



THE PRICE LESS BLURB



MARCH/APRIL 1990

A POETIC TRIBUTE TO THE MORGAN
OWNER.

MORGAN OWNERS LIKE TO BE
TREATED DEFERENTIALLY
JAGS MAY HAVE THEIR DEVOTEES,
AND SO DO TRIUMPHS, AND M.G.'s.
ASTON'S, BENTLEY'S HAVE THEIR FANS
[BUT SO DO 'VETTES AND MINIVANS !]
ONLY MORGAN OWNERS KNOW,
[AND TRY NOT TO LET IT SHOW]
THAT, OF CARS COMMON, OR RARE,
THEY OWN THE MARQUE BEYOND COMPARE.
TOLERANT THEY ALWAYS ARE
BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY'VE GOT.....

THE CAR !

contributed by Edward L. Burman

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| May 26/90 | Spring Run - Millcroft Inn | see page 10 |
| June 17/90 | Classics Against Cancer - Georgetown | details to follow |
| July 1/90 | Canada Day Celebrations, Arnprior | details to follow |
| June 30-July 4/90 | MOG 20 - Martinsburg W.VA | |
| July 6-8/90 | VARAC Vintage Festival, Shannonville | details to follow |
| Aug 3-5/90 | Son of Mog (MOA) - Luray VA | |
| Aug 10-12/90 | MOA Niagara - Niagara Falls | |

THE PREZ SEZ!

Having recently returned from Arizona where we were assured the weather in Phoenix would be warm & lovely in February; Reg & I can now confirm they do have snow, rain, hail, & more snow, they opened the highway north the morning of our pre-booked trip to the Grand Canyon. Am glad to say our second week was as promised, warm & sunny. We enjoyed ourselves, & the Canyon was incredible to view.

Now its back home & catch up on the office/club work & mail; Plans for MOA are getting into high gear with the different clubs & registrations for Niagara are coming in, to date we have 19 rooms with deposits paid, plus the 22 from Europe of which I hope to have confirmation from Jeremy very soon as to exact number rooms required.

First & foremost the date for MOA LURAY has been changed to August 3-5. from the earlier weekend first published. this will give the MOA group from California a little more time to make the journey across. Plus also fit in better with MOA PA. & Niagara.

I have re-produced the information from MCC-DC Rough Rider for those who wish to join any part of the Tour. anyone wishing further information please write me.

**The day this issue went to the press, 41 rooms had been booked. Audrey Rose Ed.*

MOA Luray Rooms The headquarters hotel is The Mimslyn, and all 49 rooms have been reserved by MCCDC. For this Morgans Over America event, any request to obtain a Mimslyn room must be made to MCCDC, not The Mimslyn. We are going to assign rooms first to overseas participants, second to the those who will have driven the furthest with MOA, and if there are any rooms left, third to other Morgan folks. We will publish the details in the next issue, and we request that you wait until then to get on the Mimslyn room list. Between now and then, we will accept a \$50 deposit check only with the clear understanding that (1) we may deposit it when we get it, and (2) it will not guarantee a Mimslyn room (especially true for eastern USA citizens), only a number on a waiting list. If you wish to send your check now, be sure to send it to the MCCDC MOA Coordinator.

MOA TransAm Tour The dates and the itinerary of the MOA tour from California to the East Coast have changed, and the destination has changed from Luray to Washington. All these changes have been made with the full concurrence of all applicable Morgan Clubs and Groups in the US, Canada, and the UK. The final four days, from Chicago to Washington, have not yet been firmed up. We'll publish the firm schedule in Rough Rider 90 #3.

MOA East Coast Tour We are also firming up the itinerary for the East Coast tour, and we will publish that also in Rough Rider 90 #3. This itinerary will include events sponsored by Morgans of Philadelphia (MOPS), The 3/4 Morgan Group Ltd (3/4 Morgan), HOG MOG, and MCCDC. It may also include events with MOG South and Western New York Morgan Owners' Group (WNY MOG).

Addendum to MOA Coordinator 90#2

Towns listed are overnight stops. See RR 90 #3 for final 4 days to Washington.

Mon 16 Jul	El Portal, California	Sun 22 Jul	Cody, Wyoming
Tue 17 Jul	Reno, Nevada	Mon 23 Jul	Gillette, Wyoming
Wed 18 Jul	Elko, Nevada	Tue 24 Jul	Rapid City, North Dakota
Thu 19 Jul	Pocatello, Idaho	Wed 25 Jul	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Fri 20 Jul	Jackson Lake, Wyoming	Thu 26 Jul	La Crosse, Wisconsin
Sat 21 Jul	Jackson Lake, Wyoming	Fri 27 Jul	Chicago, Illinois

MOA NIAGARA, 90:

AUGUST 1-11-12:

ADVANCE BOOKING FORM:

DEPOSIT FOR ROOM: \$ 50.00
(IF DEPOSIT ALREADY PAID, PLEASE CHECK NIGHTS REQUIRED)

HOW MANY NIGHTS WILL YOU BE STAYING PLEASE CHECK BELOW;
FRIDAY & SATURDAY \$90.00 PER NIGHT PLUS TAXES
SUNDAY NIGHT \$75.00. PLUS TAXES. (BALANCE AFTER DEPOSIT
PAYABLE TO THE COMFORT INN UPON ARRIVAL.)

FRIDAY: _____ SATURDAY: _____ SUNDAY: _____

CLUB REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MEET;
PER CAR/COUPLE; _____ \$ 25.00

FRIDAY; AUGUST 10; EVENING NOGGIN AT WHIRLPOOL GOLF CLUB;
CASH BAR;

SATURDAY; AUGUST 11;
SELF GUIDED TOURS OF NIAGARA AREA;
EVENING HOSPITALITY ROOM AT COMFORT INN;
(No Charge)

SUNDAY; AUGUST 12;
FUN CONCOURS;

COCKTAILS & BANQUET; VICTORIA PARK RESTAURANT
COCKTAILS, CASH BAR;
BANQUET;

Per Person; \$22.00 NUMBER OF TICKETS; () \$

Per Child; under 12 \$11.00 NUMBER OF TICKETS () \$

WINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE;

GRAND TOTAL; _____ \$

NAME; _____

ADDRESS; _____

MAIL TO; AUDREY BEER, R.R.1, BOLTON, ONT. L7E 5R9 CANADA;

MOA/NIAGARA '90

AUGUST 10-11-12;

Organizing Committee: Audrey Beer, Jenny & Steve Beer, John Collins, Nick Murphy, John Roden.

We are pleased to report that the Morgan Car Company have agreed that Mark Reed of the Sales Department will be our guest at Niagara '90.

The organizing committee has agreed upon changes in our usual format for this year only, the changes of course are to accommodate our overseas visitors for whom "Morgans Over America" will be a once in a lifetime visit as a Morgan group.

The Banquet & Fun Concours, usually held on Saturday will be on Sunday for this event only. This change will make the weekend easier for overseas visitors while they are in Niagara, & will make the Banquet the final event of their tour. After Niagara, they head back to Baltimore & their return trip home.

The Comfort Inn has included Sunday night into our pre-booking at a lower rate than Friday & Saturday nights, the cost will be \$90.00 for Friday night, \$90.00 for Saturday night & \$75.00 for Sunday night, for the total of \$225.00 plus taxes for the weekend (August 10-11-12) we still need your \$50.00 deposit by May 31/90 & please tell us how many nights you to have booked.

Local club members can expect a call March/April to take them up on their offer to assist with Niagara '90. we will also ask those planning to attend if they have a second language (profanity does not count) & if they would allow their names & second language to be listed for those visitors who might need this type of assistance.

Audrey Beer.

CHRISTMAS GLITZ, GRAND SPECTACLES AND A WINNER FROM AUDI AGONISTES

GIFTS THAT SURPASS

The connoisseurs share their wish lists for the festive season. Bargain hunters weren't invited. By Mechtild Hoppenrath

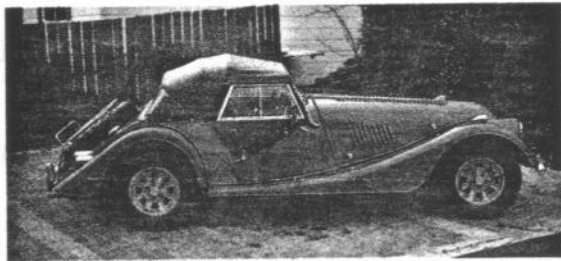
A smile through a holly wreath, a kiss under the mistletoe – maybe that's all there is on your list for Santa. At times, even they can be hard enough to come by. But for the perfect gift for that someone special, you'd rather have something more permanent, wouldn't you? The best of its kind. In the spirit of the season, we canvassed a roster of connoisseurs to identify several bests-of-class – possessions that even the experts drool over. Here are their choicest selections. All can be yours and your beloved's as well – so long as money is no object.

◆ Take \$250,000 out of the bank – give or take a few dollars – for a trip to a London or New York auction house to find a 16th-century wool carpet from Herat, formerly in Persia, now in Afghanistan. Under the imperial patronage of the Safavid shahs, the art of Persian carpet-making rose to unparalleled heights there – and highest investment quality today. Simon Waegemaekers, director of the

known textiles, Waegemaekers says. Many of these well-preserved fragments are found in Tibetan monasteries. "These scraps of silk brocade with animal and human images may have been used to wrap religious texts," says Max Allen, curator of the museum. Superbly crafted and highly decorative, these pieces (about 18 by 24 inches) go for about \$150,000 – then, of course, you'll also need to buy the bulletproof glass to protect them on your walls.

Closer to home, consider Mennonite hooked rugs. One in particular is coveted by Allen to complete his museum's small collection. He would dearly like to repatriate a Perth County (Ontario) rug crafted in 1885 by Maria Warning, sold five years ago to a private collector in the United States and now worth at least \$2,000.

◆ Speaking of Detroit, should an automobile be more appropriate than a carpet as a gift, this magazine's automotive columnist and co-host of CBC Television's *Driver's Seat*, Ted Laturus, wants you to warm up to a Morgan, his all-time pet. Manufactured in Malvern Link, Worcestershire, most new Morgans are made to order,



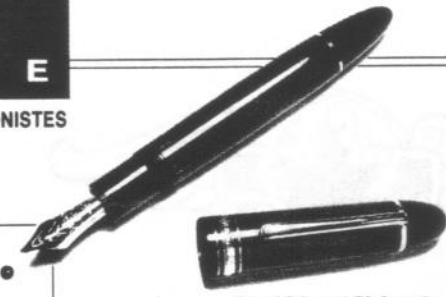
The made-to-order Morgan: the ultimate toy for a car lover

with a waiting period of about six to eight months in Canada (10 years in their home country!). Basic styling follows the original 1936 design: the two- or four-seater sports model has low-slung doors, bolted-on Plexiglas "side curtains" instead of glass windows,

seats that adjust forward and back but not up and down, no air conditioning, no power steering, no frills other than those that are required by Canadian law. "It's a toy," Laturus admits, "a motorcycle with four wheels. You have to like a rough ride." Sold through exclusive dealer C.M.C. Enterprises Ltd. of Kitchener, Ont. (519-743-2491), new Morgans cost \$43,000 to \$64,000.

The 18-karat Diplomat: a discreet, \$10,000 gift

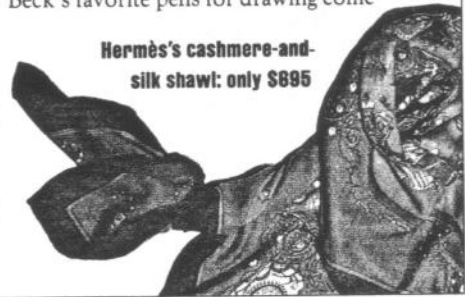
◆ Care for something more discreet and less costly? At a quarter of the Morgan's price, you can buy a Paris-made, \$12,000 solid-gold Waterman Le Man fountain pen. Mont Blanc's 18-karat equivalent, the Diplo-



Shoe fetish? Head for Andrea Pfister's suede pumps

mat 149, sells for \$10,000 at The Vancouver Pen Shop – the best store of its kind that Eugene Beck has found in the country. Beck, who is a Toronto artist, film director and pen connoisseur, is a serious draftsman in ink. He likes the idea of gift certificates for fountain pen aficionados, since finding the perfect pen has everything to do with the fit between pen body and hand. "Ideally," says Beck, "you'd also try every available nib on every fitting body. It's like pants – not every size 32 is the same." Beck's favorite pens for drawing come

Hermès's cashmere-and-silk shawl: only \$895



photograph courtesy TED LATURNUS

photographs DAN COUTO



TORONTO MORGAN OWNERS GROUP
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NOVEMBER 1, 1987 - DECEMBER 31, 1989

OPENING BANKBALANCE:

Canadian Operating Account	\$ 3,419.60 CAD
US Account	\$ 684.72 US \$

INCOME CAD ACCT.:

Dues	\$ 1,927.00	
Niagara Meet	\$ 2,431.00	
Regalia	\$ 2,104.00	
Interest earned	\$ 536.90	
Blurb Advertising	\$ 48.64	\$ 7,047.54 CAD

INCOME US ACCT.:

Dues	\$ 275.00	
Niagara	\$ 258.00	
Regalia	\$ 40.00	
Interest earned	\$ 61.21	\$ 634.21 US \$
		\$ 10,467.14 CAD
		\$ 1,318.93 US \$

EXPENSES:

(CAD Operating Account)

Blurb Publication & Postage	\$ 1,938.36	
Niagara Meet	\$ 3,318.85	
Regalia Purchases	\$ 1,096.60	
Misc.Clubevents & Bankcharges	\$ 351.60	\$ 6,705.41 CAD

Bankbalance as of December 31, 1989

\$ 3,761.73 CAD
\$ 1,318.93 US \$
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Marlies Sands
Treasurer

TREASURER'S NOTES:

As a footnote to the financial statement for the past two years I would like to comment on the Niagara Expenses. Taken into consideration the exchange rate on the income for the meet in our US account, expenses have exceeded our income in both years by approx 20 %, representing a deficit of \$ 580.00

Granted, this is not a large amount, but re-enforces what Audrey has already stated - The Club must charge a Registration Fee for everyone attending the Meet - regardless of the vehicle brought to the event. This will at least represent a sharing of some of the cost incurred ie; Registration Package, Refreshments in Hospitality suite etc.

The fact that our bank assets have grown over the past period is partially thanks to John who has managed to keep the printing costs of the Blurb to a minimum and a good turnover on our Regalia.

At this point I would also like to advise, that the Club will be needing a new Treasurer as of January 1991. (3yrs Regalia and 3 yrs Treasurer - IT IS TURNOVER TIME). This gives everyone lots of time to consider and volunteer.

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EDITORIAL

Well, here it is - spring at last! Of course Mother Nature seems to be fighting it all the way! Not much room this issue, so I'll keep it brief - lots of news on the Morgans Across America trip, it certainly seems to be coming along nicely.

- details have arrived concerning a Fine Art Limited Edition Print published in association with the Morgan Motor Company by The Motoring Gallery. The print illustrates the interior of The Morgan Factory & is limited to 850 individually numbered & signed copies. 22½x36", £40.00 + £12.00 air mail postage. With each hand signed limited edition print, a picture mount will be included, printed with the signatures of all The Factory's employees.

- MOG 20, Martinsburg W VA: Amended rules for the concours have now been recieved.

- new from Morgans on the Gulf Morgan Owners Group: re MOA & the cars attending: +8's: 12 4/4's: 5 +4's: 2 3 wheelers: 3

: on cars for sale: Movie Star used in War of the Roses - 1964 +4 Roadster RHD, restored for the movie: \$16,500US - call Fox Studios (I've got the names & numbers).

- occasionally I will not be able to print everything sent to me by other clubs etc. These I will now mention on the back page or editorial, & I will bring the full sheets with me to our various meets, or if anyone needs copies, please notify me & we'll make some kind of arrangement.

Hope to see you in Ancaster!

Jenny
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March 8, 1990

2260 Market St.
San Francisco, Ca. 94114

Dear Morgan Car Enthusiasts;

MORGANS OVER AMERICA - THE WESTERN ADVENTURE is in its final planning stage. Our ad hoc committee from the Northern California Morgan Sports Car Club has made contact with representatives of the European contingent coming to America, as well as the organizers of the East Coast MOA trip and various Morgan Clubs along our route. We are enclosing the final WESTERN ADVENTURE itinerary, which is the portion we are planning.

If you are anticipating joining us for all or part of this trip, we would like you to return a registration form to us. We need to know how many from America are going to be with us, as well as have reservations made for the lodging. Some of the locations we are staying at are very popular, and early response is critical. Thirteen vehicles from Europe are coming to the West Coast (England, West Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, and Denmark).

If you wish to accompany us in a vehicle other than an Morgan, please let us know. A support type vehicle would be welcome. We may have a driver or extra driver for a back up vehicle.

MORGANS OVER AMERICA is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of Morgan history. We look forward to your joining with us!

Best Regards,



Steve Roake
2260 Market St.
San Francisco, Ca. 94114
U.S.A.
415-864-3863 (home)
415-864-2260 (work)

Committee members:

John Burks
Keith Cox
Wendall Bain
Bob Murray

March 8, 1990

MORGANS OVER AMERICA - THE WESTERN ADVENTURE

Friday July 13 1990 220 miles Leave San Francisco via coast hiway thru Monterey & Carmel***. Coast hiway thru Big Sur *** to Cambria.

Saturday & Sunday July 14 & 15 Attend MOG 90, the annual West Coast Morgan event sponsored by the Northern and Southern California Morgan Clubs. The Northwest (Oregon and Washington) and Arizona groups will attend. Depart Cambria for El Portal, Calif. Late afternoon drive to Glacier Point*** and evening in Yosemite Village***.

Monday July 16 220 miles Depart Yosemite via Tioga Pass (elev. 9945 ft.) *** for Reno, Nevada. Tour Harrah's Auto Museum*** and visit the Casinos at nite***.

Tuesday July 17 247 miles Depart Reno for Elko, Nevada. High desert driving.

Wednesday July 18 290 miles Depart Reno for Pocatello, Idaho. See Snake River gorge.

Thursday July 19 280 miles Depart Pocatello for Jackson Lake, Wyoming. See Grand Tetons***.

Friday July 20 212 miles Remain at Jackson Lake. Excursion to Yellowstone National Park***.

Saturday July 21 200 miles Depart Jackson Lake via Sylvan Pass (elev. 8530 ft.) *** to Cody Wyoming.

Sunday July 21 200 miles Depart Cody for Gillette, Wyoming via Granite Pass (elev. 8950 ft.)***

Monday July 22 262 miles Depart Gillette to Rapid City, South Dakota. Visit Deadwood***, Mount Rushmore***, Black Hills***.

Tuesday July 23 145 miles Depart Rapid City for Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Wednesday July 24 350 miles Depart Sioux Falls for La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Thursday July 25 290 miles Depart La Crosse for Chicago, Illinois. Evening visit with local Morgan and other car enthusiasts.

Friday, July 26 290 miles Depart Chicago for Detroit, Michigan. Visit Ford Museum. Meet with Great Lakes Morgan Club.

Saturday July 27 299 miles Depart Detroit for Columbus, Ohio. Meet with Ohio Morgan Club.

Sunday July 28 205 miles Depart Columbus for Morgantown, West Virginia.

Monday July 29 217 miles Depart Morgantown for Washington, D.C. Meet with eastern MOA people en route and arrive at D.C.

Tuesday July 30 207 miles

END OF WESTERN ADVENTURE. CONTINUE WITH EAST COAST MOA

Wednesday July 31 thru Thursday August 2 -Remain in Washington for rest and car service. Tour Washington. Various side trips arranged by D.C. Morgan Club.

Friday August 3 thru Sunday August 5. Washington Club sponsors meet at Luray, Virginia.

Monday August 6 thru Thursday August 9. Motor up East Coast.

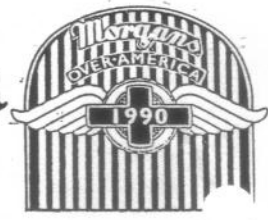
Friday August 10 thru Sunday August 12. Niagra Falls, Ontario. Meet sponsored by the Canadian Morgan Club.

Monday August 13. Return to West Coast, Washington, etc. on your own or with East Coast MOA contingent.



Morgans Over America

"The Western Adventure"



NOTE: This registration form is for Morgans Over America starting July 13, 1990 from San Francisco and running through July 30, 1990 at Morgantown, West Virginia **ONLY!**

For East Coast segment contact: Mark Braunstein
8116 Bard Street
Mason Neck, Virginia 22079

Who: Driver: _____ Co-Driver: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Club Affiliation: _____

What: Model: _____ Year: _____ License Plate Number: _____
Chassis Number: _____ How long have you had the car? _____

Would you be interested in shipping the car back to S.F. from the east coast for approx.

\$1000.00 per car? _____

Is your car propane powered or gas powered? _____

Where: Where will you be joining and leaving the tour?
Join at: _____ Leave at: _____

Will you be going to "Cambria Pines"? _____

Be sure to make arrangements for your accommodations as soon as you can. This is a very busy vacation time!!! Return ASAP to guarantee reservation through travel agent but no later than May 15, 1990.

Tamalpais Travel — Hina Aly

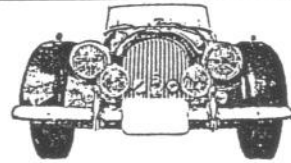
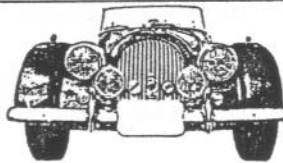
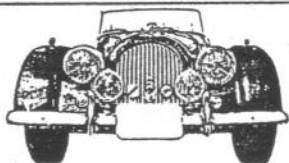
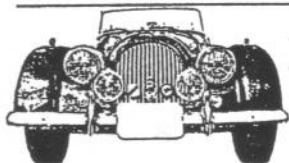
506 Tamalpais Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94925
(415) 924-5850

(Morgans Over America is not affiliated in any way with "Tamalpais Travel" and cannot and will not accept responsibility for them.)

Please send a check or money order (*) and the completed Registration Form to:

Steve Roake
2260 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

(*) there is a \$15.00 per car registration fee to cover our expenses. Please make the check or money order payable to "M.O.A. WEST".



PUBNIGHT AT THE PORKER'S STERN

FOUR TASTE OF THINGS TO COME?

As advertised in both November and January Blurbs, the first HogMog event of the nineties took place at the Porker's Stern on Wednesday February 21. Months of meticulous planning paid off handsomely as, with all eventualities anticipated and incorporated into the complex, multifaceted schedule of activities, each and every one of the four members in attendance was accommodated without a single hitch.

Linda Rumohr, Brian Rumohr, Mike Browning and John Collins engaged in scintillating conversation, sampled the gourmet menu (Bangers, Beans and Chips being but one of the selections), and washed down the delicacies with a series of cheeky little combinations of malt and hops. It was unanimously agreed that the evening was a total success, and consideration was given to an attempt at replicating the event at some future date, if only facilities can be found to handle such overwhelming turnouts.

HOGMOG SPRING RUN HOGMOG SPRING RUN

As promised, a Spring Run is planned for SATURDAY MAY 26, tentatively leaving the Fifth Wheel in Milton at 11 a.m., and arriving at the Millcroft Inn for Brunch.

Prices will be in the range between \$15.00 - \$22.00, with the buffet \$24.00-\$27.00*.

Alistair Russell advises by this date, balloon flights will be available (weather permitting). Costs for this run \$150.00/person if a group of 6 can be arranged, (or more); or \$200.00/person.

* Venue and prices will vary upon quantity of guests booked.

Given the less than enthusiastic response usually received from the membership, I have decided to make the run CONDITIONAL. It will not take place UNLESS I have received, by APRIL 25, RSVP's confirming that at least 16 people will attend. I will RSVP to the RSVP's to let them know if we have an event.

Don't use your Club to beat the volunteers over the head...turn up!

John Collins (416) 677-7417 home
(416) 860-3652 office





Austin Healey CLUB OF SOUTHERN ONTARIO

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario and the British Sports Car Club are pleased to sponsor the 9th Annual British Sportscar Flea Market and Car Display.

DATE : Sunday April ²² 1990
PLACE : Marritt Hall (Highway 53 Ancaster Ontario)
[immediately off Hwy 403, near Hamilton Airport]
HOURS : 10AM-4PM Lots of free parking, Snack Bar available
ADMISSION : \$3:00 Adults and Kids Free under 12

Over 100 Vendors are expected making available every conceivable part for anyone restoring or maintaining a Classic British Sportscar. The car display will include many famous marques. MG, Triumph, Austin-Healey, Jaguar, etc.

Relive a fond memory or two. Plan to attend for information and Vendor space please contact Ian Allison (416)862-5067 or Carol Quелlette (416) 664-4067. See you there!



HOST CLUB
CONCLAVE '89

AH-OOGA

By: P. George

Times have changed. The Focus has shifted. I can remember Friday and Saturday nights of my late teens spent cruising the drag or layin' low at the Log Cabin on the Front Hespeler Highway or even just sitting on the front fender parked mid-way down the block on Main Street up from Water. You may recall, that intersection was know as the Four Banks. I guess you could say we were watching the action.

Nowadays the kids prefer to do the action. --This perception I can not substantiate; it is my own personal opinion.

Anyway we would either cruise the drag, watch the haulers or even be on the look-out. Being on the look-out simply meant looking for the girls. However, to explain the difference between cruising and hauling will not be easy but I'll try. Simply stated, cruising is as the name implies, "someone driving around trying to pick-up a companion". Now, hauling is different. Hauling is the action of getting from one place to another as fast as possible with only a slight regard for the legal implications or can also be the activity that is supposed to impress someone met through cruising. Possibly I've put the cart before the horse, but naturally, to cruise or to haul one needs a vehicle and it is the vehicle that this article is dedicated to.

We can all recall our first car. My first set of wheels was a sixty dollar treasure. I didn't have enough money to dress or soup-it-up but, I could always find the scratch necessary to do the strip at least once a weekend.

We always dreamed of having that eye catching beauty that would attract the girls but, we were never able to find the needed cash. But, I believe that in those days, we were satisfied with what we had or could afford.

My first car was very ordinary. But, to make it distinctive I wanted something to nuture its own unique personality: something cheap but something catchy.

How or when the idea surfaced that my car should have its own special horn I no longer recall. But a special horn I did find. It was a 1911 Sparton from an old Model T. Ford. I bought the horn from a friend who worked at Hempel Auto Parts for seven dollars and for that seven dollars he also included several switches and what seemed to be a mile of wire. That night my Grandfather held the first of my lessons in automobile electrics.

The horn was installed that same night. The electrical

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connection was simple. A grounding wire was connected to one horn terminal and the other was connected to the steering column switch and the feed to the switch came from the live side of the starter solenoid through an in-line fuse (25A) and a 6 volt resistor. Did I have fun with that horn! With this klaxon I was a knight in shining armour. My car "The Buggy" was my horse and the horn was my party of Heralds that trumpeted my departures and some of my arrivals. My steady lived a half mile down from a rural concession intersection on a farm placed well back from the road. A long blast on the blower at that intersection always ensured that the roadside gate would be open upon my arrival. And if I was late for supper a hoot or two on the Pine Bush road told my Grandmother I'd be home shortly. It was amazing all the uses I put that horn to.

Not too far from where we lived was a campground comme beach resort. And, as habit would have it, I started to honk everytime I drove by. My girlfriend worked in the kitchen and the P.A. speaker at the entrance was always turned on in the kitchen. In this manner a hello to her I always gave.

This horn became my trademark while I became a nuisance.

The neighbours and the beach resort camps started to object and their complaints quickly reached our local O.P.P. My steady

overheard the plans between her boss and an O.P.P. Patrol Car Constable to stop me that night, confiscate my horn and charge me with public mischief. Unfortunately for the them, she told me of their plans. Off came the horn. I was subsequently stopped that night but their detailed search uncovered no horn. This however, is not the end of the tale. When I took the horn off my car I installed it on a friend's. And as "The Buggy" was being systematically torn apart, my friend drove by with my horn blaring.

A few years later, I again, installed my horn, but electrically there was a problem -- it just wouldn't work. Just recently I found an electrical shop that specialized in motorized horn repairs and I had it rebuilt.

This summer the horn will be on Nat. The reason is simple. That old horn, and I have trucked it all over Ontario for more than the last 25 years, brings back many happy memories. And what a better way to enjoy a favourite past-time other than by linking it to happy memories. Have a good day!

Peter George, Nat & Horn

P.S. The name of the electrical repair shop is:
The Horn Shop
7129 Rome-Oriskony Road
Rome, New York
13440 U.S.A.

