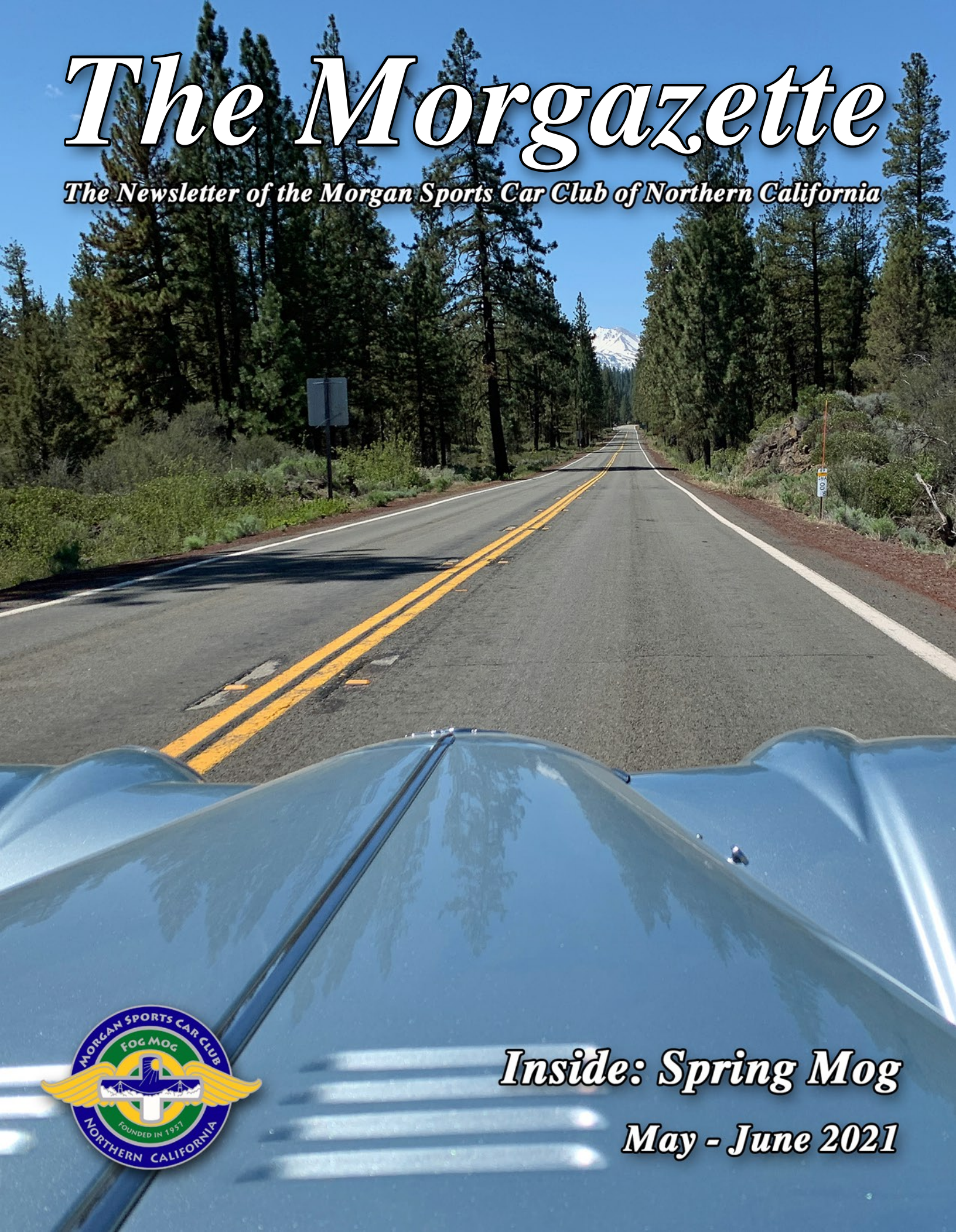


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The Newsletter of the Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern California



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May - June 2021



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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 supporting our club and driving our Morgans. Our common interest extends to the friendships and camaraderie gained through participation in club events.

The Morgazette is the newsletter of the MSCCNC. It is published 6 times per year and is mailed free of charge to members in good standing. We welcome any and all original and reprint articles, and/or photos amongst all like-minded persons. Articles must be labeled with the following information: 1) Name of event 2) date of event 3) names of all persons appearing in photos 4) in the case of a reprint, name of publication and permission of the author and/or photographer 5) names of authors and photographers responsible for new articles.

July 25, 2021 is the DEADLINE for sending ads, photos, and articles to the Editors for the next issue.

The Morgazette is available in digital format as a web PDF. To view the Morgazette on-online go to: www.norcalmog.com.

Welcome to New Members

Tom Gandy
Palo Cedro, CA

Robert Peterson and Rachelle Mirkin
Los Altos Hills, CA
1974 silver/red 4/4; chassis B3352

Don Walker and Jean Ujiki Walker
Chico, CA
2013 Green 3-Wheeler

On the cover: The Fishers' Morgan Aero 8 on the Spring Mog run; photo by Elaine Fisher



Notes from the Activities Director

Angie Larson

It has been difficult to plan events, but as members are receiving the COVID vaccine, or are fully vaccinated against the virus, plans to meet in person are opening up! It appears that under certain circumstances, it is safe to venture out again. We hope to reintroduce some of the fantastic events that were cancelled. If you had formerly agreed to sponsor an event, please resurrect your ideas and contact Angie to set a date! Co-sponsored events are also a great way to organize an outing and share the work-load.



In the meantime, we need to continue to be inventive and supportive of ideas presented as alternatives to in person meetings or get together. I cannot emphasize enough how much we love to see you on Zoom, how much we appreciate your ideas for distance events, and how much we count on hearing from you about proposed distance activities. It is safe to say that meeting over Zoom is not ideal, however, it is a way to say hello, hear how you are coping, and share ideas for future events. Thanks all who have continued to participate, your support is encouraging.

Please contact our Activities Director, Angie Larson, if you would like to host or co-host an event.

You may reach Angie at msccnc.activities@gmail.com or call her at 650-593-6335.

May

Open for suggestions

September

Open for suggestions

June

Open for suggestions

October

Sunday 17-20 Finding Fault at the Pinnacles
Ellen Jo Baron will keep us posted on the evitability of this event.

July

Friday 9-11, Mog West
Sunday 18, Hillsborough Concours D'Elegance
Registration now open at:
registration@hillsboroughconcours.org

November

Open for suggestions

August

Friday 13th Morgan Club Party at Loren & Annette Steck (**Postponed until 2022**)
Aug. 12,13,14,15 Rolex Monterey Historic Week

December

Sunday Dec. 5, Morgan Club Christmas Party, contact Elaine Fisher for information.
Email on page 2. See notice about party in this edition.



The Prez Says

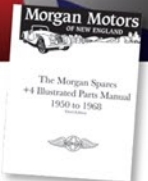
By Paul Marchant

Thanks again to Bob Panero for putting on the excellent Spring Mog driving event in May. 16 Morgans and 20 people participated in this run.

Whoever said "don't sell a car to a friend" might be right. A few years ago, I sold a 1965 +4 to new member, Rich Joy of Citrus Heights. During this Spring Mog, he drove his car to Eureka without a problem. The adventure began on the way to Weaverville. Approximately 13 miles from Weaverville, all of sudden he pulled off road with a serious metal to metal sound, and the water temperature plummeting to dead cold. We finally arranged for a tow truck to bring the Rich's car to a shop in Eureka, and then to another shop in Arcata. Without removing the head, it was diagnosed as a dropped valve or hole in the piston. The shop in Arcata, was too busy to schedule a repair.

The next morning, we were off to my shop in Pacheco. Three tow trucks and 14 hours later, the car was pushed inside my shop with the help of Mike Hall. Mike had a shop in Pleasant Hill for 35 years called "John Bull" (which is what the British call the IRS). Luckily, we had the help of a jackhammer placed between the water pump housing and the thermostat housing on the head. Add a lot of Kroil oil, and alas, the head came off. Turns out a valve seat let go and got smashed on top of a piston. Fortunately, I had a rebuilt head in stock and after repairs, the car is up and running strong.

Up and coming is MogWest. I hope to see you there. Join in a game of darts and enjoy the town of Cambria.



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Letter from the Editors

By Fred Thompson

"Are we there yet?" The most common phrase uttered by our children on every road trip we have taken. As far as The Morgan Club Runs, this could also apply. In this post – COVID (almost) time, we're getting there as evidenced by the Spring Mog Run to Ashland Oregon. Included in this issue are two reports chronicling the run-up Highway 101 and through one of our most favorite roads on this earth, "The Avenue of the Giants". Both Ann and I attended Humboldt State University, and we would not miss the opportunity to take that bypass through the magnificent redwoods. Although it was not in a Morgan, our 1960 Anglia did provide an adventure in itself.

As Editors, it's very refreshing to receive new stories of your Morgan adventures. It surely makes our job easier. During this past COVID year, as the deadline for articles approached, our conversations drifted toward "what are we going to fill the pages with this month?"

Please keep chronicling your Morgan adventures. Even if your trip is just a short event, take a photo of your car and destination. As a former teacher, I would encourage my students to use brevity with some creative levity. It always results in a more enjoyable read.

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Trike Visit to the Miegers

By Ellen Jo Baron

On Tuesday, May 25, Jim Taylor and Ellen Jo Baron took the opportunity to exercise Sport, their 1933 Trike, with a visit to Marty Mieger and Lexa Most to check out the renovated gardens surrounding their beautiful old Victorian home. Toby Tuttle was there, too, helping Marty with his Morgan 2003 +8. It was such a good feeling to be able to be together, not masked, enjoying the good company and beautiful weather. It was a fine day for a drive in the 3-wheeler.



Here are Toby, Lexa, Jim, and Marty in Lexa and Marty's front yard.



SAVE THE DATE

For the evening of Sunday
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for those interested in staying
overnight

For further information contact
VP Elaine Fisher

Spring Mog Unmasked in Photos

By Dave White



The Parking area at Gary & Francine Marquis' Chico home.



Phil Fisher doing a check on his car. Parked next to it is John and Barbara Burks' 2019 Roadster.



Coffee Break at the White's in Trinity Center. Bob Panero & Robert Horsley in front of Bob's 1966 +4 Four-Seater and the Larsons' 1967 +4 Four Seater.



Parking at Trinity Center. L to R, Robert Horsley's 2005 Roadster, Dave and Donna White's 2003 +8 and John and Janet Grosetto's 2019 Roadster.



The parking lot at the Flagship Inn in Ashland, OR. Bob Frisbey's 1958 4/4 Series 2 and the White's 2003 +8. Robert Horsley, Bob Frisbey, Elaine and Phil Fisher, & Donna White.



Lunch time Parking at Dotty's Restaurant in Etna. The 2007 Aero 8 belongs to Gary and Francine Marquis. Next to it is the Larsons' +4.

Spring Mog Unmasked in Photos (*Continued*)

By Dave White

Socializing before dinner at the Marquis' home in Chico.



Highway 3 from Trinity Center, climbing Scott Mountain.

*There is a saying that a picture "is worth a thousand words."
It seems that there were many good times and just as many beautiful places to see.*



Old Highway 99 with Mt. Shasta in the background.

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Notes from Spring Mog Unmasked 2021

By Bob Panero

Chris and I are in the process of transitioning from the Bay Area to Ashland to be closer to our kids. This of course meant getting my Morgan to Oregon. Why not make this a drive with a “few” Morgan friends I said? Well, after committing to Angie that I would make this a formal club event (what was I thinking) I started to plan this with John Burks and Dave White. Covid was still looming out there and who knew if there would be accommodations available or places to eat? As noted, we did not always have places to eat but it was a joyous time and boy was it a fun to be together again. To make a long story short, at its peak we had 26 people and 16 cars participating.

Day 1- The Benbow

Following the long, grim period of covid with no Morgan events, the sun shined on us at the Benbow. This was a Mother’s Day event with a total of 12 cars and 20 people showing up for our first night out at the Bendow Historic Lodge. People came from afar to eat, drink, and tell lies just like the old days. A fitting and elegant beginning to our event.

Day 2- Weaverville

Today we gained people and lost people. A wonderful early morning drive up through the Avenue of the Giants kicked off our drive to Weaverville. Unfortunately, Rick Joy experienced terminal engine issues which resulted in him having to return to Eureka on the flat bed of shame. Paul Marchant being the good friend he is followed to support Rich but this ended the drive for them. Bizarrely when I arrived in Weaverville I had a call from Dave White, who lives in the Eureka area but was 100 miles away in Trinity Center waiting for us, who asked me who broke down? How could he have known this? A phone call for the tow truck from Rich to Eureka for a broken-down Morgan had made it through the grapevine all the way to Dave who must be some sort of celebrity in that town.

So that the group would not become complacent about lodging we had booked the Red Light Motel (might have been called the Red Hill Motel) which provided an interesting contrast to the Benbow. A classic FlogMog/Spring gathering occurred in the parking lot over appetizers and wine until we realized there were no open restaurants for dinner. Bob Frisbey, hero that he is, volunteered to cruise the town to see what he could see. He returned with burritos, tacos, and enchiladas for all of us and the fate of the Donner Party was avoided.

Day 3 – Ashland

The was the first day when directions mattered and I, along with the Larsons kind of got lost. Who was responsible for these anyway? Somehow the rest of the group, who wisely did not follow my directions, made it to the White’s place in Trinity Center without mishap. Dave and Donna graciously provided coffee, coffee cake, and bathrooms in their lovely, forested summer home. The subsequent drive-up highway 3 was an absolute gem. Lunch in Etna was like Weaverville, no open restaurants! Locals finally directed us to the only open hamburger joint which we promptly overwhelmed.

Arriving in Ashland, which was still under RED restrictions for COVID, the group assembled at the Flagship Inn for pu pu’s and wine in violation of those restrictions which limited outdoor groups to 8. Bob Frisbey again made the run for take out from Bonsai Susi and everyone was happy.

Notes from Spring Mog (Continued)

By Bob Panero

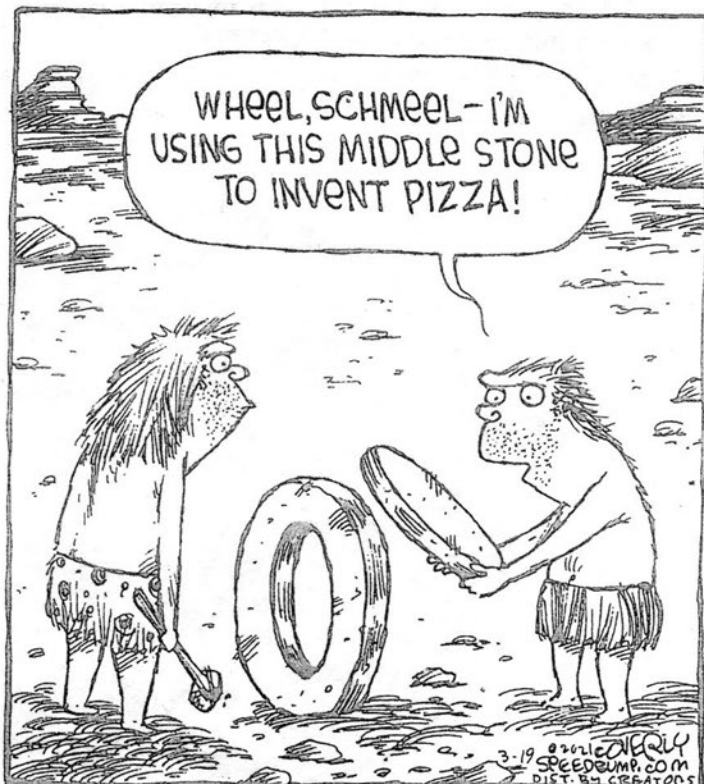
Day 4- Ashland

A layover day to enjoy the town and what was proposed to be a barbeque at my daughter and sons-in-law farm. However, because of the outdoor gathering limitations, and not wanting to get them arrested we moved the event to John and Barbara Burks home. It was determined their freedom was expendable and they graciously hosted a meal catered by Chris Panero with assistance from Barclay Schaw. Everyone behaved themselves.

Day 5- Chico

Off on another day of sketchy directions but no one got totally lost. Elaine and Phil Fisher left early and much to my surprise (not) I get a text from Elaine that our proposed lunch spot was closed. Now we are having fun. Fortunately, by the time we got to Old Station it was open and Bob Frisbey and I enjoyed a heart stopping pastrami sandwich. A fun route was provided by John Burks to Chico and the historic Diamond Hotel. A BYOB and dead cow event was hosted by Francine and Gary Marquis in their home that was thankfully spared from the Paradise Fire. Cars on the lawn, good conversation, and a fitting farewell to the post Covid coming out event.

Thanks to everyone who participated. There are those who traditionally participate in these events, you were sorely missed but not forgotten. As noted, we did not always have places to eat but it was a joyous time and boy was it a fun to be together again. To make a long story short, at its peak we had 26 people and 16 cars participating.



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Phil Fisher in the Aero 8 during Spring Mog. Photo by Elaine Fisher.



Spring Mog Unmasked – The Good and the Sad

*Mostly As Experienced by Elaine and Philip Fisher
with additions from Don Walker and Dave White*

Photos by Elaine, Ellen Jo Baron, Jan Grosetto, Bob Frisbey, and Francine Marquis

Bob and Chris Panero planned on moving their 1966 +4 4-Seater Morgan to Ashland Oregon where they recently purchased a new home to be closer to their children. Bob's arm was twisted into turning this trip into a Spring MOG. While Bob completed his move successfully, near the end of the trip we heard that their Morgan had a rod knock. This added to other woes in their new house.

On Mother's Day, nine "Spring Moggers" gathered on a beautiful sunny Sunday for brunch at Kaffe Moca in Santa Rosa. Philip and Elaine Fisher arrived in their 2005 Aero 8, Bob Panero in his 1966 +4 4-seater, Jim Taylor and Ellen Jo Baron in their 2002 +8, John and Jan Grosetto in their brand new "1965" Roadster "Ismelda," and Grant and Angie Larson in their 1967 +4 4-seater.



Angie and Grant Larson with Phil Fisher



The Panero and Grosetto Morgans

After traveling up Highway 101, our first night's stop was at the Benbow Inn near Garberville. The parking lot was packed with locals enjoying the special Mother's Day meal, making parking and unloading a bit difficult.

New members Don Walker and Jean Ujiki Walker arrived with the Chico group in their "new" 2013 Green 3-wheeler. On the way they had stopped with problems where "they pulled the battery" and went for lunch at the Blue Wing Saloon at the Tallman Hotel in Upper Lake. On their way in, Gary Marquis talked to an old codger who lived across the street. In asking where they might find a place to charge their battery, he replied that he had one, and kindly offered to charge it. After lunch, they picked up the battery, purchased a charger and a 50-foot cord, and off they went to Garberville. At the Benbow Inn, they requested that Maintenance plug the cord in, to charge the battery overnight.



Right: Walker's broken down 3-wheeler.

Spring Mog Unmasked – The Good and the Sad (Cont.)

Although we didn't see them at the Benbow Inn, Paul Marchant in his "new" +8, and Rich Joy in his 1965 +4 were around somewhere, possibly in Garberville. Lynn and Karen Powell in their Mini-Cooper along with Cooper the dog, spent the night in Garberville. Also joining the group from Chico were Vicki and Paul Tullius in their Classic Lancia, and Gary and Francine Marquis in their 2007 Aero 8. Robert Horsley arrived from the Seattle area in his 2005 Roadster, most likely using his usual backroad driving. John and Barbara Burks arrived from Ashland in their 2019 Roadster.

All who stayed at the Benbow Inn enjoyed the special Mother's Day Dinner.



On Monday, another beautiful day greeted us for our journey to the Red Hill Motel in Weaverville. We left the Walkers at the Benbow Inn with a very long extension cord to trickle charge their Morgan 3-wheeler. Sadly, they left the group and headed back to Chico. "Since Don had run the Morgan with the lights on coming up, he thought he would make it all the way back safely without turning the lights on. Unfortunately, this was not the case. Once again, having the premiere Hagerty towing card, they made it back to Chico on a tow truck. Don stated that the battery was not the problem, but there was a problem with the rectifier. Isn't this the way that Morgans "work"? I doubt Jean was impressed with the Morgan, but she was a good sport. We hope to see them again soon.

The route took us up Hwy 101, with an option to drive through the Avenue of the Giants. We missed the turnoff and continued to Eureka. Shortly after turning inland onto Hwy 299, we saw Rich Joy and Paul Marchant stopped along the road. There was no indication they needed help, so we continued onward stopping for lunch in Willow Creek. We later learned that the Joy's Morgan "ate a valve", and sadly they were towed back to Chico, aborting their trip.

While the old Red Hill Motel needs much work, it does have a great outside area for gathering and visiting. It was wonderful to be with the Morganeers we haven't seen for a year or more. A few years ago, we all would have stayed up talking until midnight, but times have changed, and we retired to bed by 9:00 P.M.



After completing his Mother's Day responsibilities, Bob Frisbey joined the group. He did so after driving non-stop from Aptos in his thoroughly restored hot-rodded 1958 4/4 Series 2 Roadster. The only problem he had on the trip was that his car key needed to be in the ignition switch correctly for the car to start. On Tuesday morning we headed up Hwy 3 for a coffee and cake stop at the Whites' vacation home, located in Trinity Center.

Left: Bob and his new Morgan

Spring Mog Unmasked – The Good and the Sad (Cont.)



The leftovers from our dinner in Weaverville demonstrated our ability to enjoy a few glasses of wine!



The Whites



Enjoying cake & coffee at the Whites'

Phil and I apparently took the short route, and despite leaving last, we arrived before many in the group. This was surprising because our Aero 8 over-heated a bit on 'the hill.' At this point, Ashland residents Barclay and Ginny Schaw joined the group.

Soon after, Dave reported that he received a call from the owner of a repair shop in Arcata. David knew the owner who just happened to be in his shop when the Joy's broken car was towed there for repair. The shop owner called David to ask if he knew anyone in the area who worked on Morgans and if he had any ideas.

The best part of the story was that Dave then called Bob Panero and asked who had broken down? Knowing Dave was in Trinity Center, Bob couldn't believe that Dave already knew about the breakdown. He thought Dave was just guessing. Dave's response was, "It's a small town, information travels fast!"

After all the expected cars had arrived, and all enjoyed the tasty food, Dave and Donna packed up the house to follow the group to Ashland in their 2003 Anniversary +8. Gary and Francine were kind enough to follow us to be sure we made it over the steep grades that lay ahead of us going over the Siskiyou Passes. We were worried about seriously overheating on the steep grades. Luckily, we did make it, but not without an over-heating concern.



Left: Fisher's Aero 8 cooling down after trip up steep hill to Trinity Center.

Below: David White and his Anniversary Edition Plus 8



Spring Mog Unmasked – The Good and the Sad (Cont.)

Our lunch stop in tiny Etna was a challenge, but the locals directed us to Dottie's up the highway where most of us gathered. Some of us were concerned about the improper wearing of masks by the cook and others.

We arrived at the very adequate Flagship Inn and soon were planning our evening "get together" under Oregon's strict Covid standards. In compliance with Oregon's 6-person law, our take-away dinners were served around the pool in 2 groups of 4 and 5 people. Bob Frisbey saved most of us from Subway Sandwiches by agreeing to pick up Japanese food. Others apparently ate at the Burks' home or elsewhere.



Dinner in Ashland in two small groups



Ginny Schaw's paintings and decoupage.

Wednesday, a free day in Ashland, found most of us going in different directions. Starting the day off, the Whites, Fishers and Frisbey eventually found breakfast at Ruby's, having lost Horsley in searching for our original destination. Jan and John Grosetto went shopping and both showed up that evening with new attire. After lunch at the Sammich, the Taylor/Barons and Fishers drove to Medford to see Ginny Schaw's fantastic paintings and decoupage, taking in the damage from last year's forest fires on route.

Later, John assisted Philip in siphoning radiator fluid and replacing it with Water Wetter (a Red Line product), and a recommendation to replace the radiator since he felt it was plugged. This evening ended with an outdoor get together at John and Barbara Burks with a meal prepared by Barclay and Chris.



Dinner in Ashland at Burks Home



Spring Mog Unmasked – The Good and the Sad (Cont.)



Grosetto and Horsley



The Burks and Barclay Schaw

At John's suggestion to avoid overheating, Philip and I set out at 7 A.M. on Thursday morning to make it over the steep pass that started our journey for the day. Along the route were beautiful views of Mt Shasta and Mt Lassen. We stopped for breakfast in McCloud at the White Mountain Café. Others stopped there later.



For lunch we had left-over breakfast and more at a rest stop while others managed to have lunch later in Old Station as planned. Despite having difficulty finding open restaurants, it seems we managed to have an abundance of eating on this trip. After a BBQ at Gary and Francine Marquis lovely estate, the night was spent at the lovely Hotel Diamond.

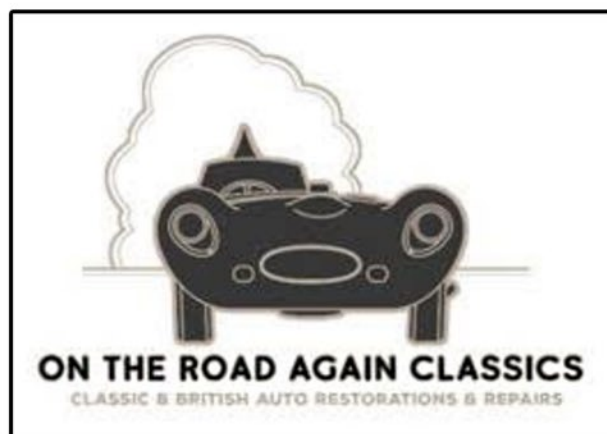
On Friday, we followed Jim Taylor and Ellen Jo Baron back to the Bay Area. Jim felt he had a radiator leak and wanted us to discover it before he did to avoid any engine damage from a radiator failure. Philip also wasn't sure we were out of danger with our Aero overheating. Jim suggested stopping at the Nut Tree for lunch, but alas, the Nut Tree has been replaced by a shopping center. We all arrived home successfully with radiator issues to overcome.

Spring Mog Unmasked – The Good and the Sad (Cont.)

Eventually at least 16 Morgans and 20 Covid vaccinated people from all over the West Coast in many different models of Morgans participated. Club President Paul Marchant should be happy that so many people drove their Morgans to this event!

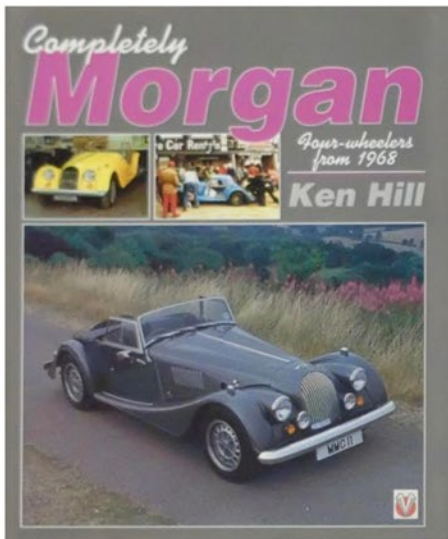


Our sincere thank you goes to Bob and Chris for planning this awesome needed event, Chris and Barclay for catering our dinner, John and Barbara for sharing their home, John's expertise in working on our Aero, Gary and Francine Marquis for hosting the BBQ and following us up the hill, Bob Frisbey for fetching dinners, and everyone for participating and helping whenever they could. True Morganeers finally coming together making people smile while enjoying our special cars and friends.

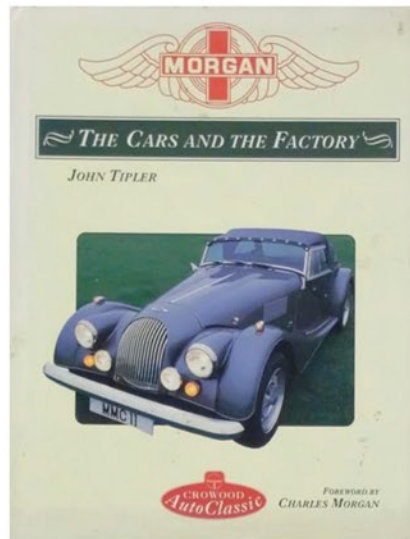


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Martin Sinai has several books about Morgans that he would like to sell. The books have not been used. The listed prices reflect the original cost of each book. However, Marty is willing to take your "Best Offer." He estimates it will cost about \$5.00 to mail a book, although you are welcome to drive to his home in Kentfield to pick up your purchase. Marty bought these books when he contemplated buying a Morgan.



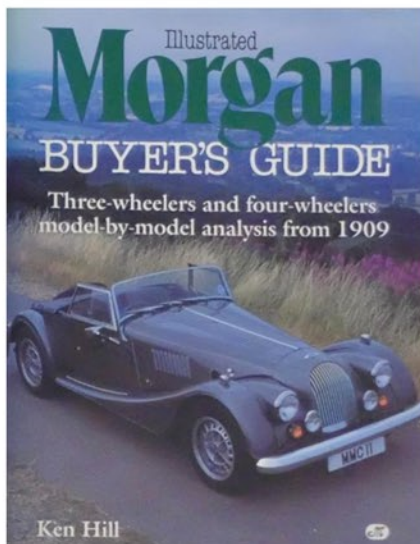
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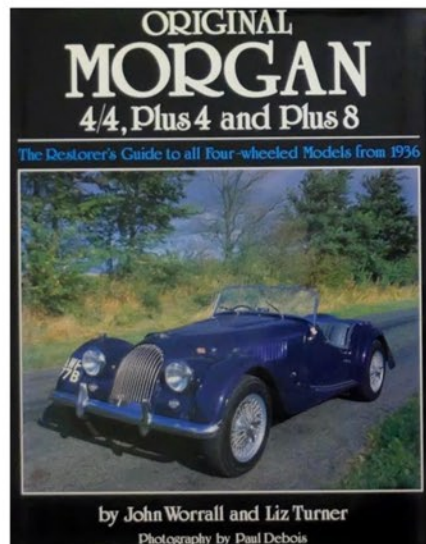
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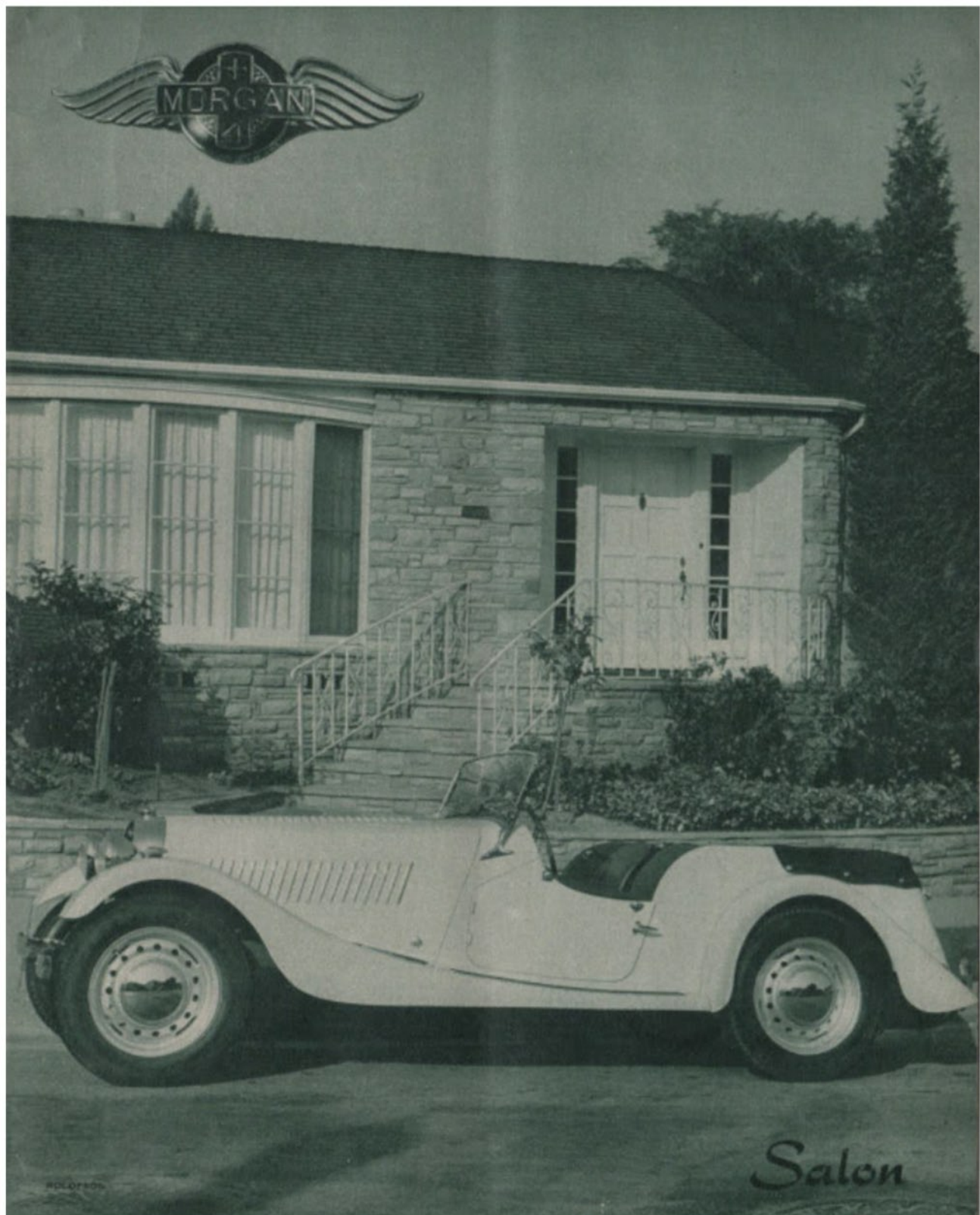
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I didn't see a real Siata Spyder until years later, and it wasn't nearly this large an automobile. Or was the perky blonde *really* petite?

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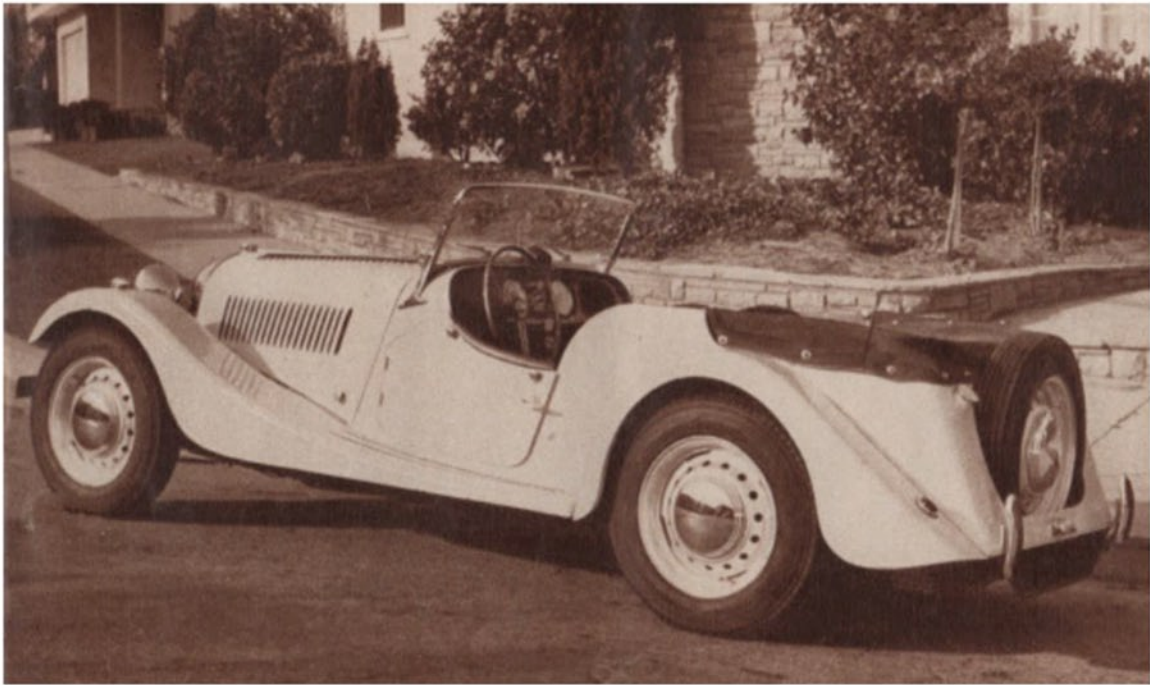


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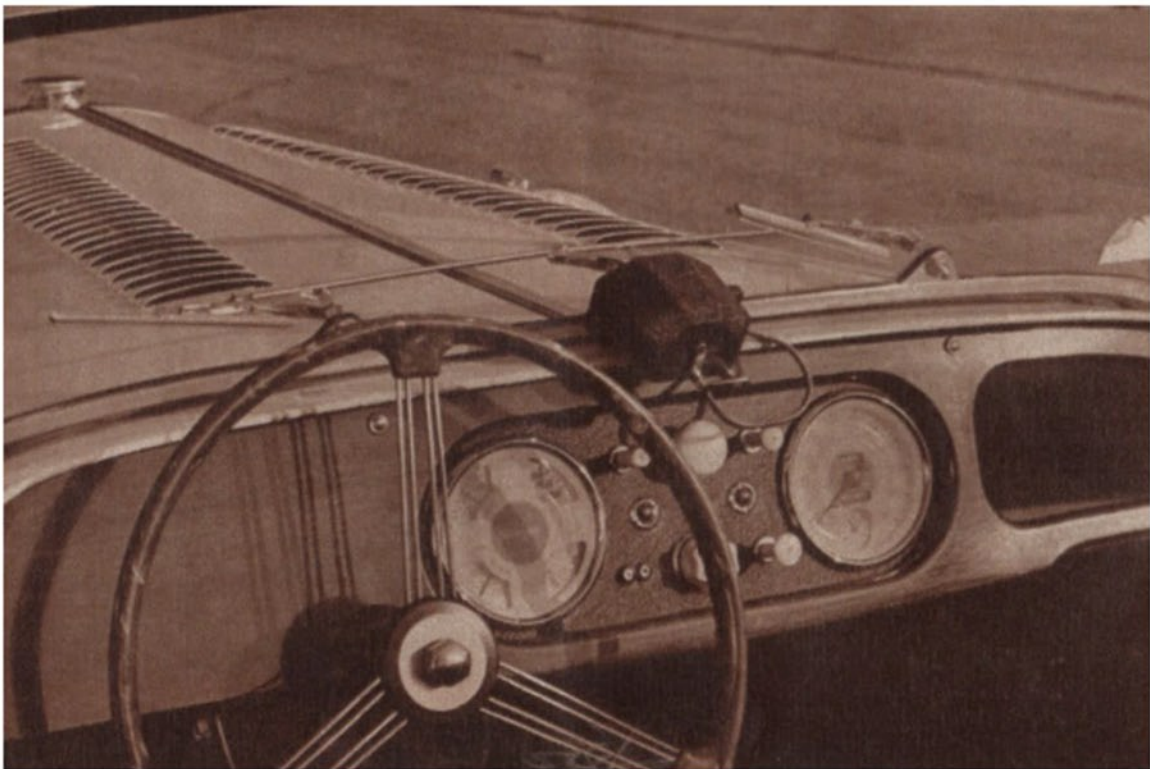
A Morgan Salon. "Arguments pro and con on classic styling may rage on forever," R&T wrote, "but there is no denying that one of the greatest charms of the imported sports car is its ability to bring back memories of the past, with the added advantage of greatly reduced depreciation to keep the argument on a firm dollar and cents basis."



By the early 1950s, a flat radiator was already classic.



“The Bentley illusion,” R&T said, “is further heightened by the firm ride, the quick steering and the flexibility of an engine large enough to do the job. Yet, the smooth acting, four-speed transmission is a joy to use and gives the Morgan a dual personality.”

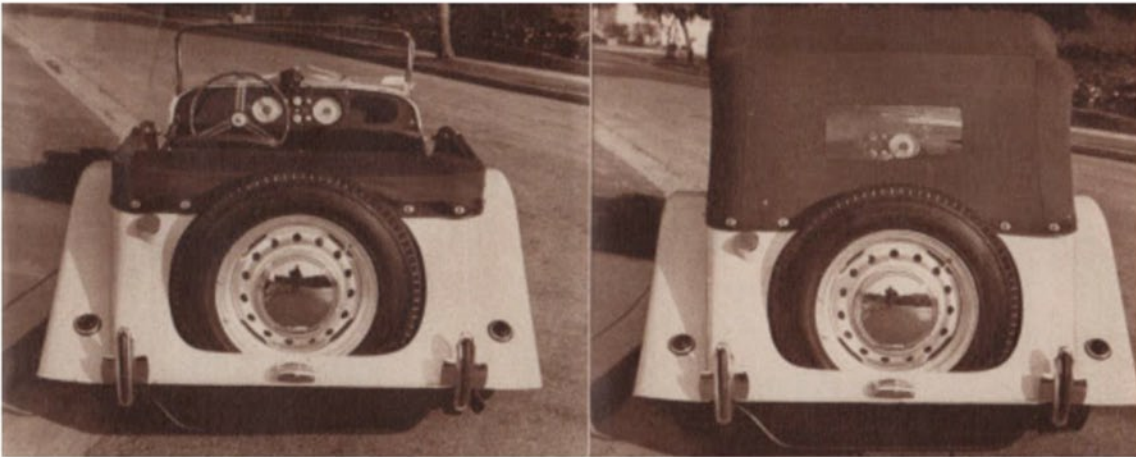


The car's minimal instrumentation resided in a wooden dashboard. The motor, at top center, drove those largely ineffective windscreen wipers.

The Morgan Motor Company began changing its front-end styling from flat-rad to a more modern configuration in the early 1950s, primarily because its supply of individual headlights dried up. What with one thing and another, flat-rads continued leaving the Pickersleigh Road works now and again. Though not specifically identified by year, this March 1954 Salon car is likely a late-1953 or early-1954 example of Morgan's four-seater, later listed as a "Four-Passenger Family Tourer."

Royal Seating. R&T observed, "One of the problems associated with small 4-seater sports cars is the provision of a neat appearing top with full headroom for all passengers. In the Morgan the rear seat is over the rear axle and as a result, the rear passengers sit slightly higher than those in front."

Indeed, more than slightly. I recall with our 1965 Four-Passenger Family Tourer that those adventurous enough to experience rear seating expressed the opinion that it felt like "royal exposure."



R&T commented, "From the rear, and with the top folded, the Plus 4 is clean-lined. But should it rain, the Morgan might well hide its head."

God's Way. Truth be known, the fiddling while erecting a Morgan "hood" with its retractable framework and separate canvas was God's way of getting even with those afraid of getting wet.

As R&T noted, "But a sports car owner usually buys a car such as this to enjoy the benefits of open-air motoring, and the top is inevitably folded at every reasonable opportunity."

A Bentley Illusion. What's more, R&T noted, "When the rear seat is unoccupied, the tonneau cover gives the Plus 4 the unmistakable air of a smaller replica of one of the great old Bentleys at Le Mans."

Tell that to an impressionable kid and he's hooked for life.

This particular model omitted a tachometer and placed the speedometer ahead of the passenger, all the better to instill driver-dependent respect or fear.



Our 1965 Four-Passenger Family Tourer on the Arizona Copperstate's Yarnell Grade, 1997. Ali Sirota, daughter of other Copperstate entrants, was a great passenger.

"Driven conservatively," R&T said, "the car has no trouble keeping up with traffic; driven briskly, the performance is more than satisfying."

It took [only 37 years](#) for that Cleveland kid to confirm this first-hand. ds

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