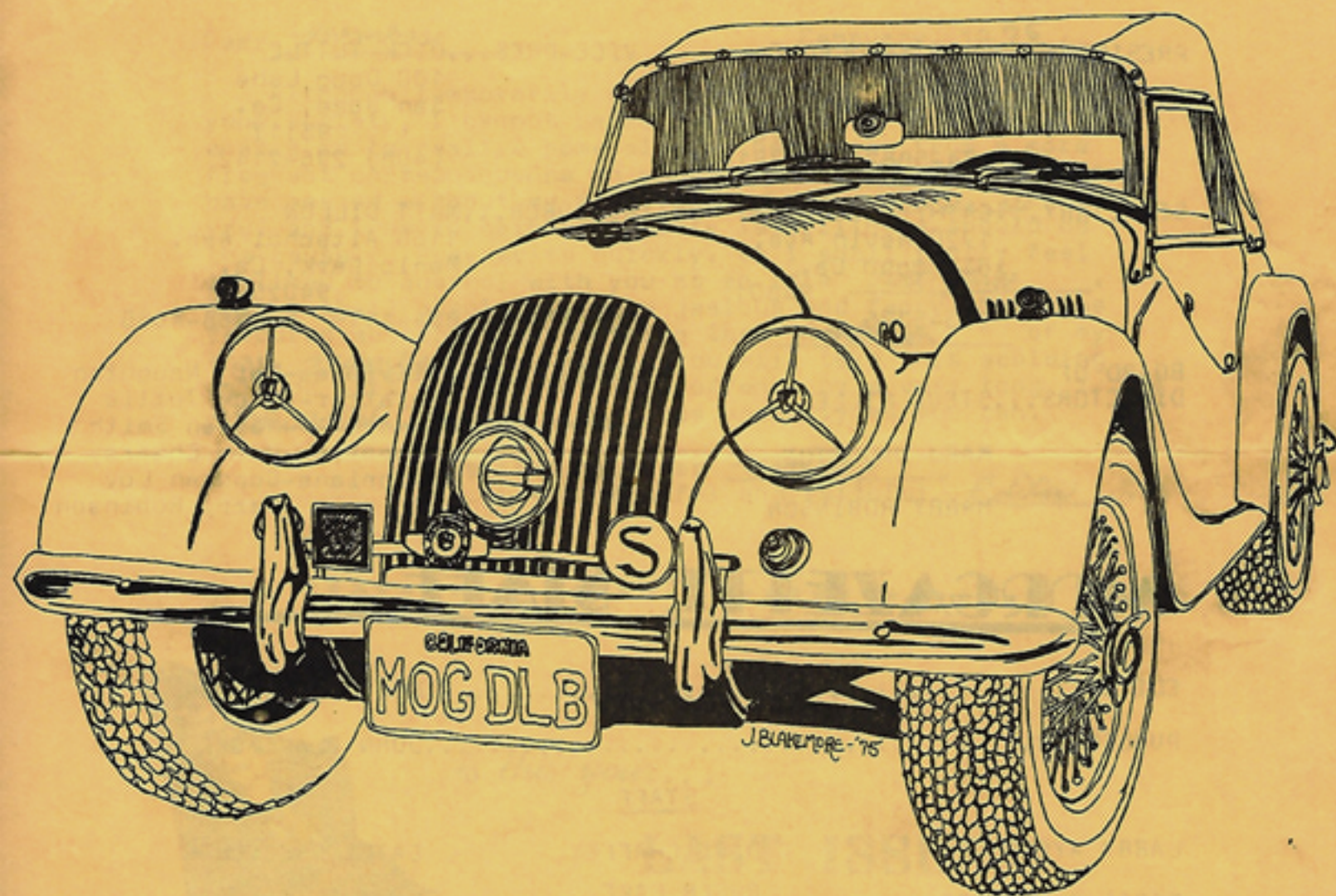


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Dear member.

February, 1975.

Although temporarily estranged from the delights of your society, I cannot refrain from hoping that you will enable me to realize some slender happiness from a more frequent correspondence on your part. Many months have passed without my receiving articles, stories, etc. from you, and I am in painful anxiety lest illness should be the cause. Pray write quickly, or I shall really feel inclined to quarrel with you as an idle rat-fink. Nay, I shall absolutely grow jealous and fancy that some favoured suitor is undermining the ambition of my dear member. Hoping you will take this scolding in good part and condone this offence by a very long story, article, cartoon, etc. as speedily as you can.

Believe me, Dear member
Your dutiful and faithful Editor.



is this your...

LAST ISSUE?

The Board recently determined that any member who has not paid his dues by February will no longer receive the MORGAZETTE. So far, it looks like the mailing list for next month is going to be very short! We of the staff sincerely hope that everyone will receive a news-letter next month. ALL WE NEED IS TO RECEIVE WORD THAT YOU'VE PAID YOUR DUES!

MEETING 7:30

MARCH 5th

A BIT OF OLD SCOTLAND, GOOD FRIENDS, AND GOOD BRITISH BEER AND ALE ON TAP; THAT'S WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU AT OUR REGULAR MEETING PLACE:----The EDINBURGH CASTLE----950 GEARY BLVD.,----IN SAN FRANCISCO.....

DARTS....SLIDES....(if you bring them)....OLD MORGAN TALES.
...LOTS OF GOOD SPIRITS....AND GREAT PEOPLE AND FELLOWSHIP.

THERE IS PLENTY OF PARKING IN THE VICINITY, BOTH OFF STREET AND ON.

DINNER MEETING APRIL 2nd [&] Rusty Scupper

15 EMBARCADERO WEST
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94607
PHONE (415) 465-0105

Our Dinner Meeting for the month of April will be held at the new and beautifully designed, waterfront restaurant.....

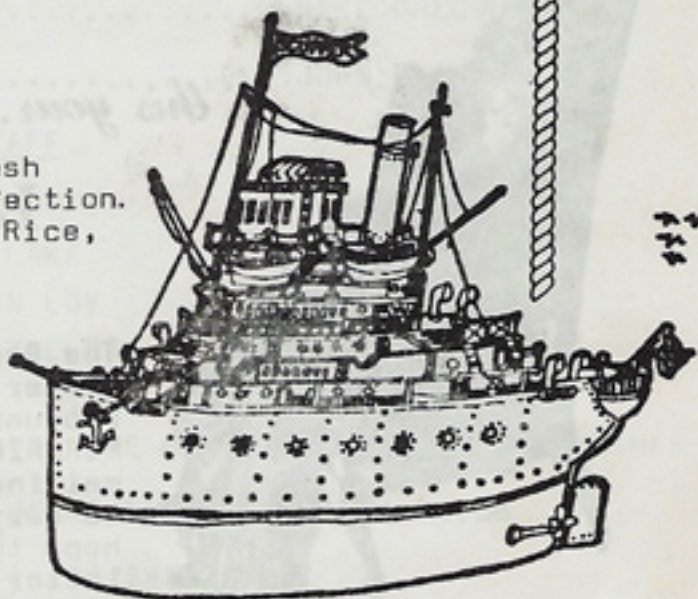
The Rusty Scupper, in Oakland

Time: 7:30 for Cocktails
8:15 for Dinner

Dinner: Choice; London Broil or Fresh Fish, cooked to tender perfection. Included are; Soup, Salad, Rice, Vegetable, Bread, Butter, Beverage, Tax, and Tip. \$6.50....(Wine is Extra)

Reservations are Necessary

Phone...(415) 843-7994
Before March 31st.



Coming
Event...
Sunday
March 23'75

"GO FLY A KITE"

with (kite-master) Dick Tuttle

For those of you that have not mastered
the fine art of flight, our March event will
be conducted by the one and only Morgan "Kite Master";
Dick Tuttle.....

MEET....12:30.....Sunday, March 23rd.....1975...

AT....Howard Johnson's in San Jose
(First Street right off Hwy 101)

We will from here tour to the "EXTRA-
SPECIAL"...(SECRET) Kite-flying
place.

After a frolicing day of high
soaring and twine tangling, we
will depart for dinner.....
(about 5:00) to "AHABS" in
Alviso.....COST WILL BE \$6.00
for; T-bone steak, salad,wine,
bread, tax, & tip.....

Special side light....there
will be 2 Belly Dancers and
a band too.....



LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

Dear John (Blakemore)

January 13, 1975

I'm really sorry it took so long to answer your question you called me about; information has been hard to come by (or even club regalia for that matter) so we have been reorganizing the club duties and now have something to tell you.

I will be handling club regalia instead of Al Miller (Treasurer) as he has enough to do. As a result, I have found that the club now has no car badges; we ordered 25 in August and they are due in March. We will not be able to supply you with any. If you want us to order some for you, send a check to the club. Twenty-five would need a deposit of \$200.

We hope you and the club have a happy new year, and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wilburn
Regalia Chairman,
Morgan Plus-Four Club (Southern Cal.)

Welcome New Members



Donald & Ruth Halverson
757 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, Ca. 94301
h. 322-2908

Fred Hollinger
3295 Ridge Drive
Beale AFB, Ca. 95903
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ACTIVISM is fun!

NOTES: A.C.C.C. --R.I.G. meeting, Jan. 19, 1975,
Villa Wine Cellar, San Rafael.

The Association of California Car Clubs aids in protecting automobile enthusiasts from adverse and capricious legislation. Each club that joins means more financial backing for any efforts in supporting/opposing pending legislation. Membership fees are \$1 per member; or \$25 minimum.

Legislation Passed (1974)

- a. Automobiles exempted from personal property taxes.
- b. The recent bumper requirement law was amended to exempt cars which were not so equipped from the factory.
- c. Exemptions for certain vehicles from requirements that they be registered as off-highway vehicles; e.g. all motorcycles built prior to 1943.
- d. All pre-1936 commercial vehicles are exempted from payment of weight fees.
- e. MAJOR LEGISLATION - Effective Jan. 1, 1975, institutes a one-time \$25 Historical license plate fee for cars more than 25 years old; freezes yearly license fees; protects the owner from additional county fees and exempts many older autos from smog device requirements, present and future.

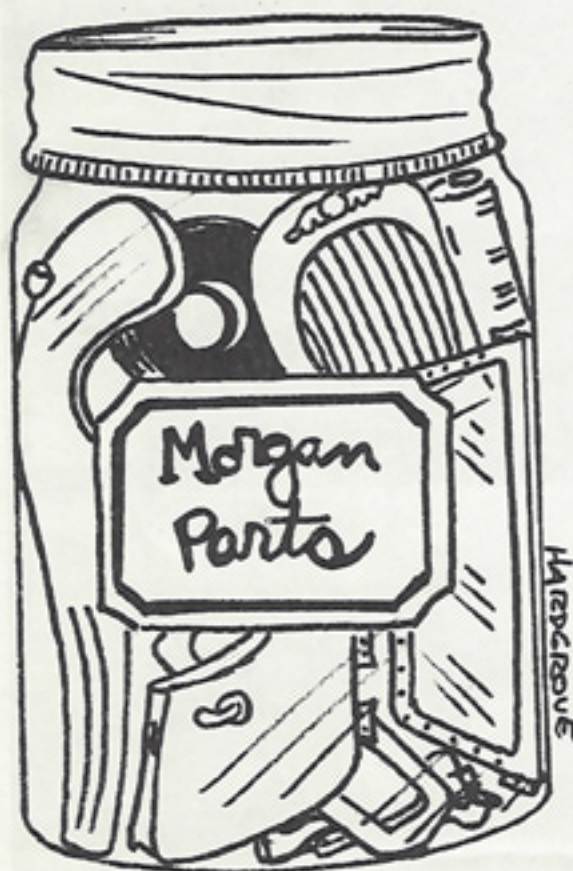
Pending Legislation being opposed/supported (1975)

- a. Confiscation of cars stored on private property; protection for "parts cars;" liberalization of regulations defining and dealing with "abandoned" vehicles; law requiring day and night use of headlights; possible exemption of auto collections from mandatory county vehicle inspections (six counties presently impose inspections!).

IT IS OBVIOUS that there are many ways in which well-meaning legislation may have the undesirable side-effect of imposing an intolerable burden on the relatively small number of antique/classic auto owners.

We are fortunate to have a group such as the A.C.C.C. working for us; and we do benefit from their efforts. Every Morgan club member should give this organization some thought - it is on the agenda for discussion at our upcoming business meeting.

Marce Blakemore





only in SAN FRANCISCO...

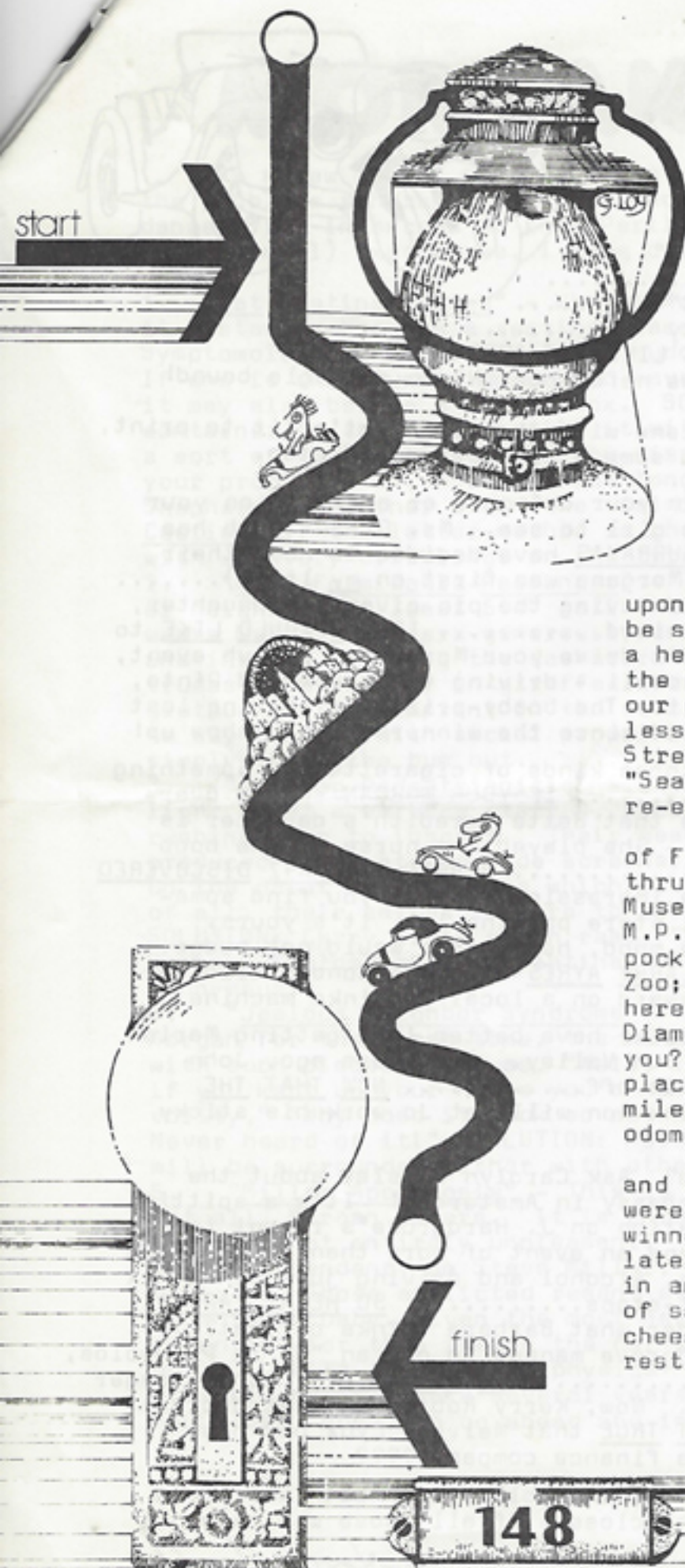
What is particularly newsworthy about a car club's touring San Francisco's famous 49-mile drive? Nothing, maybe.... But do you really think that the Morgan Club is going to use the same old famous 49-mile drive that everyone else uses? Of course not! Herein lies the tale....of the New famous 49-mile drive: Morgan style!

New and old faces alike completed the usual pre-tour social amenities at the funky/junky Victoria Station, whereupon the group embarked; some never to be seen again! Sue Kellerman developed a headache halfway up Potrero Hill and the Prevolos' followed them. Next, our malvernesque column traversed the less-than-straight portion of Lombard Street, only to emerge at half strength! "Search party deployed and communication re-established, Sir." I say, good show!

Thence to the Palace of the Legion of Fine Arts (too bad a Mog won't fit thru the turnstyle at the Erotic Art Museum); The Presidio (good thing the M.P.'s did not search certain parties' pockets); Seacliff; Ocean Beach; the Zoo; Golden Gate Park (lost two more here); Twin Peaks (a few here, also) Diamond Heights (Beaselys, where are you?) and, finally, Marion Smith's place. Whew! Was it a forty-nine mile drive? Who knows? No two Morgans' odometers agree.

Apres-tour, stories were swapped and the exotic "bring-ur-own" cheeses were compared: Les Natali being the winner of the "Big Cheese" award (he later confessed to an economic interest in an establishment engaged in the trade of said commodity). Where there is cheese, there is wine.....You know the rest.....

Melvyn Lynx



MOTOR MOUTH



MIGHTIER than the munificent "M".....
FASTER than a rolling "O".....
LOUDER than a roaring "R".....
GREASIER than a gritty "G".....
FIRST IN ITS CLASS LIKE THE ADORABLE "A"...
ABLE to leap the nefarious "N" in a single bound!

It's MOTOR MOUTH --- On the scene with the news that's fit to print,
and maybe some other good stuff, too.

IF YOU WANT to plant a daisy in your defogger or a azalea on your aerial, Allyson Hayward is the girl to see. Ms. Green Thumb has all the answers THE MURRAY'S have decided to name their beautiful daughter "Hayden." (Morgana was first on my list!)..... WORD IS OUT that Dave Bondon is having the pin given his daughter, Stacey, by John Hardgrove appraised..... IF YOU WOULD LIKE to know what happens when you don't drive your Morgan on a club event, ask the Kellermans and the Preovoli - driving their BMW and Pinto, respectively, on the last event. The booby-prize for getting lost on the first hill went unclaimed since the winners didn't show up!

WHY DOES Marj Naughton carry three kinds of cigarettes? Something to please everyone, maybe? IF YOUR MORGAN should over-heat "occasionally," just hope that Bette Meredith's daughter is on hand with her thermometer - She played the nurse on the boob tube's "Death Be Not Proud." DEBBIE SCHWARTZ DISCOVERED that some people are under the impression that if you find something you like in the Goodwill Store parking lot, it's yours. Apparently not in a charitable mood, her Morgan would not budge. Too bad, fellas..... LARRY AYRES and Dave Bondon tied for the "slow-thumb-of-the-year" award on a local Pachinko machine.

I HOPE that Goody and Steve Miller have better luck getting Marion Smith out of bed this year at Sun Valley. Two years ago, John Hardgrove wasn't able to pull it off..... NOW THAT THE CROWELL'S are back, do you think Don will let Jo work his sticky clutch ???

SPEAKING OF PIT-STOPs, were we? Ask Carolyn Beasley about the front steps of the American embassy in Amsterdam! It's a spittin' image of the Marina Texaco station on J. Hardgrove's recent tour. It'll be a while before he plans an event of more than ten minutes with no scheduled "rest" stops. Alcohol and driving just don't mix unless there are plenty of pit-stops..... SO HENRY ZAPPA'S in the meat market, heh? Wonder what Barbara thinks of that?..... NOT ONLY DOES JOHN Hardgrove manage to put an "H" in Preovolos, he's now calling Cathy, Judy..... AT LEAST CATHY is no longer the "baby" of the Morgan Club. Now, Kerry Robin has that dubious distinction..... IS IT TRUE that Melvern Lynx had his personality repossessed by the finance company ????

THAT'S IT until next month, gang, when ol' Motor Mouth will do a feature on the skeletons in the closets of all those who have not yet paid their dues!

Motor Mouth

MORGANALYSIS

As a new Morgan owner, I have quickly become acquainted with the problems inherent in possessing such a unique automobile; dangers far in excess of the "Perils of Pauline." Through brief (but painful) experience, I have discovered some solutions:

1. "Cat Resting Trauma" - When a Morgan is parked on any street, it instantly becomes a resting place for every feline in the area. Symptomology generally includes muddy footprints on the bonnet. If one is unfortunate enough to have left the side screen open, it may also become a litter box. SOLUTION: Place a Tupperware container on the bonnet, fill it with plump, well seasoned mice; a sort of tasty decoy. How you dispose of the decoyed cats is your problem. OR, purchase one long toothed variety German Shepherd and tether it in the vicinity of the vehicle. Caution: If the latter method is chosen, there may be a problem with unsavory dribblings on the tyres.
2. "Most Formidable Passenger" - This is usually a close friend or neighbor, at least 6'4" tall and well over 200 lbs. He always wears Waffle Stompers generously encrusted with mud and pebbles and insists in using the dashboard as a footrest. His head protrudes from the car in giraffe-like fashion and he leave a huge gluteus maximus imprint in the seat cushion. SOLUTION: It's time to say to hell with social propriety and neighborly relations and simply throw the bum out.
3. "Gawking Pedestrianitis" - Whenever the Mog stops for a traffic light or at a service station, hoardes of people immediately come rushing over to inspect. Their heads turn so rapidly that the wind produced pulls at the side screens; their breath leaves fog marks on the paint and moisture which could damage the finish. But, worst of all, their saliva is sure to corrode the chromium. SOLUTION: Carry signs which read, "Danger: Radioactive Waste;" "Danger: Explosives;" "Quarantined: Bubonic Plague" or "Lepers Anonymous."
4. "Jealous Neighbor Syndrome" - Immediately upon seeing your Morgan for the first time, the Jones' will race over and greet you with such pleasantries as, "Well, it must be nice to be rich, but if you kept up your house you'd never have the money for such frivolity," "Why does it look so out of date and squatty?" or, "Morgan? Never heard of it!" SOLUTION: Move into a neighborhood where you will be surrounded either with other Morgan owners or shut-ins.
5. "Miller Apotheosis" - This is a disease which infects most, if not all, Morgan owners. It is chronic, contagious and incurable, although not entirely unpleasant. The Mog owner acquires a debilitating dependency on Steve Miller; he, who alone can maintain the vehicle. Those afflicted resent every moment that Steve spends away from their baby. Even the most necessary bodily functions are resented, for this leaves the car without his care for several minutes daily. While there is no physical detriment to the individual, it will bloody well take several years off Mr. Miller's life. SOLUTION: None, so go ahead and indulge!

by Melanie Weintraub

RUST in your BODY

OR

HOW TO STAY SLEEK AND BEAUTIFUL
WITHOUT GOING TO PIECES

—by Steve Miller

Rust can be the most annoying problem to deal with when painting or just maintaining your Mog. Rust is like an oil slick on the ocean: unless it is contained and cleaned up, it will spread and start contaminating the parts around it. In this article I'll deal with the problem and its cures in general.

There are many ways to attack rust. The one thing to keep in mind is to effect the repair correctly so you don't have to do it over again next month or next year. It does no good to just sand down the affected area and slap on primer and paint because the rust will start coming up through the paint. The best method I've found is to sandblast the affected area. Sandblasting reaches into all the little holes and cracks, removing the rust and scale completely. When sandblasting, use only enough air pressure to do the job and you won't suffer any panel distortion.

When using chemical rust removers, I've found that it is impossible to neutralize the parts sufficiently to prevent subsequent chemical reaction. After a time, the paint will start bubbling and peeling. (Ask Matt Dillon about chemical rust removers!)

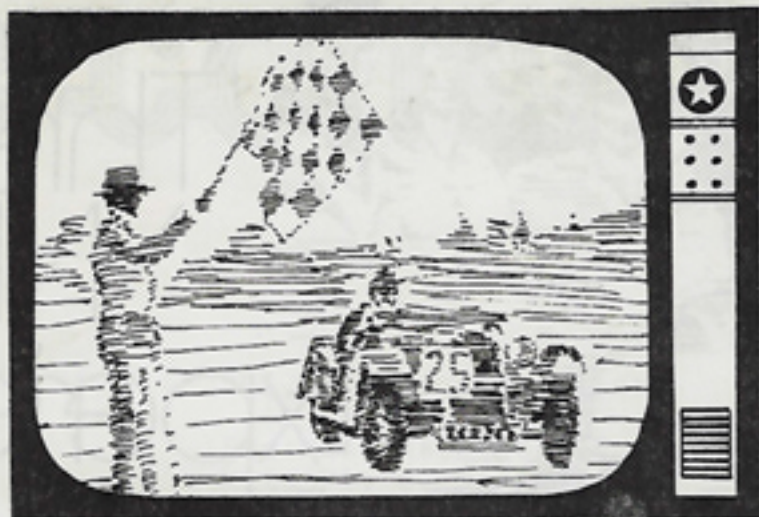
The panel is now free of all visible rust; which is the best method to repair it? If the rust has eaten holes in the panel, cut out a larger area and weld in a patch. Grind the weld and finish as you would any body repair. If you use a filler material of plastic or fibreglass, you will have cracks showing in a short time if the filler application is too thick. Moreover, the Morgan's panels flex a good deal and the filler will start pulling away from the metal. It is recommended that the filler be no more than a "skim" coat to fill small depressions; no more than 1/16" thick. A far better method is to fill the weld and depressions with lead, filing smooth to finish.

In my next article, I'll try to deal with the areas on the Mog that are chronic rust problems and with some ideas on how to deal with them.



QUESTION - More on plastic wood restorers...Several readers have written to us asking about products designed to soak into rotted wood, then hardening, resulting in a restored wood which had to be drilled and screws driven into it, thus making it unnecessary to resplace rotted wood in car bodies. We found that such a product had been placed on the market, mostly for marine use..... We contacted all major marine supply houses in Memphis, asking if they knew of a similar product The answer we got is that all reputable boat repair men have stopped using such products because they really will not do a satisfactory job of restoring wood that is soft or crumbling from rot. The biggest problem is that the liquid does not penetrate deeply enough into the wood to make a repair with sufficient strength.....

((Excerpted from: Cars & Parts; Jan. '75))



TV GUIDE

SUNDAY

8:00 **4** MOVIE—Comedy

"Do Not Disturb." Romantic farce about an American couple living near London. Comedic misadventures arise when the wife (Doris Day) resents her husband's (Rod Taylor) business schedule and imagines he is playing around with his secretary. Ms. Day also finds time to endanger the health of a very pretty Plus-Four drophead coupe'. (2 hrs.) ★★

8:30 **2** **3** COLUMBO—Crime Drama

Fate finds Columbo (Peter Falk) probing a London murder involving English show-biz folk. Baddies (Honor Blackman and Richard Basehart) muck about in a two-tone Plus-Four roadster. Basehart has evidently not mastered the art of closing sagging Mog doors. (60 min)

5 MOVIE—Comedy

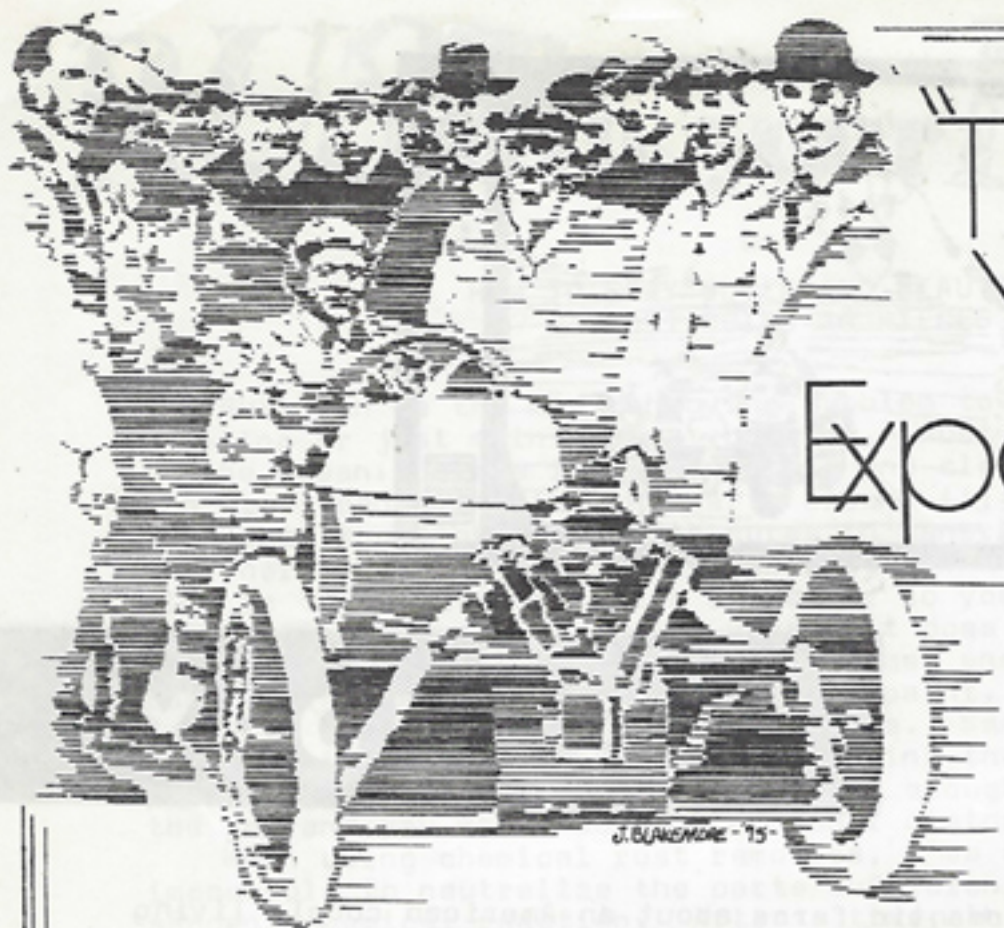
"Bikini Beach Party." Ridiculous mid-sixties teen exploitation flick; memorable only for a scene in which a scantily clad beach bunny makes her "getaway" standing in the back of a Plus-Four four seater. Tommy Kirk, Deborah Walley. ★

7 MOVIE—Comedy

"The Party." Zany comedy hit about the havoc wreaked upon the western world by a pseudo Indian guru (Peter Sellers). Sellers does have the good taste to transport the misunderstood heroine (Claudine Longet) in his F-Super (?) Three-wheeler; probably in violation of the Mann Act. (2 hrs.) ★★★

9:00 **2** **3** COMMERCIAL

Recent Burger King commercial in which one may witness a Morgan parked in front of the joint. Just goes to show that not all Morgan owners have good taste.



"Three Wheeler Experience"

by
Larry Ayers

THE SPORTS TWO SEATER MORGAN

"The only passenger three-wheeler to stand the test of time and remain unchallenged on the British market." That is one irrefutable fact which speaks more for the marque than all the rest combined. To the uninitiated, it may come as rather a surprise to find such enthusiasm for a vehicle which was neither automobile nor motorcycle. To those who have sampled Morgans, the answer to the mystery is readily apparent; the Mogs had a charm and individuality normally found only in far more costly cars.

The Sports Two Seater Morgan was, in this instance, a 1937 model fitted with a Matchless air-cooled vee-twin engine of 990cc. capacity. It was designed to supply good all round performance for two, combined with luggage stowage and open car comfort. These requirements were unquestionably fulfilled.

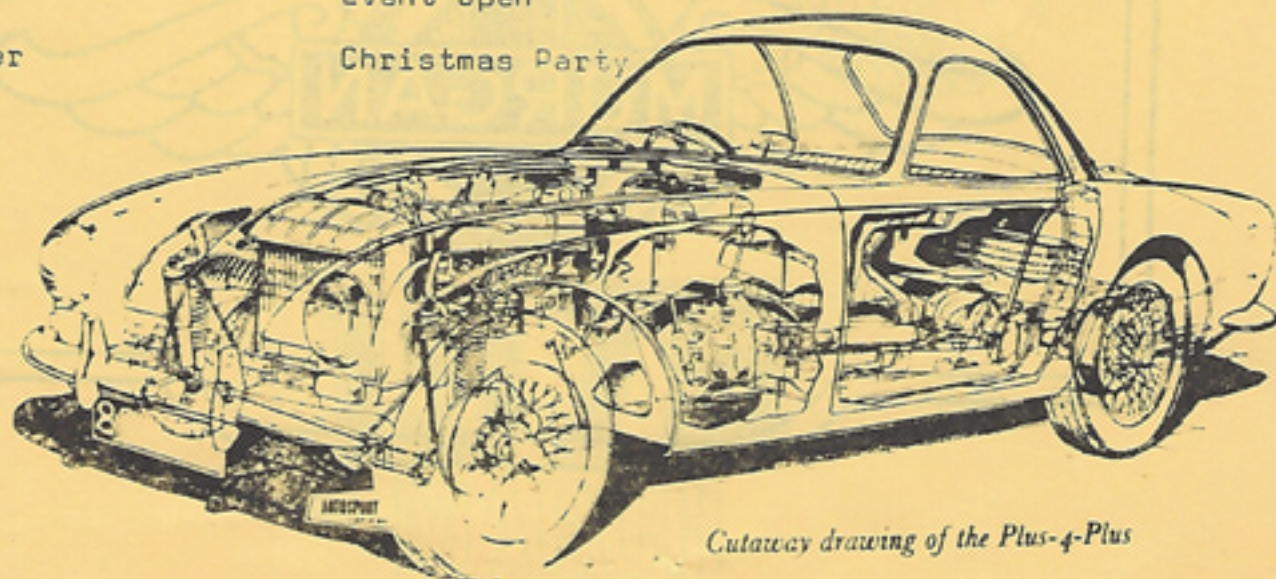
Certainly, the most noticeable feature of the engine was its top-gear flexibility. Its maximum speed was comfortably over the seventy mark, but it was at the bottom end of the speed range that the big twin best exhibited its virtues of flexibility and power. From 14 mph upward, one could accelerate smoothly to 60 mph and one could cruise at 55 to 60 mph as long as road conditions permitted. Above 60 mph vibration, which could be felt in the steering and bodywork, was noticeable.

There was always a satisfying "urgency" apparent when the throttle was opened. There was never any acceleration "lag"; it had a fine and hearty feel which would have cost a lot of money to obtain in a four wheeler.

As a whole, the sports two-seater was a very fascinating vehicle and a fine all round machine. Need I mention how much fun they were (and are) to drive?

Up & coming '75

Feb....	15-17	Ski Trip by the Millers
March..	5 23	Business Meeting-- Edinburgh Castle Kite Fly by Dick Tuttle
April..	2 7 26&27	Dinner Meeting--Rusty Scupper, Oakland Board Meeting Monterey by Harry Robinson and The Williams'
May....	7 11 24-26	Business Meeting--Edinburgh Castle Friendship Day---Stanford Blakemore's Mother Lode Tour
June....	4 29	Dinner Meeting Preovolos' Surprise
July....	2	Business Meeting --Edinburgh Castle Event Open
August..	5	Dinner Meeting Manuel's Madness Open Event
September	3 6	Business Meeting--Edinburgh Castle Board Meeting Gimmick Rallye, Dinner, Square Dancing--Bondons
October..	1	Dinner Meeting Event Open
November..	5	Business Meeting--Edinburgh Castle Event Open
December		Christmas Party



Cutaway drawing of the Plus-4-Plus