

SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

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Dues for 1996 are now due. They remain \$20.00 for the year.

Several people paid at the Christmas Party, thank you.

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MogSouth

1995 Christmas Party

The MogSouth Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 2 at the home of Marilyn and "Super Dave" Bondon's home in Roswell, Georgia. It was such great party that it was unofficially decided to also bestow the title of "Super" to Marilyn for her efforts in hosting this years' party. Her daughter Stacey and husband "Super Dave" get an honorable mention.

Their home was decorated for the occasion with the front door graced with a late model Morgan stone guard encircled by a wreath and decorated with various Morgan emblems and regalia.

Three members drove their cars to the party, yours truly in our 66 Plus Four followed by Dale and our house guests Caroline and Charlie King from Charleston and Mary Ann and Bill Phillips from Fountain Inn, S.C. in Bill's beautiful Christmas red Bentley. Pete Olson drove his 36 SS Trike followed by wife Shari in a her conventional car and Pete was graciously allowed a special parking place in the garage and Lance Lipscomb and Connie Monroe in Lance's Plus Eight.

Also attending were Mae and John Councill, Emily and Jack Poteet,

Nancilee and Dan Kelly, Dr. Richard Rader, Gene and Betsy McComber, Martha and Matthew McClellan, Andrea and Mark Braunstein, Sarah Chiles and a friend from Jamestown as Dave was not able to attend, he was at a sales meeting, Karen and Harold Cunliffe, Tricia and Lee Gaskins, Mary Ann and Al Genhart, Gay and Fred Hollinger, Bill and Sarah Powell, Jane and Larry Nelson (ask Larry about the bed he slept in Saturday night at the Bondons), Shari and Pete Olson, Guy Burns and Jack Baer and his wife.

(Note: I am sure I omitted someone and I apologize, the old memory is not what it used to be)

Prior to dinner we enjoyed catching up with each on the goings on in each others lives and meeting new members.

Marilyn served a wonderful dinner. She prepared both homemade lasagna as well as a ziti with her own (now that's Italian!) sauce. Both were wonderful. Also served was a Honey Baked Ham and various salads, breads and desserts were contributed by all members attending. It was a great dinner. Beer and wine was provided by the club.

After this marvelous dinner we all adjourned to the basement which houses "Super Dave's" playroom, workshop and museum. It is decorated with many mementos of the Bondon family's automobile memories, and not just the Morgans, but all five of their cars are able to fit into this area. These include the Morgan SLR racecar, the 4/4 racer, Stacey's Bugeye Sprite racecar, Dave and Marilyn's Plus Four street car and Dave's first automobile, a 1949 MGTC

that has just completed a thirty year restoration (get Dave to tell you the story). It is quite a sight.

We held our usual short annual business meeting and decided to continue with the club running as it has been for the last several years, very informally.

We will continue with both a spring and fall meet as well as the annual Christmas party.

The spring meet in 1996 will be hosted by Bill and Mary Ann Phillips and the fall meet by Gene and Betsy McComber. Next years' Christmas Party will be hosted by Andrea and Mark Braunstein at their home in Marietta, Georgia. Charlie King suggested that since the year 2000 marks the 25th anniversary of MogSouth that we hold a special meet marking that occasion, perhaps at Myrtle Beach, site of the first meet. This could entail something more than our activities at meets and perhaps since it is special we would attract more than the usual ten or so cars and 30 to 40 attendees.

After the meeting, "Super Dave" organized a game of "Pin the Steering Wheel" on your Morgan. This is a version of pin the tail on the donkey and involved the player being blindfolded or wearing "Super Dave's" racing helmet, which I understand from those that did that it was quite a treat for the olfactory senses. Guided by help(?) from the audience, the player would attempt to pin a small steering wheel on a picture of their Morgan. The player that got the closest was Dale Johnson and was awarded a beautiful badge for the Plus Four Club of California. It was a lot of fun and very original. Thank you "Super Dave".

Then with the help of Santa Lipscomb, it was time for the passing out of the "tacky" gifts. As you can imagine, this was accompanied by much laughter and derision. The group voted that the most "tacky" award goes to the lovely plastic bowl of fruit given by Betsy McComber. I forgot who received this lovely gift and I am sure that the recipient would also like to forget. Be forewarned however, that these gifts sometimes have a way of being given again. Watch out in 1996.

After the exchange of gifts many people left for home while several of the ladies helped Marilyn clean the kitchen while others watched the "home movie" video of our trip to the Meadowbrook Concours and Historic Races.

We finally left the Bondon's about 1:30AM for our trip home and a short night as many of us were to meet Sunday morning for breakfast and others had to leave for home.

We met Sunday morning at the County Skillet in Roswell for a large country breakfast and laughing about the party the previous evening.

Many, many thanks to the "Super" Bondon family, Marilyn, Stacey and "Super Dave" for allowing us into their home and for their hospitality for this year's Christmas Party. All agreed that it was one of the best ever.

Tips from Fred

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"Notes From a Morgan Garage" by
Fred Sisson

Whenever I work on my car, I try to make it a habit to clean and paint everything I reassemble. Over a period of ten years, I guess that I really have "restored" a few

cars that I never set out to do...It's kind of like George Washington's hatchet-"It's never been restored however it's had four new handles and two new heads.

I just counted sixty seven cans of spray paint on my shelf! While I've made no "tests" on paints, I have tried a few...here are three of my favorites:

Hammerite- I particularly like the black, recently using it for the chassis and motor on my trike. It is really more of an anthracite color and has a nice "industrial" look to the finish. According to the label, "As Hammerite dries, millions of heat-hardened glass flakes interlock with special resins forming a super-tough barrier that seals out moisture to stop and prevent rust." Recoat within one hour or after six weeks!

Rust-Oleum Professional Fast Dry Enamel- This is billed as "industrial strength". Regular Rust-Oleum has always been a bit "glossy" for my tastes and dries sloow, but it does seem to last. This new paint, while still glossy, dries quite fast. It looks very good on engine blocks. Recoat immediately (15 minutes) or wait 48 hours.

Krylon Semi-flat black- Gives the right "look" to dash components, e-brake handles, etc. For certain components I don't want the just-painted glossy look and flat black just is not right either. The semi-flat is just right...for some things.

Permatex "High Tack" is an excellent gasket dressing. It is also good to use when installing radiator hoses. It should not be necessary to use anything to "seal" your radiator hose. If the hose does not seal with moderate clamp

pressure, then you probably need to replace the hose. However, I have found that when I use High Tack on the hose, corrosion in the hose joint is greatly reduced.

I have found that very few people these days know how to properly install a tube-type tyre. It is almost a "lost art" except in motorcycle and bicycle shops.

My Uncle Ed taught me how to properly install tubes forty years ago. He was an ace mechanic. Here are a few pointers from Uncle Ed:

Of course, make sure that the rim strip is in good condition. It prevents the spoke nipples from wearing a hole in the tube. Several layers of masking tape make an acceptable substitute.

Use an air hose to blow out any dust and grit from inside the tyre casing. Then dust the inside of the tyre with talcum powder to prevent the tube from bonding to the casing. (I take my own talcum powder to the tyre store)

This next step is very important-don't skip it! Once the tyre and tube are installed on the rim, inflate the tyre to set it on the rim. Then, remove the valve core and let the tube deflate completely. Now reinstall the core and inflate the tyre to the proper pressure.

Following this procedure will insure that the tube is properly positioned in the tyre casing with no stretches, twists or pinches that will later become leaks.

One item that I would recommend that you always carry as a spare on trips is a new innertube.

Very few tyre shops have tubes in stock these days and even fewer have the knowledge or means to repair tubes. You can have a real

problem getting a flat fixed on the road.

By the way...A slightly inflated tube makes a nice substitute bladder for your seat cushion. Just make sure that it is the right size to fit the tyre if you need it.

"Notes From a Morgan Garage" by Fred Sisson can be purchased by contacting Fred at 770 446-7124. It comes with a money back guarantee!

1996 Spring Meet

April 19, 20, 21

Highlands Inn-Highlands, N.C.
704 526-9380

Reservation Deadline-March 1
20 Rooms reserved for MogSouth Members

Ask for Glenda when making reservations

Rate of \$84.00 per room per night includes extensive continental breakfast and MogSouth use of function room for our social activity.

Cash deposit of 68.00 required to hold room but they will take credit cards for balance.

Friday-Arrive as usual and club will provide hors' d oeuvres and liquid libation as in the past.

Saturday-Touring, sight-seeing, etc. followed by 7:30P.M. dinner at Louie Michaud's, a well known and popular Highlands' dining spot.

Sunday-Depart after breakfast.

Bill and Mary Ann Philips are MogSouth hosts for this meet and I know have arranged for a good meet. For further information call them at 864 862-2805.

See you there!!

1996 Vintage Racing Calendar

(Information supplied by Mrs.

"Super Dave" Bondon

and Road & Track Magazine)

March

1-3 Sebring-HSR

7-10 Morosso-SVRA (West Palm Beach)

13-16 Sebring-SVRA

28-30 Roebling Road-SVRA (Savannah, GA)

April

26-28 Road Atlanta, Walter Mitty-HSR

May

4-5 Pocono-HSR

16-19 Road America-SVRA (Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin)

June

9-15 One Lap of America-SVRA (Detroit)

20-23 Mid-Ohio-SVRA

July

18-21 Chicago Historic Races (Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin)

20-21 Pittsburgh Grand Prix-HSR

27-28 Mid-Ohio-HSR

August

2-4 Meadow Brook Historic Races (Detroit)

1-4 Pocono-SVRA

16-18 Monterey Historic Automobile Races (Monterey, California)

September

5-8 Watkins Glen-SVRA

26-29 Summit Point-SVRA

October

17-20 Road Atlanta-SVRA

November

1-3 Roebling Road-SVRA (Savannah, GA)

Also note:

British Car Day, Atlanta, May 11, 1996

Chateau Elan Winery, Braselton, GA