



# The "orphan" Blurb

JUNE 87





# Calendar of Events

1987

- May 23; Spring Run to Kincardine  
July 25; Pipers Hill Picnic. Hosts Al & Marlies Sands, Colgan. see info sheet inside.  
August 15; Mog Round-up; Stouffville, Hosts Heather & Peter McCowan. see info sheet inside.  
Sept. 11-13 Niagara 87; See info & Registration pages inside.  
Sept 27; Fall drive.  
Oct 17; Octoberfest, Cambridge, Host Chris Charles.  
Dec. Christmas Event to be announced.

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July 2-5 Mog Seventeen Belle Meade Motel  
Harrisonburg Va. MCC-DC.

July 11-12 Shamnonville Festival VARAC. details in last Blurb or contact Steve Beer. 857-3210 or 453-9304 evenings.  
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Audrey Beer.

\*\*The "Handy Hint" is reprinted from Moss Motors Newsletter, but is an important hint. This is why it is so important to be sure the splined hubs are assembled in the proper position on the car if they are ever removed. Putting a hub in a location where it is spinning opposite its intended rotation will cause the knock-off to loosen and the wheel may come off.

## HANDY HINT

If your wire-wheeled car should ever have the misfortune of needing to be towed backwards, you should stop every so often to re-tighten the knock-offs. Prolonged counter-rotation of the wheels will often loosen them.

Daniel Shapiro  
Torrance, CA



Cover Photo  
John H. Sheally

PS-This hint does not apply if the car is being towed on a trailer.

PREZ'S PIECE

FINAL AND LAST APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

In this issue of the "Orphan" Blurb you will find an election page which you as members cannot ignore(I hope).Since last Sept. the club has fallen into not only a slump but apart. Its now up to you to decide if you still want a club & if so just what are you willing to do about it.

Your club needs an Exec there is no doubt about that, for the last 10 months it has struggled along with a one person Exec and that one has certainly not been in the best of health in that time, Who takes over if I have to go back for more treatment ???

If Marlies Sands had not come forward last summer to do all the running around/purchasing/engravings/art-work/Trophy/& Registration the Niagara Weekend would have been a disaster. So I now ask along with an election of Officers, DO you want to continue the Niagara Meet ?. If so do we forget the more formal format and have it as just a casual Picnic like the other summer get-togethers ?

Why dont we toss out the Prez and get some new life and enthusiasm new ideas etc in the club. Better yet how about having the last of the present Exec bring in a motion and vote that if no response is forthcoming we disolve the club and I take a holiday on the remains of the proceeds;:::;;

All kidding aside, will you at least let me know there are some Morganeers alive and well and reading this drivel, or maybe I am in a separate little world all of my own with a typewriter that cant spell, wont correct bad grammer, just playing around and filling in valuable time thinking someone is listening; IS ANYBODY OUT THERE??

WANTED: Reasonable Morgan preferably mid-sixties up. Joe Battaglia 416-276-3910.

Late addition to Club Calender; Join us for a colour run through the Terra Cotta, Forks of the Credit, on a Sunday afternoon to finish for Dinner early evening in Orangeville Main St Station. September 27th details in the next Blurb;

FOR SALE: 1969 4/4 Four Seater RHD. 78000 Mi. Mech good, needs body restoration \$10,000.00 Mrs Bouchard Avlmer PQ. 819-776-5244



' A-MOGGENING WE DID GO '

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by Peter George

Yesterdays rain ended just before dark. By mid-evening the sky was clear, the air was misty warm, and the only sign of the earlier downpour were slick, shiny lawns and damp road edges.

In my minds eye I can still see that quiet, tree-lined street, with it's stately homes, the reflections of the street lamps in the scattered puddles, and the brass SCROGGIN SHOE sign glowing ever so slightly in the half light.

I was in the middle of the intersection waiting for an approaching car to pass in order to complete my left hand turn. I can still hear that rich, deep-throated rumbling of my then newly installed Thrush muffler. The surrounding night was quiet. It seems to me, even now, that there were only two people in the world at that moment - Me and my TR-3, and the driver of the oncoming car. As he started to slow down, it was obvious that not only was he about to make the same turn, but he too was driving what was affectionately known as a British-type sportscar.

What I have just described is the setting of my first encounter with a Morgan.

The oncoming lights signalled a right turn and a yellow streak slithered around the corner with its tires spinning on the wet pavement. Needless to say, the race was on. The street was deserted and off we roared. He had enough power to just stay ahead and I didn't have enough to pass. With fierce determination, pride in my Triumph, and a sense of challenge, I doggedly followed those taillights through interesections and amber traffic lights.

Within moments, we had left Cedar Street intersection behind. Only with the end of Grand Avenue fast approaching did the car ahead start to slow down. What did he know that I didn't ? He suddenly and unexpectedly made a sharp right turn and I



watched him fade away as he gracefully slid through a hedge and a flower bed up onto a front lawn.

Galt in those days, was a sleepy little town, but as I retraced my path back down Grand Avenue, I felt that the entire populace was to witness my hasty retreat. Even then, my rear lights had individual switches. Naturally, I did beat an unlit retreat. The inclusion of secondary individual lighting switches is a practice I still follow today. However, thanks to a friend in Ottawa, these slight electrical modifications have been enlarged to include the hinging of the rear license plate (for obvious reasons).

A few years later, the two of us met at a local sportscar club rally. Over a few beers, we chuckled as we relived that night. Amazing how time has a tendency to polish and improve moments of the past. I hope we can meet again.

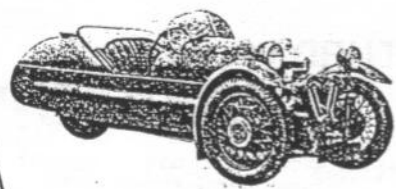
I now own (and have for several years), a rather natty little plus 4, slightly modified. It wasn't until I drove my own did I realize exactly what my racing friend knew that I didn't.

April 19, 1939.

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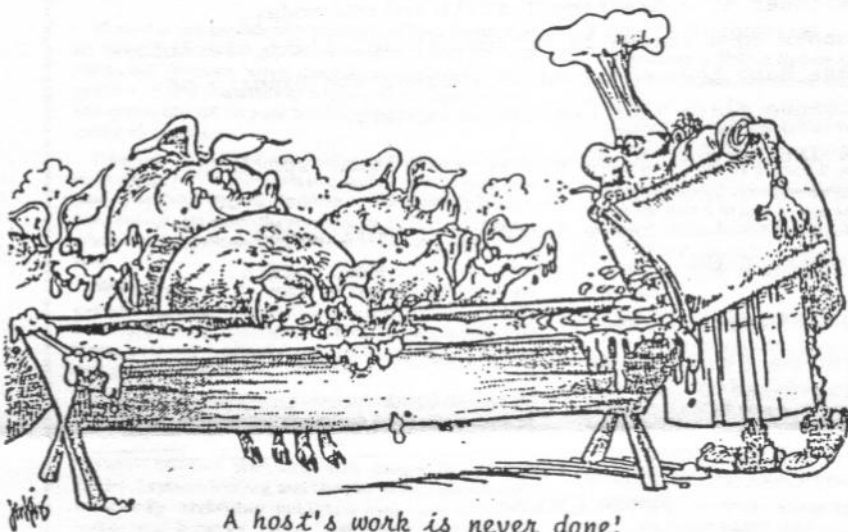
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WE ARE HAVING ANOTHER ....

## PIPERS HILL PIG-OUT



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SATURDAY  
JULY 27, 1987

COME ABOUT ..... 2 PM  
Bring along ..... BATHINGSUIT  
..... POT LUCK DISH  
..... UMBRELLA (as usual)  
..... BLANKET ???



R.S.V.P. .... IF YOU LIKE ..... Alan and Marlies Sands  
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SEPTEMBER 11-13

- Friday Sept 11. Welcome Noggin at The Queenston Heights Restaurant, Niagara Parkway located at the Brock Monument.  
8.00-11.30p.m.
- Saturday Sept 12. Registration opens followed by our Fun Concours on the lawn near The Queenston Heights Restaurant, bring a Picnic or buy a lunch, your choice.  
10.00 a.m.
- 11.00 a.m. Judging begins for the Fun Concours
- 3.45 p.m. Convoy departure from Concours Field to arrive at The Chateau des Charmes Winery, Tour to start at 4.15.
- 7.00 p.m. Cocktail Hour in the Queenston Room of The Queenston Heights Restaurant
- 8.00 p.m. Buffet Dinner followed by Awards presentation and Noggin & Natter.
- Sunday Sept 12. To be announced

#### ACCOMODATIONS

Group bookings have been arranged for The Morgan Club Members at reduced rates for the "all new" Travelodge Inn on River Rd. Cost \$40.00 per night per room for 2 nights. all rooms have 2 double beds & fridge. The Travelodge has a heated Pool, Whirlpool, Sauna, plus Restaurant where members have been offered a full breakfast for 2 mornings at \$3.99 per person. This new Motel is just about to be finished being built on the site of the previous Shady Rest Motel used in the past. To book call Marg or Frank at 416-354-5353 untill the middle of June when the new phone lines should be connected, after that time the number will be 416-356-0131; (make sure you get Marg or Frank)

Registration form for the Niagara Weekend is on the inside of the back page this issue;



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# Morgan' Round-up."

## MC COWAN FARM

POT LUCK - B.Y.O.B.

PETER AND HEATHER WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO GET INTO THE SPIRIT  
AND WEAR THEIR WESTERN SHIRT AND COWBOY HAT !!!

### SATURDAY -- AUGUST 15 TH

Starting at 2:00 PM

You can enjoy a game of tennis -  
volleyball - shuffleboard -  
or have a swim in the indoor pool !

4:30 to 6:00 PM

Peter will be tending the BBQ,  
have your Pot Luck Contribution ready,  
Meat supplied by your Host.

about 8:00 PM

We will assemble around the campfire.  
DO TRY AND BRING A MUSIC MAKER !  
CORNROAST and SING - SONG !

Again, overnight camping facilities are available,  
those less hardy may spread their sleeping bag inside the  
barn or farm house.

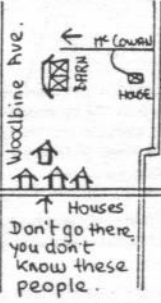
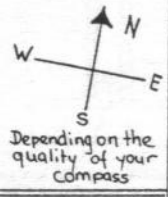
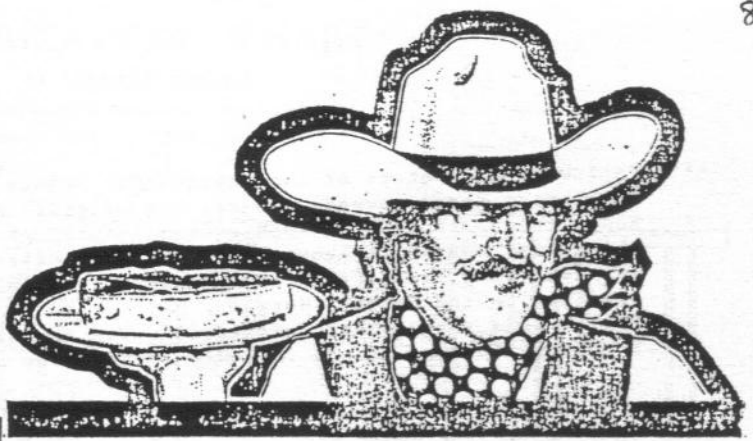
### SUNDAY

11:00 AM

BRUNCH SUPPLIED BY THE HOST !  
(Those who do not sleep over are welcome  
back.)

R.S.V.P. A few days in advance would be very much appreciated  
so that Peter will know how big a Spit to put on and  
how much corn to pick !!!





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STEELES

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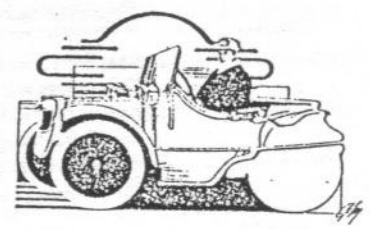
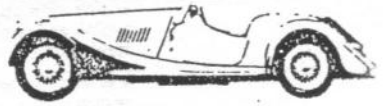
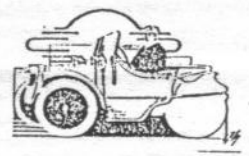
SHEPPARD

Hwy #401

↑ Y'ALL START HERE

↑ DON VALLEY DISASTER WAY

IF YOU CAN'T GET TO WHERE YOU'RE GOING FROM WHERE YOU ARE, CALL 888-1151



\*\*\*\*\*Following is a chart of the lubrication points for your Morgan. Since most Morgan owners are not the original owners, many have not had a chance to read the OEM owners manual. For those poor unfortunates who always wanted to know, but never had the source, you are in luck. The following was lifted from the owners manual for a 4/4, and is very similiar to the "other" Morgans. Follow this suggestions, expecially with the kingpins, and your Morgan should perform as it was intended to with few headaches.

#### Engine Maintenance and adjustments

Various adjustments are necessary from time to time in order to keep the mechanism in efficient running order. The periods between depend largely upon the manner in which the car is used and no definite time can be given here for carrying out these corrections. The car should be examined, however, every 5,000 miles (8,000 km) and any adjustments which appear necessary can then be made.

#### Engine lubrication

The engine oils recommended are of such a quality that they maintain sufficient body when hot, and are fluid enough to give early lubrication of the cylinder walls when starting up from cold.

#### Engine oil changes and filter replacements

Engine oil changes and filter replacement should be undertaken every 5,000 miles (8,000 km) or every six months whichever comes first. To change the oil: run the engine to warm up oil and then switch off ignition. Remove the drain plug situated in the bottom of the sump at the left hand side. Allow oil to drain away completely and replace the plug.

#### Engine oil level

Engine oil level should be checked every 500 miles (800 km) or weekly whichever comes first. Stand the car on level ground and allow the oil to drain back into the sump. Withdraw the dipstick at right hand side of engine; wipe it clean and re-insert to its full depth and remove a second time to take the reading. Add oil as necessary through the oil filler at front of rocker cover.

#### To change filter

Unscrew filter anticlockwise and discard. Clean mounting face and screw new filter onto pump body until gasket just contacts pump. Tighten a further half a turn. Refill engine with approved oil to correct level. Clean and replace oil filler cap. Start engine and check for oil leaks. Stop engine, allow to stand and check oil level.

#### Rear axle

It is essential to drain and replenish the axle with 'Hypoid' oil every 5,000 miles (8,000 km). A drain plug is provided at the base of the axle.

The hypoid bevel gears fitted in the rear axle require a special lubricant to ensure efficient operation and long life.

#### Other lubrication points

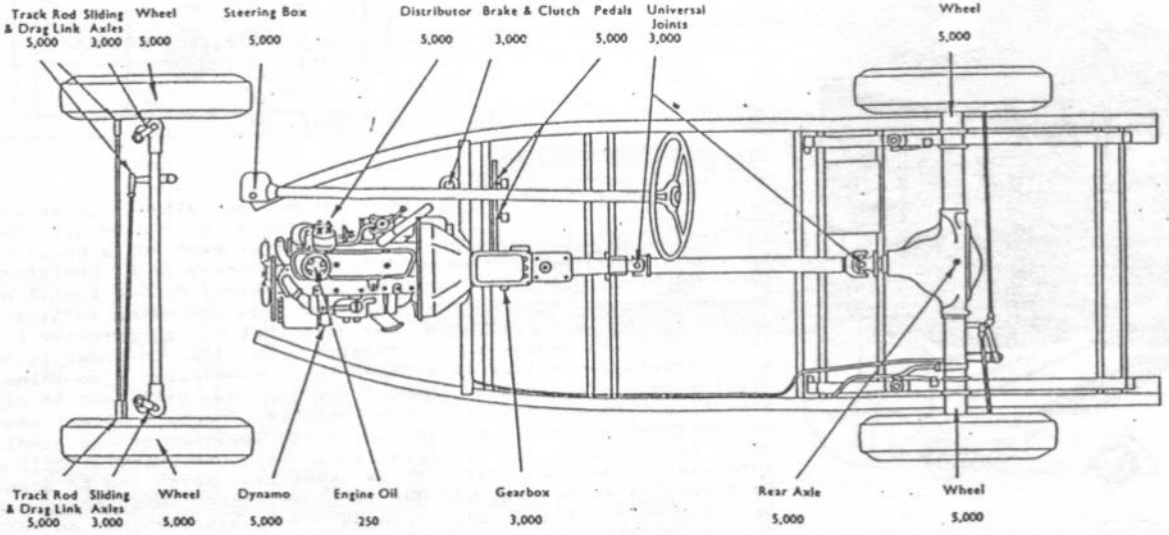
A grease nipple is provided on both universal shaft joints and also on the shaft spline and these should be attended to every 5,000 miles (8,000 km).

The following items should be oiled at least at each major service, to prevent unnecessary wear:

- Rear brake yoke pins, and balance lever pivots.
- Door hinges and locks.
- Bonnet catches and tape seating.
- Accelerator linkage.
- Wheel studs (to prevent rusting).
- Clutch linkage yoke ends.

# LUBRICATION CHART

AT MILEAGE SHOWN



### Front suspension

Lubrication of the sliding axles is carried out by the 'one shot' lubrication system. The plunger which operates the system is situated in the middle of the metal scuttle and is foot operated. The plunger should be depressed daily or every 200 miles (370 km) whichever comes first, preferably when the engine oil is cold. The plunger should be held down for a few seconds during which time a very small decrease in oil pressure may be noticed on the oil gauge.

The sliding axles are also provided with grease nipples which should be lubricated with grease every 5,000 miles (8,000 km). The grease helps to retain the oil supplied by the 'one shot' system.

The importance of frequent lubrication to the sliding axles cannot be too highly stressed as comfort is to a large extent dependent on the free working of these parts and neglect will result in tightness which not only makes the springing harsh, but results in excessive wear, necessitating renewal before it should be necessary.

### Steering

Check oil level in steering box every 5,000 miles (8,000 km), and top up with one of the recommended lubricants (page 16). Grease nipples are situated one at each end of the track rod and one at each end of the drag link and should be greased every 5,000 miles (8,000 km).

Should the steering become stiff a small amount of lubricating oil or grease on the steering friction dampers may prove beneficial.

### Gearbox

The gearbox oil level should be checked every 3,000 miles (4,800 km) and topped up if necessary with the correct lubricant. A heavy oil or grease should not be used as this will spoil the operation of gear-changing.

An oil level and filler plug is situated on the left hand side of the gearbox and is accessible through a hole in the transmission cover forward from the front seat base. Top-up by means of an oil gun or suitable funnel and bring level of oil to the bottom of plug hole.

The gearbox should be drained through the drain plug provided and refilled with oil every 10,000 miles.

### Recommended Lubricants

These recommendations apply to temperate climates where operational temperatures may vary between approximately 10°F (-12°C) or 90°F (32°C). Lubricants marked with an asterisk (\*) are multigrade oils suitable for all temperature ranges. Information on recommended lubricants for use under extreme winter or tropical conditions can be obtained from the Morgan Motor Co. or your local Distributor or Ford dealer.

	SHELL	ESSO	BP	CASTROL	MOBIL
Engine	Shell Super Oil	Extra 10W-30	Visco Static 10W-40	Castrol GTX	Mobiloil Special 10W-30
Gearbox	Spirax 90 EP	Esso Gear Oil GP 90/140	Trans Oil EP SAE 90	Castrol Hypoy Ligh	Mobilube GX 80
Rear axle	Spirax 90 EP	Esso Gear Oil GP 90/140	Trans Oil EP SAE 90	Castrol Hypoy	Mobilube GX 90
Steering box	Spirax 140 EP	Esso Gear Oil GP 140	Energol Trans Oil EP SAE 90	Castrol Hypoy Hi-press.	Mobilube GX 90
Wheel bearings	Retinax A	Esso Pressure Gun Grease	Energrease L2	Castrol LM Grease	Mobil Grease MP or Special
Chassis grease points	Retinax A	Esso Pressure Gun Grease	Energrease L2	Castrol LM Grease	Mobil MP or Special



THE UPPER CANADA REGION PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA PRESENTS :

SPORTSCAR PICNIC, 87

DEAR CLUB EXECUTIVE

Greetings to you and your club from all of us at Upper Canada Region. To give you some background on who we are, Upper Canada Region comprises about 300 members, part of a world wide Porsche Club group of about 25,000. My name is R. Christopher Coker, I handle Special Events for our region. By now I will have already been in contact with many of you regarding setting the date for this event. It is our hope that we can provide a day that will be enjoyable and informative for all. In order to give your members ample time to arrange their schedules, I am going to provide you with most of the information you will need to start promoting this event as soon as possible. The only detail yet to be confirmed at this point is the exact location of the event. I hope to be able to confirm this with you shortly. Tell any interested parties that it is probably going to be Scanlon Conservation area, just off HWY 11 at Bradford. This location can be reached quickly by going up HWY 400 then turning on HWY 88 over to HWY 11. From the 401 it is about 25 min.

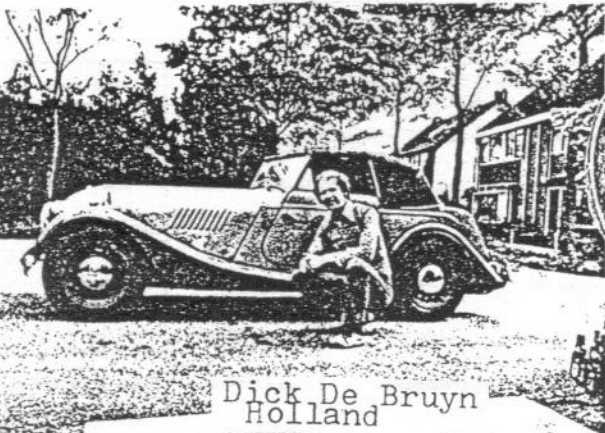
One specific point that I would like to draw your attention to is regarding the Tech Session for Sportscar purchasers. What I would ask of you is that you appoint a representative for your club to be prepared to discuss and answer questions regarding your particular marque. The emphasis should be on what models provide good value as a used purchase, and in broad terms, what to look for in such models.

A final point that I would like to touch on regards advanced registration. If your club is like ours then you will find that many members resist pre-registering for events and prefer to just show up at the gate. We don't want to deter anyone from attending, even if they want to wait until the day, however because this is the first year we have run this event we are unsure if entrance will have to be limited. So do encourage pre-registration where possible.

One of the advantages of our location is that there are a variety of recreational activities available to the entrants, spectators, and their families. The park offers swimming, fishing, and a variety of educational nature trails. This I believe should ensure activities that should be enjoyable for all. Should anyone have any other ideas for ways to improve this event, I welcome your input. For any further information do not hesitate to call me at any time at 416-775-2550.

SINCERELY

*Chris Coker*  
R. CHRISTOPHER COKER



Dick De Bruyn  
Holland





THE UPPER CANADA REGION, PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA PRESENTS :

SPORTSCAR PICNIC 87

DATE - SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 1987

TIME - BEGINS AT 10:00 AM

PLACE - Scanlon Conservation Area (subject to final confirmation)  
HWY 11, AT BRADFORD.  
EASIEST ROUTE, TAKE 400 NORTH TO 488 EAST, FOLLOW TO HWY 11.

COST - IN ADVANCE - \$ 5.00 , PER CAR  
OR  
AT THE GATE - \$3.00 , PER PERSON

AGENDA - 10:00 AM - EVENT BEGINS

- 12:00 AM - Tech Session Topic \* First Time Buyers,  
What To Look For\*

\* Relevant information from representatives  
of each of the clubs, concerning what  
to look for when purchasing a vehicle  
such as they represent.

- 2:00 PM - JUDGING OF CLUB DISPLAYS

- 4:00 PM - PRESENTATION OF PRIZES FOR \* OLDEST ATTENDING CAR  
\* BEST CLUB ATTENDANCE  
\* PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD  
\* BEST CLUB DISPLAY

- 4:30 PM - EVENT FINISHES

\* A BAR-B-QUE SHALL BE IN OPERATION FROM 12:00 - 2:00  
PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED TO BRING WHAT EVER THEY WOULD  
LIKE TO COOK.

APPLICATION FORM

CLUB NAME .....

MEMBERS NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

PHONE .....

TYPE/MODEL/ YEAR OF CAR ATTENDING .....

PLEASE INCLUDE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO UPPER CANADA REGION P.C.A.  
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The phone rang the other night. I was bored and hoping it was someone with a great idea like driving to Mexico for the weekend. The call turned out to be much better. " Good evening, my name is Alice and I'm with National Market Research, a nationwide independent marketing research firm. This was followed by the usual litany of questions regarding age, income level and any other factors they believe make a person a consumer. Then the bomb. " We are doing a survey on sports cars and would like you to answer some questions, no sales are involved". (This was going to be fun!!!)

Now to put this in proper perspective, you need to know two things about me,  
 1. I haven't taken anything seriously since I recieved that nice letter from Lyndon Johnson in 1966 which started "Greetings..."and

2. I've always resented the fact that every marketing research firm in the country has classified me as the typical American consumer. Christ, I may be a baby boomer, have the average national income, average consumer educational level and the average 1.5 children, but hell, I like to think that I'm no where near the standard Mid American Issue.

Soooo.... the fun begins.....

Q. Now sir, have you recently seen a advertisement for any "sports cars"?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. Magazines.

Q. For which cars were the ads?

A. Well... one was for a Marcos, the other for a Morgan.

Q. A what??

A. A Marcos and a Morgan.

Note: She asked me if I had recently seen an ad, not have I seen a recent ad, I do collect old magazines!

Q. Have you recently seen an ad for Porsche?

Note: Oh god, this is going to be fun!

A. Porsche??? Oh I thought you said sports cars.

Q. Yes. Porsche is a sports car.

A. Really!! But it has windows and a top. I've never really understood the difference between a Porsche and a Volkswagen. Didn't Volkswagen have to change its name because of Ralph Nader or something?

Q. I'm sorry but I don't know the answer to that. I have to ask the questions just as they are written.

Note: This being my 100th survey, I knew that!!!

Q. For the purposes of this survey a Porsche is a sports car.

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Q. For the purposes of this survey a Porsche is a sports car.

A. O.K. Alice, for your purposes I'll think of Porsche as a sports car, even if your pant legs remains clean after a five hour drive.

Q. Excuse me sir, What was that??

A. Oh nothing Alice, I said I dropped some Perrie on my pant leg. Go on with the questions.

Q. Have you seen an ad for Porsche?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember what the add was about?

A. Yeah! They were telling the reader about all the improvements they've made over the last five years.

Q. What do you mean by that?

A. Engineering, development, they were trying to tell me how well they build the cars today.

Q. How would you describe the ad? Very effective? Effective? Somewhat effective? or Not effective?

A. Not effective.

Q. Why?

A. Well Alice, can I call you Alice?

O.K. well Alice, I think it's all relative. See they want to show you the improvements they've made in the car over the last five years, but do they say, "Well folks, we didn't get it right the first time, but we've fixed it now and the car handles much better".

I mean five years ago did they advertise the car as a semi- well built car? No, of course not, five years ago they told us how great they built the car.

For all I know it may take another five years before they fix whatever is wrong with the car today.

Q. I'm sorry sir, I don't understand what you mean.

A. Hell, if they couldn't get it right five years ago, why should I believe they've got it right today.

Q. Okay sir. Do you remember what the ad for... what is it .... Marcos was about?

A. Oh yeah! The main point was that they will mail it to you anywhere in the world.

Q. Uh????

A. See that Alice. Marcos will send the car to you. Porsche says, "You come to Us". I think Porsche would do a lot better if they go to mail order like Marcos.

Q. I'm sorry sir, we're getting away from the questions.

A. Oh, sorry Alice, go on.

Q. Was there any thing else about the Marcos ad you remember?

A. They use only the finest grade of plywood.

Q. Could you please repeat that. Note: You'd think that a requirement for the job of telephone surveyor would be to have good hearing.

A. Sorry Alice. I said they use only the finest grade of plywood.

Q. Oh, plywood, I've got it.

Q. What do you remember about the ad for Morgan?

A. It said something about how each car is hand built, and the Ash is now treated with preservatives

Q. Ash?

A. Yeah! The wood.

Q. Like plywood?

A. Oh much better than plywood. But Alice your getting away from the questions as they've written them down.

Q. Sorry.

A. That's okay, I just don't want you to get into trouble.

Q. Thank you.

A. Just put down, "the wood is now treated with a preservative". Whoever you're doing the survey for will understand. It's all technical stuff anyway.

Q. Do you remember anything else about the ad?

A. Yeah, two things, they now paint all of the fender, of course they charge you extra for that, and you don't have to wait five years for delivery anymore.

Q. Sir, Are you kidding me?

A. Alice, would I lie? If you like I can run and get the magazine and give you the page number.

Q. No, that's not necessary. I guess you know what your talking about.

A. I'll bet you'll be glad when your put back on a dishwashing soap account, uh Alice?

Q. Thats the truth!

Well sir, are those the only ads you remember?

A. Yeah.



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Q. What about T.V.

A. Gee Alice, I don't think so. Marcos, since it's big on mail order, might advertise on the late night movie. You know, "Operators are standing by". But I don't remember seeing one. As for Morgan, hell they don't even put radios in the cars, so why would they advertise on T.V?

Q. What about Porches?

A. No. They probably advertise on something high-tech like compact discs or VCRs.

Q. Have you seen any ads for sports cars built by Nissan, Toyota, or Honda?

A. O.K. now Alice, I agreed to consider Porsche as a sports car for the sake of your survey, but there's no way I'm going to pretend that the Japanese build sports cars I mean sports cars are suppose to sing to you, not tell you "Your door is ajar".

Q. What did the ad say.

A. All I can remember is that after reading the ad I wanted to call one of Marcos' operators who were standing by.

From TEXNOG.

Q. Anything else?

A. Yeah. I think the Japanese are painting all of their fender only they don't charge extra.

Q. O.K. sir, have you thought recently about buying a sports car?

A. Yeah.

Q. Which one.?

A. Well, not a Marcos. My mailman is a nice old guy and he'd probably hurt himself delivering it.

Q. Is that a joke?

A. If you want it to be. Seriously, I've thought about buying a Morgan.

Q. What was the strongest point in your decision?

A. Dealer service.

Q. Have you considered a Porsche?

A. Yes.

Q. What appeals to you about the Porsche?

A. The paint.

Q. Oh, do they paint all of the fenders too?

A. Hey Alice, you catch on to this automobile stuff quick.

Q. Thank you.

Q. Was there anything else that made you consider a Porsche?

A. Yes, they don't use artificial preservatives like Morgan.

Q. Finally, Do you currently own a sports car?

A. Yes Morgan.

Q. What was the primary factor in your decision to by the Morgan.?

A. The side windows never rattle inside the door like on most other sports cars.

Q. Thank you sir, you've been very helpful.

A. Alice, they told you to say that at the end of the interview, didn't they?

Q I'm afraid so sir.

A. That's okay Alice. It's been fun talking to you, and no ones making me say that.

Q. Oh sir?

A. Yes

Q. I'd like to know for my self, are your fenders completely painted.



"Now I see why you have to own a Porsche!"

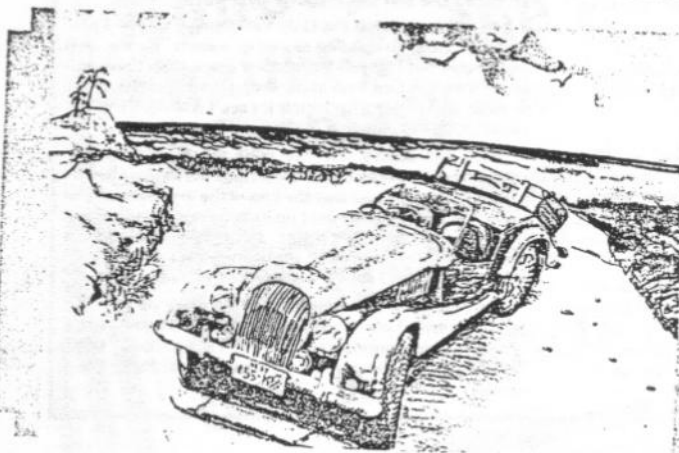
## MOG Gallery



「浜辺の愛車」

画 川越信行

川越さんは昭和61年4月10日～15日、銀座松坂屋画廊にて“愛すべき人々を描く”と題して個展を開きました。その内の1枚、“浜辺の愛車”です。



# The Laws For British Sports Cars

By Don Hayward

Many distinguished scientists have worked their entire lives to try and figure out why British autos never seem to obey any scientific laws known to man.

Most of us are familiar with the physical laws thought up by Isaac Newton, the guy who invented gravity. He said things like 'For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction' and 'if you sit under a tree long enough, an apple will eventually fall on your head, provided you are sitting under an apple tree.'

Issac was considered very intelligent and was eventually responsible for the invention of calculus, which was a new kind of math for people who thought math wasn't already hard enough. He is also the reason why, even today, people who work in apple orchards often wear large, protective hats.

Newton's Laws made sense for hundreds of years, and everybody believed them. They believed them right up until the time when British sports cars were invented, when it was suddenly realized that a whole new bunch of laws was going to be needed.

Many distinguished scientists have worked their entire lives to try and figure out why British autos never seem to obey any scientific laws known to man.

These eminent scientists, with names like Morris, Healey, Leyland, Mowog, and Murphy, shook the scientific community when they published their new theory of mechanical behavior called "THE LAWS FOR BRITISH SPORTS CARS". Many people are not familiar with the five major laws, so they are listed below with a brief explanation of each.

## 1. LAW OF PECULIAR RANDOM NOMENCLATURE

'The name of a British Sports Car shall consist primarily of letters and numbers, with said letters and numbers chosen in random fashion so that the resultant vehicle name is wholly devoid of meaning'

This law explains why British cars always have spectacularly bad names like 'XKE' or worse yet, 'MGBGT'.

## 2. LAW OF CRYPTIC INSTRUCTIONS

'Any book, manual, pamphlet, or text dealing with the maintenance, repair, or restoration of a British Sports Car shall be written so that at least every fourth word will be unknown to the average reader. In the event that any portion of the text is understandable, the information contained therein shall be incorrect.'

Most people are familiar with this law. Here is an excerpt from page 132 of the MGA shop manual: 'Before rebushing the lower grumion banjos, you must remove the bonnet fascia and undo the A-arm nut with a "3 spanner". All attempts to publish an English-language version of this manual have failed.

## 3. LOVE OF HARDSHIP LAW

'The more a British Sports Car malfunctions, breaks, and/or falls apart, the more endearing it becomes to the owner.'

You buy a British Sports Car. You have had it a year and a half and have replaced every item on the car at least twice. When the engine is started it sounds as if someone has thrown a handful of ball bearings into a blender. But when someone offers to buy it, you are offended because: 'It is like part of the family' and besides, 'It is so much fun to drive'. British Sports Car owners often stare into space and smile a lot. This is referred to as the 'Foolish Person Syndrome'.

## 4. LAW OF NON-FUNCTIONAL ATTRIBUTES

'All British Sports Cars, regardless of condition or age, shall always have at least one system or sub-system of components which is entirely non-functional, and cannot be repaired except on a semi-permanent or semi-functional basis.'

The famous Lucas Electric's Law.

## 5. RECENTLY DISCOVERED COMPONENT FAILURE LAW

'Any component of a British Sports Car which is entirely unknown to the owner shall function perfectly, until such time that the owner becomes aware of the component's existence, when it shall instantly fail.'

Case in point: I have owned a rather natty MGB for six years. I never knew there was such a thing as a 'Gulp Valve' until I saw new ones offered for sale by Moss Motors. The next day while driving my MGB to work, the Gulp Valve fell off the engine and was run over by a truck.

I do not know what the Gulp Valve gulps, nor do I particularly care to know, since it sounds messy and dangerous. But I figured I would buy a new Gulp Valve and install it myself. One look at the shop manual and I decided to have somebody else install it (see LAW OF CRYPTIC INSTRUCTIONS, above).

While I'm driving the car over to the local repair establishment, I notice that the MGB is performing just as well as it ever did, and that the loss of the mysterious Gulp Valve has not had any effect on its behavior. I figure this is due to the NON-FUNCTIONAL ATTRIBUTE LAW, which means that the Gulp Valve probably wasn't gulping anything anyway, so I decide not to replace it after all.

Three days later the engine had no more oil in it and promptly seized into a solid mass of metal. The tow truck operator, being ignorant of the LOVE OF HARDSHIP LAW, offered to take the car off my hands for \$100.00. I just smiled.

SOURCE: THE MORGANWEB



## 1987 Vintage Festival

### Car Club Concours Challenge

#### New for the 1987 Festival Concours

Enter a 5 Car Team  
Awards will be based on the  
Judged Scores  
from the 3 Best

Concours Day is  
Sunday, July 12 at  
Shannonville Motorsport Park  
Registration 0800-0830

More info? Stephen Beer 416-453-9304  
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April 8, 1987  
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Some clubs have expressed an interest in catering during the weekend. Accordingly, I'm including a menu selection for consideration. If your club is interested in catering, it must be prepaid two weeks prior to the event.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course will host a vintage race car and sports car auction on Saturday, June 27, following the day's activities. The auction is to include pre-1974 cars and will be limited to 100 cars. The auction will be organized by Kruse International. For further information regarding the auction, please call 1-800-328-0771.

If you are interested in participating in the concours, I need a reservation ... to set up club areas in the infield as well as to purchase awards. Please let me hear from you regarding your club's interest as soon as possible. Definite numbers should be turned in by June 1.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 614-876-3203.

Sincerely,  
TRUESPORTS, INC.

*Barbara Trueman*  
Barbara Trueman  
President



## 1987 VINTAGE FESTIVAL

### Festival News Update (April)

The 9th Annual VARAC International Racing Festival is shaping up to be a great weekend of motor racing and memorabilia. The event is held around three main areas of activity - Vintage Racing, the Flea Market and the Concours d'Elegance.

The racing part of the weekend starts on Saturday at 9am and will run to approximately 6pm, with more on Sunday from noon until around 5pm.

Classes will include pre-war and earlier MGA, post war single seater and Formula Junior - always a guarantee of good support was production sports cars; classic sedans, post war sports racing; historic sports and sports racing - all giving you a chance to see a lot of old favourites racing just as hard as they ever did - PLUS a different form of entertainment, a race in Canada's best-kept secret Honda/Michelin Challenge series which will give a Civic perspective to the weekend and provide contemporary lap times for vintage comparisons.

On Sunday morning there will be a public lapping session, when you will have a chance to drive around Shannonville's new 2 1/4 mile track (which is terrific!). This session will start at 9.30am and run approximately 11.30am. Cars will drive around behind a pace car and there will be no passing! Cost is \$5 per car per session of 3 laps. This is a popular activity, so don't be late!

The Concours part of the weekend is always well attended, and if you wish to enter, classes are as follows:

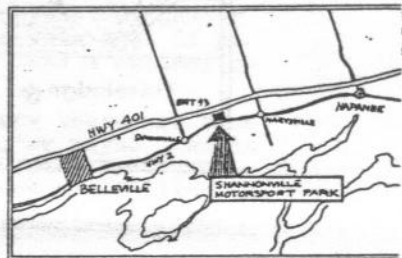
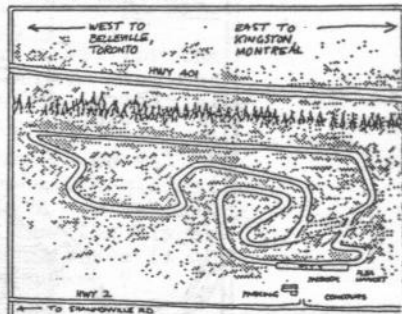
- Class A: Import & domestic up to 1957 - open and closed cars
- Class B: Import & domestic 1958-1973 - open cars
- Class C: Import & domestic 1958-1973 - closed cars
- Class D: Import & domestic 1974-1984 - open and closed cars

Entry fee for the Concours is \$3.00, and general admission for the weekend is as follows:

- 3 day pass (Fri., Sat., Sun.) \$25.00 or \$17.50 before June 15, from Malcolm Stone (416) 485-9232
  - 2 day pass \$20.00
  - Sunday only pass \$10.00
- All passes are obtainable at the gate. For further information on the Concours, please call Steven Beer (416) 453-9304. A new feature of this year's Vintage Festival is the Motor Racing Memorabilia Sale and Swap Meet, a morning flea market where you will be able to pick up or sell anything from old programmes to

old engine! More info on this from Garry Magwood at (615) 478-5125. How to get there? Shannonville is located on Hwy 2 between Belleville and Kingston, about 401 east the Shannonville Rd. exit south (exit 93) on Hwy 2, and

turn East (left) for a few miles and the track is on the north side - you can't miss it! For any further information, please call Roger Proulx (416) 443-8997 (bus) or Malcolm Stone as above. Hope to see you there!



Dear Car Club Enthusiasts:

April 8, 1987

On behalf of Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, I would like to invite you to participate in the June 27-28 Chase Bank Vintage Car Grand Prix ... featuring the SportsCar Vintage Racing Association.

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course is presenting all car clubs with a special ticket offer. Car club members will be able to purchase a weekend ticket, including paddock pass, for \$20 ... usually a \$37 value!

In conjunction with the Chase Bank Vintage Car Grand Prix, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course will be hosting a Concours d'Elegance presented by Chesrown Oldsmobile of Columbus, Ohio. The Chesrown Oldsmobile Concours d'Elegance will be held on Sunday of the race weekend.

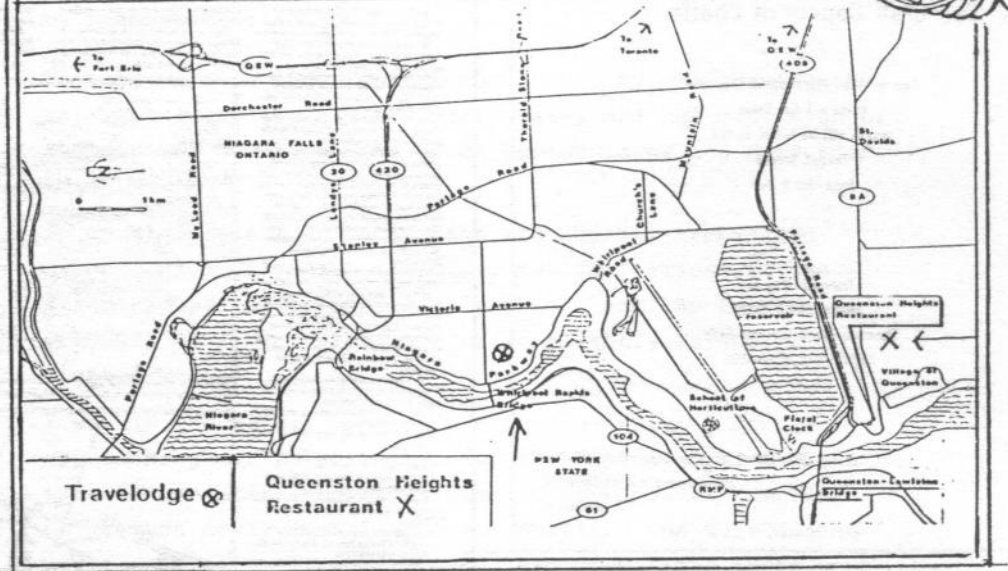
Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course is inviting car clubs to form their own concours. The individual car club concours will be judged by a group of club members. Winners of the car club concours will be announced and paraded on Saturday of the race weekend. Medals will be awarded the top five in each club. A souvenir will also be given each club member.

The winners of the car club concours will compete in the Chesrown Oldsmobile Concours d'Elegance on Sunday. Chesrown Oldsmobile will present a perpetual trophy to the Concours d'Elegance winner at the awards ceremony hosted on Sunday, at 6:00 p.m., by Chase Bank.

Maury Hatcher will be the concours judge for the final judging. If clubs need a list of the rules and standards by which he is judging to help them with their club contest, Mid-Ohio will supply this information.



# Niagara 87



### MORGAN OWNERS GROUP

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR STARTING SEPT 1/87

With our membership now dropped to sixty two from over ninty this last year it is more than obvious we need some new enthusiasm generated. At the same time the club Exec have all chosen the same year to relocate their homes and been deeply involved in their own personal commitments. This has shown we do need some imput to rekindle the club, please take a few minutes to think about either volunteering your time or to nominate your club Exec. Thank you.

Please state if you are volunteering yourself or nominating another whom you have first consulted.

Prez; \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer; \_\_\_\_\_

Editor; \_\_\_\_\_

Regalia; \_\_\_\_\_

Niagara Organiser; \_\_\_\_\_



# Niagara 84



## REGISTRATION

Name; \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address; \_\_\_\_\_ City; \_\_\_\_\_ Prov; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone; \_\_\_\_\_

## MORGAN INFORMATION

Year; \_\_\_\_\_ Model; Trike \_\_\_\_\_ 4/4 \_\_\_\_\_ +4 \_\_\_\_\_ +8 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Body Style; \_\_\_\_\_ Colour \_\_\_\_\_ interior Colour \_\_\_\_\_  
 Serial # \_\_\_\_\_ Licence \_\_\_\_\_ Prov./State; \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee; \$12.00		\$	_____
Late Registration Fee after August 15/87	\$16.00	\$	_____
Buffet Dinner @ \$22.00 Per Person; includes wine, taxes & Gratuities.	Number; _____	\$	_____
Childrens Dinner 12 and under \$8.50	Number _____	\$	_____
TOTAL:		\$	_____

DEADLINE DATE FOR DINNER BOOKINGS 1 DAY PRIOR TO MEET. PLEASE ADVANCE BOOK AS WE CANNOT GUARANTEE DINNER TICKETS ON THE WEEKEND OF THE MEET.

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