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# SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN MORGAN GROUP MOGSOUTH VOL. 4/04

## MOGSouth Fall Meet—Chattanooga, TN

By  
Randy Johnson

MOGSouth's Fall Meet was held the weekend of October 1-3 in Chattanooga, TN in and around Lookout Mountain. Stacey Schepens, Marilyn Bondon and Eleanor Nabney did a great job of planning and organizing the weekend and I believe everyone had a blast.

Dale and I, followed by our son Scott and his friend Andrea Mosley, along with SuperDave and Marilyn Bondon, left Berkeley Lake at 10:00AM Friday morning with the plan to take back roads to Adairsville, GA where we were to meet Mark and Andrea Braunstein for lunch and then travel the spine of Lookout Mountain to the Chanticleer Inn, headquarters for the weekend.

We were behind schedule by about an hour but making good time up Georgia highway 140 when our Plus Four abruptly began running poorly and I had to pull off the road. It appeared that the fuel pump had gone on the fritz and SuperDave made a Herculean effort to affect a roadside repair but to no avail. It was decided that I would call AAA for a tow back to Atlanta while the rest of the party would continue on to Chattanooga. Fortunately, Bob and Wynell Bruce had come by to offer help and they had room in their SUV for Dale and our luggage.



After the ride back to Atlanta with our Morgan on a flatbed, I returned to Chattanooga in the Mazda just in time for a quick beer before dinner. We all went to the "Bluff District" on the Tennessee River in downtown Chattanooga where we had two private rooms for dinner.

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Attending, in addition to those mentioned above, were Graeme Addie with daughters Robin and Emma and her husband Jeff, Dave and Sarah Chiles, Lynn and Julie Craig, Eric, Ann and Scott Cummins, Fred and Gay Hollinger, Dwight and Jackie Kinzer, Lance and Connie Lipscomb, Gene and Betsy McOmber, Stacey's husband Ben Schepens, Ty Rodgers (new member from Huntsville, Alabama), Ron Davis and Joe and Cynthia Speetjens.



Ben and Stacy Schepens

After breakfast on Saturday, we had a “fun” rally to the Chickamauga National Battlefield, site of a major battle of the Civil War where Ranger Rebecca gave us an informative tour of the battlefield. It was interesting to note that there are not any monuments to General officers (other than markers where they were killed) on the battlefield as this battlefield was considered a “soldier’s” battle.

After the tour, we motored to MOGSouth member Rick Rader’s home for lunch. We had the pleasure to meet Rick’s new wife Galina, a wonderful lady, especially since she put up with all of Rick’s crazy Morgan friends. Rick’s home is a car lovers Mecca with his wonderful and eclectic collection of car stuff. Not only does Rick have car stuff, but also a remarkable collection of other things as well; coffee pots, clocks, cameras, photos, artwork, ties . . . I had heard that his home was wonderful, and it is. Thank you very much to Galina and Rick for their hospitality!



Connie Lipscomb, Dale Johnson and Sara Chiles

After the lunch and visit at Ricks, many members visited the International Towing Hall of Fame and Museum and then a local foundry where Graeme Addie had had cylinder heads cast a number of years ago. I did not attend but understand both tours were a great deal of fun.

Dinner was at 6:00PM at the Lookout Mountain café atop the mountain. We were set up at two large tables and I know that all had a good time and I do not believe anyone went home hungry.

After dinner we continued the weekend in the living room at the Inn before heading to bed.

Sunday after breakfast and goodbyes, we all headed to our respective homes having enjoyed another great meet with great Morgan friends.

Thank you to Stacey, Marilyn and Eleanor for all your work and planning!



Ron, Lance, Connie, Gene and Dave



L'Object d'Art—Rick and Galina Rader

Graeme's Series 1 Blower ? . . . um, no

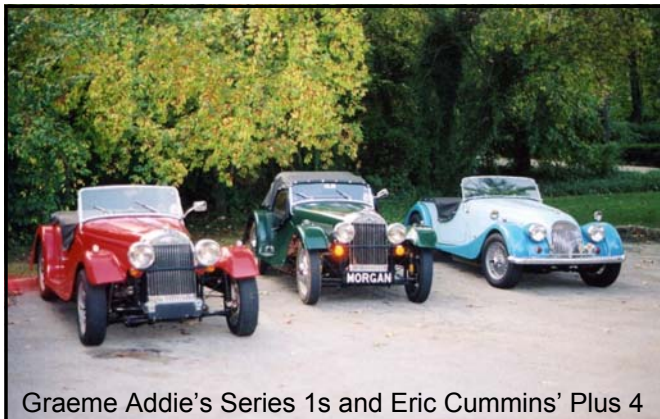




Scott Cummins  
at the Towing  
Museum



Andrea (?) Braunstein's Plus 8



Graeme Addie's Series 1s and Eric Cummins' Plus 4



Graeme's  
F-Type



Joe Speetjens on the  
Ball . . .

Cynthia Speetjens . . .  
well, on the Cannon



The Foundry where  
the Standard Special  
heads were cast.



**MOGSOUTH  
FALL MEET  
1-3 OCT 2004**



CHATANOOGA, TENNESSEE



SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2004  
ROAD ATLANTA  
BRASELTON, GEORGIA



A good number of MOGSouth racing fans attended the American LeMans Series **Petit LeMans**. The race weekend was absolutely gorgeous, one of the nicest Georgia fall weekends in recent memory. Mid 70's and sunny with a just a faint cooling breeze.

Scott and Adam Johnson, with a few other friends decided to participate in the Race Weekend in a big way, renting a Winnebago RV and setting it up just outside the track at turn 10. This was a superb vantage point to watch the racing action as the cars came down to the corner at speed, braking hard for the left turn at the bottom of the hill, and accelerating to the right up the hill under the Suzuki bridge.

In addition to Scott and Adam, Randy Johnson, Pete Olson, Lance Lipscomb, Eleanor Nabney, Dave Bondon, Mark and Andrea Braunstein all enjoyed the RV set up and the racing action. Although not really planned as such, a mini MOGSouth gathering was afoot. Scott, Adam and Randy were gracious hosts, pushing cold water, beer, soda and even barbecued Italian sausages to appease our hunger. Not a bad way to spend a day in September.

# PETIT LEMANS





## Holiday Party

Lance and Connie Lipscomb will host the party at the home of their daughter and son in law in Chateau Elan. **RSVP by October 30 to 678 513-8941.**

A block of rooms have been reserved at the **Chateau Elan Resort, 100 Rue Charlemagne, Braselton, GA 30517, for \$139.00 per night. Contact them at 678-425-6914.**

For those desiring slightly less expensive accommodations, a block of rooms has been reserved at the **Holiday Inn Express for \$99.00 per night. Contact Holiday Inn Express, 2069 highway 211, Braselton, GA 30517, 770-867-8100.** In either case, mention you are with MOGSouth.

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 4, 2004  
6:00 PM**

**1860 TEE DRIVE,  
BRASELTON,  
GA 30517  
(CHATEAU ELAN)**

The rooms will be held until November 3, at which time rooms that have not been reserved will be released. The hotels are virtually across the road from each other and both will provide shuttles to all Chateau Elan amenities. The location is in close proximity to both the outlet malls of Commerce, GA and the Mall of Georgia for those wishing to do a little Christmas shopping. Chateau Elan has an excellent Spa. Those wishing to take advantage of the Spa must make reservations 6 weeks in advance. Reservations for the spa made be made by calling 678-425-0900.

Connie has arranged a tour of Panoz Racing at 10:30 AM Saturday December 4 for anyone interested; **Please contact Lance @ 678-232-0825 if you are interested;** we need to get a head count for this.

As usual, the Club will provide beer and wine as well as soft drinks. There may be a small charge to help defray the cost of dinner but that amount has yet to be determined.

### NEXT YEAR'S EVENTS

**SPRING MEET 2005** — Cynthia and Joe Speetjens have volunteered to organize and host the Spring Meet in 2005. Date and details to come but the initial plan is to have the meet centered in and around Natchez, MS, a beautiful antebellum city on the Mississippi River.

**FALL MEET 2005** — Graeme Addie and his family have volunteered to organize and host the Fall Meet in 2005. Date and details to come.



MOGSOUTH EVENTS



# Is Morgan Madness Hereditary?

By Randy Johnson

Certainly a question to ponder. I am the second of three generations of Morgan owners. But it all began with my father, Tut Johnson.

When my family was transferred back to Atlanta from Concord, NH in 1962, Dad purchased a 1955 MGTF-1500 for his daily commute to the Coca-Cola Company. Atlanta was a much smaller and calmer city forty two years ago than what it is today. Dad was a real sport in that car. He smoked a pipe and while stopped at a red light, he could lean his arm out the door and knock the dottle from his pipe on the roadway.

He once broke down on the way to work, and the then president of Coca-Cola, J. Paul Austin stopped in his Jaguar and gave dad a lift to the office. Brit car owners must stick together.



Randy Johnson's Plus 4

The MG became the car I drove in high school, rather than American iron. There is a picture of the Junior Class officers of the class of 1964 at Sandy Springs High School posing in the car for the picture for the yearbook. Sometime after I graduated, Dad sold the MG and purchased a 1962 Morgan Plus Four Roadster for the tidy sum of \$850. Being Dad, he convinced me to purchase a used 1963 Chevrolet Bel Air station wagon when I began college in Atlanta.



Scott Johnson's Plus 8—Chattanooga



Randy and Tut Johnson



Andrea Mosley and Scott Johnson

After a time, I felt my image was somewhat less than debonair in that Chevy and I convinced Dad to trade the Morgan for the station wagon, for which I had paid \$1,050. The Morgan became my daily driver to and from Georgia State University as well as using it for part time work, as a "strong arm" bill collector for Pacific Finance Company in the afternoons after class. You can imagine the

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reception I received when I pulled into a person's yard in the Morgan trying to collect a past due payment. To say that I was not well received is an understatement.

During that time, I met my future wife Dale (of thirty five plus years) and we made quite the couple in that car. As most of you know, Dale gave me our present Morgan for our twentieth wedding anniversary, and that was fifteen years ago!

Just before Dale and I were married, I sold the car for \$1,300 to Jim Downing (of Kudzu racing cars and HANS device fame), who at the time had a used car lot near Georgia Tech, where he was a student. We then purchased a yellow VW bug convertible and that was the car we owned when we were married.

Dad sold the Chevrolet wagon and went on to own two more Morgans, both Drop Head Coupes. The second Drop Head he purchased for \$2,800, drove it for two weeks and sold it for \$3,000 as it was "too small". That was in November of 1968. Too bad he could not foretell the future.

Now I am pleased to say that our oldest son Scott purchased his first Morgan late last year, a 1976 aluminum bodied Plus 8 and continues to carry on the madness. You tell me, is it hereditary? I certainly hope so!



From left to right, Dave Bondon, Lee Gaskins, Gene McOmber and Jack Poteet.

## PETER MORGAN MEMORIAL RACE SEPTEMBER 17-19TH 2004 ROAD AMERICA ELKHART LAKE, WISCONSIN

MOGSouth was well represented at the Peter Morgan Memorial Race, with all the MOGSouth racers making the grid and competing with true Morgan spirit.

QA	CP	Class	Car	Reg.	Driver	Hometown	Car Desc.	Best Lap	Speed	Laps
1	1	D	80	9C	Norb Bries	Lake Bluff IL	96 Morgan GTR	2:34.188	93.392	8
2	2	D	08	9C	Tom Hollfelder	Covina CA	2002 Morgan Aero 8	2:35.183	92.793	8
3	3	D	73	9C	Richard Fohl	Beaver Dan VA	2002 Morgan Aero 8 GTN	2:34.559	93.168	8
4	1	C	721	2C	Dave Bondon	Duluth GA	64 Morgan 4/4	2:48.711	85.353	8
5	2	C	14	2B	Doug Sallen	Saratoga CA	64 Morgan 4/4	2:55.724	81.946	8
6	3	C	45	2B	Gregory Solow	Santa Cruz CA	63 Morgan 4SS	2:58.406	80.714	8
7	4	C	83	2A	Patrick Starr	Minneapolis MN	58 Morgan 4/4	2:51.299	84.063	8
8	5	C	11	2B	Brian Howlett	Hacienda Hgts CA	61 Morgan 4/4	2:57.966	80.914	8
9	6	C	03	2B	Lee Gaskins	Pauline SC	63 Morgan 4/4 SS	2:59.965	80.015	7
10	4	D	611	8C	Craig Seibert	Matins Creek PA	68 Morgan 4/4	3:00.604	79.732	7
11	7	C	433	2B	Bill Lightfoot	Vienna VA	59 Morgan 4/4	3:00.866	79.616	7
12	8	C	610	2B	Jeff Tamkin	Los Angeles CA	62 Morgan 4/4	3:07.654	76.736	7
13	9	C	111	2B	Marilyn Gaunt	Indianapolis IN	56 Morgan 4/4	3:05.604	77.584	7
14	10	C	146	2B	Chris Towner	Orleans MA	51 Morgan 4/4	3:24.978	70.251	7
15	1	B	447	2E	Michael Virr	Fairfield CT	59 Morgan 4/4	3:23.611	70.723	7
16	11	C	684	2B	Ernest (Chip) Brown	Norwalk CT	57 Morgan 4/4	3:33.737	67.372	6
17	2	B	444	2D	Gene McOmber	Salom SC	62 Morgan 4/4	3:37.258	66.280	6
18	12	C	100	1B	Dennis Glavis	Valencia CA	53 Morgan TT Special	3:57.134	60.725	6
19	1	A	583	1A	Carlton Shriver	Sharpsburg MD	38 Morgan 4/4	4:01.443	59.641	6
20	2	A	4	1A	Robert Willson	Lisle IL	37 Morgan 4/4	4:05.800	58.584	6
21	3	A	3	1A	Marvin Primack	Willmette IL	35 Morgan F2 Trike	3:57.128	60.726	6
22	3	B	144	2C	Don Burrows	Santa Barbara CA	64 Morgan 4/4	3:02.506	78.901	5 NR
23	4	A	311	1B	Fred Sisson	Nashville TN	38 Morgan 3 Wheel	4:11.715	57.207	5
24	5	A	35	1A	Martin Beer	Bolton Ont., CAN	35 Morgan F2 Trike	4:08.839	57.868	5
25	6	A	88	1A	J. Dale Barry	Westchester CA	34 Morgan 3 Wheel	4:48.556	49.903	5
26	4	B	333	2B	Jack Poteet	Morganton NC	62 Morgan 4/4	2:57.272	81.231	3 NR
27	7	A	205	1A	Michael Mulrone	Villanova PA	26 Morgan Aero/GN	5:29.532	43.698	3
28	8	A	749	1A	Jim Nichol	Hyde Park NY	28 Morgan Aero	0:47.511	22.239	2 NR
29	9	A	5	1A	Michael Wilson	Farmington MI	37 Morgan 4/4			1 NR
30	10	A	151	1A	Larry Ayers	Vallejo CA	30 Morgan 3 Wheel			0 NR
DNS	A		746	1A	Chris Towner	Orleans MD	38 Morgan F Trike			
DNS	B		41	2C	Greg Miller	Richmond VA	60 Morgan 4/4			
DNS	C		139	2B	Ed Berre Jr.	Cincinnati OH	62 Morgan 4/4			
DNS	B		159	2C	Peter Dunn	Midlothian VA	62 Morgan 4/4			
DNS	C		971	2B	John C. Fohl	Richmond VA	62 Morgan 4/4 Super Sports			
DNS	D		115	8B	Richard Fohl	Beaver Dam VA	70 Morgan 4/8			







# DRIPPING IN

**T**he 1st Annual Croquet on the Lawn was held on the 28th of August, at Mosbey Field, in Williamson, Georgia. Williamson is a small community southeast of Atlanta proper. It is down in NASCAR territory near the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Driving time from our northwest Atlanta suburb was about an hour and 15 minutes. Andrea and I took the Plus 8 down and were joined by the Kinzers, Dwight and Jackie, from Rome with their late model Plus 8. Stu and Judy Mosbey, our gracious hosts, had their Plus 4 there as well; so the total Morgan contingent on the field numbered 3.

**I'VE HEARD IT SAID  
THAT DRIVING A  
MORGAN IS AS  
CLOSE TO FLYING AS  
ONE COULD GET . . .**



A Fighter Pilot at work  
(Stu Mosbey's best Side?)



One of Stu's Many Loves



**AUGUST 28TH, 2004  
MOSBEY FIELD  
WILLIAMSON, GEORGIA**



Stu and Judy invited MogSouth and the neighbors for a spirited day of croquet and, after a bit a lawn mowing, socializing and other frivolity the game was on. One of Stu's neighbors (I think he too was named Stu) left the party and returned a short time later . . . **by parachute** . . . jumping back into the fun. Stu and Judy's property is in a lovely setting with a beautiful house and large aircraft hangar, separated by a winding driveway through the woods. The driveway provides a fitting race track for the younger participants, as they tried their hand at Stu's original Soapbox Derby Racer, vintage 1955.

Apart from Soapbox Derby Racer, the hangar is home to Stu's beautifully restored military aircraft and proper Flight Operations center with Bar and Television. It is adorned with the many military mementos from Stu's career in the Air Force.

Dave Moffett, a Delta Airlines pilot, and recent MOGSouth member also lives in the



Images Courtesy of Dave Moffett

neighborhood; and Dave has more than just his plane in the hangar (garage?) - A late '50's high cowl, twin spare Plus 4!

All in all, an enjoyable day of hospitality, planes, croquet and Morgans. Very much looking forward to the *2nd Annual Croquet on the Lawn* . . .

***Thanks Stu and Judy!***

IN THE SMALL TOWN OF WILLIAMSON, JUST SOUTH OF ATLANTA ABOUT 20 MILES, IS A FLYING COMMUNITY. THE HOUSES ARE NESTLED NEAR TWO AIRSTRIPS AND ALL HAVE HANGARS. TWO OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS NOT ONLY HAVE THEIR PRIVATE PLANES, BUT ALSO A MORGAN.

**COINCIDENCE??**

**I THINK NOT!**



## Stained glass window in memory of Peter Morgan at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Stoke Lacy

There are many thousands of Morgan sports car enthusiasts worldwide who much admired Peter Morgan. Many of us are convinced that the Morgan Motor Company exists today due in large part to his canny skills in steering the company for over four decades. In addition, he was always the perfect gentleman.

As you may know, the Church of St Peter and St Paul at Stoke Lacy in Herefordshire has been closely associated with the Morgan family for generations. The first Morgan car was built by Peter's father at the Old Rectory opposite the Church. It would be appropriate if Peter, along with his ancestors, is remembered at the Church. I have suggested that the window on the right hand side of the porch be made into a stained glass window dedicated to Peter Morgan. I am pleased to announce that Peter's close relatives and the Stoke Lacy Parish Church support the project.

**Why a permanent memorial?** Morgan enthusiasts from many countries around the world have expressed to me their wish to be involved in a permanent memorial. Many I have spoken to have appreciated how Peter listened to their views and opinions, which he found useful in the car's development. Peter knew that the best advertisement and public relations machine for the Morgan Motor Company was through all of the clubs and enthusiasts worldwide. For many years there was no need for the Morgan Motor Company to advertise. Sales of new cars were generated through club meetings and personal contacts. Peter's close contact with the enthusiast was well appreciated. No other Chief Executive of a Motor Manufacturer has enjoyed such a relationship.

In addition, the Morgan sports car has enabled individualists enjoy life with more fun than was ever thought possible, and we thank God and Peter for that. Quite simply – we all admit that if it was not for Peter many of us would never have met.

As a consequence, Morgan clubs and groups worldwide now have the opportunity to be involved in a permanent memorial to Peter Morgan.

I have been in contact with the British Society of Stained Glass Painters in order to take this initiative further. Careful thought is being given to the architectural setting for the intended window, lighting conditions of the location and the relationship of the new window to the existing glazing of the building. After a design is approved by his close relatives it will be submitted to the Parish Council and Diocese for approval.

**Finance.** It is expected that the cost will not exceed £2000. Voluntary contributions would be welcome from each Morgan Club or Group around the world. Any surplus will be donated to the Stoke Lacy Parish Church, which Peter supported. I will bear all costs to organise and administer the project. Andrew Duncan has agreed to audit the accounts. After the memorial is installed all contributors will receive a copy of the accounts.

I thank you in advance for your support. **Roger Moran**

**MOGSouth has made a contribution in the amount of 100 £ to this memorial.**



## Credits

Thank you to Randy Johnson, Gene McOmber, Mark and Andrea Braunstein, for their Articles and Photos, and to Andrea Braunstein for the grammar check.

Articles and photos are always welcome and solicited. We also would like inputs for the new Web Site at <http://www.geocities.com/mogsouth/>.

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## MOGSouth Is On the Web

**M**OGSouth now has a presence on the Web, thanks to Adam Johnson and Eleanor Nabney. We also have started an Email contact list and will use it for communication and distribution of our news letter, the 'Southern Fours and Eights'. As there still a number of members not on the Email list for one reason or another those members will receive a hard copy. By distributing the newsletter electronically, the Club will save money. If you have suggestions on using these funds to benefit the membership, please contact Randy Johnson. If you have an Email address and have not provided us with this information, please do so by contacting the Club at [mogsouth@yahoo.com](mailto:mogsouth@yahoo.com).  
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1 JANUARY!!**

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