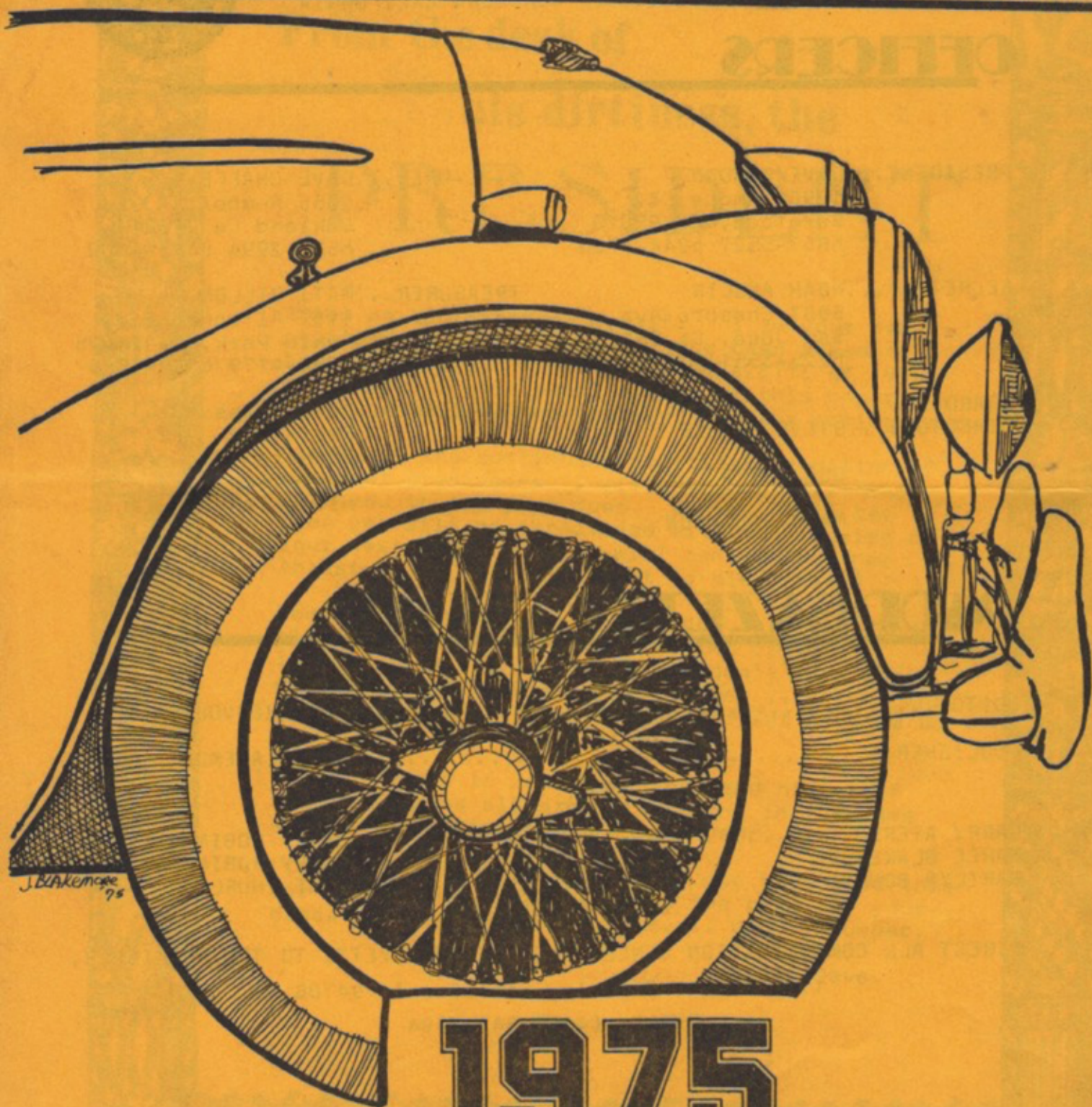


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PRESIDENT

Hello,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am your new president, Dave Bondon. I have been asked to take up a page of the first MORGAZETTE of 1976, therefore, I will avail myself of this opportunity to detail my "non policy" for the coming year.

First, in the continuing fruitless tradition of all past presidents, I will begin by pleading with you to pay your dues. If you don't pay them you will be threatened with non-receipt of your next issue - which will contain further threats (and you don't want to miss that!)

Second, I would like to announce the time and place for our first board meeting of 1976. I would like to, really, but I don't know where or when it will be as of yet. So.... anyone who would like to attend will have to let me know so I can call them when I find out.

Third, thanks to John Hardgrove and his staff for keeping us all stumbling along in the same general direction for the past year.

Finally, may I wish all of you who have read this far a happy new year. Keep the bugs off your glass and the bears off your.... uhh... bumper.

Dirty Dave.

BUSINESS MEETING

7:30 pm
JAN. 7

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)EVEN OLD RACING
MOVIES ARE SCHEDULED.....OLD MORGAN TALES.....LOTS OF
GOOD SPIRITS.....GREAT PEOPLE AND FRIENDSHIP.....
NOT TO MENTION A GREAT DOOR PRIZE FOR SOME LUCKY MEMBER!!!



**Yes
Sir!..... DUES ARE DUE NOW!**

DUES are DUE again, gang..... Many of you may feel that it seems
"like only yesterday" since you paid last years dues. For some,
that ain't too far from the truth! For all the good folk who
are going to make the February First deadline - please use the
enclosed envelope and remit as per the following schedule:

- \$10.....Regular Members
- 5.....Auxiliary Members (i.e. Spousal persons)
- 6.....Associate Members (i.e. non-Morgan owning)
- 10.....New Members Initiation Fee (in addition to dues)

From that fiscal viscera we like to call the club treasury.....

THANK\$

LAUGH at the COLD!



Here's what you should know:

True False

☒ ☐

The January event is the First Annual John Burkes "Regularity Run" for which no particular skill is needed?

☒ ☐

We will meet at 12:30 PM on January 25th at ALEX's on Skyline Blvd. (Hiway 35) five miles south of Hiway 92. (Out behind San Mateo somewhere.)

☒ ☐

Since this is a John Burkes event, the cars will end up back at Alex's, where John will be waiting in the Bar?

☒ ☐

If the weather is crummy, we will all spend the day in the bar and talk about Morgans?

☐ ☒

However, we will not do any drinking, for that would be against all that the Morgan Club stands for?

☒ ☐

If I have any questions, I can call John at 530-4158?

jan. 25



EDITORIAL

For those who were not able to attend, Ya missed a heckuva good Christmas Party. I won't bore you with the gory details but suffice it to say that I, for one, am still full! As usual, we announced the winners of the various Morganesque honors for the year. As you may have noticed from the adjusted officer's roster in the front cover, the election results were:

President: Dave Bondon
Vice-President: Dave Chaffey
Treasurer: Matt Dillon (serving the second year of his involuntarily extended term)
Secretary: Noah Anglin
Board: Steve Miller
Marge Naughton
Bob Murray

The winners of the MORGAZETTE recipe' contest were:

Fred Hollinger (Green Chili Stew; see inside back cover)
Linda Reeves (Carrot Cake; to published next issue)

Last, but certainly not least, the winners of the Morgan Club activities points awards were:

John and Marce Blakemore: first place
Dave Chaffey: second place
Henry Zappa: third place
Kerry Robin: "Most active new member"

Since this is in the nature of an editorial, I guess I should rant and rave about the necessity to pay dues promptly & etc, but this is the Christmas season so we'll avoid such unpleasantry for the time being. Have a Happy New Year and be sure to attend the January business meeting to help get things off to a good start. (Oh yeah, bring your dues!)

- Mike -

Secretary's Report



MINUTES

The November Business Meeting was called to order by President John Hardgrove, at the Edinburgh Castle, on November 5, 1975.

Noah Anglin provided information about his November Wine Tour. The tour will take place in the San Jose - Gilroy area. Details in The November Morgazette.

John Hardgrove confirmed our reservation at the Oakland Museum for the Christmas Party, on December 13, 1975. Dinner and music have been planned for the party.

Tom Thompson presented the slate of officers nominated by the Election Committee and the floor was opened for further nominations.

President..Dave Bondon
Phil Fisher

Vice-pres..Ray Beasley
Dave Chaffey

Secretary..Noah Anglin
Carolyn Beasley
Debbie Schwartz

Board.....Steve Miller
Bob Murray
Marj Naughton
Kerry Robin
Harry Robinson
Henry Zappa

Treasurer..Matt Dillon

It was moved, seconded and passed that the nominations be accepted. Ballots will be mailed.

Steve Miller reported that the ACCC will be holding a party, November 15th (\$5.00 per/person) to celebrate the signing of two bills protecting the rights of classic car owners. The party will be held at Owen Owen's Garage on College Ave. in Oakland.

Slides and a film were shown. The meeting was adjourned to Georgios for pizza.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Preovolos, Secretary



LIKE, BOO!

HALLOWE'EN WITH THE MORGAN CLUB



Y'know how a bunch of Morgans on the highway attracts attention? Well, how about a bunch of Morgans being driven by a bunch of nuts in Hallowe'en costumes??? Witness the Robin's First Ever Halowe'em Tour and Costume Party!

Ron Robin led the touring portion; a fascinating tour of hitherto unexplored (by the Morgan Club at least) territory in and around the East Bay. Starting in Benecia, we travelled on the backroads in and around the Straits of Carquinez; then a short stop in Port Costa and, finally, termination at the palacial estate of Paul Marchant in Walnut Creek. Kerry Robin masterminded the party end of the event.

The Hallowe'en party had already started by the time the troops arrived, since neighbors and other non-Morgan types were also invited. But where were some of the club members who had promised to come? Well, it seems that Anthony and Vicky Lee had become temporarily motionless by the side of the road just beyond the Carquinez bridge on the way to the starting point of the tour. A temporarily motionless Plus Eight with puddles of water under it is such an irresistible sight that the Lees soon collected the Preovolos', the Blakemores and Larry Anderson; all of whom stopped to "Tsk, Tsk" over the ailing Mog. Since a cracked lower radiator pipe was diagnosed as the problem, the hardy little band caravaned over to Cathy Preovolos' mother's house in Vallejo to effect repairs. Said repairs were effected by John and Larry, while Anthony "Tsk-Tsk'd" and Mike served wine to the ladies. All this in the street in from of Cathy's ancestral home - and in hallowe'en costumes yet! Reputations have been destroyed for much less! Several repair jobs later, the mini-tour group arrived at the party having completely missed the tour.

By this time it was dark and many of the new members were unable to see that the Preovolos' really do own a Morgan. However, by this time the party was in full swing and, well, the more the merrier! To mention only a few, there appeared that night to drink wine and eat guacamole' the likes of an ape, Raggedy Ann (no Andy), an Afrika Corps commando, the Red Baron, a couple of kittens, Spiderman, GI Joe, a pumpkin-headed navy captain, a guru or two, a Mississippi river gambler, a hippie, a chicken and a Datsun "Z" (figure that one out willya?) In all, a great tour and an exciting party ... let's do it again next year!



AAH, NOAH...

LET'S DO IT

AGAIN!



Beautiful weather, a "charming anachronism" for transport and some gorgeous country..... Add more than a few bottles of wine and you have Noah Anglin's First Annual Wondrous Wine Tour!

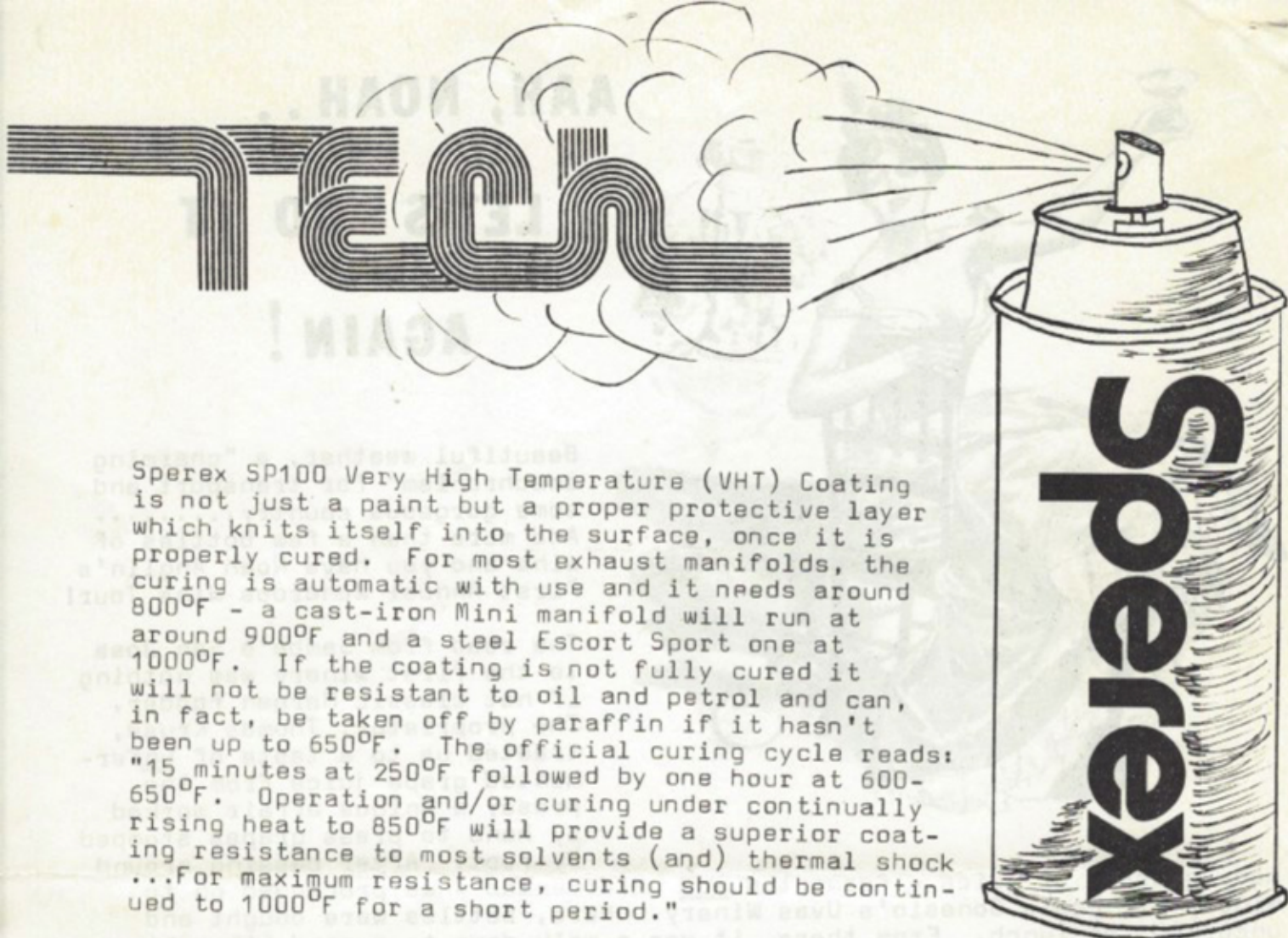
The road from Sambo's San Jose to the first winery was nothing if not classic Morgan fodder. The proprietor, Thomas Kruse, treated us to a taste of unfermented grape juice from the press; a unique affair worked by hand to press grapes stomped by foot. After passing around

many glasses of juice - fermented and unfermented - we proceeded on to winery #2, Louie Bonesio's Uvas Winery. Here, bottles were bought and uncorked for lunch. From there, it was a walk down to a pond (thoughtfully provided by the management), a picnic lunch for some and a Frisbee game for others - being careful to avoid the parked Mogs and slipping in the abundant dog doo.

Thirst quenched, it was off to the thrid stop, Bertrero Winery, which we characteristically took by storm. Stacey Bondon, after some wine sampling at the first two wineries, was asked to leave the bar at this one and had to be content with climbing around on John Blakemore's shoulders. (Was John also asked to leave the bar? - Ed.) After the passing of many glasses, the inhaling of fresh air and the participation in what was by now unintelligible conversation, we took off for the Silver Spur Inn in Gilroy for a few drinks before dinner!

Noah had promised us a fine little country bar and a delicious country style meal - we were not disappointed! We drank, wasted our money on the semi-malfunctioning Pong game and, of course, settled down for some serious eating. From this point, the members drifted out as their stomachs and/or hollow legs were sated. Although we had to leave earlier than most, we thoroughly enjoyed the events of the day and were able to go to sleep that night warmly assured that the Morgan Club had done its good deed for the month by enabling a poor backwoods bartender to show a profit on an otherwise lonely Sunday afternoon.

Marilyn Bondon.....

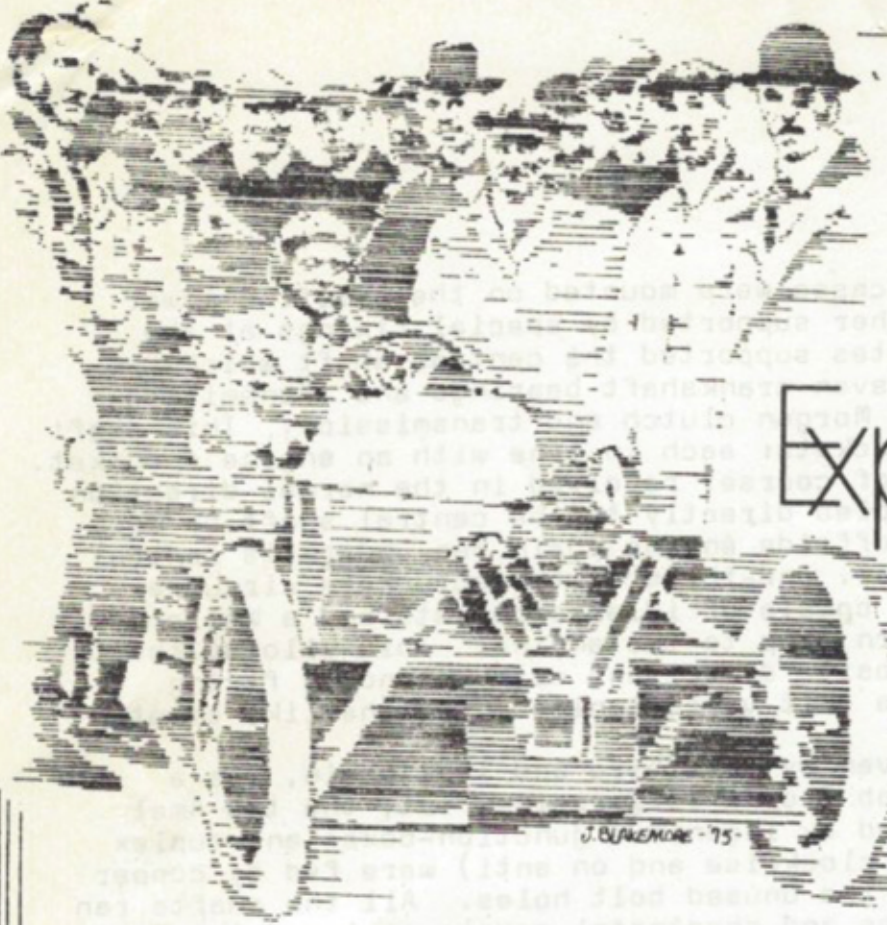


Sperex SP100 Very High Temperature (VHT) Coating is not just a paint but a proper protective layer which knits itself into the surface, once it is properly cured. For most exhaust manifolds, the curing is automatic with use and it needs around 800°F - a cast-iron Mini manifold will run at around 900°F and a steel Escort Sport one at 1000°F. If the coating is not fully cured it will not be resistant to oil and petrol and can, in fact, be taken off by paraffin if it hasn't been up to 650°F. The official curing cycle reads: "15 minutes at 250°F followed by one hour at 600-650°F. Operation and/or curing under continually rising heat to 850°F will provide a superior coating resistance to most solvents (and) thermal shock ...For maximum resistance, curing should be continued to 1000°F for a short period."

This all sounds rather technical and beyond the scope of the average owner but the directions also say, "curing may be accomplished by the inherent heat of operationAll curing should be done slowly," So, in practice you can spray on the VHT coating and run the engine up gradually to achieve the same effect as long as your exhaust system is going to reach the right temperatures. The coating should be only 1½-2 thou thick - thick coats blister and prevent fusion - and it will air dry in 15 to 30 minutes.

Obviously, the efficiency of the bonding is very dependent on surface preparation. The surfaces must be dry and clean and free from oil, grease, dirt, rust, scale, etc. Instructions are provided for preparing various metals but ferrous metals should ideally be shot-blasted with 60 grit or finer then rinsed thoroughly with toulene, lacquer thinner, tri-chlorethylene or vapour degrease (steam clean). The same goes for stainless steels; for aluminum the surface just needs any oil film removed. The coating is available in various colors; white, black, silver-grey, aluminum and green will withstand continuous temperatures to 1200°F; yellow and blue will take up to 1000°F before the colour begins to go off, while red, orange and pearlescent need to be used on a white base and will take up to 800°F; gold and clear will lose out over 650°F.

ED. NOTE... The above was humbly lifted more or less intact from the October, 1975, issue of Thoroughbred and Classic Cars. Next month, Steve Miller will offer further advice on this and alternate methods of exhaust system coating.



"Three Wheeler Experience"

by
Larry Ayers

Granville Grenfell's Scott-Morgan Special

Imagine you are strolling along a leafy lane on a pleasant English summer day, almost forty years ago. Traffic is sparse and you have the opportunity to study the passing machinery.... the square little Austins growling along, the Rileys whining, the big limousines sighing and, occasionally, the "throckle-throckle" of a big twin Morgan or motorcycle.

Suddenly, a Morgan appears in the distance, motoring respectably, but a little too far away for you to hear the accompanying sound effects. There's something unusual about this one..... surely the cylinders of that big twin are further apart than usual? Suspicions that this is no ordinary Moggie are confirmed (dramatically!) as the green three-wheeler flashes by emitting a howl that would not disgrace an Alfa Romeo in full song at Monza. You have just seen and heard one of the most interesting "specials" ever made - Granville Grenfell's four-cylinder two-stroke trike; a Morgan fitted with two Scott engines.

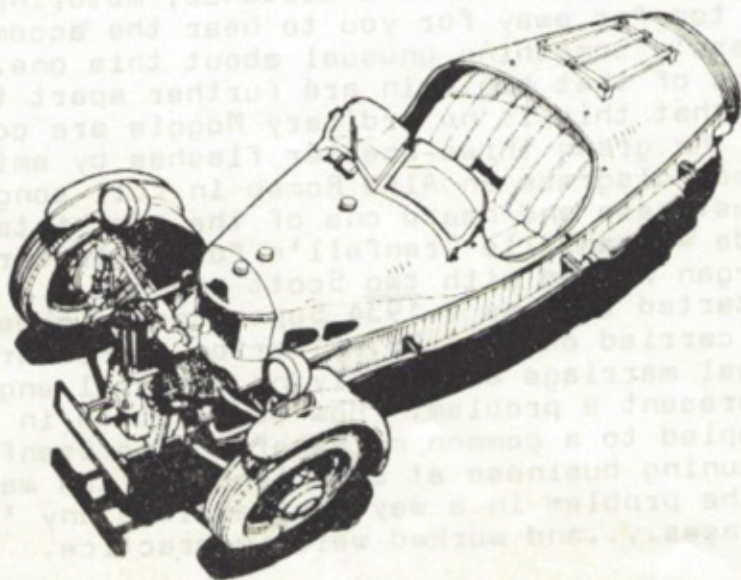
This Morgan started life as a 1934 Super Sports model and the conversion was carried out for Mr. Alderton of Frazer Nash cars. The mechanical marriage of two Flying Squirrel engines, back-to-back, did present a problem. How to run them in opposite directions coupled to a common mainshaft? The Grenfell family, who ran a tuning business at Brooklands by the way, eventually solved the problem in a way that avoided any 'butchery' of the Scott crankcases....and worked well in practice.

MORE

Both Scott crankcases were mounted on the existing lower engine bolts and further supported by special fixings at the top. Huge engine plates supported the central shaft which ran in a pair of Austin Seven crankshaft bearings and transmitted power to the standard Morgan clutch and transmission. This shaft carried two large sprockets: each in line with an engine sprocket. The nearside engine, of course, revolved in the normal direction and was therefore coupled directly to the central shaft by Mark X Renold chain. The offside engine chain ran under its central sprocket (around approx. one-third of the sprockets circumference) and then over a couple of idler sprockets and a Weller tensioner on the return trip to the engine. This allowed the engines to run in opposite directions with cylinders firing diagonally, giving the unit vibrationless, turbine-like smoothness.

The magneto, driven by the third and last chain, was a modified twin-spark job from a 1922 racing Fiat, the two Amal Carbs were synchronised by ingenious junction-boxes and duplex Pilgrim oilpumps (one clockwise and on anti) were fed by copper pipes passing through the unused bolt holes. All the shafts ran in heavy duty ballraces and sheetmetal covers enclosed the "chain-box", offering a form of oil bath. The complete vehicle cost around 200: quite a sum in the mid-thirties.

Each motor developed about 30bhp at 5,000rpm with very good torque right down to tick-over speed and, as 596cc barrels were fitted, the complete assembly could be loosely classified as a 1200cc V-four. One can imagine the smooth urgency the fierce howl....and the fuel consumption!! On a road test shortly after conversion, the driver could pass a rival at 70mph....and then change up! The urge in the engines was simply terrific....like driving an airplane with full power on....a ride in a dream machine.



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NEW
YEAR**

Application for Membership

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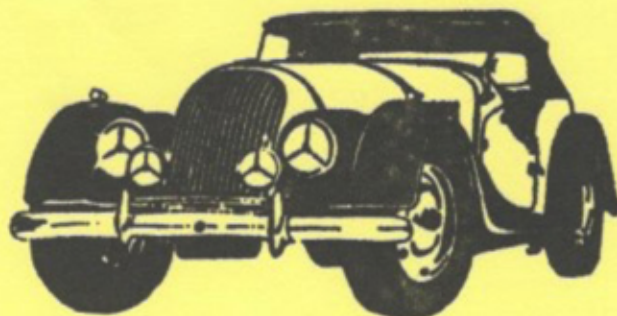
☐ AUXILIARY (Spouse)

5.00 ANNUAL FEE

☐ ASSOCIATE MEMBER

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