

SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN MORGAN GROUP MOGSOUTH VOL.1/02

Christmas at The Bondons

The MOGSouth Christmas Party for 2001 was held on Saturday, December 8 at the new home of Marilyn and SuperDave Bondon on Berkeley Lake in Duluth, Georgia. Approximately 50 members of MOGSouth attended. In addition to our hosts also attending were Trisha and Lee Gaskins and their daughter Carolina and her husband Ken and Lee and Trisha's son Tres, Dale and myself, Sarah and Dave Chiles, Eric, Ann and Scott Cummins, Charlie and Maidie Williams, Fred and Roni Sisson, Homer and Barbara Deakins, Brenda and Michael Hewitt, George Lowman, Joan Maupin, Stacey and Ben Schepens, Mark and Scarlett Campbell, Lance and Connie Lipscomb, Gene and Betsy McOmber, Shari and Pete Olson, Fred and Gay Hollinger, Dan and Janie Dougherty, Jack and Monica Claxton and our newest Trike owners Ray and Susan Morgan.

The Bondon's new home was quite lovely with its Christmas decorations as was the PortaPotty (rented to handle the large crowd as their home in on a septic tank). We started the party with hors'douvres supplied by many of the members accompanied by beer and wine supplied by the club. Dinner was catered and the pork roast and homemade lasagna was wonderful. The desserts were again brought by

members and they were wonderful. No one left hungry.

After dinner we held our annual short business meeting. After the conclusion of business the Mother Courage Award was presented to Marilyn and SuperDave Bondon, both of whom were quite surprised. This perpetual award honors the memory and spirit of Nancilee and Dan Kelly, to be called the Mother Courage Award. Mother Courage is the name Nancilee gave to her blue Drop Head Coupe.

Again this year Scott Cummins acted as Santa's elf and passed out the Morgan theme Christmas decorations, some of which were very creative.

On Sunday morning, most of the out of town members and many locals met at JR's Loghouse for a country breakfast.

Thank you to Marilyn and SuperDave for hosting this year's party. I know we all had a good time.

Mother Courage Award

Early in 1998, Rick Rader of Chattanooga suggested that MOGSouth establish a perpetual award to honor the memory and Spirit of Nancilee and Dan Kelly, to be called the Mother Courage Award. Mother Courage is

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A committee was drafted at the 1998 Spring Meet to decide the criteria for the award and that committee decided that the award is to be given to the person or persons who personifies Dan and Nancilee's love for People, Morgans and Life.

The recipients of the Mother Courage Award for 2001 are Marilyn and SuperDave Bondon, long time Morgan enthusiasts and members of MOGSouth. Congratulations to you both!

Mother Courage

by Marilyn Bondon

One of the nicest Christmas presents that Dave and I received this year was the honor of being the recipients of the Mother Courage Award.

Throughout our married life, no matter what we were doing or where we lived, our Morgan and our involvement with the various Morgan Car Clubs throughout the country has brought to us our most cherished friends and our greatest memories (since our anniversary is on the Fourth of July, we could probably tell you exactly what fun things we did [nothing intimate!] because of the National Morgan Meet – how many couples have the opportunity to enjoy their anniversary with at least fifty of their close friends?!).

After 4 years of our Shangri-La/Hippie life in the San Francisco Bay area, it was time to face reality and go back to the real world (translate that to mean the long winters and gray skies of New Jersey). Could we ever have as much fun and develop the same kind of relationships we had in California? What a silly question – after all, that is the definition of a Morgan owner – fun-loving and loyal – and sometimes even a little kooky!

So, before boxes were even unpacked, we dusted off our Morgan (read that to mean that Super Dave has scrutinized everything that could be seen and unseen and checked for fingerprints) and tooted off to Luray, Virginia, where we attended our very first National Morgan Meet (1977). One of the first families that we met was the Gaskins, enjoying the rocking chairs on the porch while Carolina played in the pool...and Lee had a SuperSport! Everything was looking up – maybe people in the Northeast do enjoy their Morgans even if their driving is limited – and everyone was very friendly. Of course, the rest is history.

The Mother Courage Award, though, means more to us than just the honor of the acknowledgement of our love of Morgans and of our friends.

The first Christmas party that we attended in New Jersey (and, where we finally joined the Three/Four Morgan Car Club) was at the home of Dan and Nancilee Kelly. What a great couple – they each had their own Morgan and really enjoyed driving them. I rallied a few times with Nancilee at the National Meet (I do believe one year we actually came in last! Our focus was more on snacks and bathroom stops than where we finished – and, of course, any interesting antique stores we passed along the way).

When Dave and I moved down to Georgia (our land of paradise!), we were lucky to be able to see Dan and Nancilee a lot more – not only at the Fourth of July meets but also at our MOGSouth Meets. We have great pictures of them from the first Christmas party that we had at our home – and the exchange of tacky gifts! The year of Dan's death, we hosted the Christmas party again and, this time, Nancilee drove down to our house by herself. She smiled and took part in all our crazy antics.....but, when she said good-bye, she told me that she realized it was too difficult for her without

Bulletin/Flash

EXTRA, EXTRA Read All About It

Please disregard the dates for the Spring Meet in St. Thomas as printed in the newsletter, April 27-28. These dates conflicted with the Walter Mitty Vintage Races, and it was felt the dates were too close to our Stateside Spring Meet, April 12-14.

After discussion with Bob and Wynell Bruce, our VI hosts and organizers, the weekend of May 4-5, 2002 has been selected as the best weekend for the St. Thomas Meet. This weekend does not conflict with Mother's Day or Atlanta British Motorcar Day and is far enough from the Stateside Spring Meet to perhaps be easier to attend.

It was felt that most people that attend the St. Thomas Meet would do so as part of an "Island's Vacation" and stay more than two days.

Wynell is investigating appropriate lodging on the island and will try to match the rates as published in the newsletter but "the season" usually begins May 1 so the rates may be somewhat higher.

We still need to gauge interest and determine how many members will participate.

Please contact Lance Lipscomb no later than February 15 if you are interested in attending. Once he has that information, Lance and Bob and Wynell can finalize plans for The St. Thomas Meet.

Contact Lance at:
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Dan..... and drove back to Chattanooga by herself. I really think she died of a broken heart.

I hope that she and Dan are looking down on us all and are as happy about the honor bestowed on us as Dave and I are to receive it. Thank you!

MOGSouth Spring Meet Stateside

The MOGSouth Spring Meet, Stateside, will be held April 12,13 and 14 in North Georgia at the Amicalola Falls Lodge which is a part of Amicalola Falls State Park near Dawsonville, Georgia. Mark Campbell is in charge of the arrangements.

On Friday night we will have a hospitality room and Dutch Treat dinner at The Lodge. Saturday after breakfast we will drive to Blue Ridge, Georgia to ride the Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad to McKaysville, North Carolina where we will stop for one hour for shopping and refreshments and return then to Blue Ridge. The cost is \$24.00 per person.

From Blue Ridge we will drive to Dahlonega, Georgia for more snooping about, refreshments etc. Dutch Treat dinner is planned at the Smith House (a family style restaurant) in Dahlonega after which we will return to Amicalola Falls and The Lodge for more socializing. Sunday breakfast plans will be announced at the Meet.

A block of 20 rooms have been reserved and will be held until March 13, 2002 at the rate of \$69.00 per room. Contact The Lodge via FAX (reservation form enclosed). They will require a deposit or credit card number to hold the reservation. **Please note they have a 30 day cancellation policy.**

A two dollar parking pass is required for entrance into the State Park and there will be a charge of five dollars per person for the hospitality nights (to be collected on

Friday night, April 12) since we are not allowed by The Lodge to bring our own refreshments. Questions, call Mark Campbell at 770 689-2982 or Randy Johnson at 770 729-8786.

MOGSouth Spring Meet St. Thomas

MOGSouth's Spring Meet in St. Thomas hosted by Bob and Wynell Bruce is scheduled for the last weekend in April, the 27th and 28th.

Accommodations are at the Renaissance Grand Beach Resort by Marriott. Cost for rooms is approximately \$155 to \$195 plus 8% tax. Details on the resort can be obtained by E-mail from mary.payne@renaissance.vi.

If interested in this meet, please contact Lance Lipscomb at 678 513-8941 or lancekl@mindspring.com by February 15 so that we can get some idea of head count.

This would be the most Southern MOGSouth meet ever held!

MOG 32

MCCDC, the Washington DC Club has again selected The Ingelside Resort in Staunton, VA as the site of MOG 32, their annual Morgan Owners Gathering. The dates are July 4-7 2002.

As you know, MOGSouth was well represented at MOG 31. This location is approximately 500 miles from Atlanta and can be reached by traveling the Blue Ridge Parkway almost the entire distance. I suspect that we will again have a caravan of members making the trek to MOG 32 via the Parkway as we did last year.

Details need to be developed but if you have interest in participating, please let me know at 770 729-8786 or at my Email address, rjohnson@monoexpress.com.

Dues Now Past Due

Dues for the calendar year 2002 were due and payable January 1, 2002 and remain \$25.00. If I have stamped in red next to your address label Past Due, my records indicate you have not paid your dues for 2002. Dues are not pro-rated and unless you joined The Club in the last quarter of 2001, dues are due for 2002. I will be purging the mailing list of all non-paid members as of April 1, 2002.

As of this writing approximately 60% of members who paid dues in 2001 have paid for 2002. Thank you!

If any changes are necessary, please complete the enclosed dues form and return along with your check made to **MOGSouth** to the attention of Randy Johnson as soon as possible. Thank you!

Dates to Remember

- April 12-14:** Spring Meet
(Stateside)
- April 27-28:** Spring Meet
(St. Thomas)
- April 25-28:** Walter Mitty Challenge
(Road Atlanta)
- May 18:** Atlanta British Motorcar Day
(Chateau Elan)
- June 6-9:** Watkins Glen Historic Races
(Watkins Glen, NY)
- July 4-7:** MCCDC MOG 32
(Staunton, VA)
- July 11-14:** Virginia Historic races
(VIR, Danville, VA)
- Sept. 12-15:** Atlanta Historic Races
(Road Atlanta)
- Oct. 31-:** Brumos Daytona Historics
- Nov. 3** (Daytona Motor Speedway)

For Sale

Wings For 1956 +4 \$850

The wings are structurally sound but have some spots that need some repair/body work. I am using a new set of wings for the sake of speed and convenience in finishing my restoration project. The wings have been stripped to the metal and treated with metal prep

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For Sale

1958 + 4 Drophead Coupe \$22,000

Harry Miltner
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Credits

Thank you to Mark Erhard and his company ImageLink for the colour pages in this issue. Thank you to Marilyn Bondon for her note on Nancilee and Dan Kelly and the Mother Courage award bestowed on her and SuperDave for 2001. Articles and photos are welcome and solicited.



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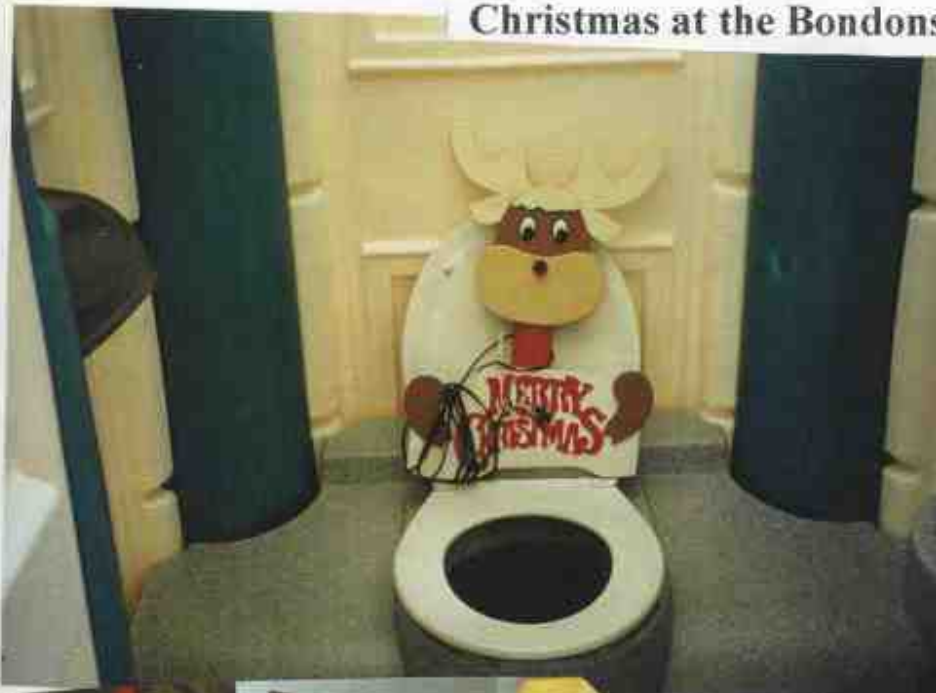
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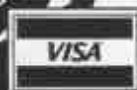
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