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# SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN MORGAN GROUP MOGSOUTH VOL. 2/05

## East Meets West in Natchez, Mississippi MOGSouth Spring Meet

**M**any Morgan members traveled the Natchez Trace, the hundred-year-old, federally protected Indian trail to lovely Natchez, Mississippi, the site of this year's spring meet; and a beautiful site it was. The event was hosted by Mal and Lana Morgan and Terry and Merideth Trovato of Natchez along with Joe and Cynthia Speetjens of Jackson. The azaleas were blooming in full force; the cool, spring conditions for cruising the magnificent, historical gem of a Mississippi River town were picture perfect.



The Dunleith Mansion in Natchez - Photo Courtesy of Lorne Goldman

Morgan members present included a large Texas contingent including Carl and Judith Moore of Plano and Bonnie and Ted Glover of Lucas. Tracy and Roy Murphy, Bill and Judi Boyles along with Bob Noriega rounded out the Texas group. Charlie and Caroline King and Gene and Betsy McComber made up the South Carolina representation, and Audrey and Lorne Goldman made the trip (after the Morgan rite-of-passage breakdown in Starkville, Mississippi) from Quebec. Mark and Andrea Braunstein made the trip from Atlanta along with Lance and Connie Lipscomb, Bob and Wynell Bruce and Dwight and Jackie Kinzer. Joan Maupin, albeit without her Plus 8, came in from Florida, while Ed and Judy Herman trekked down from the Baltimore area.

The week-end began at our hospitality suite at The Eola, an antebellum hotel restored in the last twenty years which is located within one hundred yards of the mighty Mississippi. The Fifteen Morgans present made a big hit in Natchez - even the local paper covered the event - and everybody arrived with a true Morgan spirit.





# MOGSouth Spring Meet

All photos courtesy of Lance Lipscomb  
except DHC courtesy of Mark Braunstein

After folks had a chance to cool down and get reacquainted, we made the short walk down Main Street and around the corner to the Center City Grill where the New Orleans atmosphere put us in the mood for Saturday's adventure.

Saturday began with a whirlwind tour of breathtaking antebellum homes such as **Elgin**, where Southern ladies in full Pilgrimage garb



Nachez, Mississippi



Bill and Judi Boyles extremely rare Plus 4 Plus



offered Bloody Marys with a genuine drawl, Civil War cemeteries and other historical sites, and then on to stately **Richland Plantation** for fried chicken and crayfish potato salad on the grounds for lunch.



The afternoon was free for shopping and sight-seeing until 5:00 P.M. when we made a sunset stop on the veranda of one of the most architecturally significant mansions in the area, **Dunleith**, for mint juleps. The Morgans lined along the wrap-around porch made for stunning photographs.

I wouldn't be surprised to see them on the literature advertising Dunleith's bed and breakfast packages.



Charlie King, a Southern Gentleman enjoying the Southern Charm of Natchez



The Morgan lunch was held in warm breezes at beautiful Richland Plantation - An exquisite house and a wonderful meal.



Lorne Goldman 'jiggling', looking for something loose . . . Then he checked the car.

Then it was on to the **Magnolia Grill**, a riverside local favorite, to watch the sunset on the Father of Waters.

On Sunday morning, the group finished off this totally made-for-spring Morgan week-end at The Main Street Marketplace, an open-air breakfast favorite, for beignets and coffee before heading home. Truly, a **great** time was had by all.

### ***Cynthia and Joe Speetjens***

*[The MOGSouth Spring Meet was a truly great time. Numerous Morgan Clubs were represented. MOGSouth members were joined by Texas Morgan Motor Car Club, Morgan Car Club - D.C. and GOMOG members to celebrate the warmth and hospitality of Natchez Mississippi. Cynthia and Joe's exceptional efforts in organizing this event were obvious and those that attended the event were expertly entertained. A very special thanks to Joe and Cynthia and all the wonderful folks in Natchez. **We will be back!** MB]*



The Magnolia Grill, down along the mighty Mississippi - You can see the majestic view through the window.

A very special thanks to Joe and Cynthia and all the

# WALTERMITTYROADATLANTA

BRASELTON, GEORGIA APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2005

It was the kind of Morgan day you can't help but put into the diary. The Plus 8 rumbled, chortled and danced as we left for the early Sunday morning run to Road Atlanta and the last day of the Walter Mitty vintage races. The morning haze, the result of the clashing of the previous night's dampness and the early warming sun, still clung to the low ground as I left the neighborhood and headed East. The sky was clear with nary a cloud and the temperature perfect for top down motoring. My plan had been to make the trip to the track on Saturday, but unlike Sunday, Saturday was a day to forget. The Saturday rain and drizzle continued throughout the day and the promise of a clear afternoon was never realized. The only bright spot was the celebration of MOGSouth member's 40th birthday.



The Mitty this year was a celebration of little British cars, not Morgans but MGs and Triumphs. The feature races (too many for a single run) included over a 100 MGs and Triumphs, complete in their racing panoply, doing battle on the curving hills of Road Atlanta. The first of the two races featured the MGAs, TR2/3s and the largest contingent of racing MG T Series cars I have ever seen at one time. The later model cars, MGBs and TR4s, ran in the second heat. In addition to featured races, there were the very fast GTP cars, Formula cars, and vintage NASCAR classes, all having great runs on a perfect spring day in Georgia. The only Morgan on the competition list was Stacey Schepens, with the potent 4/4 twin cam, but alas a cracked head on Saturday ended the run a bit early. Dave Bondon's new acquisition, an early 70's vintage Royale sports racer was delivered at the track and Dave spent the day poking and prodding, beaming like a new father. The voraciousness of the 1600 twin cam was aptly concealed by sweeping elegance of the deep green body shell.



Eric and Pete ogle Dave's new toy.



Lynn and Randy's Plus 4s in the Sun

Other than Stacey and Dave, the MOGSouth contingent included Randy Johnson, Bob Steele, Eric Cummins, Pete Olson, Gene McOmber, and myself. Also in attendance was a small team from the new Alpharetta-based Morgan dealer, Capitol Motorcars. They had an early Aero 8 (No. 6) on display in the infield and drew a respectable crowd of interested onlookers. We all wish them the best with this new venture.

**Morgan For Sale !!**

1991 Plus 8 , Alloy body, Connaught green, Tan Interior, 3.9L fuel injected, 17,000 miles, \$55,000 or partial trade, Call SuperDave Bondon at (770) 330-6210, [dbondon@bellsouth.net](mailto:dbondon@bellsouth.net) for pictures





# CHATEAU ELAN

Braselton, Georgia 7 May 2005

## ATLANTA BRITISH CAR DAY

The 2005 Atlanta British Car Day was extremely well attended by the Morgan contingent with 16 Morgans on display. The weather was perfect, high 70s and sunny. There was a lovely collection of 4/4s, Plus 4s and Plus 8s. Pete Olson even brought out his three wheeler to add some spice to the mix. The cars drew a solid crowd all day and Pete Olson fired his three wheeler numerous times to the delight of the many on-lookers, especially pleasing to the children and ladies. John and Carolyn Wade came down from Huntsville in their beautiful two-toned blue, Plus 8 (Previously Charlie Ligon's car). Blue seems to be the color of the day, with 6 blue cars, to include Pete's trike. As usual, the normal mix of vendors were there selling rusty bits and their regalia to a willing crowd of shoppers. Somehow I never get out of there without a new wardrobe and a few more trinkets for my collection. Dave Bondon even found what must be the smallest King Dick adjustable



Article and Photos Courtesy of Mark Braunstein

wrench I have ever seen. The new Morgan dealer, Capitol Motors was there with Aero 8 No. 6 and invited the club to their open house in Alpharetta, 4 June. (Look for more details elsewhere in this issue.) A wonderful day, with wonderful cars. Again, the Atlanta British Car Day was an event not to miss. I think it's fair to say we all had a great time and look forward to next year's event.



### In attendance:

Carolyn and John Wade  
Randy Johnson  
Pete Olson  
Alan Ventress  
Mark and Andrea Braunstein  
Eric and Scott Cummins  
Dave and Morgan Bondon  
Stacey Schepens  
Fred and Gay Hollinger  
Ted and Patricia Williams  
Gene McOmber  
Dwight Kinzer  
Connie and Lance Lipscomb  
Jim and Rosemary Winn  
Eleanor Nabney  
Jack Claxton (w/o car again!)  
Ray Morgan  
Ken Cottrell





# *From the Archives*



*1932 JAP SS  
Circa Summer 1992  
Pete Olson and Susan Morgan*

**T**his photo was taken outside of Pete Olson's place by Ray Morgan, sometime early in 1992. Note that the dashing pilot was sporting hair . . . something I understand was quite common in those days. The 'family' 4-Place was Pete's other Morgan at the time. Ray also captured Randy Johnson's Plus 4, near Road Atlanta in 1990. Note all the period 'iron' in the photograph.



*Pete Olson's Plus 4, 4 Place 1992*

All photos courtesy of Ray Morgan



*Randy Johnson's Plus 4  
vicinity Road Atlanta*







Gay and Fred Hollinger



Eleanor Nabney's Birthday Party 30 April 2005



Lance's Shop with Ed Herman's DHC in Restoration and Lance's Drive - An eclectic Collection



Lance Lipscomb's Birthday Party 23 April 2005

# MOGSOUTH BIRTHDAYS

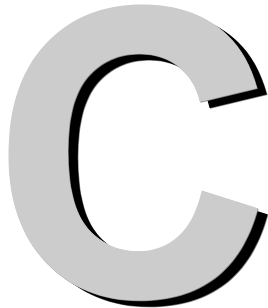
## New MOGSouth Member

"I've [included] a few photos I took of new V-6 Roadsters at Techno Classica Essen last month. Unfortunately, I couldn't get a shot of an engine, but I did get to get into one of the cars to try it on for size. It fit perfectly." **John Tuleibitz**, 212 Quail Ridge Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29680

*Roadster*



*Welcome John, and thanks for the photos!*



## Special Event

Capitol Motorcars, the Alpharetta, GA Morgan dealer, has invited MOGSouth to their open house, June 4th, 10 am and 4 pm at their Service building at 205 Tidwell Drive, Alpharetta. Lunch will be provided. If a Morgan owner would like their car serviced and/or detailed in advance of the Open House, they would welcome the opportunity. Also, they hope to have their Aero 8 demonstrator car in Aston Martin metallic paint with Anthracite (dark grey) leather, at the open house.

## Key Planning Dates - 2005



25 June, 2005 1 - 6PM, Noggin with **George Proudfoot**, Technical Services Secretary and 4/4 Series I Technical Advisor, Morgan Sports Car Club (MSCC), UK at Ray Morgan's 5Pointsmotorsports restoration facility. See [www.5pointsmotorsports.com](http://www.5pointsmotorsports.com) for map.



**MCCDC**

1 - 5 July, 2005 MCCDC's Annual Morgan Meet - **MOG 35**, Shepherdstown, West Virginia



29 September - 1 October, 2005 "**Petit Le Mans**" at Road Atlanta



28 - 30 October - **MOGSouth Fall Meet - Aiken**, South Carolina (Augusta, GA) (Hosted by Graeme, Emma and Jenny Addie)



3 December, 2005 - **MOGSouth Christmas Party** (Hosted by Morgan Bondon and Family)

## SOUND BITES

**Morgan Takes Aero To Max** - [www.autoexpress.co.uk](http://www.autoexpress.co.uk) - 4 April 2005

*"The coupe [Aeromax] utilises the latest incarnation of BMW's 4.4-litre V8, but in all other respects is a showcase for Morgan's unique in-house coachbuilding and engineering skills. It is thought to have been sold to Mr Sturdza at a cost price of £100,000 as an acknowledgment of his loyalty and support for the company over the years. A limited production run is possible as the Aeromax has passed all applicable crash tests in both Europe and the USA. Morgan has said that it would consider the possibility if it received 50 orders."*

**Dennis Simanaitis**

**Morgan Aero 8 Road Test** - Road and Track - June 2005

*"Said Richard Baron after his stint: The Aero 8 is a 'smile' car. It gets a thumbs-up from everyone." It's very much like my Plus Four, offering pleasure at whatever level of driving. Ergo it's a real sports car and a real Morgan."*







# MOGSOUTH FALL MEET

The Fall Meet will be centered around the Town of Aiken South Carolina (Augusta, Georgia area) and will be hosted by Graeme, Jenny and Emma Addie. The rally accommodations have been arranged at the Carriage House Inn.

We have reserved 15 rooms for Friday, October 28, 2005 and Saturday, October 29, 2005. (If all rooms are not booked by September 28, 2005 they will be released.) They have various rooms guests may choose from when booking their room.

- **Carriage House Inn Standard Rooms** are queen guest rooms with other hotel amenities (rate \$95.00/night plus tax).
- **Carriage House Inn Deluxe Rooms** vary from king to queen guest rooms. Some have large whirlpool Jacuzzi tubs with a porch that overlooks our courtyard. Another has a private screen porch. (rate \$110.00/night plus tax)
- **Carriage House Inn Courtyard Suites** are located in our courtyard, each suite has a den, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and, four out of the five have laundry areas (rate \$110/night plus tax).
- **Carriage House Inn Premium Suite** is a beautiful suite with a sitting area, balconies that overlook downtown Aiken and a Jacuzzi (rate \$125/night plus tax).

Each guest of the Carriage House Inn receives a complimentary breakfast which is served at 8:00 am. Also, all guests receive complimentary local phone calls and wireless internet access.

All guests are asked to reserve their room by phone at (803) 644-5888 or through their website at <http://www.aikencarriagehouse.com/>. Upon booking their room they will be asked the following information: dates of reservation, name of group, name, phone number, credit card number and estimated arrival time on arrival date. Tell them you are attending the Morgan Meet. As agreed upon, these rooms are being held until September 28, 2005.

The Carriage House Inn is located in historic, downtown Aiken, South Carolina at 139 Laurens St NW Aiken SC 29801. The Inn is located within walking distance to local stores and restaurants. There are approximately 10 local restaurants within walking distance from the Carriage House Inn. These restaurants range from Aiken Brewing Co. to Up Your Alley, all are wonderful restaurants with great food and nice atmosphere. Most local restaurants stop serving food at 10:00 pm on Friday and Saturday.

Backup accommodation is available at the Hotel Aiken 235 Richland Avenue West Aiken SC 29801 (803) 648-4265 or on the web at [www.hotelaiken.com](http://www.hotelaiken.com). The Hotel Aiken is dead downtown also and a two minute walk from the Carriage House Inn. Their room rates go from \$80 per night.



The format for the meet will follow the normal routine. A drive has been planned for Saturday morning finishing up at Graeme and Jenny's house for lunch. After lunch there will be a different drive back to Aiken going through Augusta. Back in Aiken a 90 minute Historical (by small bus) Tour of Aiken has been arranged that will be hosted by Judith D Burgess. A small charge will be asked for the Lunch and the Tour.

There will as usual be a hospitality suite set up at the Inn the Friday night from 5.00pm until 7.00pm that can serve as a gathering point before going out for Dinner on the Friday Night.

AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA OCTOBER 28-29, 2005







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**NEW 2005 AERO 8** Ferrari Pozzi Blue (Navy Blue) with cognac Yarwood leather, piped in navy blue; dark blue carpets, blue mohair weather equipment, photo build album, additional armourfend protection; arriving in 30-60 days.

**'03 +8** Silver/Black wings red crocodile embossed leather, 6k miles, every conceivable Factory and after market option; Aero coming so beloved +8 is available!

**'03 +8** Aston Martin Racing Green Metallic/BRG wings, Magnifico cream leather w/ green piping, dark green mohair top/weather equipment, stereo CD.

**'03 +8** Bugatti Blue/Black leather/Black mohair weather equipment; Factory Air Conditioning, ultra rare Centre Lock Factory alloy wheels, black bonnet strap backed in black mouton, other unique features, 35th anniversary Edition.

**'98 +8** Fiat "Avario Chiaro"/Tan Leather, one owner car sold new in 2000. 72 spoke wire wheels, stainless steel luggage rack, crossmember covers, stainless: threshold plates, bonnet stay kit, draught extruders, wind deflectors.

**'80 4/4 ROADSTER** BRG/Black Wings, New Tan Connolly leather interior, 72 spoke wire wheels, fold down windshield kit, recently serviced, hoses replaced, beautifully maintained by an incredibly fastidious owner.

**'64 +4** New Tundra Green Paint, new green interior, recent engine and trans. rebuild by Greg Solow's Engine Room, telescopic rear shocks, LeMans front and rear apron/valences, buried elm dash, alternator conversion, 5 new chrome 72 spoke wire wheels, almost new Dunlop radial tires.

**'63 +4 4 SEATER ROADSTER** Regency Red Restoration by Morgan authorized dealer approximately 1,000 miles ago 1999.

**'63 4/4 SERIES V** Black /Red. Fresh Ford 1700 cc Crossflow Full Race Spec' built by PHP Racengines. engine, power to weight ratio (1HP per 8.9 LB). New wheels, hubs + brakes, many extras. A consistent finisher requiring only modest maintenance. Transmission: Quaife 4 speed. Differential: Quaife Torque biasing. Stainless spokes, painted rims/hubs, sealed tubeless (New). Raced virtually from new. Spares.

**'62 +4 DHC** Connaught Green, dark green Everflex top, recent chocolate leather and dark green carpets, fresh service, 5 new tires, front end just rebuilt, new speedo cable!

**'61 +4**, Red, 2138cc, SuperSport conversion by Christopher Lawrence including balanced crank, flywheel; rollbar, gas flowed head, 42DCOE Webers, headers, oil cooler, diaphragm clutch. New 72 spoke wires, rack and pinion steering, Koni shocks, fuel cell sliding axle, full synchro box. Full street specs just added: new Factory windshield, muffler exhaust system, new fuelcell bladder, tune up. Fabulously fast road car or race it with it's Christopher Lawrence history!

**'57 +4 ROADSTER** Chrome Yellow/Black, body off the frame restoration to the very highest standards, SuperSport leather bucket seats/Black Stayfast top and tonneau, disc brake/chrome wire wheel conversion, done by a former Ferrari dealer for himself whose other restorations are National Ferrari Concours and Corvette Top Flite winners!

**'53 +4 FOUR SEAT ROADSTER** Dark Blue, Tan Leather trim, 1998cc TR2, Beautifully restored flatrad Plus 4 four pass., one of 114 ever built. Dark

### OTHER MARQUES

**'01 PORSCHE TWIN TURBO**, Speed Yellow, w/black leather stitched in yellow, Tiptronic, Modified beyond GT2 specifications, 12,360 ez miles, never driven hard, full interior carbon fiber, every possible option, over \$200,000 invested!

**'98 RANGE ROVER**, 4.6 HSE Supercharged by Cameron Concepts (387 HP); one owner, 68k orig. miles, as new; Monochromatic White with Grey Black leather piped in blue; SS Performance Package w/dual Resonators.

**'67 LOTUS, ELAN SE ROADSTER**, Yellow/Black, twin cam, Webers, knock on wheels, race prep by Speedwell, fresh tune, new foam in fuel cell, rollbar, raced 3 times in VARA, logbook, incredible fun for the money! Voted Best Original British Car 2002!

**'65 AUSTIN HEALEY 3000, MK III**, Colorado Red/Black rexine interior, 72 spoke chrome wire wheels, 55k orig. miles; perfectly kept, show condition example of the most desirable of the Big Healeys, looks new, drives new.

**'62 MGA MK II ROADSTER** Old English White, Red leather, chrome wire wheels/black top; 2 owners from new, ground up restored with no accident history ever-zero bondo/filler, no rust ever; super dry Sacramento, California car, multiple concours winner, matching #'s; Michelin redline radial, 57k orig. miles.

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**MORGAN AERO 8**

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Thank you to Cynthia and Joe Speetjens, Ray and Susan Morgan, Randy Johnson, Lance and Connie Lipscomb, Eleanor Nabney, and Graeme and Emma Addie for their contributions to this issue. Articles and photos are always welcome and solicited. We also would like inputs for the new Web Site at <http://www.mogsouth.com>. Please send comments or contributions to [mogsouth@yahoo.com](mailto:mogsouth@yahoo.com).

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