

SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

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MOGSouth Christmas Party

Young Harris / Hiawassee, Georgia

1 December, 2012

It's been really busy of late. With the Fall Meet, closely followed by the Winter Park Concours, Andrea and I traveling to Austin for the US F1 Grand Prix and now the MOGSouth Christmas Party. This year the Christmas Party is at a new venue for the club, the Ridges Resort which is about halfway between Young Harris and Hiawassee adjacent to the Chatuge State Park in the north Georgia mountains. A very pretty place to enjoy this special time of year.

The MOGSouth Christmas Party is really a different sort of event for MOGSouth. It's not really about Morgan; the cars or the factory; it's not really about our adventures; be they past or future, but really, we come together once a year, simply as group of people, a community of sorts, to share a bit of time with each other. It's about renewing old friendships and creating new ones, revitalizing relationships that have degraded due to time or distance. But mostly it's about the tenets that we recognize each year, at this event, under the guise of the 'Mother Courage Award'. It's about Love of People, Love of Morgans and Love of Life. This is why we are here.

Marilyn expanded the typical agenda for the Christmas Party by adding some local activities for those folks that could get to Hiawassee on Friday. Those folks that were able to take advantage of all the great sites of the region and activities laid on by Marilyn Bondon, were treated to a visit to an art glass Studio and Gallery, with demonstrations, as well as displays of hand blown glass, jewelry, pottery, art clocks, woodworks, forged iron, tiles, wearable art, furniture, garden art, and mobiles by artisans from across the country. A number of folks also took a drive around a portion of Lake Chatuge. Unfortunately, Andrea and I couldn't get away until Saturday, so we missed the Friday fun, and flew into Atlanta and drove the last bit to Young Harris on Saturday.

We also were able to link up with Cynthia and Joe Speetjens at the airport in Atlanta and shared our rental car and the drive to Young Harris with them. Saved a few dollars and made the 2 hour drive a lot of fun.

As always the MOGSouth Christmas Party drew a great crowd of members. Marilyn and Dave also arranged for a great hospitality suite for the party and that got us all out of the resort's lobby. Everyone gathered in the hospitality suite to chat and catch up for a few hours before the dinner. The suite even had a television for folks to watch the college football conference championship game. This year the University of Georgia was playing Alabama so there was a bit of interest by many in the room. Those not interested in the television enjoyed the libations, chips and the like. Winston and Laura Hoy did the shopping for the hospitality suite so that Marilyn and Dave didn't have to haul everything from Atlanta. A big thanks to them.

Also present in the hospitality suite was a collection of Morgan books, car badges and other automotive items provided by Dave Bondon for folks to peruse and bid on in a silent auction.

As the hour approached, we headed back to the room to clean up a bit and change into our 'festive' attire. We gathered in the Oak Room of the Oak Restaurant, which had been set up just for us. It was adjacent to

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the bar (how convenient) and had a very nicely decorated Christmas tree. This put us in the holiday spirit and gave us a place for all the festive packages of automotive themed ornaments we would later exchange.

The dinner was a scrumptious buffet with a varied array of offerings and plenty of each, so no one went away hungry. Salad, Soup, Fish, Chicken, Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, and on and on. Even pumpkin pie with graham cracker crust. Needless to say, my diet suffered greatly ...

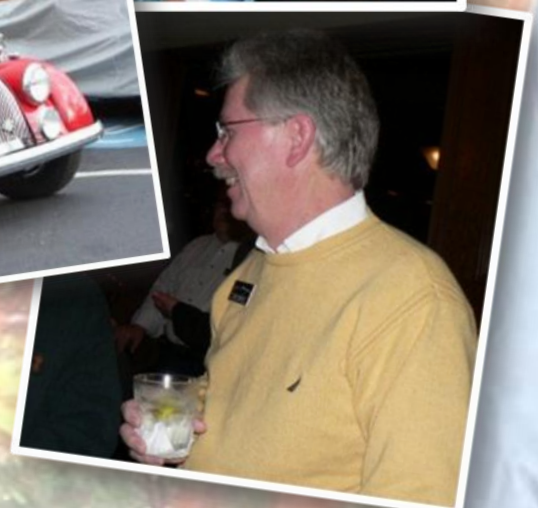
After dinner we took care of a few administrative announcements. Then we presented the Mother Courage Award. Joe and Cynthia Speetjens were this year's recipients. (See the separate article in this issue of the Newsletter.)

Following the award presentation we continued the auction of automobilia Dave Bondon had provided, with proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior project. The results of the auction were impressive with some \$1,000 raised for this worthy program.

Following the auction, we all enjoyed the Christmas Tree ornament exchange. There were some very elaborate and special creations . . . a car fabricated out of beer cans, an ornate nut cracker with tools working on a Morgan, a glittering glass ornament of old car, and many more.

The ornament that I brought was selected by Tom Coryn. Tom, my apologies . . . It was a decorated, with blinking Christmas lights and a bow, piece of a propane carburetor, which was recently removed from my 'used to be' propane-powered Plus 8. The thought of taking that contraption back through the TSA and scanners at the airport just amuses me to no end. I can see it now . . . "Christmas Ornament . . . Yeah, right . . ." or "if it starts to beep . . . Run!" I do hope Tom and Kathy got home without too much hassle at the airport. 'Elaborate' yes, 'special' . . . I think not.

A great Christmas Party, enjoyed by all! Thanks again to Marilyn and all the others that helped her with the details!



Top to Bottom, Left to Right - Trisha Gaskins & Cynthia Speetjens.
Dwight Kinzer, A Morgan (we actually had a few!), Tom Coryn

More Pictures from the 2012 Christmas Party on the MOGSouth Web site.

2012 MOGSouth Christmas Party

- Graeme and Jenny Addie
- Dave and Marilyn Bondon
- Mark and Andrea Braunstein
- Bob and Wynell Bruce
- Jack and Monica Claxton
- Tom and Kathy Coryn
- Mae Council
- Lee and Trisha Gaskins
- Winston and Laura Hoy
- Dwight Kinzer
- Lance and Connie Lipscomb
- Brian and Rosie Miller
- Robert and Roslyn Minkhorst
- Glenn and Dorothy Moore
- Roy and Laura Oppedisano
- Stacey and Ben Schepens
- Carlton and Beverly Shriver
- Gene Spainhour and Pat White
- Joe and Cynthia Speetjens
- Bob and Lani Steele

Pat White - Wynell Bruce



Winston & Laura Hoy



Graeme Addie



Glenn Moore



My sincere apologies if I have missed anyone or misspelled anyone's name.

**Happy Holidays
and Best Wishes for a
Great 2013 !!**



2012 MOTHER COURAGE AWARD

Unlike many of the other Morgan car clubs, MOGSouth doesn't give out tons of awards. MOGSouth only gives out a single award each year. This is a perpetual award to honor the memory and spirit of the long time MOGSouth members Nancilee and Dan Kelly called the 'Mother Courage Award'. Mother Courage is the name Nancilee gave to her blue Drop Head Coupe. The award is typically presented each year at the MOGSouth Christmas Party. The award is given to those person(s) who best personify Dan and Nancilee's love of **People**, love of **Morgans** and love of **Life**.

2012 is the 15th time the award has been presented. It is hard to believe that it's been 15 years since we lost Dan and Nancilee, but MOGSouth hasn't forgotten them, nor have we abandoned their wondrous spirit. Their legacy lives on, not only in the Mother Courage Award, but in the essence and personality of MOGSouth. Whether you knew Dan and Nancilee or not, as members of MOGSouth you have been touched by them. And, I truly believe that this is a major reason that everyone enjoys MOGSouth so much.

The 2012 recipients of the Mother Courage Award are **Joe and Cynthia Speetjens**. I can't remember a time when Joe and Cynthia (or at least Joe) were not part of our meets or events. This really is significant as Mississippi is darn near a day west of Atlanta and that adds several days, certainly cost, and time commitments to participate in most of the MOGSouth events.

When Joe had Bill Fink drop the Corvette engine into the Plus 8, Joe's participation only increased. Cynthia, still cursed by work, participated when she could, and when she couldn't, she had Joe call . . . frequently. And, when they got tired of coming east, they had the club come west. The Speetjens hosted the MOGSouth Spring Meet in Natchez, Mississippi in 2005 and again this year, 2012.

Congratulations again to Joe and Cynthia. A great choice of folks that really do personify the tenets of the Mother Courage Award . . . Love of **People**, love of **Morgans** and love of **Life**.

Cynthia and Joe Speetjens - Christmas Party 2012



Cynthia on the Cannon

MOGSouth Fall Meet 2004 - Chattanooga, TN



Joe calling home . . . Almost in Key West, FL

MOGSouth Fall Meet 2011 - South to the Keys, FL



Plus 4 baby doll

The Morgan Plus 4 Super Sports model was introduced late in 1961, offering arguably the best price-for-performance value available at that time. Its lightweight aluminum body provided crisp handling in a design reminiscent of the great, fully fendered sports cars of the 1930s.

Between 1961 and 1968, only 104 of the English-made, aluminium-bodied Super Sports were produced with Triumph TR4A-engines. Of the 95 two-seat cars built for sports car competition in the U.S. and abroad, 50 carried the low-bodied roadster coachwork.

The original Baby Doll V is famous in Morgan circles. It was ordered from the factory in the spring of 1962 by Lew Spencer, a well-known Southern California Sports Car Club of America member and local Morgan dealer. The car was to be his ultimate Morgan racecar; a sleek, low-body successor to Baby Doll IV, the car with which he won the 1962 SCCA C-production National Championship.

The amazing Morgan Baby Dolls are accomplished "giant killers" in historic circles, where they have regularly beaten small-block Corvettes, Porsches, Abarths and Jaguar E-types, despite their smaller-displacement engines.

MORGAN IS NOW PROUD TO INTRODUCE THE NEXT EVOLUTION - BABY DOLL VI

Specification

Two colours - Kingfisher Blue white stripes / Westminster Green yellow stripes
+4 chassis / bespoke body (with spare wheel hole cover)
250bhp Omex engine racing clutch / Mazda gearbox
Oil cooler
Sports exhaust system (repackable silencer, 200 cell cat)
Gaz adjustable dampers & Panhard rod
4.1 LSD ratio axle
Front & Rear disc brakes (including anti tramp bars) road legal
Brake re-action bars (new type, details to follow)
Roadster Alloy wheels w/ Yokohama A048 205/60/15
Roll bar (new product, RHD or LHD with side impact bars)
Fire Extinguisher (electric) w/ Foot rest (over extinguisher)
Battery Cut off switch
Inertia bypass (on bulkhead)
Rain light
Ali floor pans (under seats)
Tillett carbon race seats w/ Racing Harness
Removable steering wheel
New dash/ dials / switches
2 Aero Screens
Reduced sill trims
Front air duct (undertray)
Baby Doll badge on back panel

Cost Options

Spot Lamps
Heater
High Roll Cage
4.33:1 diff
Silver Minilite 7 wheels 3 eared spinners
Larger race ready brake calipers and pads

[MMC has announced the car and is now determining the level of interest prior to the confirmation of production dates. Ed.]



Content and Photos Courtesy of the MMC web site.

www.morgan-motor.co.uk

£55,000 inc VAT (+ on the road costs) No warranty on engine due to race tuning
Final specification to be confirmed - subject to change



Low Volume Retro: Morgan +4 <http://www.carbuzz.com>

Nothing is more retro than a Morgan, and its first car for the American market continues to set the standard.

Over the last decade, you've likely seen enough PT Cruisers and New Beetles to convince you that "retro" is just an automaker's synonym for "cute." But what about cars that take a much more serious approach to retro? These are the cars where an effort has been made to make them as much as possible like older models. These cars tend not to have mass appeal, whether by design or due to poor planning, and this series will explore the less-common retro-mobiles.

When it comes to deliberate niche retro cars, Morgan is the undisputed king. This made it difficult to pick which model to write about, but the +4 fits in nicely with the rest as a model which was killed off decades ago and has since been reintroduced, virtually unchanged from the original. The +4 even gets bonus points for already being a sort of retro when it was first introduced in 1950. The +4 represents Morgan's weird idea of what it is to remain relevant in the market. Morgan had a good deal of success with the 4/4, their first four-wheeled model, introduced in 1936.



This model has remained in production, nearly uninterrupted since that year, and you'd have a hard time telling the new models from the old just by looking at them. But by the early Fifties, British roadsters were becoming increasingly popular with American buyers, and Morgan decided to build a sort of "deluxe" roadster for our market. Thus was born the +4, a car based on the 4/4 and styled to look very similar, but equipped to be more competitive with the offerings from the likes of MG and Austin. It stayed in production until 1969, was reintroduced from 1985 to 2000, and has been in production again since 2005. It is maddeningly difficult to tell the difference between the old cars and new ones, but one way to tell without lifting the engine cowl is to look at the side mirrors. On older cars, these are located just behind the headlights, whereas the new cars have them affixed to the doors. Strange though it might sound, this is actually the easiest way to tell the difference between a 2012 Morgan and one made sixty years ago. Even taking the styling into account, there is still one more thing which makes the +4 the most staggeringly old-fashioned car in this series; it has a frame made of ash. Yes, wood, they made the frame out of wood.

This sounds worse than it is, the ash frame is strong and actually works quite well, but Morgan is definitely the only car company which still does this, and it's difficult to get over just how unbelievably old-fashioned it is. Thankfully, the engine is a thoroughly modern one, although one sometimes gets the impression that Morgan would gladly use something ancient if only emissions regulations allowed for it. The current model uses a 2.0-liter Ford four-cylinder which produces 145 horsepower. This isn't much, but the car is extremely light, and that power goes a long way.

In fact, there is even some motorsport pedigree in the +4, as it took a GT class win in the 1962 24 Hours of Le Mans. For almost any other car this would be an irrelevant fact, but this being a Morgan, little has changed since it took this win. That is to say, little has changed at Morgan. The rest of the world has moved on, and for the same price as a +4, you could get a much less absurd convertible, such as an Audi A4 Cabriolet. The +4 is also quite small. In fact, it is so small that early models didn't even have enough space under the cowl for an air filter and many owners would reportedly stretch cheese cloth over the carburetor as a means of protecting it.

The interior was no better, and obviously still isn't. Should you be carrying a passenger, it would be best if the two of you were very good friends, since you will be rubbing up against them for pretty much the entire journey. There is no trunk either, although at this point that should be obvious. The +4 is not a serious form of transportation, but rather a toy. Of course, this is the whole point. Not only of the +4, but of Morgans in general. They're niche cars and truthfully, there are a lot of cars which are just as impractical and will cost you quite a lot more money. Morgan makes cars for a specific niche in the market. You might not be one of those who are into their cars, but Morgan has been building niche cars for more than 100 years, and is doing just fine. So if you don't like them, they aren't likely to care.



Morgan Three Wheeler - Gulf Oil Edition!!

The LMP2 built by OnOak Racing has an open-cockpit and is an extreme sports car. Built specifically to race in the World Endurance Championship for Sports Cars it is the ultimate car in which an amateur can pit his skill against the professionals. Backed by an established team the amateur trains with pro race drivers. The races are at Le Mans for the 24 hours as well as Sebring, Silverstone, Spa and many new tracks built for Formula One. In sports car racing many drivers prefer an open cockpit vehicle over a coupe. This is because of a superior sense of speed and vision. The driver can develop a much closer bond with the car and feels safer because he can be more in control. This is synonymous with Morgan's attitude toward creating vehicles that provide both high performance and fun. The feeling is encapsulated by the familiar saying, "to drive by the seat of your pants".

The unique combination of economy and acceleration provided by the Morgan 3 Wheeler also reflects the performance of the Morgan Nissan LMP2 car which has an ultra efficient V8 engine combined with low overall weight and superb aerodynamics.

For all these reasons it seemed entirely correct to seek permission to release a Morgan 3 Wheeler in the striking Gulf Oil livery.

The striking Blue and Orange graphic, and the years of motorsport success it represents, adorn the new Morgan 3 Wheeler "Gulf Edition" for a run of 100 commemorative vehicles, these gulf cars will provide just the sense of excitement that comes from top level motorsport. Following its official international launch at this year's Motorcycle Live, the 3 Wheelers will be available to buy from your local Morgan 3 Wheeler dealer or direct from the factory.

SPECIFICATION

- Gulf graphic pack
- Black engine
- Black w/ orange rimmed mirrors
- Black head lamps
- Roll hoops – black
- Mud Guards – Black
- Black exhausts
- Black heat shields
- Limited edition badge
- Black dashboard panels
- Standard black leather
- Orange wall tyres
- Gulf blue solid paint
- Orange stitching on steering wheel.

[Something about this harkens to the film Steve McQueen in Le Mans.

Contact One of the dealers advertising in this Newsletter if you need one of these under the tree!

I know I am asking Santa for one. Ed.]



Did You Know?

SU CARBURETORS

SU (Skinner's Union) carburetors were a side draft constant depression carburetor. Used in British, Swedish and some Japanese cars up to 1995. Patented by George Herbert Skinner in 1905, SUs are now manufactured by Burlen Fuel Systems.

SU carburetors feature a variable venturi controlled by a piston. This piston is a tapered, conical metering rod (needle) that fits inside an orifice (jet) admitting fuel into the airstream. As the needle is tapered, it rises and falls to open and close the opening in the jet, regulating the passage of fuel.

As airflow into the engine is increased, the pressure above the piston falls, sucking it upwards. If the airflow is reduced, the piston falls. This function is determined by the profile of the needle. The right needle will ensure the fuel delivery is matched to the engine requirements.

The beauty of the SU is its simplicity and ease of adjustment. To adjust, simply alter the starting position of the jet relative to the needle. A negative is in high performance applications, as it relies on restricting air flow to increase enrichment, the throttle response lacks punch. By contrast, the fixed choke design adds extra fuel using its accelerator pump.

Prefixes identify the float configuration - H, HD, HS, HIF, HV, OM and KIF. The sizes include 1-1/8, 1-1/4, 1-1/2, 1-3/4, 1-7/8, 2, 2-1/4, 2-1/2 and for special purposes 3 inch. Not every type was came in every size.



Twin H Type SUs



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BEST CAR YOU CAN BUY FOR \$36,000

Matt Hardigree, 1 October 2012, <http://jalopnik.com>

The first thing you need to know about the Morgan Three Wheeler is, when Alex Roy invites you to drive one of the only ones in the United States you absolutely have to say yes whatever the consequences. There will be consequences.

The fifteenth thing you need to know is when you pull up outside a hip SoHo nightspot after midnight for a Berlin-in-the-1920sesque transexual revue the bouncers will shoo away other cars so you can park out front. While you're inside the car will be so magnetic that musician and car enthusiast Frank Ocean will walk by and take a picture of it while you're inside. Try to notice this as it happens so you can run out and shake his hand.

The seventh thing you need to know is, things will break. For instance, the rod that connects the brake actuator to the brake pedal will just vanish. I assume one was there, but lying upside down with a smartphone in the fuselage, legs poking out the top, I was never able to locate it.

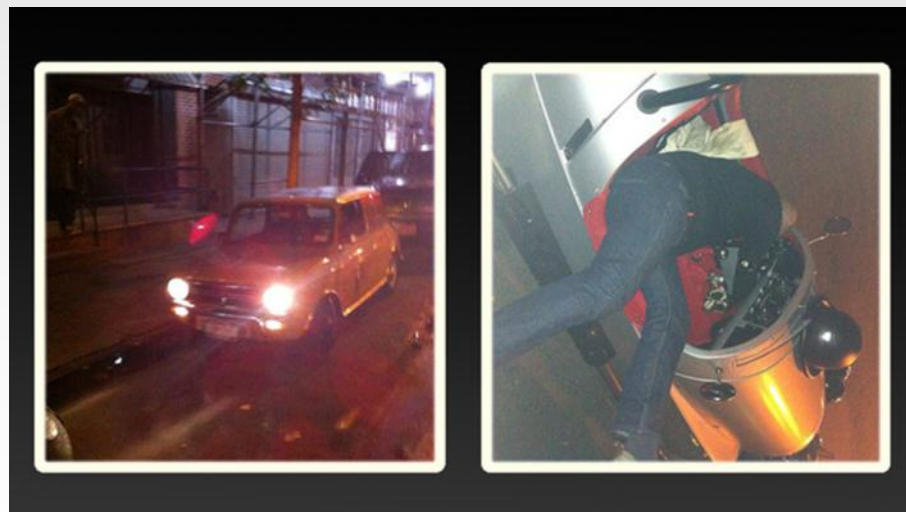
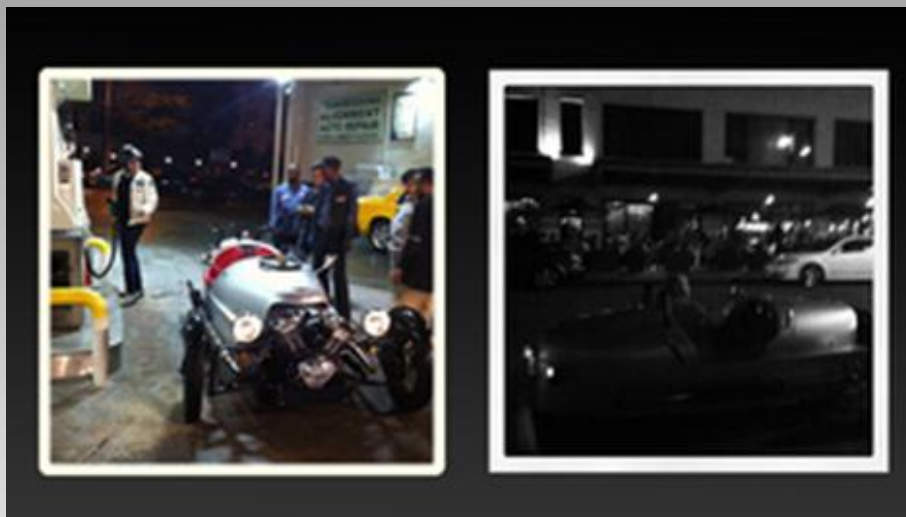
The second thing you need to know is, when you drive a Morgan you will become the center of attention. And not the curious but standoffish attention a Veyron will get you, or the envious stare one gives to a Ferrari owner before leaping to all sorts of negative conclusions. When someone hears and sees you roaring down the avenue in one of these the only reaction is giddy appreciation.

The ninth thing you need to know is the only thing that'll make you more popular than a working Morgan Three Wheeler is a broken one.

The third thing you need to know is many of these someones who will give you attention are women. They will give you a thumbs up. They will want to talk to you. They will want a picture with it. They will want you to send them this photo, creating the rare time in human history when a devastatingly beautiful swimwear/lingerie model will actively try to give you her number.

The thirteenth thing you need to know is the Three Wheeler requires no special skill to drive. The S&S V-twin provides more than adequate power for the Keira Knightly-light car and sounds like an ME-109 strafing a target at 3,000 RPM. At a little over 6-feet I didn't find the car too cramped, although I had to adjust a bit to work the Miata-sourced transmission.

The tenth thing you need to know is Jeffery owns many English cars, so when he pulls up in an Austin Mini the color of cornmeal with an image of himself painted on the side and sees you trying to repair the Three Wheeler you can trust he's got a tool kit with him and he'll be generous with its contents.



The sixth thing you need to know is it's absolutely a British car, and thus has the visual poetry of a product designed by the people who gave us Shakespeare and yet also the engineering of the same people who gave us the Reliant Robin. The sort of chaps who think "Hey, if it's good enough for a WWI vet it's good enough for the 21st century."

The eleventh thing you need to know is all you need to fix a busted brake pedal on a Morgan Three Wheeler is a flexible back, an allen wrench, some tape, and a coat hanger gifted to you by the charming hostess back at The Standard (many thanks Devonne). It also helps to have been reading Parking Lot Mechanic recently.

The fifth thing you need to know about this particular automobile is you'll look cool carrying around the removable steering wheel. It's both fashion accessory and brilliant anti-theft device and when you walk up to the restaurant below The Standard you'll be able to breeze into a prime table by suggesting you'd like to sit in view of you car, ostensibly to monitor the parking ticket you know you're not going to get.

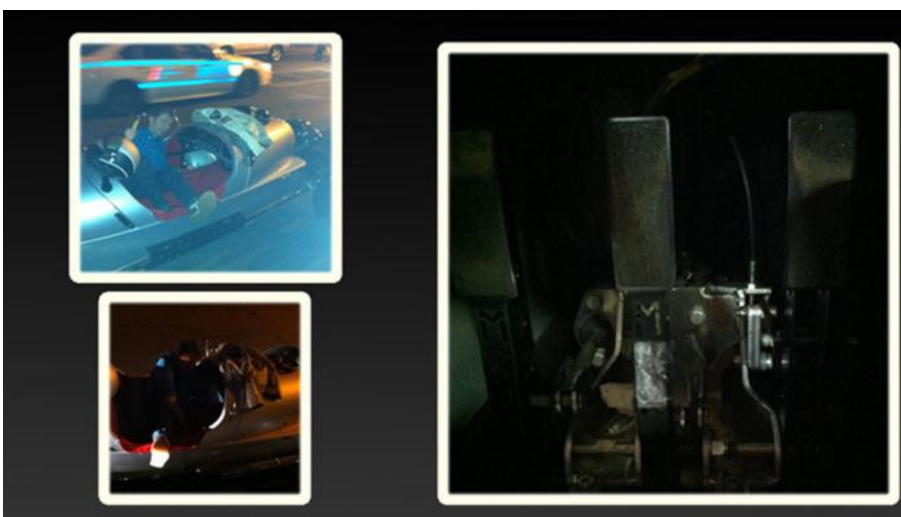
The twelfth thing you need to know is Alex Roy has many friends. There are the old ones, who, in a city of millions seem to number every third person. The guy who slept on his couch while going through a split, the former business partner, the sister of an old-flame.

And then there are the new ones. Jeffery in the Mini and his coterie. The BMW fan who stops him on the street and offers his phone and its LED flashlight app and splits packing tape with his teeth. The guys building Miata-based kit cars. A fellow who knows Elon Musk's mom. Roy is as magnetic as his cars, an impressive feat for a guy who appears to only own one jacket.

The last thing you need to know is to bring a camera with you, so your only record of an evening isn't a bunch of Instagram photos.

The fourteenth thing you need to know is that it's still an old design and no modern updates can overcome a steering radius on par with the HMS Hood and the suspension challenges of having a massive wheel directly behind you.

But who cares? It's the new most-fun-you-can-have-with-your-pants-on and I do recommend you wear pants so you don't singe your calf on the side-mounted pipes.



MOGSouth Members Get Their M3Ws !!!

A few of our members have started getting their long awaited Morgan Three Wheelers. Here are pictures of Graeme Addie and the Tates with their new toys. We should now expect to see these folks at all the meets



as they will want to show them off to folks who will definitely appreciate them.

The new M3W was a big hit at the Winter Park Concours in November. See Issue 7/2012 of the MOGSouth.



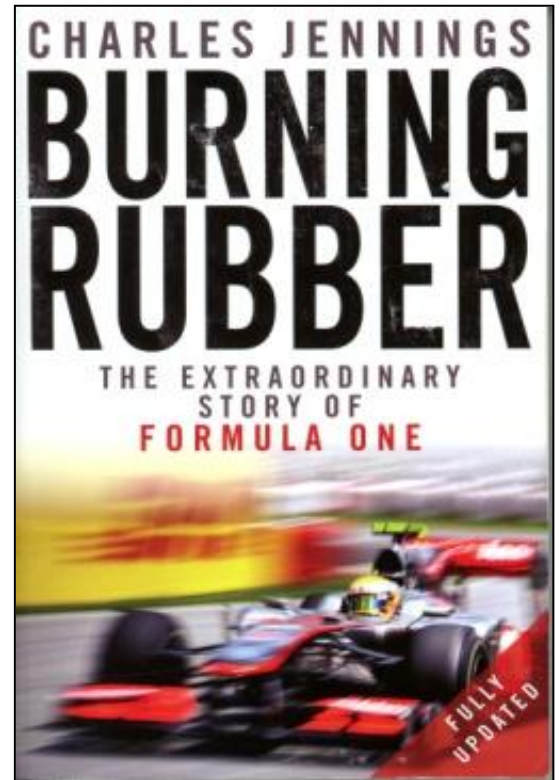
READING LIST ADDITION

If I had been strolling through the local Barnes & Noble and spotted a paperback book with an "actionized" cover photo of an F1 car, an author I've never heard of and a title like "Burning Rubber", I'm sure that I would never have picked it up. But, when a fellow F1 fan handed me the book and recommended that I read it, I thought I should at least open it up and see what was inside.

And it turned out to be a great book. After a short introduction to the birth of road racing, it covers the F1 scene from 1950 through 2010 with thirty chapters and a couple appendices. It is not a straight chronological history. The chapters may be devoted to a certain year, driver, team, car or race track. But the stories are all interesting, enlightening and, in many cases, new, even to long-time fans of the sport.

Looking at the extensive bibliography, it became obvious that much of the book was based on research rather than first-hand experience, but that makes the stories no less interesting.

At just \$13.95 the book is a bargain. Anyone with an interest in Formula 1 racing should spend a few evenings reading it. The title is Burning Rubber. The author is Charles Jennings. And the ISBN number is 978 0 85738 125 5. **Add it to your Christmas list while there's still time.**



John Tuleibitz



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AND OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW !!

MONTHLY CLUB GATHERINGS !!

ATLANTA GA AREA MOGSOUTH BREAKFAST!

At the 4 August MOGSouth breakfast of Atlanta Morgan owners at the Rexall Drugstore in Duluth we decided to **schedule a breakfast at the same location on the 2nd Saturday of each month**. Call Randy with questions.

Address for the Rexall Drugstore:

**3165 Buford Highway
Duluth, GA 30096**

ORLANDO FL GATORMOG BREAKFAST!

The Orlando GatorMOG contingent meets **the first Sunday of each month**, as part of the greater Orlando British Car Club. All owners of British cars are welcome ("wanna-be" owners welcome too!). Full buffet Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. (Tire kicking starts slightly earlier). Call Rick Frazee (407) 620-0507 or email mog4@earthlink.net for more information.

Address for the Golden Corral:

**897 West Town Parkway
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST !!

SPRING MEET 2013 DATES ANNOUNCED!! **GET IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

The Spring Meet dates are **19 - 21 April 2013**, and the meet will be held in and around the north Georgia mountains that surround Helen Georgia. 20 Rooms have been blocked at the Hampton Inn in Helen. (109.00 + tax per night) and will be held until March 18th under group "MOGSouth." Hotel web site has details of the facility. **Call (706) 878-3310** for reservations. (<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/georgia/hampton-inn-helen-HLNGAHX/index.html>)

There will be a MOGSouth hospitality suite (meeting room) for Friday and Saturday. Friday dinner is on your own. There are several restaurants within walking distance. Other details to follow as we get closer.

Formula 1 Pizza ??

If you were looking for a pizzeria based on Formula 1, with walls covered with black and white photos of 1950s vintage race cars, race scenes and drivers, where would you look? Add in pizzas named "Vanwall Special", "Fangio", "Campari", "Von Trips" or "Volpini" and you wouldn't doubt that the pizzas were being served in Monza. The surprising part is that the Monza Restaurant is at 452 King Street in Charleston.

When I read an article in USA Today recently listing some of the best pizzerias in the country and they included a blurb on Monza, I decided it was time to think about loading Pat, Maggie and Maggie's crate and toys into a rented SUV and heading to the Charleston area for a few days. Pat found a pet-friendly condo on Seabrook Island and Hertz threw in free GPS and satellite radio, so we were on our way,

And Monza was as advertized. The photos, most of which I'd never seen before, were great. And the pizza was terrific. The eleven F1-named selections were a bit too "cheffy" for me; No way that artichokes, chicken or shrimp belong on a pizza. But, when I ordered a good-old-fashioned tomato, cheese, pepperoni and sausage pie, our waitress informed me that if we added bacon we'd match a no-longer listed special that would be less expensive than what I'd asked for. How can anything with bacon be bad? As it turned out, it was terrific. And a glass of Chianti (no wimpy stems on the wine glasses here) added the perfect finishing touch. The food was great, the surroundings were a race fan's heaven, the price was reasonable, and the men's room walls had even more great art work.

If you're looking for an excuse to visit downtown Charleston, this is it. I'm ready to go back. And Pat will not hesitate to recommend a pizza at Monza.

John Tuleibitz



ALMS and GRAND-AM Announce Historic Merger; Sebring Remains ALMS Event in 2013, Joins Unified Series in 2014

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Sept. 5, 2012) - The most significant development in the history of sports car racing in North America was announced today, with plans for a landmark merger of GRAND-AM Road Racing and the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) unveiled at Daytona International Speedway. Under terms of the merger, the following entities will combine with GRAND-AM: the American Le Mans Series; the International Motor Sports Association, which sanctions ALMS events; the Road Atlanta race track facility in Braselton, Ga.; the Chateau Elan Hotel and Conference Center in Sebring, Fla.; and Sebring International Raceway, via a reassignment of the lease agreement with the Sebring Airport Authority to operate the raceway.

Both sanctioning bodies will continue to operate separate schedules in 2013 before racing under one banner in 2014 beginning with North America's premier sports car race, the 52nd annual Rolex 24 At Daytona. A board of directors has been formed to operate the new combined organization with GRANDAM founder Jim France as chairman and ALMS founder Don Panoz as vice chairman. Other members: NASCAR Vice Chair/Executive Vice President Lesa France Kennedy, GRAND-AM President/CEO Ed Bennett, ALMS President/CEO Scott Atherton and NASCAR Vice President/Deputy General Counsel Karen Leetzow. "Today's announcement will transform sports car racing on this continent, along with having world-wide industry implications," said Bennett. "Aside from the organizations involved, everybody wins: drivers, teams, manufacturers, sponsors, tracks - and most all, the fans."



THE GOODWOOD REVIVAL GUIDE TO DRESS AND STYLE

Vintage fashion is one of the vital ingredients that make the annual Goodwood Revival so thoroughly unique and entertaining. Visitors go to great lengths to dress in appropriate period clothing from Goodwood's motor racing hey day (1948 – 1966). To help achieve that authentic look, Goodwood has published this handy guide to make things easy for even the non-fashionista's among us. Fully illustrated with both modern and historic photographs, this 100 page guide is designed to give you all the information you might need to dress and act the part, including a handy listings section for those who are unsure where to find such clobber. **£12.00 GBP** Interested go to <http://shop.goodwood.com/> to buy.

Christmas Present Ideas !!



Source: www.goodwood.co.uk

[As we have mentioned many times in this newsletter, the Goodwood Revival is something everyone should experience at least once. Much of the fun of the Revival is playing the game and dressing in period. We went and did oodles of research trying to understand the fashion of the period. Just ask Andrea. If you think you may go in the future, this certainly makes it much easier. Ed.]



Morgan in China

Source www.morgan-motor.co.uk

Shanghai is one of the biggest cities in the world with a population around 30 million. Since 1949 China has been a communist country but now State Capitalism encourages growth above all and China's GDP is growing at around 5% per year. All property is held by individuals on a long lease from government but this does not seem to impede development and Shanghai is about to be home to biggest Disneyland in the world and a new Dreamworks entertainment centre. The Morgan car dealership is in centre of the city in an area called Xin Tian Di. Xin Tian Di is on the city centre side of the French Concession where the big important restored diplomatic villas are found. The potential market for Morgan is huge in China. There are now at least 13 cities, all bigger than Birmingham. It is the right time and the right product for an emerging sophisticated Chinese customer who appreciates the craftsmanship and skill that creates a product out of high quality materials. The long history and heritage of Morgan contributes to the appeal. Morgan cars website is now in Mandarin and there is a second dealer opening shortly in Beijing.



[It may seem a bit hard to believe, but we are getting hits on our website www.mogsouth.com from China and Hong Kong. State secrets? I think not. Ed.]





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'Fergus' Number Plaques Now Available !!!

Morgan owners of cars sold through Fergus who are looking for the Fergus stock number plaque now have a solution. An American Morgan-owner, whose plaque was missing too, has taken the initiative to produce reproduction plaques. Numbers will not be engraved in the plaque until there is at least 99.99% certainty about the correctness of the number.

The cost per plaque is **USD \$60**, postage per plaque is **USD \$3**, world-wide. If paid using PayPal, an extra **USD \$2** will be charged. To order a copy, or ask for information, please drop a line to fergushistory@hotmail.com (Hermen Pol) or Jack Claxton at (678) 450-0703 or via email jclax5817@aol.com





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Ex-Morgan Chief Designer forms Matthew Humphries Design

car design news - Rufus Thompson 20 Sep 2012

The former chief designer at Morgan, has formed his own design consultancy, Matthew Humphries Design, in a bid to branch out into the worlds of bespoke cars and product design.

Humphries will continue his relationship with Morgan in a partnership that will see the newly formed company help to develop future models for the independent British sports car manufacturer. The 28-year-old Coventry University graduate believes he can begin moving into the growing market for integrating automotive design elements into product design – such as furniture – and particularly British-themed products. *[Sounds like young Humphries will now be selling his services piecemeal to Morgan, rather than being a full time employee of the MMC. I may be wrong but . . . Ed.]*

During his time at Morgan he oversaw the design of cars including the Morgan Aeromax, LifeCar, Aero SuperSports, Eva GT and the new Morgan 3 Wheeler.

Humphries' plan is to concentrate on three routes. The first is expansion of the Aero range, which is already underway. "I want to basically expose the Morgan's greatness, help people see the good points about the company and its design and then built it from there," he explained.

The second is within the realm of crafting bespoke vehicles. He is currently working on designing a one-off Porsche 911 for customer as he seeks projects that appeal to his passions. "I want it to be designed to have the same quality feeling you would expect [from the factory]," he told CDN. "I'm not talking about hot-rodding, I'm talking about quality design with a new approach. As a designer you can give it a real quality, and that is my main priority."

Humphries is also continuing his work with Swiss watch manufacturer Lonville and is in the process of designing a limited edition G24 watch to celebrate racing driver Gabriele Gardel's recent 24hrs of Le Mans victory. The project is complex, as each of the limited edition watches will include a piece of Gardel's original timepiece.





MORGAN MOTOR COMPANY NEWS

NEWS

A few new things are spouting at the MMC factory of late. At this point these are not necessarily momentous events but might better be characterized as variations on a theme.

The new raced tuned version of the Plus 4 honors the historical Baby Dolls of Lew Sponsor, and the new Gulf Edition Morgan Three Wheeler sports the famous GULF Oil Livery we all remember. Pretty cool stuff.

The press has been busy with reports, both good and bad.



Good! All-time Production Record for MMC !!

Posted on <http://www.autocar.co.uk/> 19 October 2012 by Julian Rendell

Morgan's sales are booming thanks to American demand for the 3 Wheeler. Morgan, the longest-surviving British-owned sportscar maker, will set a **production record in 2012 with nigh-on 1600 cars assembled** at the company's Malvern works. Production has been on a climb ever since Morgan went back to its roots last year and launched a modern day 3 Wheeler, powered by a punchy US-built vee-twin. **The 3 Wheeler will make up around half of production in 2012** - its first full-year - largely thanks to buoyant demand in the US. The 3 Wheeler is the only vehicle Morgan can sell in the US. Even the latest alloy-bodied Supersports and Plus 8 can't meet Federal requirements for dual-stage airbags.

[Wow! If there are some 800 of the new Morgan Three Wheelers (M3W) being manufactured, and many coming to the US, I am truly surprised. I know of only 3 in MOGSouth so far. Are there really that many on the way?. Can this report be accurate?? Ed.]

Bad! Ash Tree Fungus Puts Morgan's 100-year-old Tradition At Risk !!

Posted on <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/> 31 October 2012

Classic car manufacturer Morgan has held crisis meetings over threats to the supply of ash, which it uses to make its vehicles. The firm is concerned profits could be at risk if ministers fail to crack down on the spread of ash dieback.

Morgan makes 1,300 cars a year, all built with a frame made of ash, which is under threat due to a deadly fungus.

Steve Morris, operations director of the Worcestershire-based company, said yesterday: 'This is fairly recent breaking news about the ash disease, and it could well affect us if we don't do all we can. [] We have been using ash for traditional building for 100 years. It is possible that we would have to look at other types of wood.'

November Update from the MMC 'Ash is available in France, Belgium, Germany and the USA, which are countries so far not affected by the disease. The company therefore has nothing to fear from the current crisis'.



Great Morgan Videos on the MOGSouth Web Page

All 'YouTube' videos are available. Just go to the Video Viewer on the MOGSouth Photos Web Page. <http://www.mogsouth.com/Videos.htm> (or you can go to www.YouTube.com directly) and click on the YouTube Logo, then put the following text strings (the words in red) into the YouTube Search Box

2012 Morgan 3 Wheeler: Low Tech Fun - Ignition Episode 35 (A comprehensive view of the new M3W. Worth watching.)

Morgan Factory Tour August 2011 (Brighter than I remember, with lots of classics, few Aeros and some new M3Ws.)



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2013 US (and a few International) EVENTS

As 2012 is coming to a close, we have a start on the 2013 Calendar. If you have an event that needs to be included for 2013, please send details to

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Also, we have typically included significant Morgan events, historic racing events, car shows and concours, as well as, British Car days, but if you think there are other categories we need to add, let us know.



- **Rolux 24 at Daytona**, Jan 24 - 27 Daytona Int'l Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL
- **HSR Palm Beach Grand Prix**, Feb 14 - 17, Palm Beach International Raceway, Palm Beach FL
- **Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance**, Feb 22 - 24, Boca Raton, Florida
- **Geneva International Motor Show**, Mar 7 - 17, Geneva Switzerland
- **SVRA Festival at Sebring**, Feb 28 - Mar 3, Sebring, Florida
- **Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance***, Mar 8 - 10, Amelia Island FL
- **Mobile 1 12 Hours of Sebring**, Mar 13 - 16, Sebring Florida
- **All British Car Show - Orlando**, Apr 6, Mead Garden Winter Park, FL
- **MOGSouth Spring Meet**, Apr 19 - 21, Helen, Georgia Eric and Ann Cummins Hosting
- **The Mitty at Road Atlanta**, Apr 26 - 28, Braselton, GA - Tentative
- **Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance**, May 2 - 5, Pinehurst, NC
- **Atlanta British Motorcar Day***, May 11, Berry College, Rome GA - **Tentative**
- **Le Mans 24 Hours**, Jun 22 - 23, Circuit de la Sarthe, Le Mans, France
- **Goodwood Festival of Speed**, Jul 5 - 7, Goodwood UK
- **Keeneland Concours d'Elegance**, Jul 18 - 21, Lexington, KY
- **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix**, Jul 20 - 21, Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, PA
- **Concours d'Elegance of America** (Formally Meadow Brook), Jul 28, Plymouth, MI
- **Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance**, Aug 18, Pebble Beach, CA
- **Goodwood Revival**, Sep 13 - 15, Goodwood UK
- **HSR Atlanta Historic Races**, Sep 19 - 22, Road Atlanta Braselton, GA
- **MOGSouth Fall Meet, Dates TBD**, Huntsville AL, John and Carolyn Wade Hosting
- **Euro Auto Festival**, Oct 18 - 20, Greenville-Spartanburg, SC - **Tentative**
- **Petite Le Mans at Road Atlanta**, Oct 19, Road Atlanta Braselton, GA - **Tentative**
- **HSR Savannah Speed Classic**, Oct 24 - 27, Hutchinson Island, Savannah, GA
- **Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance***, Nov 1 - 3, Hilton Head, SC - **Tentative**
- **Winter Park Concours d'Elegance***, Nov 8 - 10, Winter Park, FL - **Tentative**
- **Formula 1 US Grand Prix**, Circuit of Americas, Nov 17, Austin, TX
- **MOGSouth Christmas Party**, Dec 7, **Location TBD**



New Morgan Diecast Models

Spark has released a 1:43 diecast model of the #35 Morgan Nissan which Maxime Martin, Bas Leinders and David Heinemeier Hansson drove to 14th place in the 2012 Le Mans 24 Hours.

These models are to arrive at the vendor, with delivery estimated on 30 Nov 2012.

Catalogue number: SPK2549

The #24 Morgan - Judd LM2 car doesn't seem to be as popular with the vendors, but I did find it on the internet at a few vendors.

Spark - Morgan - Judd 1:43 model

Very well finished mass produced resin built models. Ever improving detailing now incorporating more use of photoetched details for added finesse and with excellent paint finishes.

Event: Le Mans 2012: Drivers: Nicolet, Lahaye, Pla

Sponsors: #24, OAK Racing, Gulf, Marcassus

Catalogue number: SPK2548



Christmas Present Ideas!!



[Looks to be more great Christmas presents for that Morgan fanatic in your family! Lots of diecast dealers are offering the Morgan Nissan and the Morgan Judd LM2 cars on the internet. The price range is about the same for either, \$60-\$75. Just Google 'Morgan Nissan Spark' or 'Morgan Judd Spark' Ed.]



Morgan 'Lap Blanket' Memory Quilt

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