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APRIL 1979

# LIMEHOUSE LARK

As always, the weather is excellent for M.O.G. do's and it was a pleasure to drive my green Granada (green being my lucky colour) through the rural winter wonderland to the Shiers' Noggin & Natter in the suburbs of Limehouse on a sunny, if arctic, afternoon. On reaching Limehouse itself I was dismayed to be confronted by a sort of "Y" junction. Dismayed, I say, because the Blurb map showed the road going straight through to the Shiers'. After minutes of agonized indecision I took the left fork and soon espied the Shier homestead and was much amused at the thought of all those who would turn right and end up in Collingwood.

I must mention how impressed I was at how well ploughed and WIDE those rural roads are, especially in front of Shiers'. Ray had cleaned out his drive but, although first to arrive, I considerably parked the Granada on the broad roadside on a little hill. Indeed, I even drove along far enough to leave room for others to park.

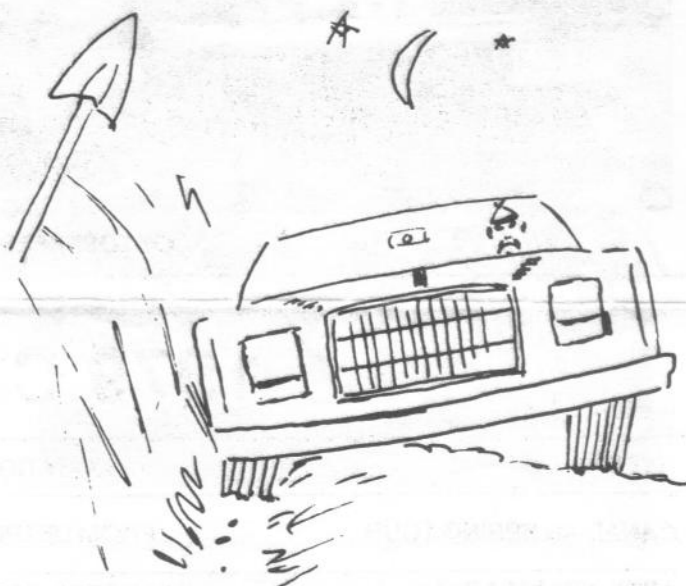
Unfortunately the roadside was a bit snowy in one spot and the rear wheel spun a little. But no problem; the slight hill and a push from some Mogmen would handle the situation later.

Since I hadn't arrived top down in a Morgan as stipulated, I didn't really qualify for the promised gluwein. However, after everyone had arrived I found that there was some left over.

During the evening we discussed events for 1979 and Harry Waters' cottage at Craigleith was volunteered for a barbeque in May. It was agreed to advance the Sands' Spring Tune-Up one week forward to accommodate the Great Lakes Group's annual event north of Detroit. Audrey discussed the European Vintage Sports Car Picnic which had been initiated so successfully by the Alfa club last year. For this year each of the appropriate clubs has been asked to appoint one member to an inter-club committee to plan the second event. Steve Beer, who organized the '78 Bolton Rally, was appointed with full negotiating powers. After some consideration we decided to recommend the second week-end in September for the joint Morgan groups meet at Niagara-on-the-Lake. The Beers' Bolton Barbeque and Rally date to be chosen when the date is known for the Vintage European event.

After a chili con carne dinner Ray showed his slides of the museums at Beaulieu and Malvern as well as his extensive motoring literature. Brad Patterson arrived for the first time (I think) having recently acquired his Raspberry Red Morgan. The evening soon passed and our thanks to Mary and Ray for their hospitality.

Eventually people began to drift homeward so I slipped outside to the Granada before every able-bodied man had left. With the gearbox in reverse to take advantage of the slope and just a little push from some bystanders we quickly were quite stuck. Soon we had all available hands pushing on the front bumper and then pushing forward from the rear as the right side of the car dug deeper and deeper. It soon became apparent that what had appeared to be a wide and well ploughed roadside was in fact a ditch of titanic proportions covered with well-packed snow. Alan Sands, knowing something about unsticking stuck cars (much practice) gave us the benefit of his knowledge (and strong back) whilst others like Ray and Mike Wemyss pushed and shoved. But



the Granada ground deeper into the ditch. While some shovelled furiously or searched for long planks, others hunted for warmer clothes and Luciano longed for gloves.

Gradually we were able to increase the forward and rear runway for the right hand track. As matters improved I could see that I would not be spending the night in Limehouse. When we were almost out and needed one final supreme push Alan took the wheel to pilot the Ford to a sure rescue. With Alan's imperious victory wave and loud "huzzahs" we made the final heave.

The next morning I awoke early in the Shiers' convertible bed-sofa and phoned into Georgetown for a tow-truck.

## RUNNING ON

After numberless complaints after the type size in recent issues of the Blurb we investigated alternative technologies. Unfortunately braille proved far too expensive however the more observant reader may notice some improvement with this issue. It should be possible to include photographs on a regular basis and photos in print form (black & white or colour) would be welcome. Technical articles and other items of general interest are also solicited.

Chris Charles can still be reached at Humber Bridge Motors in Toronto (239-4395).

At the Limehouse Noggin & Natter we received renewals from the Laffords, Waters, Rumohrs, Allan and Zdenka Sands, Chris Charles, and all the Beers.



OKTOBERFEST 1978 AT ANCASTER

Photo: David Ross

## 1979 CALENDAR

EVENT	LOCATION	CLUB	DATE
CANADIAN SPRING TOUR	FROM DETROIT	GR. LAKES M.O.G.	SUN. APR. 22
APRIL MEMORABILIA	BRAMPTON-BRAMALEA	M.O.G.	* SAT. APR. 21 7:30 P.M.
MOG '79	KNEBORTH, ENGLAND	M.S.C.C.	* MAY 19 & 20
BLUE MOUNTAIN BARBEQUE	CRAIGLEITH (W. OF COLLINGWOOD)	M.O.G.	* SAT. MAY 26
JAGUAR CONCOURS	TORONTO	J.O.C.	SUN. JUNE 10
SPRING TUNE-UP	PIPER'S HILL FARM	M.O.G.	* SUN JUNE 24
MIDWEST MEET 4th ANNUAL	TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN	GR. LAKES M.O.G.	* JUNE 29, 30, JULY 1
MOG 9 ("LURAY") **	LURAY, VIRGINIA	WASH M.C.C.	* DOMINION DAY HOLIDAY
VINTAGE EUROPEAN SPORTS CAR PICNIC (2nd ANNUAL)	NEAR TORONTO	ALL CLUBS	LATE JULY
BOLTON RALLY & BARBEQUE	BOLTON, ONTARIO	M.O.G.	AUGUST
NIAGARA	NIAGARA-ON-THE LAKE ONTARIO	ROCHESTER GR. LAKES OHIO M.O.G.	SEPT. 8 & 9

\* FIRM DATES

\*\* FOR LURAY, CALL AUDREY BEER IN BOLTON (416)763-7562



# APRIL MEMORABILIA

4 GOODWOOD, BRAMPTON-BRAMALEA  
SAT. APR. 21 7:30 P.M.

In years past the Smiths' used to host a winter social gathering for the Morgan Owners. For 1979 they are reviewing the tradition but moving the date to April. It seems a good occasion to indulge in a little nostalgia and we hope you will bring along slides of the past year or decade as a projector will be available. Please bring along any photos, posters and other memorabilia. If anyone knows where we can get a "projector" that shows non-transparent photos would they call the Smiths' or Doug Price (at 233-8342). This is really a plot by the Blurb to find interesting photos for future issues. It's been about a year since we had a look at model cars so bring along any new ones (Morgans or otherwise). Stu Harvey is preparing another list of available models.

Usual BYOB, please RSVP to David or Pauline Smith at (416) 791-9753.

## SINGAPORE

William Lawrence of Singapore

writes to say that there are presently a half dozen Morgans in the land of the Tiger Balm Gardens. These are a '54, '72, '73, a mint Flat Rad and his own black Morgan. In 1972 while floating out of Raffles I spotted a mint 4 seater drophead but I don't recall that it was black. He reports that his Mog uses no oil and runs like a top — "Wonderful except when raining". Which reminds one of the old saw "Misery is a Morgan in the Rain". But there is a serpent in the Garden and he goes on to lament — "My only problem is that the front end squeaks when I turn the wheel. It's only noticeable when parking. I've checked and greased, but still can't stop it. As most people in S'pore think the car is about a 1920 model, it doesn't bother them — but it does me. Is this a natural thing with this front end?" Sounds to me like a terminal case of cobbles-wobbles or perhaps his wrists need oiling — perhaps the Pocked Marked Yellow can advise?

Mr. Lawrence has another question as well — "Never have found what the small pedal on the floor does. Must not be important. Someone said it greases and someone else said it adjusted the ride. I just kick it for the hell of it when I think of it". Another question for Uncle Chris — personally I hope it's to adjust the ride as I've been trying to find a way to do that for years! Mr. Lawrence gave his address and phone number in the hope that Mogmen driving through will look him up.

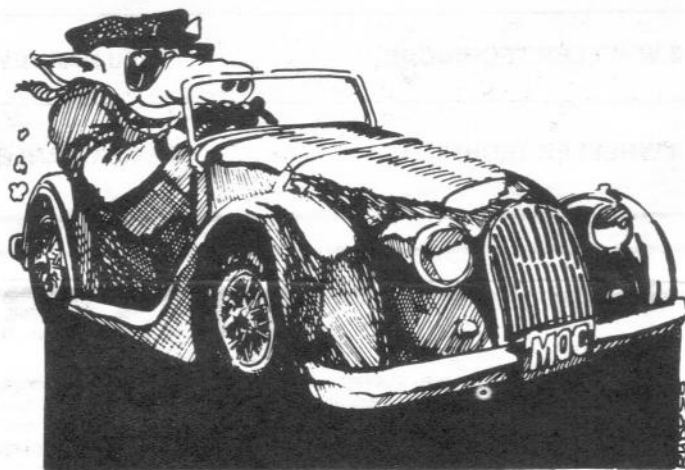
If the joint meet at Niagara with the Rochester Group goes well this year we might try a joint meet on a long weekend with the Singapore Group. South Yemen should be about half way for both.

## TECHNICAL

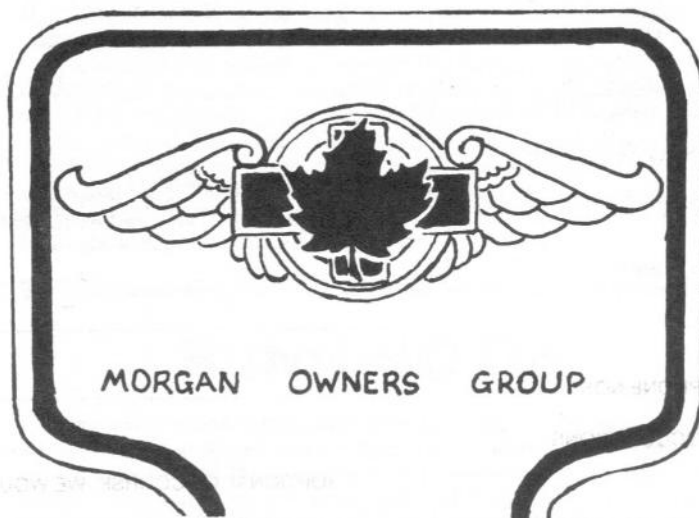
There appear to be innumerable Morgans undergoing or awaiting restoration and with our expanded Blurb we will undertake to try to find answers from our panel of experts so send your questions to the Blurb and we'll do our best. Answers of major interest will be published for the general good.

Brian Rumohr (293-6617 in Toronto) has a towing bar built especially for towing +4 dropheads. We are assured that it is suitable for other models and he would be happy to lend it out to Morgans undergoing restoration. The very thing for convoys on Morgan outings.

A quick consultation with Chris Charles on the Singapore dilemma suggests the following; it may not be cobbles-wobbles after all. Very possibly your steering isn't getting enough oil. There is a rubber plug half way up the steering column. Pop it out and check for oil — it should have hypoid or thick engine oil. However, you are not regularly hitting your lubrication button (the serious small pedal on the floor), which we suspect is really in the centre panel of your fire-wall, your front suspension isn't getting enough oil and is developing the dreaded cobbles-wobbles and this is what you hear when you are parking. This might also explain why you aren't using oil. Try depressing the button for a few seconds every hundred miles. Of course, TOO much oil will drip onto your brakes! Isn't it fun?



## REGALIA



Last summer we commissioned a new club badge differing in detail from the first 2 runs which were designed in 1968. These are available from the Bursar at \$7 (cheques to "Morgan Owners Group"). Also available at meets. For those who haven't seen the badge, perhaps the following heraldic information will be helpful:

Morgan Owners Group badge is blazoned:  
Billet or, bordure gules,  
and erable gules volant.

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## BURSARS REPORT

It's 18 months since we started collecting \$5 from each Morgan household and after a bout of profligacy are obliged to ask members to dig deep once more for another fiver. This will help us finance the newly pretentious Blurb and the post office as well as outlays on forthcoming projects and events. Particularly any Morgan owners who cannot remember contributing are asked to search their souls and see what they can do. M.O.G. is (you may have noticed) rather informal (slip shod you might say). And we have none of the business of attendance records or looking down on members whose cars are scruffy or dismembered. But we do have expenses such as getting the Blurb out and if you are interested please help. The following form will help both the Bursar & Registrar keep track.

MEMBERSHIP REMIT \$5 M.O.G. CAR BADGE ☐ (IF YES, PLEASE REMIT \$7.00)

1. MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONDITION \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL FEATURES \_\_\_\_\_

2. MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONDITION \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL FEATURES \_\_\_\_\_  
(LIST OTHERS ON REVERSE)

3. OTHER INTERESTING CARS \_\_\_\_\_

OWNERS \_\_\_\_\_  
(HUSBAND AND WIFE)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(POSTAL CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NOS. \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

(OPTIONAL OF COURSE: WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OF HELPFUL SKILLS)

ANY COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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