

SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN MORGAN GROUP MOGSOUTH VOL. 2/99

Spring Meet in Little Switzerland

Model of May 14, 15 and 16 in Little Switzerland, NC and was ably hosted by Sarah and David Chiles. Headquarters for the meet was the Switzerland Inn, a wonderful establishment within 100 yards of the Blue Ridge Parkway and several thousand feet up in the mountains.

Approximately 50 people attended the meet and there were fifteen Morgans. In addition to our hosts the Chiles (+8) also present were, Norris and Susan Haynes (Elva), Lee and Stephanie Pardue, Super Dave and Marilyn Bondon (Morgan Bondon's +8), Bill and Mary Ann Phillips (+8), Lee and Trisha Gaskins (TR-8), Eric, Ann and Scott Cummins (+4), Lance and Connie Lipscomb (+8), Randy and Dale Johnson (+4), Mark and Andrea Braunstein (4/4), Mark and Scarlett Campbell (+4), Fred Sisson (Trike), Pete Olson (+8), John and Mae Councill and Mae's daughter Robin (+8), Joe and Sharon Topinka (+8) and their friend Tom Peacock, Perry and Ritamari Nuhn and their daughter Carolyn and her friend Robert Kinnean, Jack and Matt Claxton (Corvette), Gene and Betsy McOmber (+8), Charlie and Maidie Williams, Charlie and Caroline King (4/4 Flat Rad), and Ken and Lori Payne and their children Becca and Jackson (+4 Four Place).

On Friday morning a convoy of six Morgans (Bondons, Pete Olson, Campbells, Lipscombs, Randy Johnson, Braunsteins) and one tin top sag wagon (Dale Johnson) met at 10:00AM on 1-985 near Gainesville, Ga. for the trip to Little Switzerland. We then met Gene McOmber in Clayton, Ga. and once refueled and refreshed continued to Dillard. Ga. and The Blue Pig restaurant for lunch. We then proceeded to Sylva, NC to pick up the Blue Ridge Parkway for an approximate 100 mile drive to the Inn. This was a very interesting and exciting drive as we did about 50 miles of the drive in a very thick and cold fog and light rain. Perfect weather for a Morgan! We finally arrived at the Inn at 5:45PM, a little tired, damp and cold but all in one piece.

The Chiles were hosting the group at their mountain retreat about three miles from the Inn so we made our way there for BBQ and refreshments. Sarah and Dave and Norris and Susan had prepared a wonderful dinner and I know everyone had a good time. The ride back to the Inn Was interesting (understatement) as by then, not only was it foggy but also very dark. With a wrong turn or two, everyone made it back safely and was looking forward to better weather on Saturday.

Saturday morning dawned foggy and misty and was still that way when we left the Inn for our tour. The first stop was the Penland School of Crafts, a world renown art center that displayed some wonderful work. As we were touring the school, the sky cleared and the balance of the weekend offered picture perfect weather. From there we took a great ride through the local area and ended up for lunch in Burnsville, NC. At lunch in Burnsville, we met Dick Evans of Hickory, NC who is in the middle of a restoration. After much socializing, eating, shopping, sight seeing and relaxing in Burnsville, it was off to Mt. Mitchell on the Parkway, the highest point east of the Rockies. As you can imagine the weather at the summit was a little cooler than in the valley but it was a great stop. Most cars returned to the Inn on their own to arrive in time for cocktails and "Morgans on the Lawn" at 5:00PM.

All of the cars were aligned on the lawn for a "Mogger's Choice" vote and for more socializing prior to dinner in the Chalet restaurant at 7:00PM. We were joined on the lawn by Don Simpkins and new MOGSouth member Oscar Roberts from Cleveland, Ga. Oscar and Don are working on a restoration of a car for Oscar and they arrived in Oscar's Maserati. It was good to see Don and catch up on his exploits over the past year.

The Chalet restaurant provided MOGSouth with a separate room for our dinner and the food was excellent. After dinner a short business meting was held. Charlie King outlined the plans for MOGSouth's 25th anniversary meet in Charleston, SC in April of 2000 (details elsewhere in this newsletter). Mark and Scarlett Campbell offered to host the 1999 Christmas Party at their Alpharetta, Ga. home on Saturday, December 4 and Mark also asked for volunteer cars and for this year's Egleston drivers Children's Hospital Christmas Parade, that same morning in downtown Atlanta. Mark and Andrea Braunstein also outlined the tentative plans to observe the start of "The Great Race" kicking off from downtown Marietta, Ga. on Saturday, June. 6.

The results of the "Mogger's Choice" was announced and I am pleased to report Lance and Connie Lipscomb's newly restored (16 months) Plus Eight was the winner. The car is beautiful and the award well deserved!

Sunday was again a beautiful day and after breakfast and good-byes, we headed for home.

This spring Meet was a wonderful time and our thanks go to Sarah and David Chiles for their efforts, planning and hospitality. They did an awful lot of work and we appreciate it.

It was also evident from the comments that the group is anxious to return to the Switzerland Inn at our earliest convince as it is a great place for a meet. I look forward to the next time.

-Randy Johnson

Atlanta British Motorcar Day

A tlanta British Motorear Day was held Saturday, May 22 at Chateau Elan in Braselton, Ga, and the Morgan marque and MOGSouth was well represented.

There were fourteen cars present, several that we had not seen before, on this beautiful Spring day. In addition to yours truly in the +4, also attending were Gene and Betsy McOmber in their +8, Fred Hollinger in his +4 Four Place, Lance and Connie Lipscomb in the newly restored +8. Don Pollock of Nashville in his 4/4, Fred, Ronnie and Samantha Sisson and friend, Fred in the Trike and Ronnie in the Ford Powered +4, Richard Webb in the wide bodied +8 (the Pontiac Grand Prix has nothing on Richard's car), Mark and Andrea Braunstein in their 4/4, Harold Cunliffe in his 4/4, Pete Olson in his Trike, Tom Carpenter in his 1983 4/4 and all the way from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida Glen and Susan Warwick in a two month old 1999 +8. This is quite a car and they have already logged over 7,000 mile since its delivery from Isis in San Francisco. They even had pictures from the factory during a visit when the car was being painted. What an experience. Bill Mohr and his son were also there with pictures of their almost completed "restoration from hell" and the car would have been there if not for a leaking steering box. Also attending was Jack and Monica Claxton, their parents and their son Matt. Jack is in the process of restoring a four place and also building a new garage for Monica. Good luck Jack! MOGSouth members Bill Powell was there in a Land Rover and Bill Morton was there with a beautiful 1955 XK 140 Jaguar.

In all there were approximately 500 British cars and bikes on the field for what is one of the larger British Car gatherings in the South.

At this show last year Pete Olson suggested that MOGSouth give an award to the "Mogger's Choice" the car we would most like to have in our garage if we did not have our Morgan. Chosen this year by Lance Lipscomb and his committee was a 1932 MG M Type, the first of the Midgets, owned by Peter Thornley of Roswell, Ga. Peter drives it to meets and all events and is a true British car owner. The car has an interesting history as it has been in his family for half its life. Peter's father, prior to his retirement had been Managing Director of the MG Car Company and had been responsible for the creation of the MGB. This was a well deserved award and we were pleased to bestow it.

This was a great day and if you missed it we hope you will come out next year.

-Randy Johnson

Newsletter Name Change

As you can deduce from the masthead, the name of our newsletter remains <u>SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS</u>. A vote was held by mail and the old name out polled either of the other proposed names submitted by 2 to 1.

Morgan Poster Frame

Gene McOmber has a source for genuine Ash frames that will accommodate Morgan posters and specifically that offered by Norris Haynes (22 3/4 x 33 5/8) at the recent Spring Meet. The frame is clear finished and comes pre-mitered with corner clips, ready to assemble. The cost is \$35.00 delivered. You will need to mount the poster as well as provide the glass or acrylic. For more information, contact Gene McOmber at 864 944-6037. A Morgan poster should have an Ash frame!

Calendar-Future Events

June 6-The Great Race (start) in Marietta, GA (Mark Braunstein 770 590-0072)

June 5, 6, 7-HSR at Watkins Glen

July 2, 3, 4 MOG 29 sponsored by MCCDC (details this newsletter)

July 16, 17, 18-Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

September 24, 25, 26-HSR at Road Atlanta

October 8, 9, 10-MOGSouth Fall Meet (details to come but to be hosted by Charlie and Maidie Williams

October 15, 16, 17-EURO 99 at BMW plant in Spartanburg, SC (details this newsletter)

November 5, 6, 7-HSR at Daytona Beach

December 4-Egleston Children's Christmas Parade (7:00AM Atlanta, Ga.) December 4-MOGSouth Christmas Party at the home of Scarlett and Mark Campbell in Alpharetta, Ga.

April 14, 15, 16-MOGSouth 25th Anniversary Celebration and meet, Charleston, SC (details this newsletter)

MOGSouth 25th Anniversary

The celebration of MOGSouth's founding will be held in Charleston, SC, April 14-16, 2000 and will be hosted by Charlie and Caroline King. Headquarters will be the Hampton Inn Riverview. Rates are \$85.00 per night double occupancy and includes a continental breakfast each morning. Charlie plans for wine and cheese and his famous chili for Friday night as well as liquid refreshments. Saturday's plans are to be determined but could include carriage rides in historic Charleston, gardens tours and possibly a dinner cruise that night. Charlie has reserved 25 rooms for the event. Call Hampton Inn reservations at I 800 HAMPTON and mention group MOG.

Charlie has sourced a very nice nylon windbreaker that will have silk screened an anniversary logo on the left breast. Jackets are available from Charlie for \$17.50 and an order form is included in the newsletter.

This should be a great event. Mark you calendars and make plans to attend now!

MOGSouth Badges

Given the positive response, Lance Lipscomb, Regalia Chairman has ordered a supply of MOGSouth badges, badge bar mount. They are the same design and color (blue, yellow, gray) as the last order and are available directly from Lance. Order information is included with this newsletter. Due to a price increase from the supplier, the price is \$45.00 per badge rather than the previous \$40.00.

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to MOGSouth:

Susan and Glen Warwick of Palm Beach gardens, FL. The Warwicks have just taken delivery of a 1999 Plus Eight and already have 7,000 miles on the ODO. They drove the car to Atlanta British Motorcar Day. True Morgan owners!

Allen Legal of Atlanta. Brad Braswell of Alpharetta, Ga.

For Sale

1966 4/4- ground up restoration. Gemmer steering box, new wood, new wiring, new leather.

0 miles since restoration. \$17,000. Ty Giles, Anderson, S.C. 864 226-6863

1954 +4 RHD twin spare. Rebuilt late 1970s in UK and low mileage since. \$15,000. Lew Appignani 305 856-5258

Friday July 2 Evening Noggin and Registration

> **Registration continues** Concour - 11:00 to 1:30 Rally Tech Session - 3:30 Rally of two hours - first car off at 4 00 Cookout, Noggin, Entertainment

Sunday July 4 Optional Tour #1 Banquet, Awards, Guest of Honor - 6:30 Noggin, Entertainment follows Banquet

Monday July 5 Good-byes

Autocross, Gymkhana - 10:00 to 4:00

Optional Tour #2

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

All events at Mount Saint Mary's College

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Saturday July 3

College 3 bedroom apartment, sleeps 5, air-conditioned, sheets & towels provided, living room, kitchen, one bath Accommodations are spartan, bring your own TV \$ \$8 per night or you can share at \$45 per night.

Holiday Inn, Frederick Md, (301) 662-5141, 17 miles away, \$ 79 per night Super 8, Thurmont Md, (301) 271-7888, 9 miles away, \$ 62 per night Cozy Inn, Thurmont Md, (301) 271-4301, 9 miles away, \$ 140+ per night Mention "Morgan Car Club" to get these rates. Above hotel rooms held to 6/15.

OTHER

Major civil war reenactments at Gettysburg Use of college athletic facilities and student game rooms some of the time About 60 minutes to DC and Baltimore See "Registration, Banquet and Lodging" for more information

Headquarters for MOG 29 is at Mount Saint Mary's College located just south of Gettysburg, Pa on Route 15. It is critical that you understand that college and hotel lodging may be limited due to the tremendous demand in the area because of civil war reenactments. You must also consider college lodging and meals to be an "adventure" However most people will want to stay at the College due to the location, atmosphere and reasonable pricing. If you want, share the apartment with another registrant, record this on the \$ 45 line and enter the name. Enter "match me" if you want us to match you with others. A deposit is required to hold college rooms. See additional info presented in schedule. Lee Ridgeway is the housing commissioner and can be reached from 7 to 10 pm at (610) 458-7540 or email at ridgwayl@delanet.com

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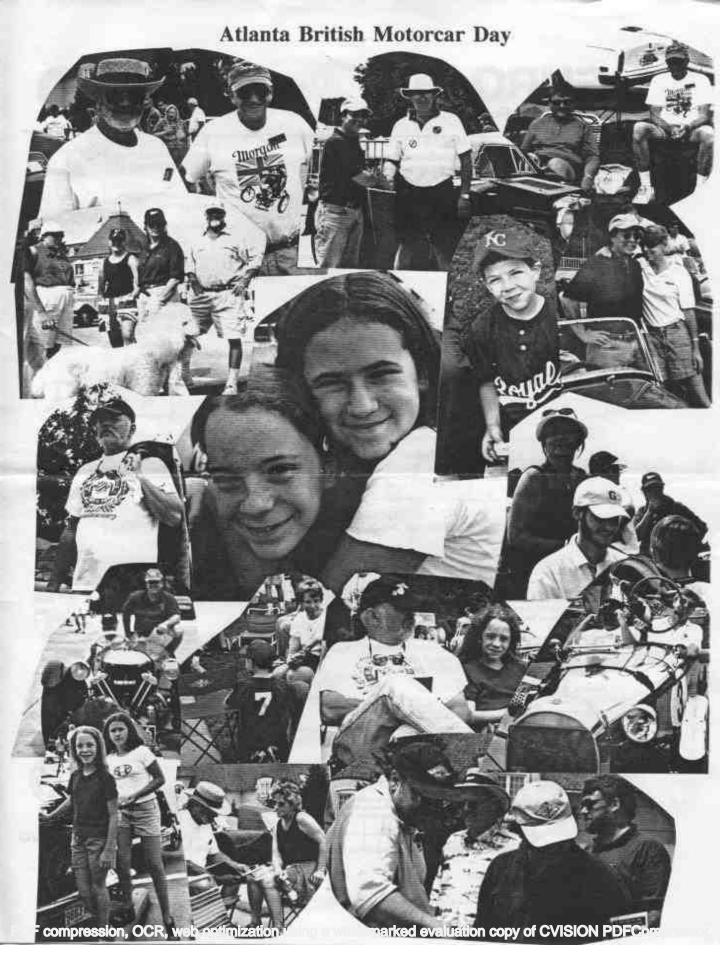
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