Its aluminum bodywork is wind-tunnel derived, but evoking earlier Morgan shapes as well. Its chassis is an extruded aluminum space frame, yet with elements of ash wood superstructure here and there. Its powertrain is a BMW-sourced dohc V-8 and 6-speed, yet its controls reside in a classic (and not heavily ergonomically influenced) cockpit . . . Morgans are still hand-built by the lads in Malvern Link, but they've learned the most modern methods of fabrication and worked them into a car that's a great blast to drive."

Road & Tracks Specs: est. \$120,000, 22 mpg city, 30 mpg hwy

What's Hot: super-car performance, exclusivity

What's Not: Controversial Styling, Less than Roomy Cockpit, Morgan idiosyncrasies

Morgan Roadster

"For those who prefer their English sports-car nostalgia straight up (sans the 21st-century dose of Aero 8 styling) the Roadster fills the bill. Everything that defined 1936 Morgan charm - a breezy open cockpit, a long, louvered bonnet bobbing this way and that, a sliding pillar front suspension causing said bobbing, even the presence of four wheels (earlier Morgans were all trikes!) - all these things are embodied in the Roadster."

Road & Tracks Specs: est. \$77,000

What's Hot: Traditional Morgan Styling, Morgan Camaraderie, 0-60 in 5.2 secs

What's Not: Traditional Morgan idiosyncrasies, Less than Roomy Cockpit



MOGSOUTHSPRINGMEET

19-21 MAY 2006

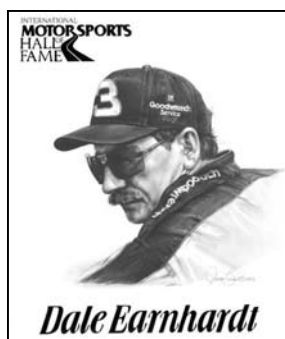
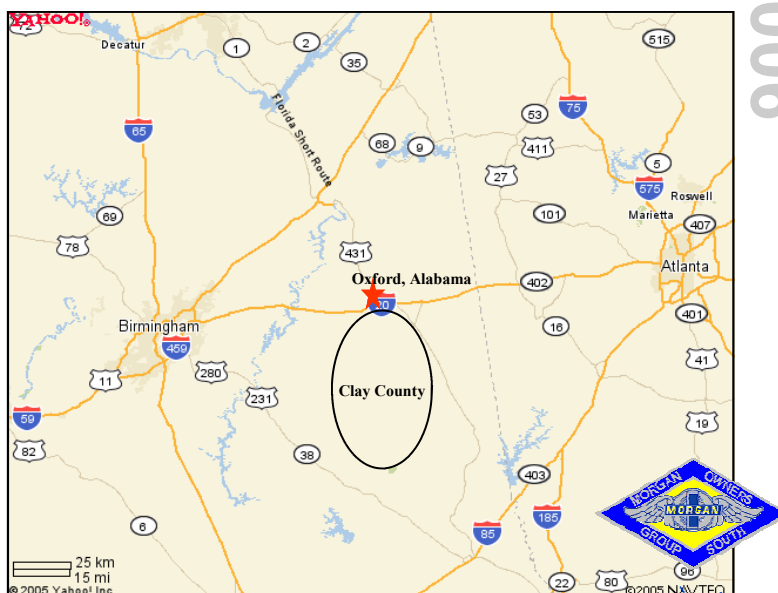
The meet headquarters will be the Jameson Inn in Oxford, Alabama. The Jameson Inn is holding 25 rooms for MOGSouth, at \$65 per night. Phone for reservations, 256 835-2170 and make sure you tell them you are with MOGSouth the get the special room rate. It is important to make your reservation soon and send an email to mogsouth@yahoo.com to let the Club and Bob know that you are coming. This will greatly help in the event planning.

Bob Steele is organizing the meet around Clay County, Alabama which has many great driving roads, wonderful vistas and places to see, as well as being in the highest part of the state.

On Friday, we will have a wine/beer 'noggin' at or near the hotel. Then, dinner will be on your own.

Saturday will include a driving tour to Mt. Cheaha along the Notsi Trail, lunch at Red's Catfish, followed by a drive to Anniston and a visit to the Berman Museum, then back to Oxford in preparation for dinner.

The Talladega Hall of Fame can be visited in lieu of the Berman Museum, however it is open on Sunday Morning at 0830, so it could be an optional event on Sunday morning prior to everyone heading home.



Visit both the Berman Museum and Talladega Hall of Fame web sites to get a taste of these two special places.

This is going to be a great meet, so make sure you have your calendars marked and all your spring car prep tasks completed.



<http://www.motorsportshalloffame.com/>

<http://www.bermanmuseum.org/>

**More MOGStuff
For Sale !!**

1939 4-4 Series 1 #820 vic Atlanta -- Need the space and budget to get on with the restoration of the 1938 DHC. Contact **Mark Braunstein** via email at morgansp8@bellsouth.net or mark.braunstein@lmco.com or by phone (770) 944-9787 (H), (770) 494-3787 (W). See details and photos on the web at http://www.mogsouth.com/1939_For_Sale.htm



1961 Plus 4, 4 Seater, #4447. West Coast. Gary Bell at (360) 877-5160

(Higher Resolution Photos Available from Mark Braunstein (770) 944-9787)





Key Planning Dates

Get your calendars out and pencil in these upcoming events. 2006 is getting quite busy with events and activities throughout the year. If you know of an activity that needs to be added to this list, please send an email to MOGSouth@yahoo.com with the details.



Vintage Drivers Club of America

25 - 26 February 2006

Carolina Motorsports Park, Kershaw, South Carolina



Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

10 - 12 March 2006

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Florida



Savannah Historic Races

30 March - 2 April 2006

Roebing Road Raceway, Savannah, Georgia



Vintage Drivers Club of America

14 - 15 April 2006

Virginia International Raceway, Danville, North Carolina



Classic Motorsports 'Walter Mitty Challenge'

27 - 30 April 2006

Road Atlanta, Braselton, Georgia



Atlanta British Motorcar Day (Post Event Party - See Details in this Issue)

13 May 2006

Berry College, Rome, Georgia



MOGSouth Spring Meet (See Details in this Issue)

19 - 21 May 2006

Oxford, Alabama



Gold Cup Races

9 - 11 June 2006

Virginia International Raceway, Danville, NC



MCCDC's Annual Morgan Meet - MOG 36

30 June - 4 July 2006 Note: Connie Lipscomb is Event Chairperson

Shepherdstown, West Virginia



Virginia International Historic Races

31 August - 3 September 2006

Virginia International Raceway, Danville, South Carolina



Petite LeMans

30 September 2006

Road Atlanta, Braselton, Georgia



MOGSouth Fall Meet

Dates TBD - October 2006



Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance

2 - 5 November 2006, Hilton Head Island, SC

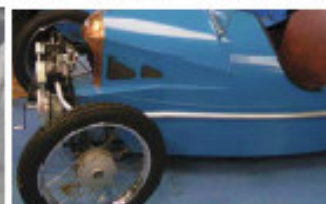


MOGSouth Christmas Party

2 December 2006 - (Hosts Being Solicited, Call Randy Johnson)



Authorized Morgan Motor Car Dealer



NEW 2005 ROADSTER AMERICA Ferrari Blue Pozzi, Muirhead Lipstick Red Leather piped in Bobbin Blue, Blue Mohair weather equipment (top, tonneau, sidecurtains) piped in red; Dark Blue carpets piped in Lipstick Red leather; Blue wingbeading; Morgan Winged logo embroidered into headrests in blue thread; luggage rack, photo build album, LeMans '62 alloy shift knob, Air Conditioning, elasticated door pockets, electric clock, stainless badge bar, Morgan logoed Accelerator pedal, speakers and antennae, red leather dash instrument surround, dark blue mohair hood cover with embroidered Morgan logo.

NEW 2005 ROADSTER AMERICA Connaught Green exterior/white Factory hardtop. Black mohair weather equipment piped in green (top, tonneau, sidescreens and storage bag) Black leather interior piped in green 3.0 V6 Ford 225 Bhp tbc Stainless Steel Wire Wheels, AC, green wingbeading, clock, bonnet strap, badge bar, Morgan logoed accelerator pedal, stainless luggage rack. Duplicate of the LM '62 series never sold in the US.

NEW 2005 ROADSTER AMERICA BMW Jet Black exterior, Muirhead Lipstick Red leather interior, piped in black; black mohair weather equipment, piped in red leather; Black carpets piped in Red leather, Seats embroidered with Morgan Winged Logo in black thread; badge bar, electric clock, Morgan logoed accelerator pedal, Black bonnet strap, Black mohair hood cover piped in red with embroidered Morgan logo, photo build album. **SALE PENDING!**

NEW 2005 ROADSTER AMERICA Ferrari Grigio Ingrid Metallic Cognac Yarwood leather, Ostrich embossed, piped in Crème de Cocoa, Chocolate mohair weather equipment piped in Crème de Cocoa, Air Conditioning, Stainless Steel wire wheels, Morgan wings embroidered in headrests, stainless luggage rack, brown bonnet strap, elasticated door pockets, le mans shift alloy knob, mohair hood cover, badge bar. **SALE PENDING!**

NEW 2005 AERO 8 Rolls Royce Blue Ice Pearl Metallic/Ostrich embossed dove grey leather piped in blue, Raven wood ash trim, Dark blue mohair top, special matching grey ostrich luggage for the truck and behind the seats! **SALE PENDING!**

'03 +8 35th Anniversary Edition, 3.9k miles, Connaught Green/Biscuit interior w/ green piping; all dark green mohair weather equipment, stainless steel luggage rack, stainless badge bar, stainless rear view mirror, custom tan leather bonnet strap backed in brown mouton, custom matching tan leather luggage straps, double eared knock offs on the all stainless steel wire wheels, Panasonic stereo CD.

'03 +8 35th Anniversary Edition, 462 miles!! Factory AC Pozzi Blue exterior/Red leather interior, Dark Blue mohair weather equipment, stainless steel wire wheels, luggage rack, bonnet strap, custom leather luggage straps, Pioneer stereo CD, double eared knock offs, just had first service in our shop.

'03 +8 2k one owner miles, Connaught Green/Biscuit leather piped in Green, tan weather equipment, stainless wire wheels, stereo CD, fog lights, As new!

'02 +8 Indigo Blue exterior, Dark Blue mohair weather equipment, Dove Grey leather with dark blue piping, 5.8k miles, Stainless steel/chrome wire wheels, Stainless steel luggage rack, Fog lights, as new local car!

'00 +8 BRG/Tan leather, 5,018 one owner miles, wire wheels, luggage rack, halogen headlights, Hella spot and fog lamps.

'98 +8 Fiat "Avorio Chiaro"/Tan Leather, one owner car sold new in 2000. 72 spoke wire wheels, stainless steel luggage rack, crossmember covers, stainless threshold plates, bonnet stay kit, draught extruders, wind deflectors.

'89 +8 Connaught Green/Tan leather interior, alloy bodied, Black top w/tan piping, fuel injected gasoline engine, EPA/Calif. legal, 23,076 miles, luggage rack, badge bar, fog lights, stereo, roll bar, all service records, beautiful original car.

'87 4/4 Silver Body/Black Wings, Black leather, 5 speed transmission, 19k original one owner miles, painted 72 spoke wire wheels, badge bar, luggage rack, bonnet strap, a beautifully kept original local car.

'79 4/4 ROADSTER Tan/brown with Light brown leather interior **SALE PENDING!**

'86 +4 BIG PRICE REDUCTION Putty Beige Tan with Black, one California owner since 1978, fresh restoration: new Paint, interior, top, side curtains, very low, approximately 3,000 or less, miles on Greg Solow built street/track engine with Weber carbs, new front end rebuilt!

'84 +4 New Tundra Green Paint, new green interior, recent engine and trans. rebuild by Greg Solow's Engine Room, telescopic rear shocks, LeMans front and rear apron/valences, burl elm dash, alternator conversion, 5 new chrome 72 spoke wire wheels, Dunlops.

'84 +4 Raspberry with Brown Leather, Karl Swanson owned and driven to SCCA E Production Championship in 1966; recent endless vintage race victories make this the best prepared, fastest Morgan +4 in North America All alloy low profile SS body, 167 dyno'd HP, Webers, alloy radiator, diaphragm clutch, alloy oil pan, Panard rod rear, fire system, ceramic coated headers, spax shocks.

'83 +4 4 SEATER ROADSTER Regency Red/Black leather **SALE PENDING!**

COMING SOON! MORGAN THREE WHEELER

OTHER MARQUES

'98 PORSCHE 993 CABRIOLET Blue Metallic Calypso/Grey leather, Grey power top, chromed 3 piece Porsche alloy wheels with crested centers, 8 way power seats, grey dash and steering wheel, stereo CD, every conceivable option, just serviced.

'90 HONDA, GB500 TOURIST TROPHY Finest single ever built, absolutely brand new in every way, megaphone exhaust, bikini fairing (not yet fitted). This retro British single by Honda was quite rare when new and almost none were 1990 models. 100% original and perfect!

'87 LOTUS, ELAN SE ROADSTER, DRASTIC PRICE REDUCTION **DIVORCE FORCES SALE!** Yellow/Black, twin cam, Webers, knock on wheels, race prep by Speedwell, fresh tune, new foam in fuel cell, rollbar, raced 3 times in VARA, logbook, incredible fun for the money! Voted Best Original British Car 2002!

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Many thanks to those that have contributed articles and photos to this issue and to Andrea Braunstein for her grammatical check. Articles and photos are always welcome and solicited. We also would like inputs for the new Web Site at <http://www.mogsouth.com>. Please send any comments, suggestions or contributions to mogsouth@yahoo.com.

If you Forgot to Send In Your 2006 Annual Dues, Please Send a Check for \$25 to Randy Johnson, See Details Below

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Not a Member of MOGSouth? It's Easy to Join!!!

Dues for the calendar year are \$25. They are due and payable January 1st.

To join us, please mail your check payable to **MOGSouth** to:

MOGSouth c/o Randy Johnson, 296 Lakeshore Drive, Berkeley Lake, GA 30096

