

## SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

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# Atlanta British Motorcar Day

by Randy Johnson

**T**he 16<sup>th</sup> Annual British Motorcar Day in Atlanta was held at Chateau Elan on Saturday, May 20, 2000 and MOGSouth had a good showing with ten cars present.

In attendance were Andrea and Mark Braunstein with both of their 4/4s, including the '39 Flat Rad at its first show, Fred Sisson with his Trike and he also brought his Land Rover; Pete Olson in his +8 and Pete also brought his Chevy powered Jaguar Sedan; all the way from Nashville, TN was Don Pollock and his son with their +8; Eric, Ann and Scott Cummins in their +4; Craig McClure and his daughter in his Ford V-8 powered +4; new member Scott Tannenbaum with son Max in a +4 Four Place that has been in his wife's family since his father-in-law purchased it new in the 1960s, yours truly in the +4 and Mark Campbell in his 4/4.

Also present were Regalia Chairman Lance Lipscomb and his grandson Austin, Austin sporting a T-shirt with a picture of the car named after him.

Morgan Fab proprietor Don Simpkins also was present. It was also good to see local member Mark Ehrhard. Mark as you remember, provides the colour pages for our newsletter.

As in the past we as a club gave a trophy for the Mogger's Choice, the vehicle we would most like to take home from the event if we could not have our Morgan. This year Scott Cummins was our judge and he chose a 2000 Lotus MotorSports Elise, the only one of its kind currently in the United States and brought to the show by Arnie Johnson, CEO of Lotus Cars USA, Inc. If you remember the last two years we have awarded a Vincent Rapide motorcycle and a mid 1930s MG Midget. These two vehicles were chosen by the more adult members of the club. It is interesting to see what types of British Cars attract the younger members of our club. Thanks to Scott for his help.

Thanks to all of you that came out and shared your cars with the other British Motorcar enthusiasts in the Atlanta area.



## Morgans Make The Scene At VIR

by Gene McOmber

**G**ene and Betsy McOmber entered the Reunion 2000 races at Virginia International Raceway June 10-12.

It was a pleasant surprise to see four other participating Morgans, Craig and Kerry Seibert of Martins Creek, PA in their '68 Plus Eight; Don Greimel of Havre de Grace, MD in a '66 4/4; Peter Dunn of Chatham Township, NJ in a '62 4/4 and Hank Giffen of Norfolk, VA in his '59 Plus Four.

We had a great time sharing paddock space and getting to know one another. Also it was fun to have Dave Chiles and Norris Haynes stop by.

Friday was spent learning the tricky nineteen turn course which was challenging, very safe and exciting. Harvey Siegel's vision of creating a Country Club setting for racing has certainly been achieved. We were overwhelmed by air conditioned buildings with showers, a medical room, covered false grid, paved paddock roads and a lovely store.

Saturday's qualifying race was eventful in that many cars dropped out of my race, therefore I ended up third in class and 12<sup>th</sup> overall.

The Saturday night banquet was outstanding, complete with crab legs, salmon, pork and roast beef! Afterwards, many track alumni shared their stories of the old days and MUCH appreciation was shown to Harvey for bringing "the old lady back".

Friday and Saturday's intense heat was bad enough, but Sunday it became more of an issue to deal with. The covered false grid helped, but a LOT of water was needed!

Sunday's races did not go as well for the Morgans with all, except myself, dropping out with various mechanical problems. I did finish strong after a good battle with a Fiat Spider, ending up 5<sup>th</sup> in class and thirteenth overall.

It was a very memorable weekend and we plan to return for more good racing.

## Fall Meet Details

MOGSouth Fall Meet 2000

September 29, 30 and October 1, 2000

Hosted by Betsy and Gene McOmber

Motel: The Jameson Inn

Seneca, SC

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The Jameson Inn is holding twenty (20) rooms until September 15. Mention MOGSouth when making reservations.

Schedule of Events:

### Friday, September 29:

Early arrivals-boat rides on Lake Keowee (McOmber's boat) 1:00-3:00PM, weather permitting or visits to the antique shops in nearby Walhalla, SC. Refreshments and drinks at McOmber's 5:00PM-until. Check in at motel and pick up map to McOmber's and meet information packets.

### Saturday, September 30:

Surprise breakfast at McOmber's at 9:30AM. Tour to Caesar's Head State Park on twisty MOG roads. Ice Cream/Sandwich stop at Aunt Sues on scenic SC highway 11. Return to Jameson Inn for nap or shopping in Seneca.

Cocktails at 6:00PM at Calhoun Corners in nearby Clemson, SC followed by dinner at 7:00PM (Dutch treat).

### Sunday, October 1:

Continental breakfast at Jameson Inn or a full breakfast is available at the Community Restaurant in Seneca. Visit to Botanical Gardens at Clemson University.

**Please RSVP** by calling the McOmbers at 864 944-6037 by Friday, September 15 to make reservations for Saturday breakfast and dinner. Please leave a message if answering machine answers.

## MOGSouth Christmas Party

MOGSouth's 2000 Christmas Party will be held the first Saturday in December, this year, December 2. But for the first time in a number of years we have planned to travel to a site other than a member's home.

The site is the General Morgan Inn in historic Greeneville, Tennessee, 70 miles north of Knoxville and approximately 90 miles from Asheville, NC. The General Morgan Inn was created

from four interconnected "Railroad Hotels" dating from the late 1800s. The Hotel is a wonderful destination and I am sure everyone will enjoy a great time. The roads to Greeneville, especially from Asheville are wonderful for driving a Morgan.

Greeneville is the second oldest town in Tennessee and home to President Andrew Johnson, the first U.S. President to be impeached. The General Morgan is named in honor of a Confederate Civil War officer, John Morgan, ambushed and killed on the site.

The Hotel is holding 25 rooms for MOGSouth for Saturday night, December 2. The room rate will be \$107.29 inclusive, double occupancy and will include a full hot buffet breakfast on Sunday morning.

On Saturday, we will have a hospitality room where upon arrival you may socialize with other MOGSouth members while enjoying a cold beer or glass of wine (provided by MOGSouth). We will also use this room for our cocktail hour (beer and wine provided by The Club, you may discreetly "brown bag" if you so choose) prior to the buffet dinner on Saturday night. Dinner will cost \$25.54 per person.

Please note the following:

1. The hotel is holding 25 rooms until November 20, 2000, the last day for reservations OR cancellations.
2. The hotel can be reached at 1 800 223-2679 for reservations. Ask for group code Morgn-1662 to make reservations and insure the special room rate (\$107.29 inclusive, double occupancy including hot buffet breakfast on Sunday morning).
3. You must also make your reservation for Saturday night's dinner directly with the hotel, cost as mentioned above, \$25.54 per person. As with the rooms, November 20, 2000 is the last day for reservations OR cancellations for Saturday night.
4. The hotel will require a credit card to hold reservations for rooms and dinner and will bill

**in full for both the room and Saturday night dinner if not cancelled by November 20, 2000.**

Downtown Greeneville has a number of unique shops to visit if you arrive in time on Saturday and nearby Jonesborough is the oldest town in Tennessee. Jonesborough has a number of shops and merchants worth visiting. There is also the Madison Day Spa adjacent to the hotel that the ladies may want to consider.

Our Christmas Parties are always a success thanks to our generous member hosts but it was felt that perhaps we were ready for a slight change of pace in 2000, hence the decision on the General Morgan as our location for this year.

Make your reservations now so you will not be left out!!

## EURO 2000

Euro 2000 at the BMW plant in Greenville/Spartanburg, SC will be held three weeks after our Fall Meet, October 20, 21, and 22. The car show is Saturday, October 21 and I am sure Bill Phillips and Gene McOmber, our delegates to the Euro 2000 committee would appreciate a good turnout of Morgans. If this fits your schedule, please support this show. If you need an entry form, please call me at 404 634-9674 and I will be happy to FAX one to you.

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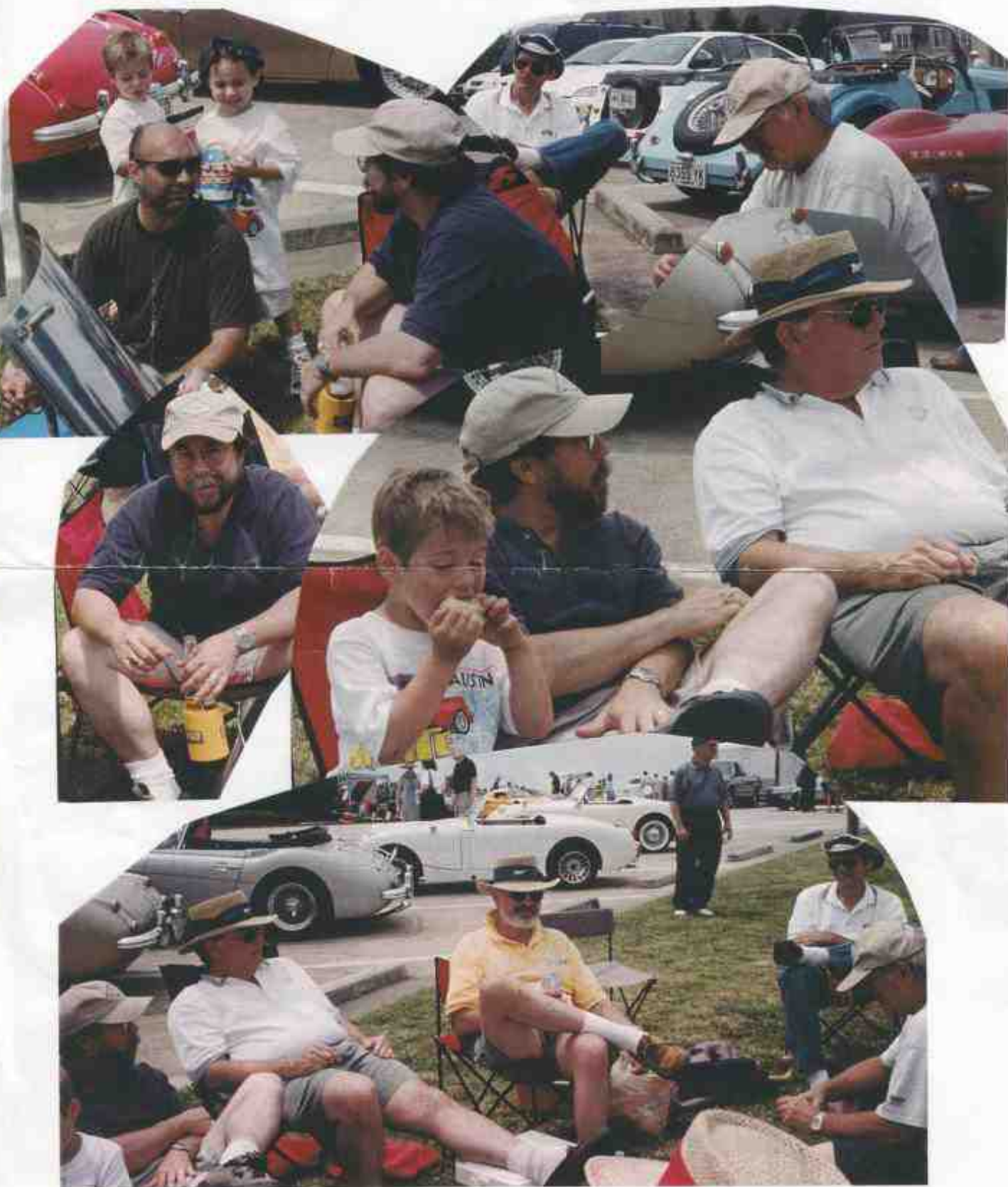
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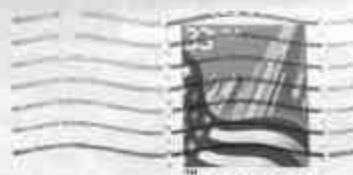


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