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The Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern California (MSCCNC) exists to support and further the appreciation of Morgan motoring and the related activities of its members and friends. Our common interests start with enthusiastic support of the Morgan sports car experience and extend to the friendship and camaraderie amongst all like-minded persons.

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- 1) event; 2) date of the event;
- 3) names of all persons appearing in photos;
- 4) name of publication (in the case of a reprint);
- 5) names of authors and photographers.

The DEADLINES for receiving ads, photos and articles

September 25 (for October)

December 5 (for December issue)

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Errata

June/July issue, Spring Mog article:

Apologies to Michael Gerdts for misspelling his name and forgetting to attribute the photo collages as his work.

The Morgazette Online

<http://morgancars.us/msccnc.html>

MCCNC Calendar of Events • 2007

(*Club sponsored event)

AUGUST 2007

*Friday, August 17 - Morgans on the Lawn

At the Steck's in Carmel Valley
BYOB - bring something to barbeque

August 16-19 (Thurs.-Sun.) Monterey Historic Car Weekend

SEPTEMBER 2007

Sunday 9th All British Car day,
Palo Alto, CA.

OCTOBER. 2007

UPDATED

*THUR-SUN Oct. 4-7th, Flog Mog State of Jefferson Tour

John Burks/Dave Sneary. *See page 5 for details.*

*SAT-SUN, Oct. 19-20, October fest.

Dave/Audrey Haines. Flyer soon.

NOVEMBER 2007

*Saturday, Nov. 3 - Turkey Trot

Bob Schmidt, Organizer
More to follow.

DECEMBER 2007

Saturday, Dec. 1 - Plus 4 Club Christmas Dinner
(Southern Club) Beverly Hills. CA

*SATURDAY, Dec. 8 - Morgan Club Christmas Party

Kathy Tollworthy. More to follow

*WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26 - Boxing Day Run - Wendell Bain

*SATURDAY, Dec. 29 - Boxing Day Run - Jerry Gurley

2008 • HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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www.racingarchives.org. or Richard Powers @ [mgahmogen.@rpa.net](mailto:mgahmogen@rpa.net).

Additional possible events:

Elaine Fisher Morgan Noggins,
Infineon Track tour, Wendell Bain. CSRG.

Want to host and event?

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A Message From Our President

Mog West 25 was a very special event in Morro Bay celebrating the Silver Anniversary of this event and also another chance to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern California. We toasted both! If you missed Mog West, you can catch the highlights in this issue of The Morgazette.

Another milestone, nay record, was set at the Saturday Concours during Mog West when eleven trikes made an appearance setting a new attendance record for North America. Yeah! A huge thank to you to all the people who really worked hard to make this year's Mog West a most special event. Let's all do it again in 2008. I do have anniversary posters left from Mog West at \$3.00 each through the club's regalia.

If you would like one, I'll have them at future club gatherings until they're gone. I also have some extra programs to give away at no charge. Reserve either or both through me if you wish.

In new news, the club is going to celebrate Oktoberfest during the dates of October 19-21 hosted by Audrey and David Haines at their new residence in Loomis, CA. Please reserve those calendar dates for what promises to be a really fun weekend.

I hope your Morgan problems are minor ones and that we'll all get together soon at a club function for more fun and games. That next opportunity might be at "Morgans On The Floodplain" hosted by Loren, Annette, and Jonathan Steck in Carmel on August 17 during The Historic Auto Race weekend.

Cheers, Larry.



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'05 AERO 8 Silver Shark Metallic/Red leather/ Black mohair top, black powdercoated alloy wheels, stainless side exhaust, LeMans mesh brake cooling inlets in front valence, Becker stereo, every Factory update.

'05 AERO 8 Series II Remapped software and 370 HP, all smog legal, of course! BRG Metallic exterior including a stunning Factory hardtop. Liquid Amber Ostrich leather (not embossed leather) pleated seat inserts and pleated door panels. Factory side exhaust...

'02 +8 BMW Imola Red/Black Leather w/red piping, 3.8k miles, luggage rack, stainless wire wheels, stereo CD, as new!

'01 +8 BRG/Biscuit leather, tan top and weather equipment. Optional: full header exhaust, wire wheels, double eared knock offs, square badge bar, Lucas fog lamps, luggage rack, stereo CD, elasticated leather door map pockets, all stainless steel exterior fittings; 8k miles, fresh service

'98 +8 BRG/Black leather Sport Seats, ultra rare Centre Lock Alloy wheels

'71 +8 Famed automotive sculptor, J. Paul Nespe - Best in Class winner, 4.4 litre alum, V8, 225hp, 301 foot pounds of torque, coil over shocks, adjustable ride height, custom wheels, powder coated chassis, custom flat radiator Plus 8 design. Green leather, 4 spoked with hand made wood perimeter steering wheel cast and signed by Wind Wings. Stunning!

'66 +4 Four Passenger Roadster Red body/ black wings/red leather interior; top is black w/ red piping; new chrome wire wheels. So. Calif. Owned since late '80's; beautifully maintained, very honest, very straight, great running LHD four seater; extremely nice.

'65 +4 #21 of 26 ever built. One of 16 LHD examples! London motor show car in 1964. The interior is complete and original, a very honest car with only one registered Californian owner.

'64 +4 Pastel Grey/Black wings, Black leather, 2 owner car (2 brothers) from new, S. California car always garage kept! Wire wheels, luggage rack, badge bar, Brooklands Bluemel steering wheel, 77k orig. miles, 1k miles since full service, 3k miles in 26 years.

'64 +4 Raspberry with Brown Leather, All alloy low profile SS body, 167 dyno'd HP, turns 1.54 at Laguna Seca and 2.02 at Sears Point. Recent vintage race victories, highest standards // SALE PENDING

'63 +4 Four Seater Battleship grey/black wings, all new medium grey leather interior, new stainless steel wire wheels, 16k original miles! >\$10k just spent with a Factory Authorized Morgan dealer including rear Koni telescopic shock conversion, major tune, new tank, gauges repaired, rebuilt front end...

'59 +4 ROADSTER Red, red leather Super Sport bucket seats, new 72 spoke chrome wire wheels; fresh "hotrod" rebuilt engine w/performance cam, pistons, etc., MotoLita steering wheel; fog lamps; Almost zero miles on full restoration, very fast example!

'58 +4 BRG/Black, correct disc wheel with chrome trim embellishers, badge bar with Club badges, bonnet strap New: soft top, water pump, radiator, front end rebuild, generator, tires, tachometer, LHD, S. Cal. car, very clean.

OTHER MARQUES

'85 MERCEDES 380SL

'73 JAGUAR XKE V12 Roadster

'65 MGB GT

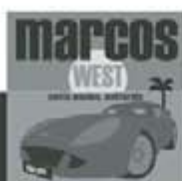
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Club Member News

Bob & Chris Panero in Luxembourg



From: leurs george <leursg@yahoo.com>

Date: July 16, 2007 4:03:05 AM PDT

To: NBC_club@yahoogroups.com

Subject: [NBC] Bob Panero In Luxembourg (greetings to Gordon Craig)

Reply-To: NBC_club@yahoogroups.com

Yesterday we had our traditional Cheese and Wine tour in Luxembourg. Lunch was in the heart of Luxembourg city.

Suddenly we have been approached by an american couple. It was Bob [and Chris] Panero who was astonished to be confronted to 13 Morgans in Luxembourg. He asked me to tell Gordon Craig his best greetings. Today they are off (without Morgan) to South of France. If I had known in advance we would have taken Bob and his wife with us on the tour in the morning.

Little world.....

Georges

Tom Morgan goes "Snow Racing"!

In May, Spring is in full, and so is vintage racing. Mog Tom Morgan (yep, our cars are named after him, in case you wondered.) went to Reno for the HMSA Historics. He arrived at the track Thursday night towing the 4/4 racer, and awoke the next morning to a good dusting of snow! It all melted away by mid-morning, the engines roared in what is laughingly called the "Small Bore Production Class", that is, Corvettes and Lister V-8 Specials, Lister Jags, XK 140s, 356 Porsches, and our intrepid 4/4. Tom started at the back of the pack, fought his way to the middle, broke a crankshaft in the next to last lap, and coasted to the finish with the oil temp needle stuck on 160 deg. centigrade! That melted the snow for sure! Well done, Tom, for staying the course with all those "small bores"!



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for details.

SADDLE UP!!

Kathy & George Tollworthy Survive the Pub Crawl in Nova Scotia

While most of us were basking in the fog of Morro Bay, George and Kathy were a continent away for the Pub Crawl. They will tell us more next issue, but the journey was very eventful, and Kathy said, "The middle part of this country tests your mettle and your seat, and renewed my faith in people."

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Mog West 25 -- The Three Wheeler Perspective



The stalwart trike owners were: Ron Anzalone, '49 F-Super; Larry Ayers, '32 JAP Aero; John Benton, '49 F4; Dee Dostaler, '34 JAP Sports 2 seater; Jerry Gurley, '35 MX4 SS; Michael Hattem, '46 F-Super; Jim Taylor, '33 MX4 SS beetle back; Dick Tuttle, '34 JAP SS; Bart Weaver, '34 JAP SS barrel back; John Willburn, '36 MX Family; and Robin Yarrow, '34 MX4 SS beetle back.

By Larry Ayers and Donna Dell'Ario

Over the weekend of 13-15 July 2007, the 25th celebration of Mog West took place in Morro Bay at the exact location of the inaugural event back in 1983, the Inn At Morro Bay. Back then it was called the Golden Tee Resort Lodge, since it was located directly across from the golf course.

This superb event began with registration and a dart tournament on Friday afternoon to kick off the weekend. Bill and Teresa Wilson checked everyone in and Larry Ayers and Donna Dell'Ario conducted the dart tourney with 81 participants.

A Saturday morning Concours in Morro Bay at City Park featured 76 Morgans including 11 three wheelers. That 11 trike total set a new record for trike attendance at events in North America! All are now in the Morgan trike history book of legends! The trikes of Ayers, Taylor, and Tuttle placed first through third at the Concours in the trike class.

Plus another rare sight -- there were two +4+ models on display! Beautiful cars and great Morgan enthusiasts entertained themselves and the townspeople from 8-11 AM with Gerry Willburn, Michael Hattem and Company arranging and judging the classes.

A Saturday afternoon rallye began around 1 o'clock from the Inn's parking lot and took cars over 68 miles of scenic roads from coastal plains to canyon vineyards. Hosted by trike owner, John Willburn, this event featured a caravan of trikes leaving together and holding their own for most of the journey with some electrical and carburetor issues for several entries. However, trike owners are hardy individuals, and reached home one way

or another. First and second places in the rallye trike class were taken by Ayers and Yarrow. Following the rallye, Yarrow drove the only trike attending a Morgan group photo session staged at Morro Rock. Others skipped that event, perhaps preparing for the traditional John and Evelyn Willburn Ranch BBQ that was attended by 122 Morgan folk.

On Sunday, a Funkhana was held on the Cuesta College Campus, just down the road from Morro Bay. It featured a six-part contest winding through a pylon course aptly staged by Bob Schmidt and Gordon Craig. They were assisted by a host of volunteers, including trike owner, Bart Weaver, who collected cones and bases with his small pickup and made several trips each direction from the Campus to the pylon rental facility in San Luis Obispo. Thank you, Bart, and all the other volunteers who made



Frank, from Denmark, dreams of trikes

this event so successful with around 24 entries, including the trikes of Yarrow and Ayers who placed 3rd and 5th in the field. The trike of Jim Taylor earned a DQ for going off course while others were non-entries.

The Sunday evening dinner and awards banquet in the Morro Bay Room was a very pleasant affair with attendance by the Mayor of Morro Bay, Janice Peters, and 124 other participants and guests. Evelyn Willburn and Bob Schmidt were instrumental in creating the Mog West event in 1983, and Evelyn MC'd the evening with superb style. Several Morgan clubs were represented including the attendance of foreign members from France and Denmark. However, the majority of Morgan club members were from the Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern CA and the Morgan Plus 4 Club of Southern CA who have CO-hosted this event each year since 1983.

There were two very nice commemorative publications that should be collector's items in the ensuing years -- a poster designed by Donna Dell'Ario and the Mog West program designed by Wendell Bain, each featuring trike photos from 1983. The



Dee Dostaler gets tips from Dick Tuttle on starting and running his fairly newly acquired trike. Morgan members, Mel and Lorraine Cohen, and others look on.

contribution of raffle prizes and the efforts of so many individuals working behind the scenes to pull off this great annual event is very much appreciated.

The individual event trophies were produced with Morgan metal trike sculptures 9-1/2" in length mounted on a 12" wooden base with the appropriate inscription on a brass plaque. These unique and coveted awards were arranged through the creativity of Morgan car dealer and longtime club member, Dennis Glavis, who also owns a Morgan trike.

The evening came to a close around 11 o'clock with good wishes for safe and healthy Morganing until the next Mog West. Please attend if you were absent this time as this event is always very special as an annual gathering for renewing friendships and sharing our love for that fabulous hand-built sports car, the Morgan.



Beautiful +4+ models shown by Glavis and Willburn
The Best of Show was the +4+ on the left, restored by Pierre Brun.

Chris Broadwell, Ellen Jo Baron, and Donna Dell'Ario in foreground. Masses of appreciative fans stroll among the MOGs and delight in the great weather.



A MOG FROM PARIS.....

An Interview with Douglas Hallawell

By Gordon Craig

Douglas Hallawell came across the Pond and the Big US Waddy to attend MogWest 25. In 1983, the same year as the first MogWest, he organized a then 25th Anniversary Run to Malvern for the Morgan Club de France. This is now a national organization, with something like 98 locals and thousands of members. Back in '83, he mustered some 25 Morgans for a 3 day jaunt across the Channel to the Works, Uncle Melvynn and other Mog points of interest. They brought the best champagne (what else?) and stuffed Peter Morgan's icebox to the full. From this event, he developed lifelong friendships with PM and Charles. Since then, he has had a partnership in a Morgan restoration business and participated in numerous European and North American Morgan events, rallies, concours, etc, such as the Le Mans Classics and Mog 37. He is retired from a career at Air France (including crew aboard the Concorde for over a decade) and he has flown worldwide to every venue of Mogdom, whether it be a run, or club meeting

in Australia, Europe or North America, he has been there. He has visited many an individual Mog and hosted them in return at his home in Paris. He has three Morgans, two SS high and low bodies, and a 4/4, garaged in various places around Paris. And He drives all of them frequently all over. Lately, he has founded and moderates an internet discussion group with many worldwide members. He is the quintessential Mogman, and his vast experience with the cars and numerous owners, restoration builders, mechanics and the Works employees and management uniquely qualifies him as an asset to any Morgan function.

He was invited to MogWest 25 by Gerry Willburn, concours chair, to judge the "H" group cars, the Limited Production Class. He has been a member of the Morgan +4 Club since 1985. He judged with Doug Tabor and Cuni, surveying a group that included 2 +4+ coupes, and four high and low body Super Sports. One of the +4+ eventually became the "Best of Show" car. Douglas says, "This car was so well restored and perfect, that it got to a stage 'Is there any fault at all with this car?'.... Pierre Brun, the restorer, asked us too. We knew of one basic problem: the fibreglas bonnets rubbed on the wings as from the Works, causing a long term blemish. Pierre used rubber stops and still got some minor rubbing. There was also some very faint paint bubbling on the top of the dash, some over polishing of the

boot hinges such that the underlying brass shown through. All these are very minor problems, though, and we ignored them. We had an older +4+ restoration parked next door for comparison which clearly showed the imperfections caused by factory design and manufacture carried on into driving use over the years, road vibration, etc."

"Also, I knew the windscreen fitting was always problematical with the +4+, all 26 of them. It is very difficult to get right, hence the paint bubbling on the dash, almost a built in feature of the car. By comparison the traditional cars are child's play." Another car in his judging bracket that delighted him: "A '62 SS I saw was completely original, quite apparent as a driver, lots of patina, well cared for---" How is the US concours scene compared to Europe? Douglas says, " There are more restored cars here because there are a greater number of older cars here than in Europe, thus a more extensive level of restoration, preservation

and driveability. Europe is way behind in engine mods like small starters, alternators, pertronix ignitions and spin on filters, all of which enhance long term driveability. These are just starting to come on in Europe and factor in the concours judging. The judging criteria here seems to emphasize continuing mechanical life and appearance. This



Douglas and judges with eventual "Best of Show" +4+

general emphasis is clear and thoroughly reasonable from the start when you judge here. It is not a fault that the car is not completely original, as continuing roadworthiness and driveability is a serious value to consider. In fact, it was fun to see all the old cars with varying degrees of old patina and use of contemporary mechanical modifications. Overall, the atmosphere was quite relaxed yet informative by the owners as to fit and finish detail, original buildsheets were forthcoming, variations were discussed thoroughly, so the judges had a fair and complete understanding of each individual car."

Outside of the Limited Production Class, Douglas didn't have a lot of time to look at every car, but of what he saw he liked "...the SS four seater brought by Dennis Glavis; Bob Murray's '71+8, completely original, unmolested with a gearbox change; Greg Solow's racecar. I didn't get a chance to see everything, of course, but these cars caught my attention." He was thrilled to meet and talk with Lee Spenser, who at one time owned his 1961 SS, "...bought it in 1975 in San Francisco, only drove it 500 miles, sold it on, but distinctly remembered it, loved driving it."

Douglas came away from the concours quite impressed: "For some 80 cars, 11 trikes, unheard of numbers, loved the whole event, record breaking."

Thanks, Douglas, come back anytime, and soon.

Montage



+8 Prepared Class

- 1st • Jeff Robinson
- 2nd • Ed & Crystal Abramson
- 3rd • Mary Ann & Chris Dutra

Drophead Class

- 1st • Sheila & Bill Alexander
- 2nd • Joanne & Al Gebhardt
- 3rd • Doug & Joyce Hamilton

Darts

- 1st Lads • Geoff Dolan
- 2nd Lads • Greg Solow
- 1st Lassies • Linda Cannon
- 2nd Lassies • Kathy Garner

Concours

Best of Show

- Pierre Brun & Dennis Glavis
- Premier Class
- 1st • Larry & Wendy Guzman
- 2nd • Jim & Karen Foley
- 3rd • Roy & Joan Gufstavson

Restored Class

- 1st • Wendy & Cal Woolsey
- 2nd • Nancy & Bob Ullerich
- 3rd • Wendell Bain

+4 Drivers Class

- 1st • Beck & Sharon Haywood
- 2nd • Robin & Jeff Gardiner
- 3rd • Lois & Dick Love

4/4 & +8 Drivers Class

- 1st • Fred & Carolyn Klein
- 2nd • Bob Schmidt
- 3rd • Michael Gerab



Termite Motel

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Gerry Willburn

1e MogWest

4-Seater Roadster Class

- 1st • Kate & Geoff Dolan
- 2nd • Dennis & Pamela Glavis
- 3rd • Linda Cannon



3-Wheeler Class

- 1st • Larry Ayers & Donna D.
- 2nd • Jim Taylor & Ellen Jo B.
- 3rd • Dick Tuttle



Limited Production Class

- 1st • Evelyn & John Willburn
- 2nd • Dennis Ashley
- 3rd • Phil & Andy Eisenberg

V6 & Aero Class

- 1st • Gary & Milly Sartor
- 2nd • Dennis & Carolyn Luchay
- 3rd • Ron & Kathy Garner

Funkhana

- 1st • Ted & Sandy Robinson
- 2nd • Dennis & Pamela Glavis
- 3rd • Robin & William Yarrow
- 4th • Ali Dolan & Corwin
- 5th • Larry Ayers & Donna
- Fastest (but DNQ) Scott Stone & Robin G.

Rallye

3-Wheel Morgans

- 1st • Larry Ayers & Donna D.
- 2nd • Robin & William Yarrow

4-Wheel Morgans

- 1st • Bob & Nancy Ullerich
- 2nd • Tim Waller & Alice G.
- 3rd • Joel Gayner & Thomas
- 4th • Pierre Brun & Tony M.
- 5th • Dennis & Pamela Glavis

Non-Morgan

Gary & Deanna Balzer

Wiping Up the Rear

Jeff Robin & Doug Hallawell



Farthest in a Morgan

Ed (?) from Oregon

Perpetual Trophy

Tim Waller & Alice Gentry



In Defense of the Termite Motel

Having been honored with the Termite Motel award at the 25th MogWest this July, I am compelled to respond:

- While Dennis Glavis correctly observed that my Morgan, a 1959 Plus 4 Roadster, has received this award before, it has not won every time, indicating that it is not the most tattered Morgan in California, but perhaps the most persistent.
- Had the car that appeared across the street from the park been registered for the event, there would have been no contest. Derek Willburn was seen drawing a chalk outline around the thing and applying sticky notes to the body that said, "Insert Sawz-All here."
- My wife bought our Morgan, sometimes known as "my first child," as a surprise for our 6th wedding anniversary. She started out not knowing a Morgan from, say, a Rambler, and ended up negotiating the price because, "it needs kingpins and bushings." When I finally realized what she had done, I could only say, "You're so irresponsible!" The Morgan and we have survived 22 glorious years since. The woman is a goddess. The car is family.
- The car has won more than its fair share of hardware in various rallyes, including a First Place in the Arizona Governor's Cup. While it did not score this year at MogWest, it did pass the Cobra and the Aero 8.
- I got a speeding ticket in it once, going to a club meeting at Me'n'Ed's Pizza.
- The car gets 22 miles to a gallon of petrol, and can go almost that far on a quart of oil.
- It hasn't been on a trailer in over 20 years.
- Leaving MogWest on Monday morning, it started more quickly than the trophy-winner parked next to it.
- The fact that the doors have not actually fallen off inspires physicists to research anti-gravity theories.
- The telltale cracks on the wings, the patina of road rash, and the slaunch of the front end are all the evidence of many, many fine adventures, such as:
 - Coast Highway runs with my wife or one of my three children on board.
 - Several trips to the Grand Canyon.
 - Yuppie-camping with Anne, when she was pregnant with our daughter – sleeping on the ground, touring in the Morgan, eating in restaurants.
 - 22, more or less, of the 23 MogWest events since we got the car.
- One of its most notable scars was earned just before I became aware of the car, when my wife and father-in-law were secretly bringing it home and a tire shredded, taking part of the rear fender with it. Anne's dad passed away just last October.
- My children all know how to push-start a car.

Many of these precious memories and singular features could be lost under a coat of fresh paint, to what end? This is no decrepit hag, but rather an eccentric old broad, every laugh-line well-earned and treasured. I might have preferred an award in the Rallye or Funkhana, but the trophies this year were simply spectacular, and I'm glad to have one, and my memories, at any cost. See you next year!

P.S. On the way home, the glovebox fell off in Anne's lap.

Funkana, Funkhana, Fun...

Reported by Gordon Craig,
Funkhana co-organizer.

I just went online to search world wide web database to find a definition for this word. The WWW answered back, "No known word, try funk, funky, etc." Ah well, no matter.

Bob Schmidt (my partner in this venture) and I already know the answer. It is "Make It Up As You Go Along." And this is how the Funkana Event for MogWest 25 came to be.

Beginning in February and over several meetings, we made diagrams of a theoretical course, we estimated quantities of traffic cones, we conceived and planned the various "gag" stations and even engaged in reconnaissance to Cuesta College (San Luis Obispo) on a day trip back in March. We scavenged the robo-hands and the buckets and the babes and the boxing gloves and the blindfolds and all the other bits and pieces in a one day wonder shopping spree, sufficient to equip 6 stations and supply the many volunteers with water, shade, and gear to work the stations. We guesstimated a good fast time for the course with all this stuff would be 7 minutes. Hah! Were We Wrong! Only one of our competitors took that time, the other 27 were bunched between 5 ½ down to the 3 ½ minute bracket, and the Top Six finishers were all within 25 seconds of each other. The fleet included 2 +4s, a 4/4, a +8, and 2 Trikes. Even a Aero 8 competed. Pretty quick and competitive for a "slow speed" course, don't you know?

Among the hurdles the drivers and navigators had to overcome were: 1) start-blind driving. 2) the ring drive 3) The Betty



Blindly, the Termite Motel launches!

Boop song and dance 4) babes in buckets 5) Park-on-board, and finally 6) driving a chicayne with boxing gloves for the flourish. All the drivers/navs were assembled for a walkthrough of the course, which proved just as confusing and confounding as driving the thing. Then the fun began, run-over cones, displaced course markers, tossed about rings, babes on asphalt instead of buckets, etc., all the Order of the Day. We even had a soundtrack---the continous, continuous melody of the "Hokey Pokey" played on and on, wafted by the wind over the track. This version of "Mor-



"You put the left foot..."
"What? Where? HUH?"
Maggi, Marj and Wendell pokey.



Dennis
preps Phil
and Elaine



Funkana, Funkhana, Fun... continued

gan Idol" was performed by Maggi Craig (Betty Boop) and Marge Scooros on ukelele. The drivers had to get out of their cars and dance and sing along with our duo, then do it by themselves. They were NOT rated on performance points, just doing it was enough—please!

The chicayne with boxing gloves proved extremely challenging to all drivers, a real show, er, stopper. Many a hot time was elongated into way, way overtime as they backed up, turned, turned again, stalled, started and humped along to stay within the confines of the cones.

Many wonderful volunteers came forward to help with the set up of the course, officiating the stages and clean up and delivery of items afterwords. Above and beyond were Bart Weaver, for the small Pick Up and delivery two times each way to San Luis Opisbo in the early morning and late afternoon. There were 100 of these things, bases and cones assembly required. Then the track layout and pick up crew: Wendell Bain, Bob Murray, Chris Broadwell, Jim Taylor. Retired track coach Steve Ponsi for timekeeper duties par excellence. Larry Ayers and Donna Dell'Ario for the ring toss, Thorley Murray and Ellen Jo Baron for their hawk eyes on the boxing glove finish. Marge Scooros and Maggi Craig for the "Hokey Pokey" performed at least 30 times—trust me, they are so ready for "Name that Tune!" Did I mention the fog burned off and it was hot? Did I mention it was nuts? Did I mention it was great fun had by all? You Bet!



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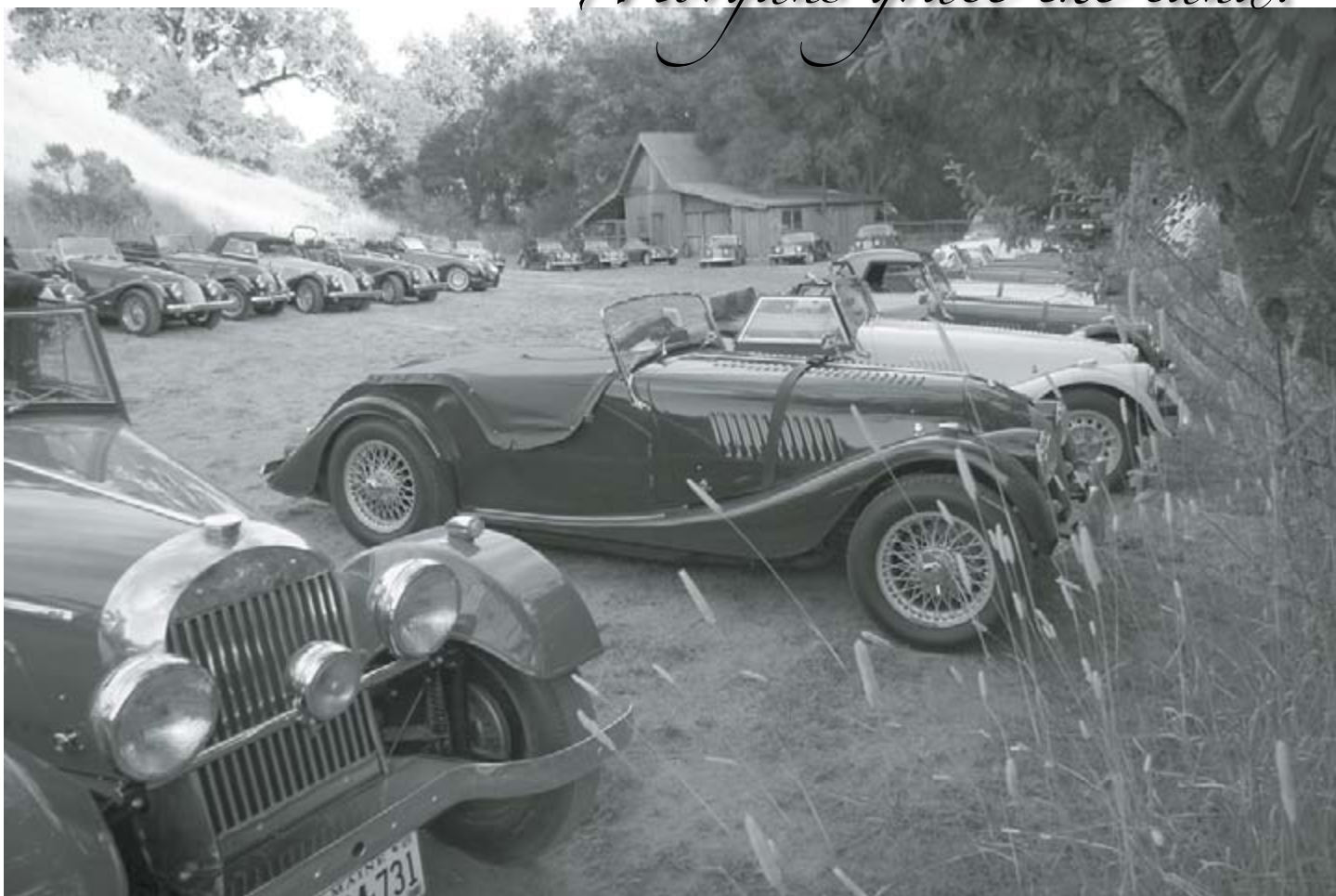


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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S ... A CAR SHOW?



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JOE JOHNSON

On Tuesday, Morro Bay firefighter Brandon Kato helps prepare the old fire station for Saturday's training exercise, in which it will be burned down. The fire will mark the start of construction of a new station at the same location.

Club won't be smoked out

A reunion of car owners in Morro Bay will go on, possibly through a shroud of haze billowing from a planned burn of a fire station across the street

By SONA PATEL
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Morro Bay firefighters are preparing to burn down their station on Saturday even as a classic car show is slated to be held right across the street and which is expected to draw hundreds of visitors from as far away as France.

Morgan car owners from Los Angeles to San Francisco and around the world will roll into Morro Bay Park on Harbor Street this weekend as part of a three-day event celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first

such show.

But car-show attendees won't find the Morro Bay cityscape as it was the last time they were here. For one thing, they'll watch a plume of smoke and fire engines across the street as the Morro Bay Fire Department burns its own station during a training exercise.

Even so, a car show organizer doesn't think the training fire will adversely harm the reunion.

Fire Chief Mike Pond said he found out about the car show Monday and that it wouldn't interfere with



the daylong training.

"You won't see much more of what comes out of a chimney," he said, referring to a portion of the station that will be burned before noon. Heavy fire isn't expected to start until after the nearly 70 classic cars leave the park and return to the

Inn at Morro Bay.

It is unclear how the two events were scheduled for the same day. Car show organizers said they planned their event a year ago, and Morro Bay fire officials organized the training event within the last month.

The car club is an international organization made up of Morgan owners and enthusiasts who celebrate the classic cars worth about \$60,000 to well over \$100,000, according to club member Bill Wilson.

Bob Schmidt, 85, of Fremont and a coordinator of the so-called 2007 Mogwest, said he didn't know about the plan to burn the station

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until a city official contacted him Monday and asked when the car show was supposed to end.

Many organizers of the car event said they, too, were unaware of the training fire, and wondered why the department had to schedule the fire for this weekend.

Schmidt said he was slightly disappointed with the scheduling and that some members were concerned about being close to the station during the burn. Still, he said, the club was trying to duplicate its experience in Morro Bay 25 years ago.

Andrea Lueker, director of the city's Parks and Recreation Department, said the car club got its permit in March



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MORGAN PLUS FOUR CLUB

About 150 Morgan vehicles came to Morro Bay in 1982 for the car club's first Mogwest. This year, part of the three-day show moves to Morro Bay Park.

two events were conflicting.

Fire Capt. Steve Knuckles said the training exercise,

trol District and the National Fire Protection Association about a month ago, would be canceled if it gets too windy.

"It's our job to make sure the public is not compromised at all," Knuckles said.

The training fire will mark the start of construction of a new station at the same location.

Still, Schmidt from the car group said he didn't really mind the fire and hoped that maybe one event would attract people to the other.

"The better publicity the firehouse gets, the more publicity we'll get," Schmidt said. Although the club did not promote the event for the public to attend, he said locals are welcome to check out the cars.

On the bright side, Fire Chief Pond said, the fire may be an added perk for car show attendees.

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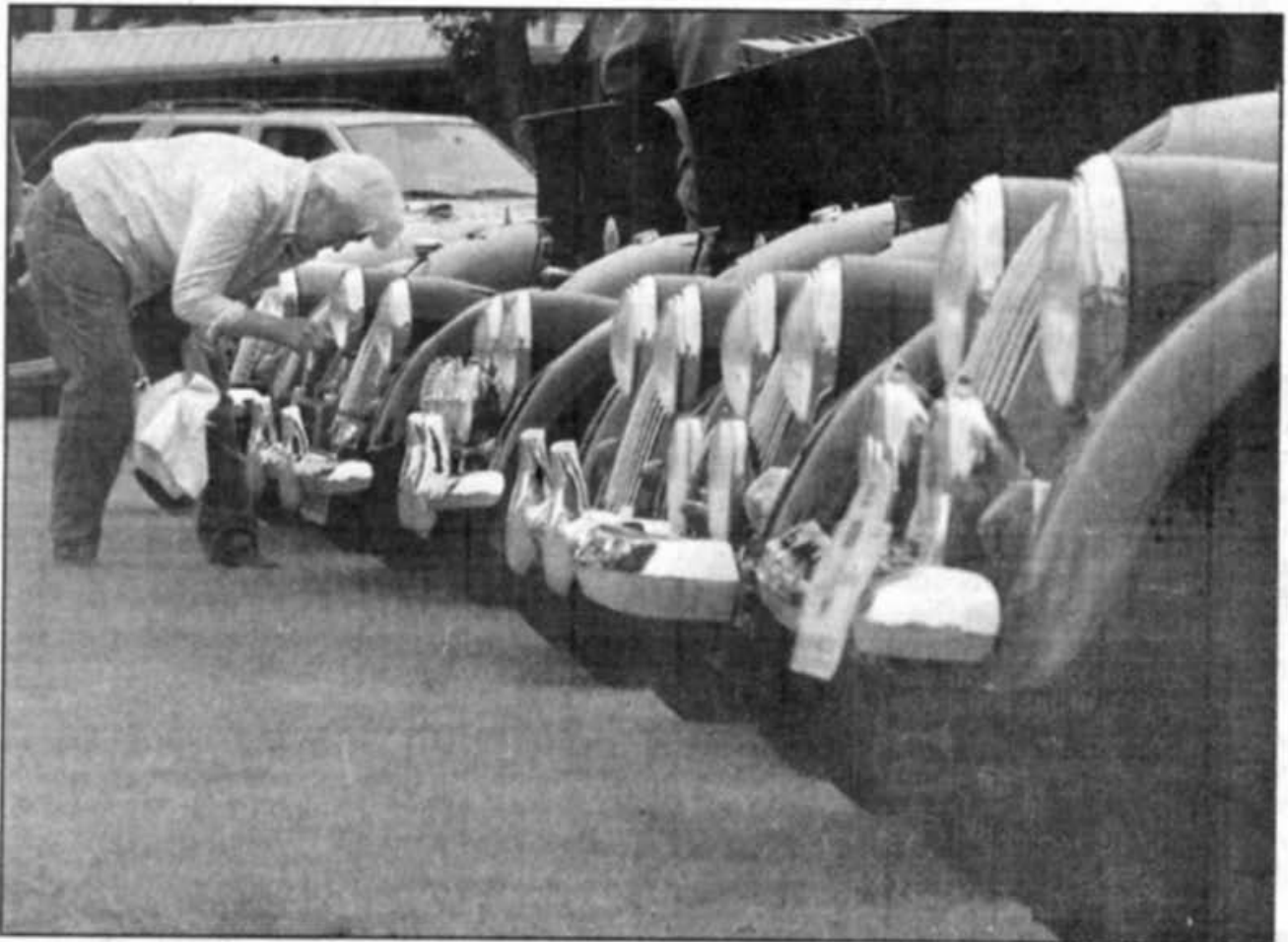
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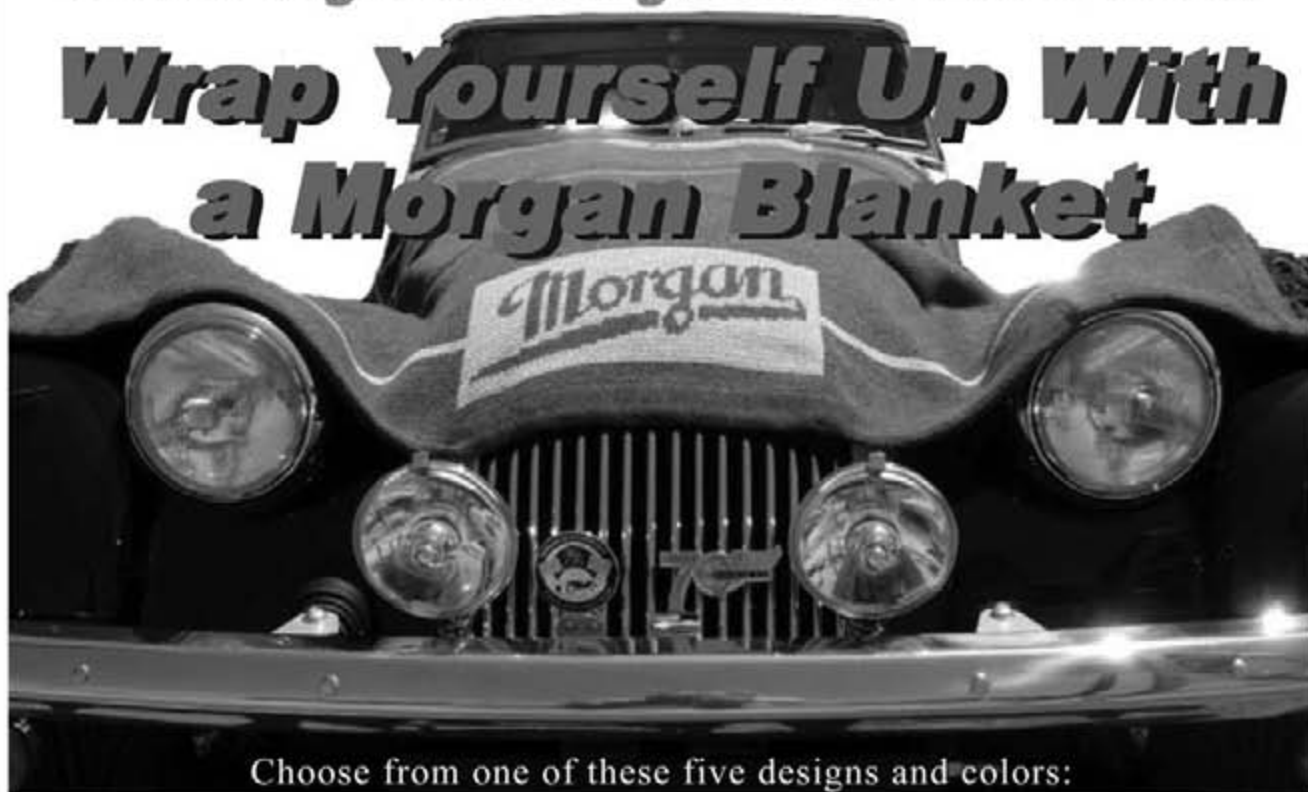


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Morro Bay City Park sparkled like fine piece of jewelry last Saturday as 73 vintage English Morgan sports in all their finery blanketed the grass lawn. People were invited for a look-see – a chance to drool over car craftsmanship at its best. The rally, a combination of two Morgan sports car clubs, moved on to Cuesta College on Sunday. Above, a lineup of chromed grills look on as Mollie Miller of Studio City polishes her Morgan Drophead Coupe that she's owned for 42 years.

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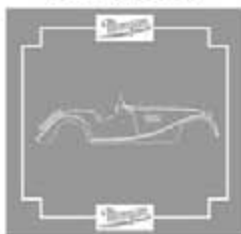
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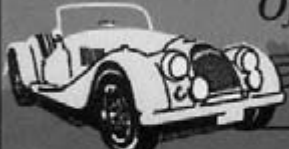
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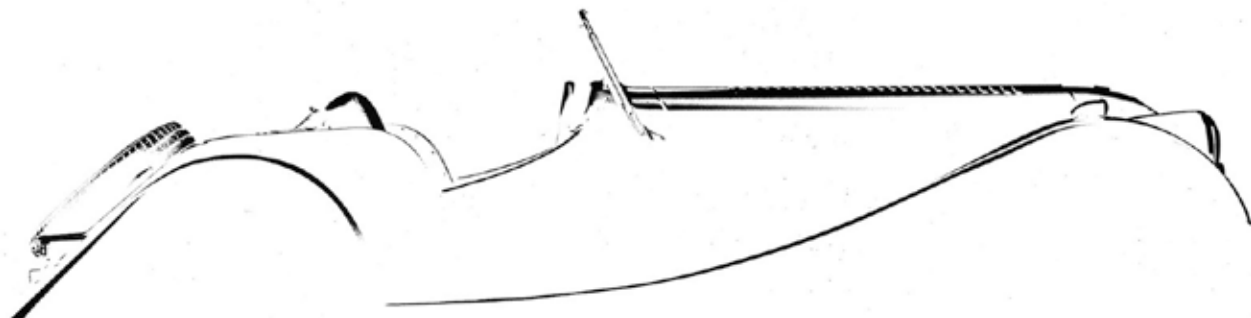
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