

Niagara '79

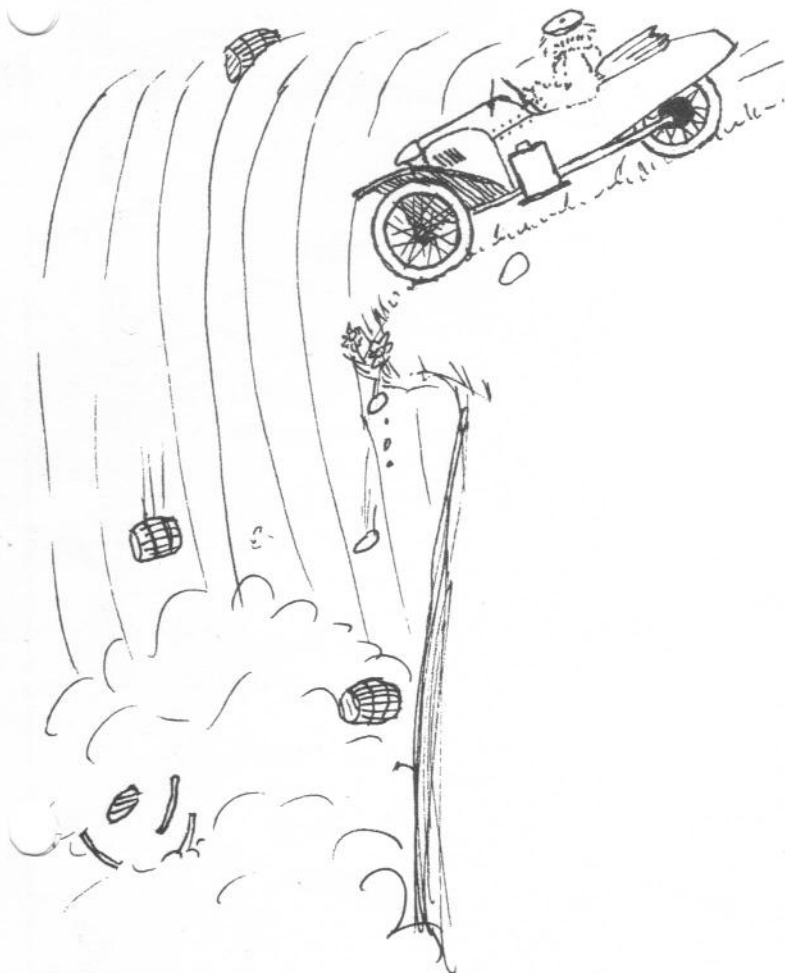
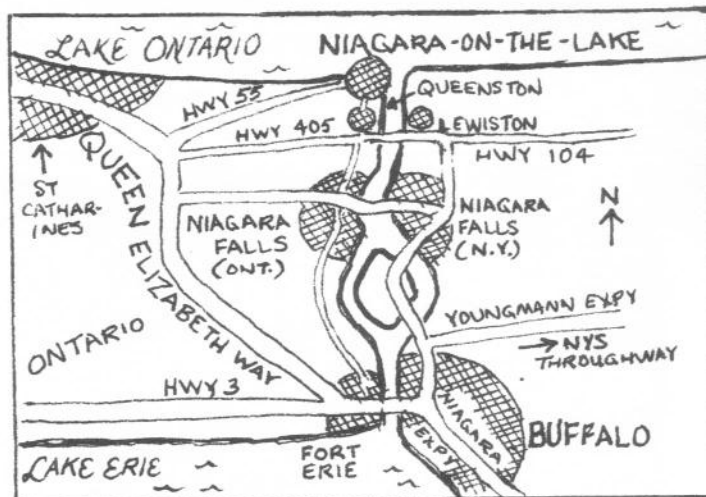
MORGAN OWNERS GROUP, CANADA "THE BLURB"

AUGUST 1979

NIAGARA COUNT DOWN

We're in the final month of planning this first joint event (which means we've really got to get cracking). The format this year will be informal but we need your QUICK response as to whether you're coming, where you're staying etc. so please fill out the questionnaire right away.

Highlights will be the picnic at Queenston Heights at noon by Brock's monument (overlooking the hamlet of Queenston, just south of Niagara-on-the-Lake), Mass Morgan parade along the scenic parkway to the Falls and thence to Niagara-on-the-Lake. This quaint old capital with its venerable old homes, inns, and shops is a highpoint in itself, and if you book early there are shows at the two festival theatres on Friday night or Sunday.



During the dinner at the old Oban Inn there will be prizes for cars at the picnic for "peoples' choice", "farthest driven" and various other categories such as the car which has the most interesting history written out on a windscreen placard. (see enclosed form). If you don't know your cars history you'll simply have to write up the sort of history that you think it ought to have. At the recent European Classic Sports Car picnic we learned that Ann Jorgensen's Plus Four had belonged to the Duchess of Devonshire before giving it to her lover and we await further details which we trust will be revealed at Niagara.

On Friday night there will be a rep from Toronto staying at the Anchorage in Niagara-on-the-Lake (on Ricardo St. opposite the Marina) and so that we can make impromptu plans for Friday night (dinner, pub, Theatre, etc.) or for early Saturday morning.

The pre-registration form will cost you a modest \$3 per car and will help us plan and finance the event. The dinner at the Oban Inn will be in a separate room and the menu is open. Dash Plaques and T-shirts will be on hand at our usual reasonable prices. If there is interest, we can drive over to the Falls on Saturday night to see the illuminations.

On the pre-registration forms you will find the 'phone number of various reps. Give them a call and enquire about running in a convoy to Niagara. Richard Winterburn of Windsor and two or three other Morgans from that area will be coming Friday evening via Galt where they will spend the night with a relative. Perhaps some of the local Mogmen would like to make contact and come down to Niagara on Saturday with them. Richard can be reached at (519)944-3167. If others from Windsor/Detroit and Ohio call Richard or plot amongst themselves, no doubt other convoys can be arranged.

See you on the 8th. Incidentally, we are happy to report that gasoline remains plentiful in Ontario.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

There are those who claim that Niagara-on-the-Lake is the prettiest town in North America (hotly disputed by the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce). The first thing to understand about it is that it is worlds apart from the nearby up-river honeymoon mecca of Niagara Falls. The latter was just a thunderous waste of water when the "Lake" was the original capital of the struggling Loyalist Upper Canada.

Fortunately for us the capital was soon moved across the lake to an ancient Indian bazaar, mistakenly thought to be safer. Of course the Niagara residents didn't see any merit in the move and the prosperous town slowly slipped into hibernation. As it awoke amidst a world of chrome skyscrapers it made a virtue of being an historic backwater and dusted off its ancient Loyalist homes and fortresses.

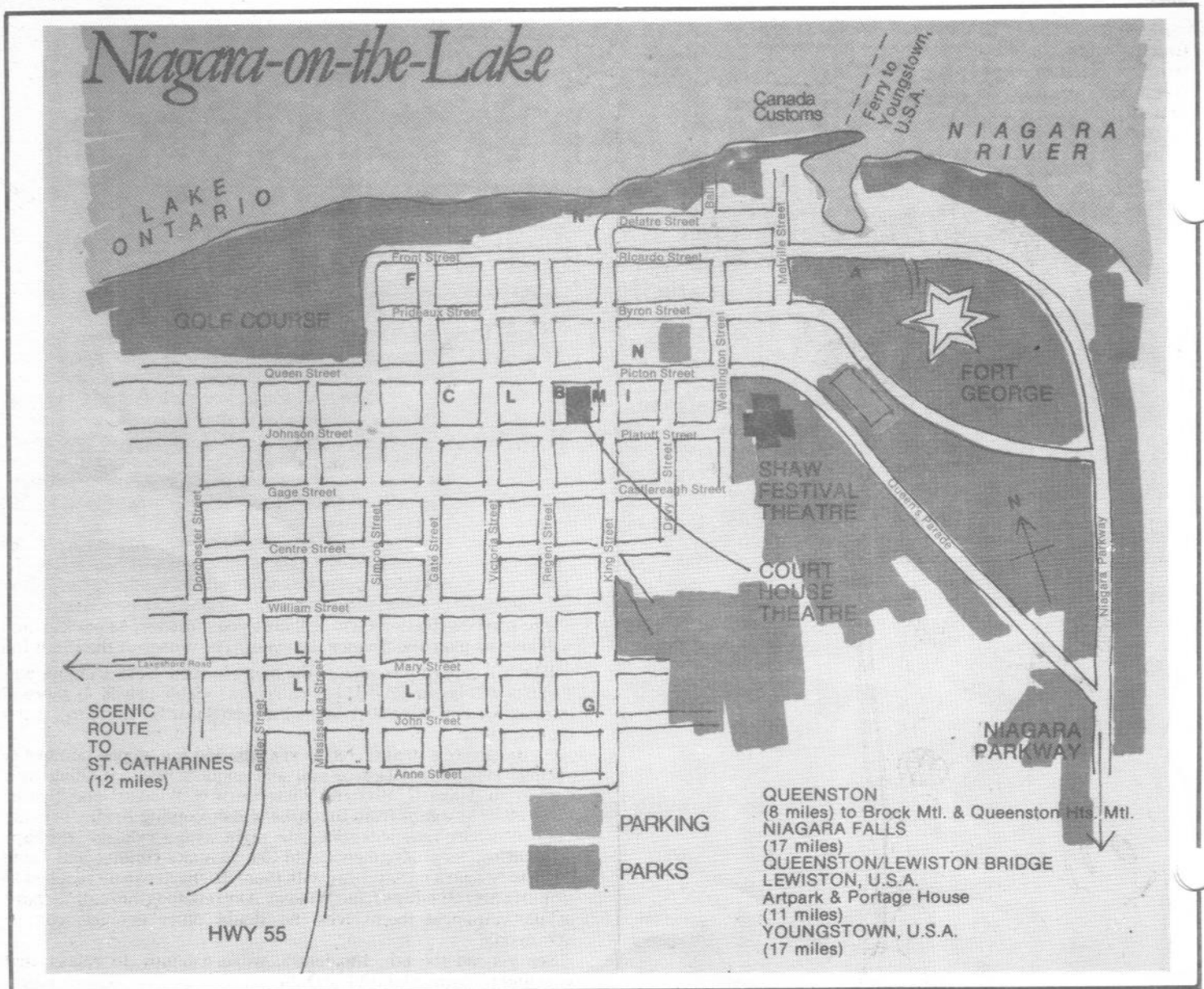
The comfortable residential areas can be toured by slow motorcar (Series II 4/4's recommended) but the venerable shops on King St. must be explored on foot. The elegant Victorian **Prince of Wales** with its four star restaurant once served as a key steamer stop-over. The older **Court House** now houses some of the festival's productions. Just to the left on Regent St., the yellow **Angel Inn** dates from 1779 and serves lunch, dinner, and after-theatre fare in a room of ancient hand-hewn beams. The Inn was a favorite resort for officers from Fort George and guests should watch out for the ghost of Captain Swaze who feels he owns a favor to certain foreigners.

Back on King St. the old family business of **Greave's Jams and Jellies** still thrives, their wares being prepared in the back of the shop. Luncheons and teas are served in the rear garden of **McCr^o Hall**. Famous for its "Tea", the **Buttery** serves enormous biscuits buried in whipped cream and strawberry jam. Dainty sandwiches and cakes also served. Upstairs, there is to be found a medieval banquet hall (non original). The **Niagara Apothecary** is now a museum (free) in a Confederation era building and has a cheery display of herbs, enemas, and leech jars.

The rest of "downtown" King St. is given over to tasteful boutiques of crafts and antiques. You'll have to go to the Falls for a Harvey's or McDonalds; the Lord Mayor put through a by-law prohibiting them. (This country needs more Lord Mayors).

Other attractions include the Georgian-classical **St. Andrew's** church, the restored **Fort George**, the ruinous **Fort Mississauga**, and the burial ground of the **Butlers Rangers**. The fine old **Oban Inn** on a quiet residential street will be the scene of our Saturday night dinner.

South King Street quietly gives way to the Niagara scenic parkway to the Falls. Amidst the scenery are to be found wineries, old farmsteads, and historic sites. Most historic of all is **Queenston** with its battlefield, Laura Secord home, and the Willowbank mansion.



NIAGARA '79 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY SEPT 7 -EVENING

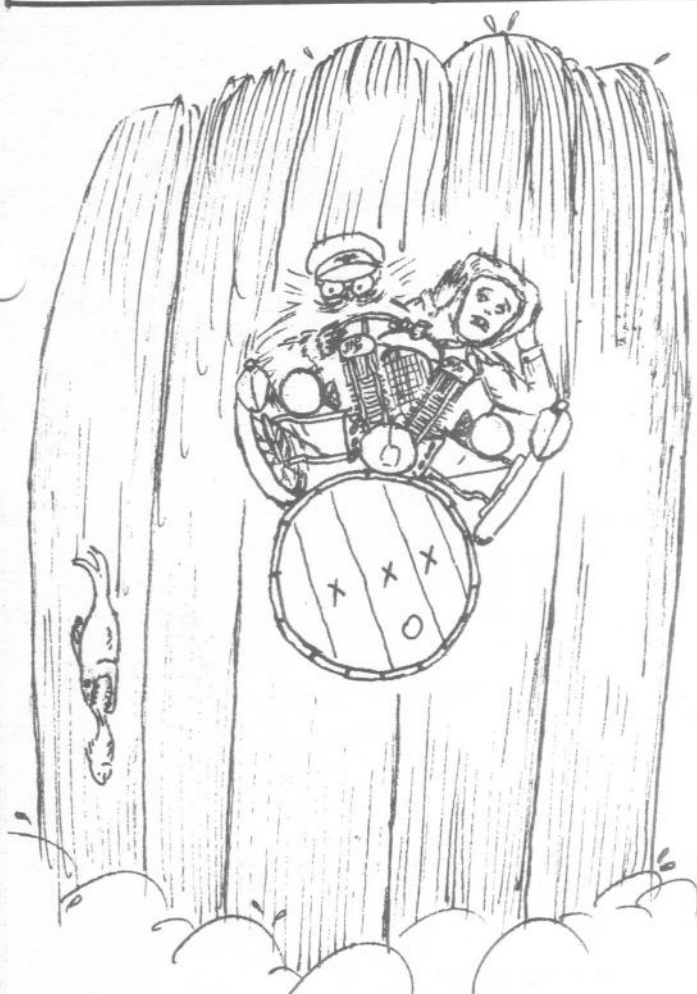
**FREE TIME: DINNER, DRINKS, OR THEATRE.
CONTACT MEMBERS AT ANCHORAGE AT NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE OR BROCK MOTEL IN
QUEENSTON TO SEE WHAT'S DOING.**

SAT SEPT 8

**11:00 AM BOOK INTO HOTELS
12:00 N PICNIC AT QUEENSTON HEIGHTS PICNIC GROUNDS
UNDER BROCK'S MONUMENT, QUEENSTON, ONTARIO.
3:00 PM PROCESSION TO NIAGARA FALLS VIA SCENIC WAY
6:00 PM NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE: FREE TIME
8:00 PM COCKTAILS (ROOM RESERVED IN OBAN INN ANNEX)
9:00 PM DINNER AND PRIZE-GIVING AT OBAN INN
11:00 PM OPTIONAL TRIP TO FALLS FOR ILLUMINATIONS**

SUNDAY SEPT 9

**9:00 AM NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE: FREE TIME (SHOPPING ETC)
12:00 N BRUNCH AT SUITABLE HOTEL/RESTAURANT
1:30 PM HISTORICAL TOUR THROUGH TOWN**



CHRIS NEEDS A NAME

Chris Charles is looking for a copywrite-able name [no prize for the rudest] to give to his new enterprize. A name that gets across that he specializes in Morgan service, parts, and accessories, and [we hope] new Morgans; a 24 hour parts service to all North America starting in September from 27 Wilhelm St. in Kitchener.

PUB NIGHT

Here's one for the Hogtowners! On a suitable Midsummer Weekday evening a Pub Night to the world of the Olde Englishe Pubs in downtown T.O. has been suggested. Such establishments as the Dukeries of Gloucester, Richmond, or Westminster spring instantly to mind. Or perhaps one of these frightfully "in" wine bars that one reads about in the best magazines. Would local members or those who work in Toronto call Doug Price (233-8342). An early start and perhaps some kind of dinner, maybe at a pub, might seem in order to accommodate those who work downtown but live in the suburbs (weep), or Mississauga or worse (not possible).

If all goes well, perhaps later we could arrange an evening at the fleshpots of Ontario Place.

Caveat: This is not a Morgan Owners Group function and participants are reminded that they are solely responsible for their behaviour.

RUNNING ON

Superb two page centre colour spread of Prodsport MMCII Plus 8 in the Feb. 1 edition of Autosport showing Charles Morgan at speed during 1978. Car was breathed upon between races by Libra Motive (dealers) of North London and financed by the factory. Our spies tell us that Charles got married in February and so we hereby send our belated and modest congratulations. Chris Cooke's much modified and successful Modsports 4/4 was advertised for sale in a January edition of Autosport (which also has had a fine centrespread).

The March edition of Thoroughbred and Classic has a feature article on MMCII although the cover had to be shared by one of the those peksy Porsches. Another article on the decline of British coachbuilding shows a picture of the plastic +4+ (never mind, at least I think it looks nice). 'Course I once hitched a ride in the prototype with Peter M. in 1964 and after an extremely enterprising ride through the Malvern Hills I couldn't help but be impressed.

The Psychedelic Plus 8 now lives in Coburg with Steve Barr. If he repaints it in a more demur colour we can re-Christen it something that's easier to spell.

Rumours that our Bursar & Registrar were crushed by the avalanche of renewals were premature. However, the information supplied on the forms has been very helpful.

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delivery as he hopes to bring
in some 1980 models this fall.**

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Kitchener's about 60 miles west of Toronto on the latest road maps. On older maps look for Berlin. Chris' new premises are just minutes away from the old statue of Kaiser Wilhelm.

PURVEYORS OF MORGANS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1979