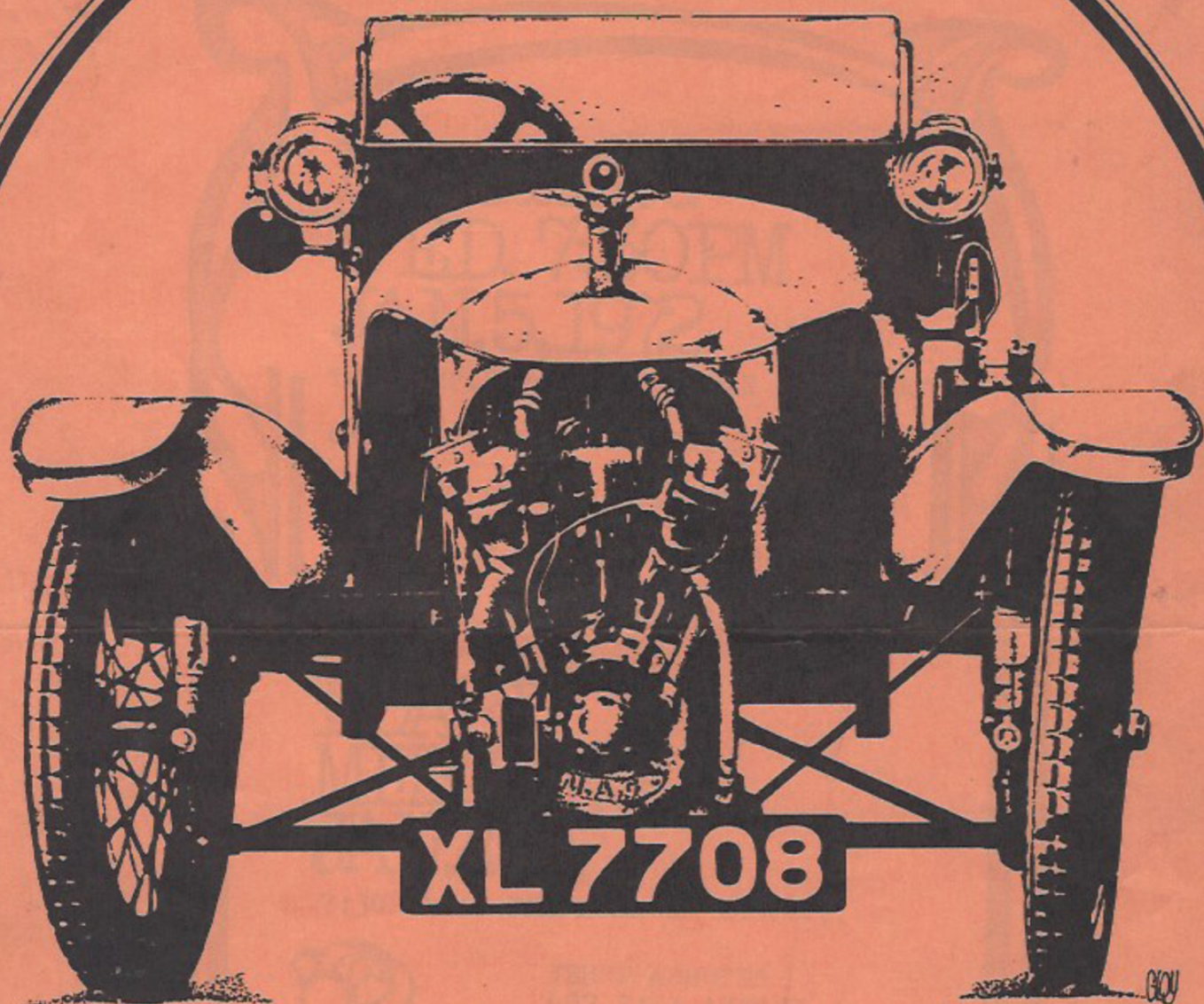




JULY '71
THE MORGAZETTE

“.....and a Happy New Year.”

MEETING
WED. 7:30PM
JAN. 5, 1972

THE TEMPLE BAR ON TILLMAN PLACE JUST
OFF GRANT AVENUE...BETWEEN SUTTER
AND POST STREETS...LET'S ALL BE IN
ATTENDANCE AND GIVE OUR SUPPORT TO
OUR NEWLY ELECTED MORGAN OFFICERS.

BOARD
MEETING
JAN. 4th

7:30 PM AT THE HOME OF THE.....



JERRY ABBOTTS
407 PALA AVENUE
PIEDMONT, CA.
653-1157

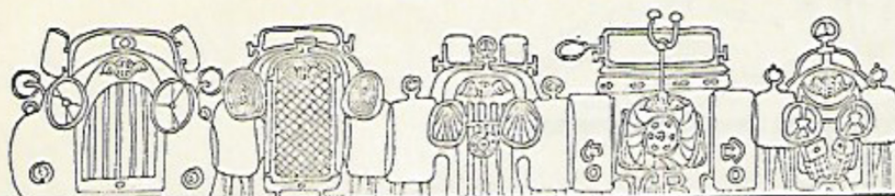
MORGAN PLUS FOUR CLUB

JULY 1971

THE MORGAZETTE

A PUBLICATION OF THE
MORGAN PLUS
FOUR CLUB

BY MORGAN OWNERS TO ENHANCE
THE JOY OF OWNERSHIP THROUGH
PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL AND
COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES.



NEXT EVENT * SAT & SUN * JULY 24 & 25 '71

How could we turn down a charming, and hospitable invitation as the one put forth by Gus & Sylvia --- of course we couldn't. The date has been set at July 24th & 25th. We plan to assemble at Denny's in Corte Madera (to the right off Highway 101 at the Paradise Drive turnoff). Try to make it around 10:30 - earlier if you plan to breakfast - you know how good old Denny's is. Once gathered we will head north, cutting over to the coast via Bolinas, Duncan Mills, up to Jenner. From Jenner we'll tour up Highway # 1 - enjoying the flora & fauna, and all those other Italian cars. The destination will be Mendocino, and Gus's Farm.

It is most important to bring full camp gear: (all of those who took their basic training at Ebbetts Pass don't need any instructions) but for the rest of you tenderfoots--- bring: sleeping bags, tents, Coleman stoves, lanterns, air mattresses, and any creature comforts that are important to you. You can bring food or purchase what you need as we go. We are planning to dine out (in style--whatever that means to you) on Saturday evening, and either cook breakfast out Sunday morning - or for the faint hearted, have breakfast in a nice cozy bistro that has hot coffee.

Sunday will be a day for exploring and touring the area. Fishing for those who want to - also Scuba diving if your tastes run to the exotic. Or just lazing on a lovely beach - like most of us will probably do.

Try to make it. Saturday & Sunday - July 24th & 25th - 10:30 Denny's Highway 101 - Corte Madera. You'll see that nice line of Mog's parked in the lot.



DINNER MEETING * WED * AUG 4, '71 DINNER, ITALIAN STYLE

John's Ristorante Italiano and/or Pizzeria
1814 Clement Street (at 19th Avenue) San Francisco

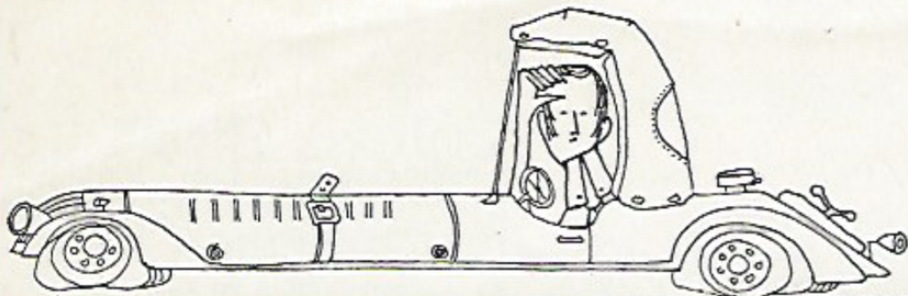
Smokey Miller has arranged a calorie stuffed, delicious dinner for our August meeting. John, the proprietor has given us his spacious private dining room, and we will be able to show films, slides, etc., after dinner. (if you have any slides old or new, bring them along)

The following menu, including tax & tip, will be \$4.80 per person:

menu

ANTIPASTO * SALAD
SPAGHETTI * RAVIOLI
CHICKEN CACCIATORE
HOUSE WINE * COFFEE

Meet in the bar (where else?)
around 7:00 Dinner around 8:00.



From the Editor

It was very good to see so many new members out at the Clubs' last event, the wine tour. I hope you newest members will give the Club's membership and officers your continued support in the future. And remember to submit any articles or information you may have about Morgans either to the Editor or The Publisher for use in the monthly newsletter.

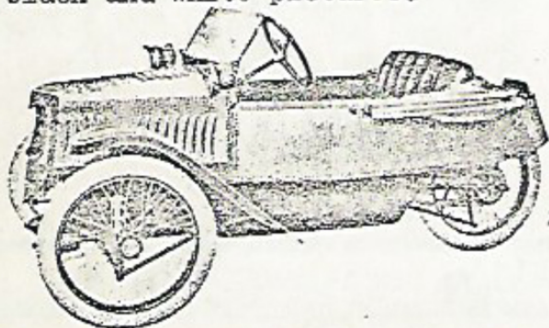
Beginning July 9th for two weeks I am taking a much-deserved vacation to Houston and to the southern part of Texas. While there I will keep the old eye balls peeled for Morgans-Texas-Style. Hope I have something to report when I return. I am most curious to find out how Morgans are kept running in the deep south in the 108-degree heat which prevails during the summer time. Wonder if they run cool? Perhaps I shall find out.

Hope everyone's Mog is making it through the Summer and the warm weather. My old three-wheeler gets a short work out most weekends. Have to keep those cobwebs from forming in the carburetor, you know. I trust that you are doing the same.

Cheers, Larry Ayers

BOOK ON MOG

THE VINTAGE YEARS OF THE MORGAN THREE-WHEELER, BY W.BODDY, Published by Grenville Publishing Co. Ltd., Standard House, Bonhill Street, London, EC2. Price \$1.20 FOB London, 27 pages black and white pictures.



Morgans of 1924

To those who follow Motor Sport magazine W.Boddy is a familiar name; as Editor of the magazine he represents the English motor sport tradition. If you have been reading Motor Sport for some years this booklet will be familiar as it consists of a series of articles that appeared in four issues of Motor Sport.

The subject is identical to the Three-Wheeler Club book but approached from a different aspect, major headings thus: How it began; The Pre-Vintage Days; 1920; 1921; 1922; 1923; 1924 to 1930 and afterwards. Mr. Boddy's emphasis is on the racing and record-setting aspects of the Morgan, which, significant as it is, becomes somewhat tedious reading when you reach the 1920's. Interesting but not as useful to the Morgan enthusiast as the Three-Wheeler publication.



AND-ONWARD TO MIRASSOU

It was the twenty-seventh of June in seventy-one. A handful of forelorn Moggies and their thirsty drivers/passangers set out in search of the secret tasting room of the Mirassou Winery. Now for those of you who don't know where this all began.....it happened way back in 1848 when Louis Pellier was searching for gold in them thar hills. His luck ran out so he took to growing grapes with more success, and today we can partake of the fruits of his labours. But coming back to the future.

By eleven A.M. Sunday morning a count of eleven Moggies had been made in the parking lot of the Hyatt House, San Jose. Five minutes later two more Mogs arrived. Departure was at eleven fifteen with a rip and a tear and a big roar from the enthusiasts. We sped down 101 toward the winery aptly led by Don Hayes.

Having arrived at the winery, pictures were snapped of the Mog line-up, and we then met our guide. The guide for the tour through the Mirassou Winery was informed, humorous, and had as much fun giving the tour as the Mog group had taking it. The house wines were superb. I was tempted to purchase a case, but not having a wine cellar for storage, decided against the idea. Anyway, the comments kept coming from members and general love and affection exuded between members after that second or so glass of vino. This, coupled with Goody's joke about 'white meat', had everyone in stitches, and made for a very enjoyable tasting. Thanks loads little 'ol wine guide, wherever you are. He's probably in the back room tasting the rare stuff right now.

From the winery to "the lake" for lunch. A forty-five minute drive between points had those Mogs fairly drifting along (some of their drivers were high) and appetites were swelling. The cars were approaching the boiling point. But a cafe at the lake with lots of cold beer brought temporary relief. Following was a peaceful lunch by the lake, a little football, and several good laughs. You new members are getting the hang of it from some of us older ones. Just keep those Mogs from overheating and you've got it made! Right, Steve Miller?



When everyone had sufficient time to get a little bored, Ken Ryan (our faithful pickup driver....."Head those Moggies out") assembled the group and took them the back way through some beautiful country roads and scenic country to his hacienda for a cook-out, charcoal style. Actually the Ryan homestead is only six miles from the lake....so how far did we really travel? Anyone know? At least I can say it was 68 miles from the Hyatt House to the Ryan House, no foolin'.

Blankets were strewn over Ken's front lawn, the charcoal was ignited, and several appetites were whetted by the dirt field softball game adjacent to the house. Several thirsts were excited by the presence of all that dry dirt. Pass another beer, please. The thirsts were quenched; the hunger satisfied to an extent. And without the kind efforts of Don Hayes and Ken Ryan the trip to Mirassou and beyond wouldn't have been the fun trip that it was. Many thanks to you both, and to all others responsible for arrangements of one sort or another. It was really great to see so many new members out, and we hope you are developing a big interest in the Plus Four Club, and will make your presence at the various events a common scene. Glad to see an old member, Ron Ratcliffe, with us. He recently relocated to the L.A. area and plans on becoming active with the Plus Four Southern group. Best of luck, Ron.

We hope the good people at Mirassou will have us again one day, but in the interim I think we should plan on visiting another winery before the summer is out. How about one in the Napa area? Any ideas or suggestions from any of you members? And one closing note....did any of you see Goodman Loy struggling around with his new black fender protector he devised for his Moggie? Wasn't he funny? Taking it off and putting it back on. And I don't mean putting it back on the car either. Before the tour through the winery got underway, he had taken it off the car for the photographers, and tried it on himself. Calling it his 'black bra,' he said it fit pretty well. Hope some member snapped a picture. You're not going to get out of this one, Goody! Cheers, gang.

Submitted by the Editor. Why doesn't someone else write these articles?

New Morgan People

RAD and MARTHA SHERRY
61 WINSOR AVE.
SAN RAFAEL, CA. 94901
1966 B.R.G. PLUS FOUR

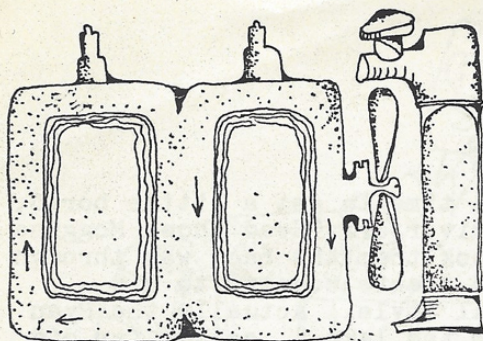
MICHAEL PREOVOLS
2790 MERIDIAN
SAN JOSE, 95127

New Address

STEVE ROAKE
424 COUNTLAND AVE.
SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94110

RON RATCLIFFE
3532 CORONA STREET
CAMARILLO, CA.

SEND YOUR NEW ADDRESS TO KEEP MORGAZETTE COMING TO YOU.



WHO'LL GET YOU OUT OF A JAM THIS SUMMER?

If your engine runs too hot consistently and overheats or boils on a slight grade or on a hot day, there are several possible causes. The first things to check are the most obvious and the easiest: First be sure there is an unobstructing flow of air to the radiator. The central location of the fog light as furnished on most Morgans is a major contribution to overheating in this area. Be sure your radiator air passages are not full of bugs and dirt, and clean them out with a hose from the back. From this, go to your water system. Start by checking the condition of the water in your cooling system. If it is full of rust and dirt, drain and flush the system until you are sure it is clean. If it is excessively dirty, it is a good idea to have the radiator back flushed to be sure. Next, look for leaks around and under the radiator, at the various hose connections and around the water pump and the petcock on the engine block. When checking the hoses, be sure they are not soft when you squeeze them. A hose may look okay on the outside, but can have a loose flap or blister on the inside restricting the water passage.

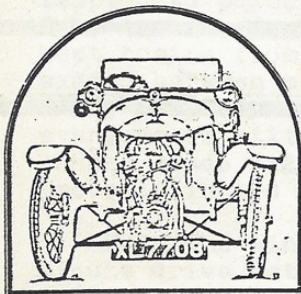
If everything checks out okay so far, check the fan belt to be sure it is in good condition and not slipping. The next step is to check the waterpump and thermostat. Remove the radiator pressure cap and rev the engine up. If the water pump is working properly and the thermostat is not stuck closed, you will see a turbulent condition on the surface of the water. If the water remains still, it is usually a bad thermostat, since pump failures are relatively rare. Remove the thermostat and repeat this test to check the pump itself.

Another common cause of overheating is retarded ignition. This can be due to poor tuning or sticking of the automatic advance---retard mechanism at the base of the distributor. The Vacuum advance can cause this by a leak in the diaphragm too. I have found that this retarded ignition bit is a common situation. Many mechanics will set an engine slightly retarded if the customer complains of "pinging". Usually it is caused by lugging the engine at too low revs.

If your engine still won't run cool, start checking the fuel mixture, and look for air leaks around the induction system. If your carburetors are set too lean, or are excessively dirty they will cause hot running. Check all joints in the manifold (intake) system by smearing a little engine oil on the joints one at a time and rev the engine up. If your exhaust shows blue smoke, you have a leak, and should tighten the joint, or replace the gasket..

If you have done all the preceeding steps and still have a hot running engine, start looking for burned valves, warped head and the other major troubles that must be causing your problems. [Ask Pres.Smith about her contribution to a hot running engine]

g.l

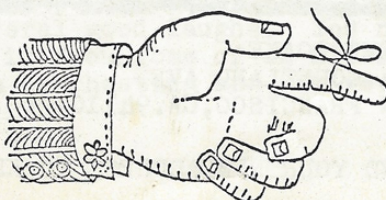


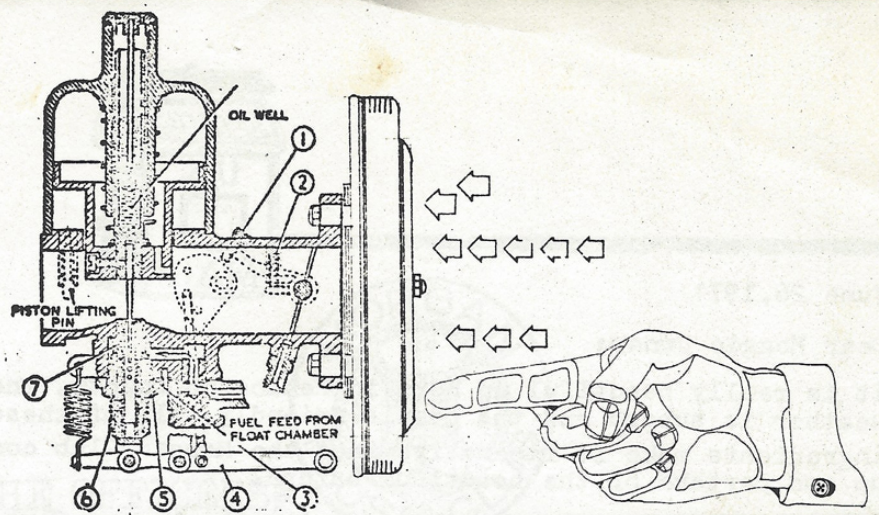
ON THE COVER

CHRIS BOOTH'S 1922 GRAND PRIX MORGAN. MR. BOOTH OWNS NINE MORGANS, INCLUDING 1914 MODEL, 1927 AIR-COOLED JAP....A FAMILY MORGAN, JMB THREEWHEELER, AERO AND A BRACE OF SUPER SPORTS.....THE GRAND PRIX IS PERHAPS THE MOST DESIRABLE OF ALL MORGANS.

JUST A REMINDER...

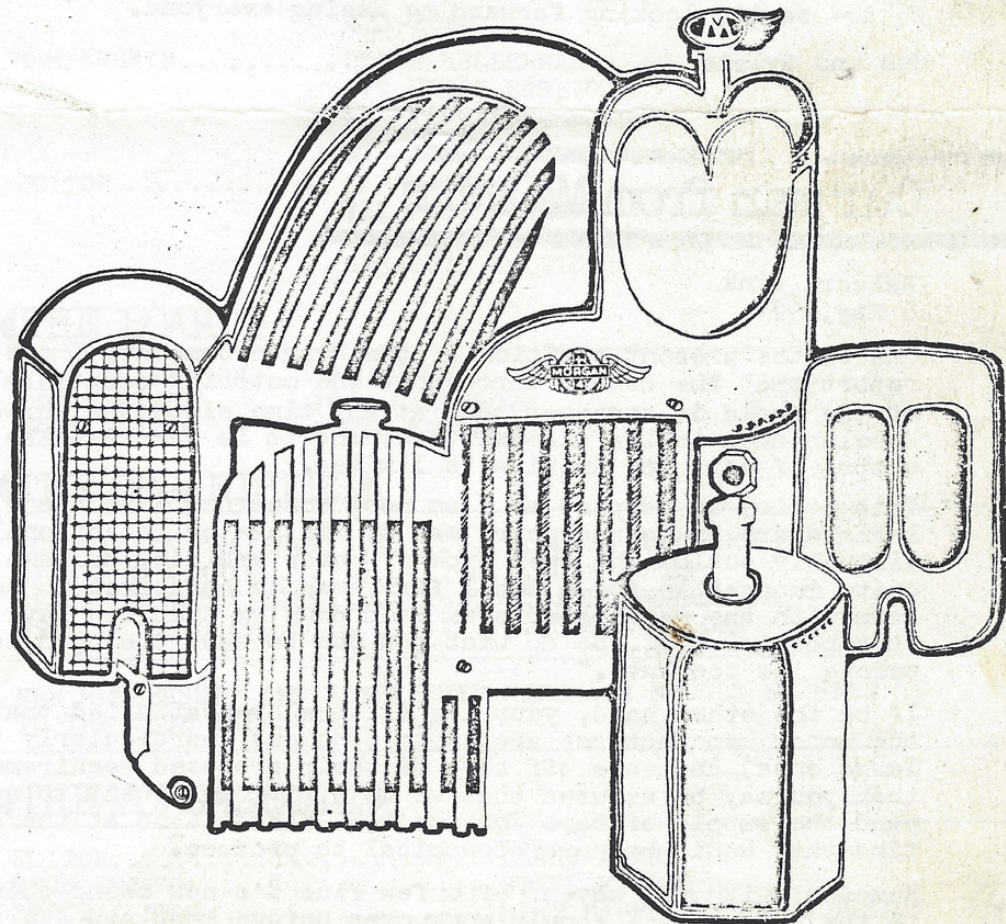
EL PALO ALTO CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE
ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 1971



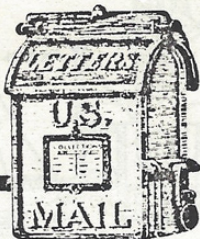


I have found that the best answer the problem of my last article on air clearners is a set of Stelling and Helling Air Filters, part no.J165X at \$8.75 each from M.G.Mitten, Haan or Steve Miller Garage. These chrome beauties have a washable permanent filter element and are listed for a Morgan 2000 (whatever that is!!) However they can be fitted to early TR-4 engines with no problem.....TR-4's require slight modifications in grinding the top out $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to fit the SU carb pot and shortening inside bracket by a little over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, this does not hurt operation of air flow.

g.l.



Can you name the year of these radiators?



June 26, 1971

Dear Moggie Owner:

It is really beautiful up here in Mendocino County. The weather is superb and the people friendly. All of these ingredients make it imperative that the Morgan Club come up and partake of the beautiful nature.

Sylvia, our fiends, and I wish to invite the Morgan Club up for a weekend on our farm. There are many area to camp on the property and it is only ten miles from Mendocino and its attractions.

The only problems...which are minor...water and bathrooms and camp fires. So we suggest camping near the house and bringing Coleman stoves. We have a lovely clean barn with lots of hay in it for those who wish to bag down there and also areas to pitch tents.

Concerning what weekend the club should come up we suggest the last weekend in July. The reason for this is that the Grange Hall near our farm is having a big Sunday dinner from One to four for public which costs only \$2.50 per and all you can eat! The food is great! The date July 25th....

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone.

Gus and Sylvia

Our man from Malvern

Malvern Link
6 May, 1971

"As to the present position of the Morgan Company, I can report that the demand throughout the motoring countries of the world is stronger than at any time since the Three-Wheeler days in the mid-twenties, and it is sad that the output of cars for America is limited.

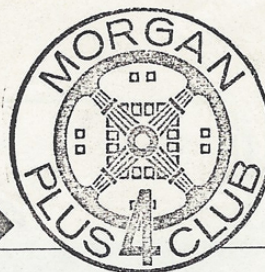
This policy is adopted as I am most concerned that the legislators in your country may by mistake or intentionally virtually outlaw the open type of motor vehicle, or make it quite impossible for a small firm such as ourselves to conform with the requirements as laid down by American law. It's possible....."So do what you can to save the 'open' car before its too late."

If on the other hand, your legislators are satisfied that the motor manufactures are safty concious (particularly the large ones) and ease off some of their proposed requirements than you may be assured that we as a firm will want to expand the supply of cars for the U.S. market, and at the same time they would be more economical to produce.

However, with the advent of a few Plus 8's now being shipped to the USA maybe I should come over before long and see for myself how the new ones are behaving along with all the fine examples of earlier Morgans in your group.

Regards to all.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Morgan



◀THE OFFICERS▶

PRESIDENT.....MARION SMITH
148 7th AVE.
SAN FRANCISCO 94118
221-8923
VICE PRES.....GOODMAN LOY
233 N. HUMBOLDT STREET
SAN MATEO 94401
342-3496
SECRETARY.....THORLEY MURRAY
4496 24th STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 94114
647-6722
TREASURER.....STEVE MILLER
539 GOUGH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 94102
431-2868
MEMBERSHIP.....STEVE KELLERMAN
379 UNION STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 94133
434-3580
EDITORLARRY AYERS
711 POST STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 94109
673-2670 ex.318

◀THE BOARD▶

WILLIAM WATSON	BOB MURRAY
BOB TISNADA	JOHN HARDGROVE
JOHN BOASSO	STEVE KELLERMAN

◀THE ORGANISERS▶

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN.....JOHN HARDGROVE
DINNER CHAIRMAN.....BOB MURRAY
MEETINGS ACTIVITIES.....JOHN BLAKEMORE
NEW and USED PARTS.....STEVE MILLER



NEW MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS SHOULD BE SENT
TO THE CLUB TREASURER.

◀THE MORGAZETTE▶

EDITOR.....LARRY AYERS
TECH.EDITOR.....STEVE MILLER
SPECIAL NEWS.....MIKE MAFFE / MARJ NAUGHTON
PHOTO.....JOHN BLAKEMORE
PUBLICATION.....GOODMAN LOY