



The Morgazette

The Newsletter of the Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern California



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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.

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[No new members this issue]

From Our Eyes and Ears on MSCC UK, David Crandall

UK MOG 2016 in AUGUST

Gents - while I doubt our clubs membership is heavy with likely attendees, one never knows, so FYI. The "mother club" is trying hard to improve its outreach to non-UK members. David

Please forward to your members as appropriate:

I have just been informed that the informal reception for all overseas members attending this year's MOG in Horwood House will be on Friday 19th August between 6-7pm before the Welcome buffet.

The membership stand will be up on Sunday if you wish to use that as a liaison point.

I hope to see some of you there,
with best wishes,

(Mrs) Gill Bevan, Membership Secretary

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**Cover Photo: Carol Pitman's car models
"Oysters on the Grill" for Oyster Run XXii.
by Larry Ayers and Donna D.**



*** MSCCNC Club Sponsored Event**

Other events are listed for information only • Please let Activities Chair, Elaine Fisher, know if you would like to host or promote an event on the Calendar. (Contact info pg.2)

FEBRUARY

- 7 SUN • Cars & Coffee at Blackhawk Museum
- 13 SAT • Valentine's Run-Wine Country Car Club. Contact Larry Ayers
- 14 SUN • George Follmer Lecture at Blackhawk. www.blackhawkmuseum.org
- * 27 SUN • Monkey Around Contra Costa & Chinese Dinner. Contact Elaine Fisher. **See Flyer**

MARCH

- * 12 SAT • Sticky Bun Run. Contact Don Henry

APRIL

- 1-3 FRI-SUN • CSRG Races at Sonoma. www.csgracing.com
- * 9 SAT • Mine & Wine Tour. Contact Doug Hamilton-Grant Larson
- 24 SUN • Pacific Coast Dream Machines.
- 23-27 SAT-WED • Spring Mog- Eastern Oregon. Contact John Burks. **See flyer**

MAY

- * 4 WED • Follow Me Tour. Contact Bob Murray
- * 13-14 FRI-SAT • Fremont Peak. Contact Bob Frisbey (tentative)
- 15 SUN • UBSCC Car Show and Swap Meet at Dixon. Contact Tim Waller
- * 21-22 SAT-SUN • Return to Reno. Contact Don Henry-Michael Anthony

JUNE

- 3-5 FRI-SUN • Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival.

- 12 SUN • Alameda Point Concours de Elegance.

- * 25 SAT • Berryessa BBQ. Contact Don Henry.

JULY

- * 15-17 FRI-SUN • MOG WEST-Cambria. Contact Audrey Haines. **See AD Page 16**

AUGUST

- 15-21 MON-SUN • Monterey Car Week.
- * 19 FRI • Morgans in the Meadow, Carmel Valley. Contact Loren Steck
- 19-21 FRI-SUN • Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion (races).
- 21 SUN • Pebble Beach Concours de Elegance.
- * 27 SAT • Driving Event & Swim Party. Contact Ellen Jo Baron

SEPTEMBER

- 3-4 SAT-SUN • Scottish Games Pleasanton. Contact Paul Marchant
- * 10 SAT • Sacramento Auto Museum. Contact Tim Waller
- * 17 SAT • Back 'em Up. Contact Paul Marchant.
- * 24 SAT • Ironstone Concours de Elegance- Murphys. Contact Elaine Fisher.
- * 26-30 MON-FRI • FLOG MOG. Contact Dave Sneary

OCTOBER

- * 15 SAT • Oktoberfest, Talent Show & Dancing-Point Reyes. Contact Don Henry

NOVEMBER

- * 12 or 13 SAT-SUN • Turkey Trot & Winery Tour. Contact Gordon Craig-Michael Rubin

DECEMBER

- * TBD • Holiday Party • Contact Elaine Fisher

JANUARY 2017

- * 8 SUN • Oyster Run. Contact Donna Dell'Ario & Larry Ayers
- * 21 SAT • Planning Meeting. Contact Ellen Jo Baron

Sad News - Don McGuire has passed away

from Gordon, Dennis Glavis and Patrick Mannion

Don McGuire, new Morgan Club member and enthusiast, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack the week before Christmas. He was at the wheel of his beloved '06 Morgan Roadster with his niece participating in a local run through Carmel when he came to a stop, then slowly accelerated into the car in front, slumped over the wheel.

The first time I met him was at the Magical Motor House Tour in Carson City in early June. He arrived that Saturday night after a long drive from the NorthWest to Louie's Basque Restaurant in Reno to join us. He was tired, but exhilarated and sat right down at the long family table and ate heartily of the prolific Basque fare, good company and bright conversation into the night. The next morning he attended the Vintage Air Show that our host Steve Hamilton had arranged for us, including an excursion flight in a Ford Tri-Motor. Later, he was in the line-up of Morgans and Stearmans in front of Steve's hanger. (See inset). In July, he and his wife Clay attended MogWest and enjoyed the whole weekend, and Maggi and I got to know them better over lunch at Ragged Point. He was so fascinated with Morgans, he wanted to know everything he could, he asked me so many questions.

About a year ago he bought the '06 Roadster from a dealer in Florida and had Patrick Mannion do work on it,



"he fell in love with that car," said Patrick, "really nice fellow he had just finished a performance driving school and always looking forward to getting

out and driving that Morgan." He and Clay were at the Steck's Party last August.

Don had ordered a bespoke MMC Roadster '65, a purpose built race car shipped to MorgansWest and then built to spec over the last year, completed just a week after he died. Dennis Glavis noted: "He was totally infatuated with the Morgan experience and so excited whenever he drove one or read about one--called me several times a week for almost a year about the car in build. He was a true enthusiast, a whippet rescue participant and a great family man."

Dennis added, "his wife Clay, is stunned but happy he died behind the wheel of his newfound love, the Morgan."

"We need to enjoy every day as we never, ever know what lies ahead." Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the McGuire family, we will miss him.



Minutes from the Planning Meeting

By Maggi Craig, Secretary

January 24, 2016

President Michael Rubin opened the meeting and made an announcement that at some point during the year an officers session will be held to review the club's bylaws and determine if any revisions or changes need to be made. A date for this is yet to be determined.

The main portion of the meeting consisted of planning events for the coming year. Many specific dates and details are still in the planning stages and members will be notified of specifics in the calendar included in each issue of the Morgazette as well as with flyers going out near the time of the events. Donna Dell'Ario suggested that a small block can also be run in each issue to announce other car shows in the area not connected with the club. Also, a venue for the Christmas/Holiday dinner will be researched by a group of members.

Among the issues to be considered are weekday or weekend, location and price. It was agreed that the club can again subsidize the dinner but that the price for individuals might have to increase with a ceiling of \$75.00 per person. The Oakland Yacht Club is being considered again as they have modified their terms and prices for us.

Don Henry announced a project to get younger generations interested in the Morgan Marque. He is working with a club member and a local college offering auto shop classes to include the restoration of a Morgan. He asked the club for volunteers to help with this project by being available for mentoring.

The meeting ended with the Treasurer's Report. We started 2015 with \$8,400.00 and ended it with \$8,100.00.



The Prez Sez...

By Michael Rubin, President

Another splendid year of Morgan fun and games is in store thanks to those who spent this last Sunday planning club events for 2016, though one of them has already happened — The Oyster Run, XXII and going strong, and again launching the new year in 2017.

But I lurch ahead of myself. Thanks to all who gave of time and thought with the Long-distance award to Tim Waller and Alice Gentry who trekked the furthest and the muttering prize to myself; giving up a Sunday of playoff football (may I assume some others not in evidence stayed home to watch?) and pleaded we take this into account when scheduling next year. Admittedly, many wondered why it was an issue...

But this year promises everything from the Sticky Bun Run (gooey pastries, not an alternate to the Soggy Bottom Award) to a Wine Country-ish Turkey Trot.

Another couple of issues popped up again during the gathering. First the concern that young drivers and mechanics are not becoming interested in Morgans and their kind and the skills needed to repair, restore and patch up coach built cars, where every one is unique, for better or worse. News to come, but contact has been made with a local community college with an automotive program; a "roller" frame and parts offered by a club member. Don Henry initiated and is coordinating the project so contact him for information and how to

volunteer to help. donaldbrucehenry@yahoo.com
His cell phone is 415-987-8338.

A second point was brought up by Michael Anthony, whom many of us rely on to keep our Mogs on the road. How do we encourage the Morgan owners who are not members to join? Mike notes these folk want access to technical information, how-to-tips and hard-to-find parts. The question is how do we provide help and resources?

One suggestion keeps repeating as a means of helping with both of the above — a club website. But, and this is a large BUT: We need someone who can create the website and maintain, refresh and update it, and parcel out queries for help and make sure there are responses. Material, content in the vernacular, isn't a major issue but the technical skills to put it together and keep it running is a challenge. So far, no one has stepped forward. The alternate is hiring an outside provider at costs to be determined, but certainly no less than a new set of wire wheels.

This is a volunteer organization, so if someone wants to step up or has other ideas, e-mail me at mrubincom@aol.com.

Happy New Year to all and remember that a Morgan in the garage is not worth much but on the road it's the best means in the world to attract attention.

Michael Rubin

More Comments from Michael, page 16



Prez Michael calls us cats to order....."

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Odds & Sods

by Gordon Craig, Editor

Donna and I got a nice Christmas note:

"Hi Gordon and Donna:

I just finished reading the most recent Morgazette — cover to cover. I couldn't put it down.

Every article was interesting and enjoyable to read. Congratulations on a really great issue!

And Happy Holidays!

Loren Steck"

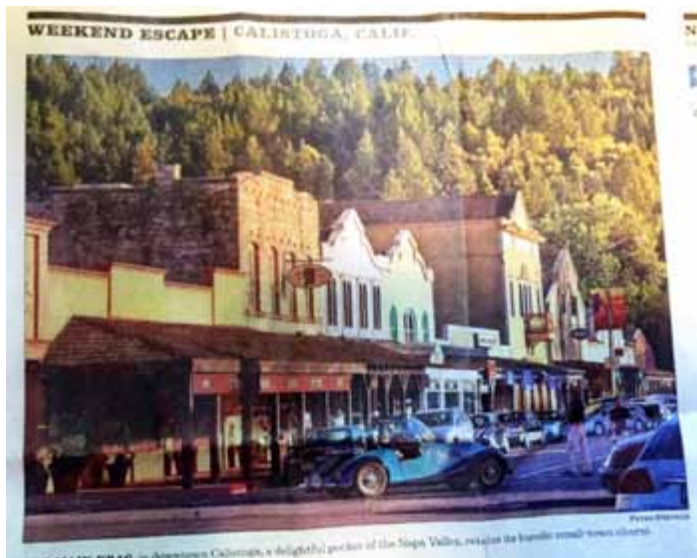
And Thank You, Loren!



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Mystery Mog?

In the Sunday Chronicle last October or so appeared an article about Calistoga in northern Sonoma County. The photo is intriguing, for there in the middle of Main St. seems to be an older blue +4 two seater. It also looks like an older photo, too, like around 2005, given the rest of the cars on the street, they just look ten years ago.



So, does anyone know the car, especially you local Mogs in the area? Is it still on the road?

Let me know.

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What to Do?

Finally, you may know of **Greg Powell**, owner of a modified 4/4, he often pit crews at the Vintage Races in Monterey and Sonoma, and for the last 4-5 years he has been racing in the Miata Groups competitions working his way up to the longer, more competitive heats. He typically rents a race prepared car for the weekend. He has also been a long time student of Tom Morgan at the track, honing his skills.

Recently, Greg sent me a You Tube video entitled,

"What to do when your steering wheel breaks off in your hands!"



Go to: <https://plus.google.com/u/0/112223573140985944794/posts/SaH4t8tVE2A?cfem=1>

"....I have to say, that when it happened I put it in the 'you won't believe what happened' category! Later, I felt lucky that it did not break off on the high speed left hand turns that preceded the wheel breaking when I turned right. After that, I was a bit mad at the car prep — that should not happen. It was a factor in me buying my own race car!"

Good Show, Greg, You are very cool under pressure, I noticed you let off the throttle and braked very deliberately, slowly, and let the engine slow the car until you could take it out of gear and use what small leverage you had to turn the stripped column and control the car to a stop. This is a testament to your training and practice and confidence, not something for the faint of heart. Good on you.

Please don't forget to renew your membership in the Morgan Sportscar Club of Northern California.

We count on your membership \$\$ to produce the Morgazette!

Boxing Day 2015

Story by Wendell Bain • Photos by Wendell and Gordon

THE MORNING WAS SUPER COLD and I had to scrape frost off the windows of my truck before I could depart. My Morgan is currently under the weather, but will be back soon. ... I hope. I was looking forward to a weather change and we had a cloudless sky and the forecast was for warming temps and a gorgeous day.

Meeting at the town square in Sonoma in front of the Cheese Factory, I found several had arrived before me and were enjoying coffee and conversation.

By the start time we had approximately 60 people and 40+ cars. Not all went on the run due to other commitments. We had 12 Morgans with Bill Fink coming in an ancient +8 and Bob and Thorley Murray bringing their +8+. Dick Nyquist in his +4. Dave Sneary +8, Grant and Angie Larson in a modified +4, Gordon and Maggi +4, Don Henry and Mike Anthony +4. Larry and Donna came in her Mini and Paul and Lesley Cowley came in a Rolls Royce. Two Ferraris, a Studebaker Avanti, a Morris Minor, a TR-4A and a Fiat 850 coupe. Sorry if I missed anyone.

The route went out Broadway from the town square and then from Watmaugh Road to Hwy.116. Turn left on Corona Road, which in honor of the British Holiday had a roundabout. Well the roundabout has probably been there for awhile. Then out Bodega Ave. toward Valley Ford and a couple of back roads leading to the town of Tomales for a coffee/potty break. The latter was much needed!

From Tomales we went down Hwy. 1 to Platform Bridge Road and then left toward our next stop, The Rouge & Noir Cheese Factory. Here everyone sampled the great cheeses

and made yet another pit stop. By now the day had turned quite nice and actually warm.

Then back onto Petaluma Point Reyes Rd. toward Petaluma and the lunch stop,

Pub Republic on Lakeville Hwy. Good food, great service, reasonable prices, Good atmosphere.

Heard all had a good time.

Thanks to all who attended.

The frost started re-forming almost as quickly as it was scraped off, but soon a little caravan of Morgan, Mini, and Rolls drove over the hills to Sonoma.



Drivers Meeting, Wendell herds the Cats



Gathering around Sonoma Square.



Peter Irlenborn's '67 330 GTC



Tom Escover's '85 GTS "Magnum PI"



Paul and Lesley Cowley opted for the warmth and comfort of their 1954 Rolls Royce Silver Dawn over their +4 4-seater Morgan on this chilly day.



Decisions, decisions — the Pub Republic had lots of choices for Linda and Michael Rubin, Bill Fink, and Dave Sneary.



Aero SS - Poetry in Motion

Story & photos by Jon Callas, Tamzen Cannoy, Gordon

Tamzen Cannoy and Jon Callas have been driving and enjoying their 2002 +8 for a dozen years or more. But in 2010 with the limited release of the Aero SS they were intrigued when Charles Morgan brought one to the Stecks Party, had a chat with him and Dennis Glavis, and moved from beholding a beauty to owning and driving one.

Later in Santa Monica at MorganWest, they took a test drive in a black Aero SS once ordered by Simon Cowell but returned ("I own too many cars," he complained) and awaiting delivery to another buyer. The exhaust note set off car alarms rumbling down the street, and Jon and Tamzen went from smitten to sold! They now have 12,000+ miles on their chariot, one of 28 in America, and theirs became one of the last imported before the Feds changed airbag requirements.

This Aero model shares the same BMW 4.8 liter V8/six speed ZF auto gearbox powertrain as the Aeromax Coupe before it. Built into a lightweight composite chassis and surrounded by an all-alloy body, this Everest Blue SS weighs in just under 2700 lbs, so the power to weight ratio is a seat slammer every tick of the shift lever, 0-60 is just under 4 seconds and the car runs monster strong up to redline 7000 revs and can top 140 if need be.

The Force is with you, but so is the Grace, the exterior fit and finish, flow of compound body lines, the interior stitched leather detail, all of it is exquisite. Even the boot can hold a weeks worth of travel luggage, along with the detachable roof sections for top down bliss.

They have the car serviced every 10,000 miles at a specialist BMW/high performance garage, oil, coolant, filters, that sort of thing. That is the total service schedule, one time only so far.

"The handling is very, very tight, the ride is stiff but not at all uncomfortable," says Jon. They've become Long Riders on many a sojourn on the Coast Highway south to Santa Barbara, and once in Las Vegas, they became movie stars, the Hotel asked if they could park the SS out front at all times, securely of course.

Tamzen and Jon absolutely love their Aero SS, it is a keeper, and let's not forget, so is the +8. Many Happy Trails in both!





Oyster Run XXii

Story by Larry Ayers • Photos by Larry, RB Ward, Elaine Fisher, Gordon, Fred Thompson

WE WERE BLESSED by a window of opportunity: a cool day and no rain while seeming to be in a “doughnut hole” with hefty clouds all around a crowded horizon, but sunshine stayed over us on Oyster Run XXii, 10 January 2016.

Registration took place in Novato at the Vintage Oaks Shopping Center at Starbuck’s, and Donna and Larry’s bread was popular as always — this year, banana-raisin-pecan.



Paul Cowley, appropriately garbed for such a chilly morning, signs in with Larry.

[below] Much conversing, milling around, and pondering at the Driver’s meeting.



Mike and Kathy Preovelos rejoined old friends after quite a long hiatus while John Hardgrove’s passenger, Charley (4 paws), made new friends.

Route sheets were handed out and an explanation of the Morgan Scrabble Game was explained before we set out for a drive





Donna described the 2016 game: Scrabble, with the promise of a unique trophy.



Larry tooted his traditional horn to call the Morgan-ears to attention



Elaine's MOAVI regalia was certainly the highlight bling of the day.

We made our goal of arriving at Tony's before the parking area filled with other cars.



through Marin County.

Over hill and dale, past herds of black & white dairy cattle, brown ones as well, and a smattering of sheep with their new lambs, caught our glances. Everything was glistening green because of the recent rains. More good grazing for the cattle but our minds were set on other munchables as Tony's Seafood Restaurant in Marshall was awaiting our arrival. We set a brisk pace – pretty much the speed limit — since parking spaces disappear quite quickly on weekends. We aimed to arrive at Tony's around 11:15 and achieved that goal.

The Tollworthys and Bill Fink joined us at Tony's instead of taking the planned route. That made a total of 25 vehicles transporting 39 Morganeers for lunch that ranged from BBQ oysters to crab, scallops, and calamari, to mention a few. Scrabble words were pondered during lunch before the group departed in an easterly direction to our final destination at the Cheese Factory for awards and final goodbyes.

John and Barbara Burks (Ashland, OR) along with Bill Button (Seattle, WA) as well as others, headed out following lunch due to traveling commitments



Oyster Run XXii, cont'd



Fred Thompson, with Kevin Welch, who is the vehicle and traffic safety committee chair for the city of Woodside. Luckily he was riding in a Morgan — one of the safest cars in the world.

and health issues, but we certainly appreciated them attending the event from such long distances.

At the Cheese Factory, Donna had the privilege of grading the Morgan Scrabble Game for those who hadn't made an early departure. First place was claimed by Michael Gerdts, with Carol Pitman taking second. Donna was amazed that the winning boards accrued scores well over 100, whereas no one figured out her solution "Morgan Oyster Run Twenty Two" that she thought would be too easy. Everyone who played exhibited



At lunch, Mike & Kathy renewed acquaintance with Thorley.



Conversations engage attention after a good meal.

A quick check for illegal words and total scores.



Donna & Larry present the trophy kits to Carol Pitman 2nd, and Michael Gerdts 1st.

creativity using their 20 letters. The two winners were awarded a boxed trophy kit and instructions "some assembly and restoration required" with photos so there were no excuses regarding what the two-foot trophy looked like when assembled.

What fun!

Thanks to everyone for supporting Oyster Run Twenty-Two, and we'll look forward to conducting another one next year. Best wishes and happy and safe Morgan and tin top traveling. *Larry and Donna*



OYSTER RUN 2016

By Bill Button

Last Thursday (Jan.7) the phone rang. It was John Burks. "Let's go on the Oyster Run." OK: But it is 9:00 AM and it will take a while to get on the road. It is 7 Hrs run to Ashland. That's ok says John. Get as far as You can and we will meet You somewhere on Friday.

Feed the Cat, take a shower, pack a bag, time, time, time. Started the +8 Bitsa but turn indicators did not work. Spent 2 hours trying to debug this. My Mentor, Bill Mote, said "Get a new flasher." Bingo I had turn indicators. I was able to get just South of Portland by 7:00PM. Two hours in the dark. Night driving is difficult for Me nowadays. Called John and He said "get on the Road before 7:00AM. We want to have lunch at a great seafood restaurant in Crescent City. Call Me when You get to Canyonville."

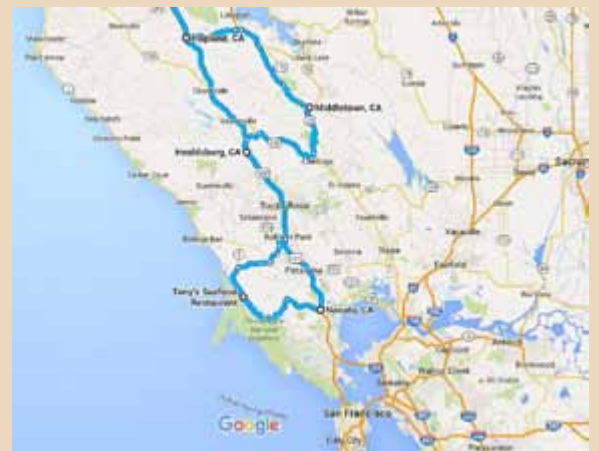
OK: On road by 7:00AM, Called at Canyonville and met John and Barbara just before noon in Cave Junction, Oregon. Now the fun began. The road from Cave Junction to Crescent City is a twisty delight and there was very little traffic. John & Barbara in the lead driving their Porsche Boxter and My +8 Bitsa performing extremely well now that I was getting the suspension sorted. Stayed at an old Victorian Hotel in Ferndale.

Saturday morning down Hiway 101 to Hopland. Turned left and headed to Clear Lake. Great Morgan Road. Steep, narrow and twisty. John kept the pace and I was very secure keeping up. The +8 Bitsa was doing its job. No shocks!! Suplex Kit in front. (The latest thing in the UK). Solid, very solid performance. We stopped for a bite to eat at Middletown. The Valley Fire (Sept. 2015) had not burned Middletown. But all about was horrible. Back to Hiway 101 and spent the night at Healdsburg.

Sunday Morning to Novato for the beginning of the Oyster Run. Larry Ayers started the Oyster Run with a Hoot on His bugle. And was this Oyster Run a Hoot. Great Run to Tony's Oyster Bar near Bodega Bay. But We ate and ran. We needed to get back to Ferndale and then Ashland by Monday noon. We didn't quite make it. But I was able to do some repairs in John's garage (fix headlight) and a small hydraulic leak.

Tuesday I was headed for Seattle. Four Hundred Fifty miles of heavy rain. Extremely stressful. Eighteen wheeler trucks throwing up a wall of water when they passed or I passed. I was driving a Submarine.

But it was worth it. Thanks Larry and Donna. It was a Fun Run.



Mapped and weatherized, Bill's ready to go!

Prez Sez, continued

RIP Tyler Alexander

I was disappointed that mainstream media, and much of the motorsports world, failed to note the passing of Tyler Alexander, who died earlier this month at 75 after being in failing health for some time.

Tyler was a pillar of McLaren, a New England engineering student who met Bruce McLaren and went from mechanic to chief engineer to helping run the company. As big a role as any non-driver American has had in Formula 1.

Tyler was a key part of McLaren's Can-Am domination, early Formula One and winning ways in Indy cars in the 1970's. I met Tyler when Budweiser, a client of the PR agency I was with, sponsored McLaren with driver Johnny Rutherford. Despite strong showings all year, the 1979 season ended with Penske ground effects cars sweeping the top three spots in the final race, with Rutherford fourth in the Bud McLaren. In JR's words, "Best in class..."

When no sponsor stepped up to fund a development program, McLaren dropped out and JR moved over to Jim Hall and his Lotus-esque Chaparral, winning Indy the next year.

Tyler worked on the short-lived Beatrice F-1 effort before returning to McLaren's Formula 1 program at Woking, England and stayed until he retired a couple of years ago. I met him again in the McLaren garage area at Indianapolis during the first US Grand Prix and he remained a key part of the operation until retirement, as important a part of any F1 program as any American and deserving special recognition for all he gave to motorsports.

He was also an excellent photographer and his shots, many candid as you can imagine, and his recollections fill his book "Tyler Alexander: A Life and Times with McLaren" and an earlier one, "McLaren from the Inside: Photographs by Tyler Alexander."

Check the BBC website F1 section for more and comments from those in the sport.

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Alice Gentry and Tim Waller FINALLY track down our Globe Trotting Ellen Jo Baron to award "The Great Morgan Trike Build-Off of 2015" for her entry in the contest at MogWest.

The Annual Gathering ~ MOG WEST 2016

July 15, 16 and 17, 2016

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River Oak Center for Children

Dear Club Members,

Thank you for again reaching out to River Oak with your 6th Annual Toy Drive for our children. Tim and I were sorry to have missed the festivities and promise to be there next year. Community support makes our Holiday Season sparkle for the many low-income children we serve. The toys donated this year were really wonderful and were very much appreciated.

Established in 1966, River Oak strives to bring the very best quality of treatment to our children and their families. Our numbers keep growing but we see that as a positive in that more children are being reached. River Oak now serves close to 1100 children and youth each day with mental health services and 300 additional families with Early Head Start and Family Resource Center programs designed to help prevent child abuse. River Oak relies heavily on the use of evidence-based programs with proven effectiveness to help the family and client reach their goals.

During the Holidays we offer our parents and caregivers a Santa's Workshop to help remove some of the added stress that this time of year can bring. We were able to assist almost 500 families this year. The caregivers are invited to select a stocking, book, and then a gift for each child in the home. Everything has been donated by the community. To top off the day, we have volunteers doing the giftwrapping with donated giftwrap!

Thank you again for your support and being a part of our success. Community partners are key to creating healthier futures for our youth and their families.

With many thanks and best wishes for happy motoring in 2016,

Alice Gentry
Community Affairs Manager

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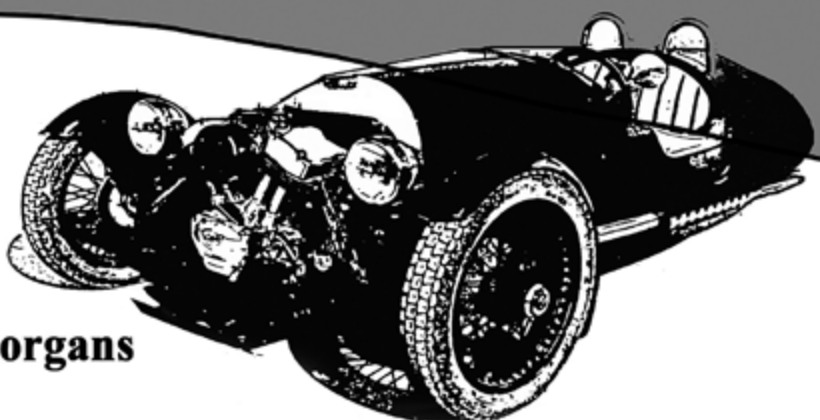
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