

SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN MORGAN GROUP MOGSOUTH VOL. 2/04

Chiles Host Spring Meet in Burnsville, North Carolina

by Lynn and Julie Craig

The weekend, complete with glorious weather, started off in real style with a Club social on the upper balcony of the NuWray Inn. We devoured the Club's refreshments and caught up on news as we enjoyed the terrific views of the mountains and the town square where 16 Morgans of all ages were settling in for the night. Host and Hostess David and Sarah Chiles' elegant burgundy 4/4 in front of the Inn set the tone for this weekend's meet.



On Saturday morning, David got us underway at 10:00 AM and off we all went into the beautiful North Carolina hills and valleys. One particular valley will remain etched in our memories as we traveled along it unknowingly to be greeted by a landfill with a steep gravel road. At the top of the reclaimed landfill was the EnergyXchange with creative studios where art glass and pottery were made maintained by using the captured methane to fire the furnaces.



The artist positions are highly competitive and one can spend only 3 years working there.

The next stop was a scenic overlook along the Blue Ridge Parkway—what a view—no, not the mountains! The Morgans!

David was literally trying to educate us about the beautiful North Carolina landscape and its heritage, so we stopped by the Mineral Museum and received a real solid historical overview of the mining history of the region. And yes, there is gold (and emeralds!) in them-thar hills.



A delightful lunch was had by all in the Little Switzerland Hotel—talk about views!--and then after a bit of shopping and exploration, back down the mountain we caravanned. . .



That experience was like herding cats as the Morgans headed off in different directions with David corralling the strays as well as assisting with a flying hubcap!

We were back at the hotel for a quick turnaround before heading to David and Sarah's dramatic mountain retreat. The view was incredible, as were the house and the edibles!



Lynn Craig at a rare serious moment.

An added bonus was watching the Preakness, and Shorty won—anybody have any money on that little beauty?

Saturday night's delicious dinner was at the Grassy Creek Country Club ending with Sarah's creative Morgan celebration cake...yummy!



Oh, the classic bonnet view!



The evening concluded with the presentation of a new award going to Wynell and Bob Bruce for a memorable roadside experience—just ask any attending member to fill you in on the complete story. And on behalf of his friend Joe Pearson, Gene McOmber handed out many vintage DC Club posters.

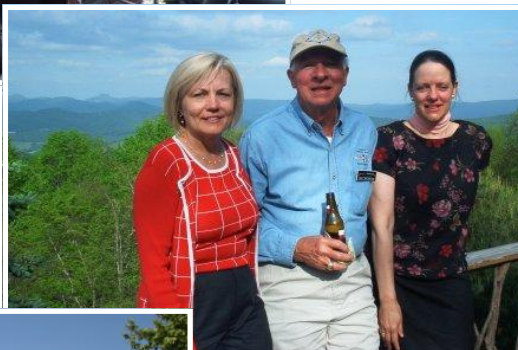
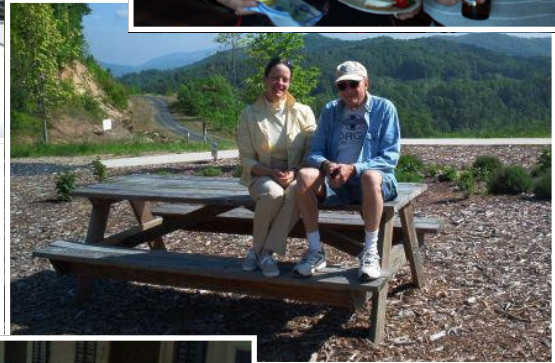
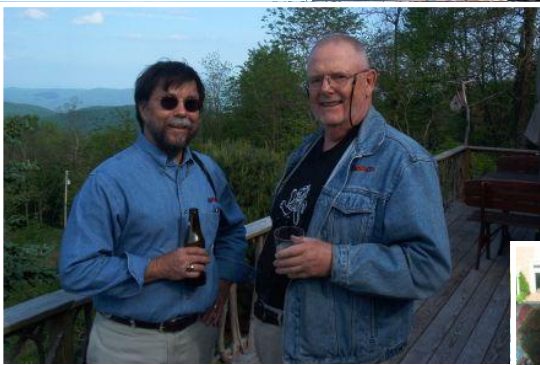
Sunday morning, after a pancake breakfast, we said our goodbyes and extended our heartfelt thanks to David and Sarah for a

*See you in Chattanooga!
Lynn and Julie Craig, 1973 Morgan 4/4*

Morgan Moments

MOGSouth Spring Meet

Burnsville, North Carolina



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The race was on but so was the rain. Six Morgans showed up on a very wet Saturday and a few hearty souls made it Sunday, which turned out to be the best of the two days. Those there on Sunday afternoon were treated to a great showing by the Splinter Group team with SuperDave Bondon taking the win and daughter Stacey making a great showing in spite of late race engine problems.



Images Courtesy of Mark Braunstein and Randy Johnson



Atlanta British Motorcar Day – May 2004

Sixteen Morgans were on the field on a wonderful Saturday at Atlanta British Motorcar Day at Chateau Elan, just north of Atlanta. We could not have asked for better weather and those attending enjoyed the day visiting and admiring the other almost 500 British Cars as well as a handful of classic British motorcycles.



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MOGSouth Fall Meet

The Fall meet has been organized to be held in and around **Chattanooga, Tennessee, the weekend of October 1-3.**

Headquarters for the meet will be the Chanticleer Inn, a lovely Bed and Breakfast on Lookout Mountain. At this time, we have reserved the entire Inn and they will hold the rooms in the name of MOGSouth until August 15th. After that time they will release the rooms to the general public.

Please visit <http://www.stayatchanticleer.com> for a look at the Inn and its amenities. There are 18 rooms in several different buildings and the rates vary depending upon the location and size but please note that the rate includes full breakfast.



Dinner on Friday night will be on your own; as usual and as usual the Club will provide beer and wine for our Friday and Saturday night noggins. Dinner on Saturday night will be at a nearby restaurant on Lookout Mountain and is as usual Dutch treat. Cost should be in the neighborhood of \$25 per person.

Saturday's activity will be centered around a driving tour on Lookout Mountain and surrounding vicinity and those details will be provided later in the year.

For reservations please call 706-820-2002 and be sure to mention MOGSouth.

Also, please note they have a somewhat restrictive cancellation policy (30 days) so please be sure you understand the terms. The cancellation policy and the complete terms are at the bottom of the rate page and include information about extra persons (including children) as well as the 30 day cancellation policy.

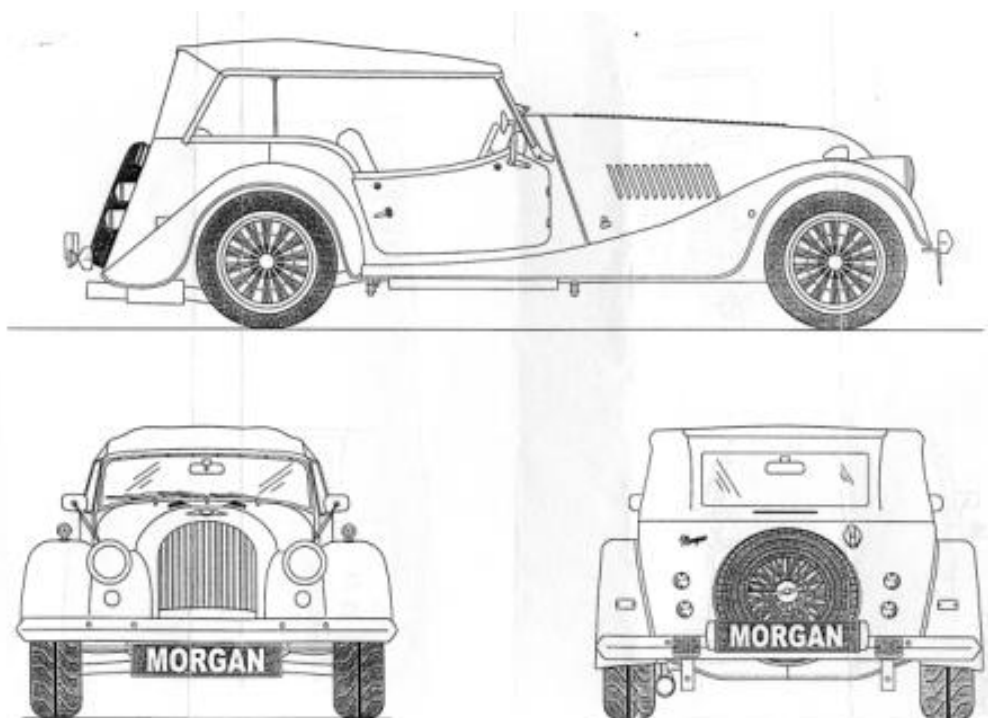
The first of October should be a beautiful time in the Lookout Mountain area so make your plans to be there now.

Credits

Thank you to Julie and Lynn Craig for their article and photos on the Spring Meet and thanks also to Sarah and David Chiles for organizing and hosting the meet!

Also thank you to Mark Braunstein for helping in putting together the newsletter for the electronic version.

Articles and photos are welcome and solicited and may be submitted to mogsouth@yahoo.com





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To that end, 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.

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