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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.

The Deadline for receiving ads, photos and articles for the May/June issue of the Morgazette is June 22nd. Please send your documents and photos to the editors at: msccncnews@gmail.com. If you are writing about an event that is finished in May, it would be most helpful if you submit your article and stories soon after the event is complete. Ann had surgery on her right hand and is typing only with her left hand. Thanks for your understanding.

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Cover Story

During the month of February, there was a run called "Year of the Tiger." Part of this event was a visit to Dick DeLuna's museum in Woodside. The photo on the cover was taken in the driveway of Dick DeLuna who has an extensive collection of automobile memorabilia. 21 Morgans graced his grounds while our members enjoyed his collection. From the DeLuna residence in Woodside, the Morganeers then embarked on a run through the curvy roads of Woodside, climbed up narrow lanes to Skyline, and then traveled back to Belmont for a catered Chinese lunch at the home of Fred and Ann Thompson. It was a beautiful sunny day, and many members eat in the garden, talked to friends, and enjoyed the lovely weather.



The Prez Says

By Paul Marchant

The Year of the Tiger! This was an incredible event that Ann and Fred Thompson organized to celebrate the Chinese New Year. First, a short drive to Dick DeLuna's car collection just off Canada Road in Woodside. Some 22 cars and 40 Morganeers showed up to view this wonderful collection of cars and car memorabilia. Then it was off to Kings Mountain Road and Skyline Blvd., ending at the Thompson's home and garden to enjoy an outstanding Chinese lunch. Most of all it was great to see so many members that we have not seen in a long, long time.

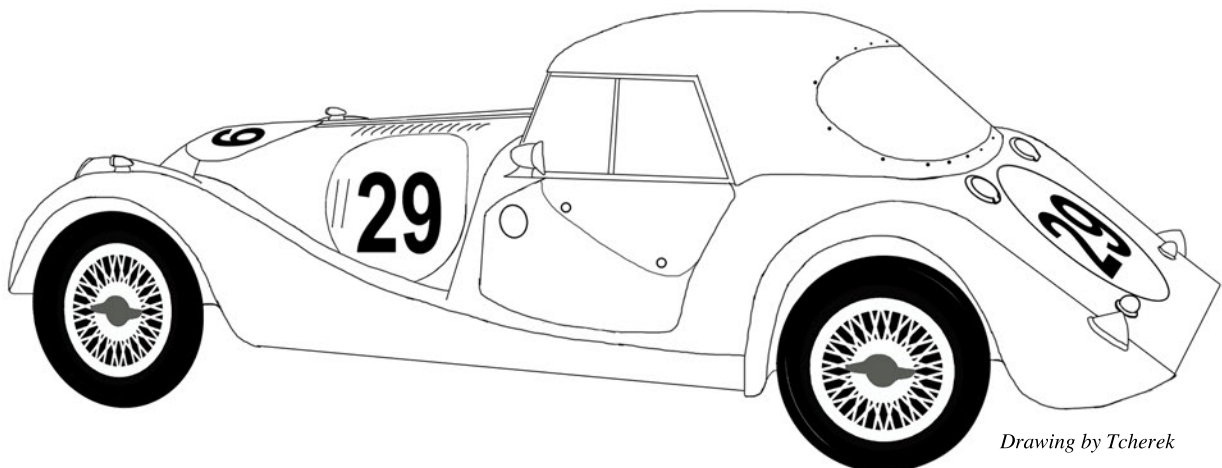


The Fault Line Tour was organized by Tom Hamilton and Jim Taylor. An incredible run highlighting the fault lines of California along with the history of Interstate 5 and Dead Man's Curve. Included was information about Sandberg Hillclimb and the Morgans that participated in the 4 events between 1950-51. From Cambria the run continued north up the coast with a wonderful lunch at Nepenthe Restaurant. The drive up the coast Highway 1 toward Monterey was spectacular. No fog, no wind, and blue skies all the way.

A few Morgans were represented in the Annual David Love Vintage races which is sponsored by CSAG. Tom Morgan in his 56' 4/4 was seated in group 1, and John Bittenbaum in his 57' 4/4 was seated in group 2. Singing the National Anthem was none other than Bev Morgan.

Such a wonderful Club we have! So nice to see new members showing up for the events this year. Loren Steck of Carmel Valley has put in a request for more than 8 Morgans on his lawn this year. Hopefully new members will join us.

Looking forward to Spring Mog and many more events and runs to come.





Morgan Club Activities Calendar 2022

Angie Larson

May	
Wednesday, May 10-12	Spring Mog Contact: John Burks - burksjohn1@gmail.com
Sunday, May 22	All British Motor Vehicle Show and Swap Meet Dixon Fair Grounds (See Info. In this issue)
June	
Open (Lunch with Wop canceled)	
July	
Friday, July 8-10	MogWest, Cambria Contact: Elaine Fisher - togetelaine@gmail.com
August	
Friday, August 19	Party at STECKS HOME - more info to come Rolex Monterey Motorsport Reunion Pebble Beach Concours
Wednesday, August 17-20	
Sunday, August 21	
September	
Sunday, September 4	Run and Party at Paul Cowley Vineyards Contact: Paul Cowley - paul@cowleyusa.com
Sunday, September 25–29	Flog Mog Contact John Burks burksjohn1@gmail.com
Friday, September 23-25	Ironstone Concours Contact John Grosseto - jgrosseto@icloud.com
October	
TBD	October Fest/Nominations at the Hamilton's Contact: jjhtromba@sbcglobal.com
November	
TBD	Turkey Trot
December	
Sunday, December 11	Morgan Club Christmas Party Boxing Day Contact: Wendel Bain - wbain@sonic.net
Monday, December 26	



Notes from the Activities Director

Angie Larson

So far, we have actually completed *three* very successful Morgan Activities. January-Oyster Run by Larry Ayers, February-Dick DeLuna's Auto Museum/Chinese New year by Fred & Ann Thompson and in April-Finding Fault at the Pinnacles with Doug & Joyce Hamilton, Ellen Jo Baron and Jim Taylor. Thank you to these fabulous organizers for an unbeatable, memorable, time together with friends and cars.



Our next is **Spring Mog**, from **May 10th - 13th**. John Burks sends this reminder; Spring Mog should be lots of fun with 20 cars coming. We will explore beautiful Northern California including Mt. Shasta, Lava Beds National Monument, and Burney Falls, just to name a few stops. If anyone needs room suggestions, or has questions, call John at 541-613-1345.

MogWest takes place in Cambria and is scheduled for **July 8-10**. Please look for two flyers in this issue with Registration and Lodging information. These flyers contain time sensitive material you will not want to miss.

Please be sure to look for the article by John Grosseto regarding **FlogMog/Ironstone Tour, Dinner and Concours**. This is a popular event; therefore, early booking is wise. John is providing us with information in advance so you can put this on your Calendar and make reservations now.

June is open for an activity. I hope someone out there will plan a day run for those of us who can't get away for the longer activities. A weekday drive works well because we have less traffic. Call me I will help. 650 593 6335

Mark your calendars, we have amazing activities scheduled. I hope you can find at least one activity in which you can participate.



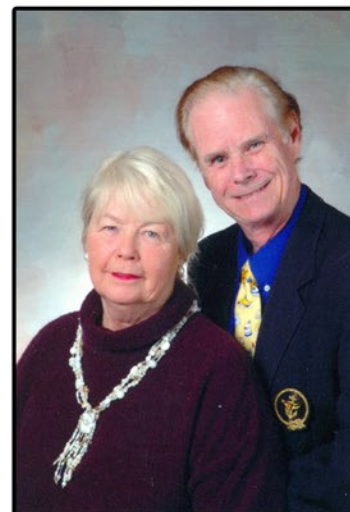
The death of Dean Jackson, a very fine member of our club, passed away in the morning on May 4, 2022, after a long battle with an illness similar to Lou Gehrig's Disease. Our deepest condolences go out to his wife, Fawn Jackson, and his family. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. A tribute to Dean will be in the next issue of the Morgazette.

The Passing of a Long Time Morgan Club Member

by Gerry Willburn

It is with great sadness that we pass along this story about the passing of Barbara Willburn. She was born the 24th of September 1937 in California to Virgil Lorimer Bonham and Margie Mae (Anderson) Bonham. Barbara was the eldest of two children, Barbara and Roger Bonham.

She married Gerald David (Gerry) Willburn, the son of Delwin Victor Willburn and Dorene Margaret (Luke) Willburn. She had known Gerry forever (their fathers worked together), but there was a hiatus from about six to sixteen. They met again in her father's garage while he was doing brake work on Gerry's Chrysler Town and Country Convertible. Barbara's family spent her father's vacation on Balboa Island. She saw Gerry driving onto the Island (the car was pretty distinctive) and walked up to him and said; "I know you." and he replied; "Of course you do." and the rest is history.



Automobiles have been a passion for both of them for many years. In 1955, when Barbara and Gerry were married, they bought an MG TD to drive on their honeymoon. It was a great car (times were slower then). It did lack a bit of power, so a supercharger was added. It served them well during his Navy years. Over a few pints with a friend one night, Gerry made the comment that the ideal Sports Car was the MG TC body on a supercharged TF 1500 chassis. His friend said, "Why bother. Buy a Morgan." That set the wheels moving and when Barbara saw a black Drophead Coupe in the paddock one day, she said, "That's what I want!"

In early 1959, Barbara and Gerry had decided it was time to trade their supercharged MG for a new Morgan. They searched out Rene' Pellandini's local Morgan dealership in Los Angeles, and there met Lew Spencer who was in the process of making a name for himself in local Club racing. Morgans were then, as now, in somewhat short supply. The only car on the showroom floor was quite well blocked in by other brands and unavailable for a demonstration ride. "Not to worry." said Lew. As an alternative, he offered them a ride in Rene's 212 Ferrari. With Barbara perched on top of the spare tire behind the two front seats, they motored out onto Sunset Boulevard. After a spirited drive through the Hollywood Hills, they arrived back at the dealership. Lew said "The Morgan performs about the same, but rides harder!" They bought a new Morgan DHC (SN4204). It was the start of a long love affair.

They drove that Morgan everywhere! For a while it was the only car they owned. Their son John, then two years old, spent his formative years riding in a child's seat that they built sideways on the package shelf behind the seats. When they finally sold the Drophead, it had well over 100,000 miles on the clock. The engine had never been overhauled but the front suspension was rebuilt a few of times.

Barbara and Gerry have owned several Morgans since then. Barbara did Morgan interiors and has done nearly every Concours winner. One of their Morgans won the Second Place Trophy at Pebble Beach in 1993. But whenever they think of the 1959 Drophead it is like someone remembering their first love. It grows brighter (and better) with the passage of time rather than fading from memory as so many things do. We will remember Barbara in very much the same way. Our memories of her will grow brighter with the passage of time.

Barbara died on the 27th of January 2022. She will be greatly missed by her husband, family, and friends in the Morgan Club.

Letter from the Editors

by Fred Thompson



Adventures out and about with our Morgans are moving in a positive direction. In this issue we are featuring two wonderful outings. The first occurred in February, it was a bit too late to get into January-February issue, so we are covering it now. There were more Morgans and participants who enjoyed the "Year of the Tiger" run since I have been a club member. The weather, food, destinations and camaraderie all contributed to a wonderful day. Be sure to check the article, photos and list of all those who attended. The second fabulous event was "Finding Fault, a run to the Pinnacles." This was a well-organized run which took place on a beautiful weekend. There certainly was "no fault" found with this event. Either re-live this event, or find out what your fellow Morganeers enjoyed in the "Pinnacles Run" article with photos.

There are several upcoming events, some of which are club sponsored, other are not. However, be sure to check the calendar in this issue for details.

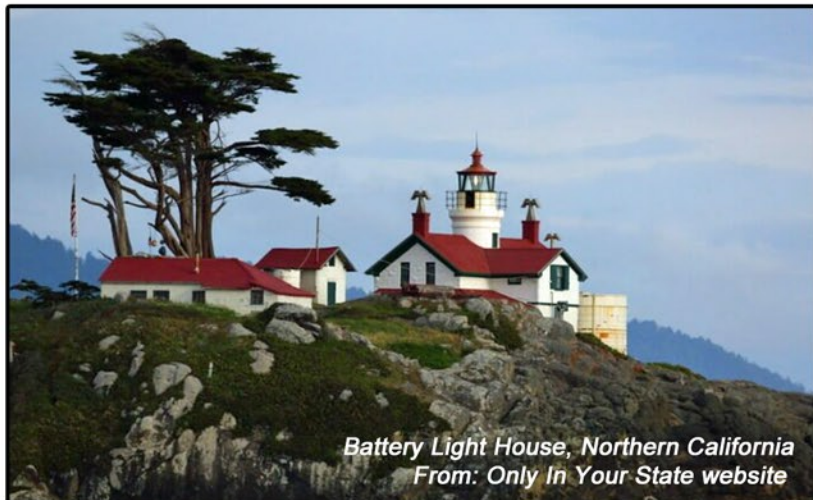
You may have noticed that this Morgazette Issue is a few weeks later than usual. We are moving the production date up to the very end of the second month to accommodate 2 full months of runs, articles, and events. This way, we hope to truly cover all of the events that take place during each Morgazette cycle. We are very grateful to event organizers who pen their reviews, and send in event photos soon after their event is complete. This gives us more time to edit and format the later stories that come to us. We appreciate your patience in waiting for the March-Aprils edition of the Morgazette.

Thank you to all those who contribute to the Morgazette. There are many of you, and we deeply appreciate your input and ideas. Without your stories there would be no Newsletter for our club.

We have received several emails from Dennis Glavis about an Internet site called "Only in Your State." There are several ideas about interesting places to visit, beautiful scenery to view, roads that will challenge any Morganeer, and even the best Ice Cream shops in the Northern part of our state. The following is the landing page for Northern California.

www.onlyinyourstate.com/states/northern-california

In closing, we hope you continue to enjoy the Morgazette, to share your adventures in your Morgan, to tell us how you care for your car, or give advice about special places to drive our Morgans.



Battery Light House, Northern California
From: Only In Your State website

All British Motoring Show - May 22, 2022



Another friendly reminder that registration is open for the **All-British Motoring Show** and Swap Meet is NOW OPEN. Please go online to <http://www.ubscc.org> and click on the link to the car show registration. From there you may either register online or download and print a mail in form.

The car show is set for May 22, 2022 at the Dixon Fairgrounds. As with last year, we are only taking pre-registrations for the show this year. No day-or-registrations will be allowed. Cost to enter the car show is \$35 per vehicle, \$30 for a swap meet space, and \$40 for food or business vendor. You may also pre-order car show regalia with our new online registration form.

We will not be mailing flyers again this year, so watch your emails for notices. If you are a member of any car club other than UBSCC, please get the word out to the other members about our show. The link to the show is <http://www.ubscc.org>

All registrations must be in by May 7th (for online registration) or postmarked by May 4th (for mail in registrations).

Not sure if you've pre-registered? Check online at:
http://www.ubscc.org/UBSCC_Shows/dixon2022/2022Registered.html for the current list.

Questions? Contact treasurer@ubscc.org



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MORGAN CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday December 11, 2022

5 - 8 PM

This year we have moved the Morgan Club Holiday Party to down the Peninsula in Mountain View. The event will be held at a fine Italian restaurant, VASO AZZURO, at 108 Castro St. Mountain View 94041.

We will be taking over the entire indoor restaurant so we need to have at least 50 attendees, but also will have an upper number limit so be sure to sign up shortly after invitation is distributed. There are several bars on Castro Street should you wish to celebrate past 8 PM when we must leave the restaurant.

Hotels are more expensive in this area than Vallejo. The best rate currently is at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 390 Moffett Blvd, Mountain View 94043, but reserve soon and use special rates. <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nucqahx-hampton-suites-mountain-view/>

MOG WEST 2022

JULY 8-10

The MOGWEST team has been planning for a wonderful weekend event in Cambria, CA at the Cambria Pines Lodge. We hope you will join with us.

Although not an official part of the event, MSCCNC will again meet in Carmel on Friday morning to drive down Highway 1 to Cambria.

FRIDAY- The official event begins on Friday late afternoon with the Welcome Reception, obtaining your Registration Packet, picking up your regalia, purchasing other items, and catching up with other Morganeers.

SATURDAY- Polish your Morgan for the Saturday morning Concours, followed by an optional box lunch. After lunch will be a wonderful Rallye. Saturday dinner is on your own with friends.

SUNDAY- we have combined the BBQ, Awards, and music starting at 11:30 AM, with the goal of being done by 2:00 PM to allow you to drive home Sunday if desired.

FLYERS for Hotel Reservations and Registration are included in this Morgazette as well as having been emailed to you.



FlogMog September 25-28

Ironstone Tour Dinner Concours Murphy's, CA September 22-23-24-25

By: John Grosseto

The purpose of this announcement is to encourage Morganeers to participate in the optional Ironstone Tour. If you attend both FlogMog and Ironstone, you can take an eight-day vacation! Combined, both events run 8 days.

FlogMog will return to the Sierra Foothills with a wide array of activities and wonderful country roads. The plan for the **FlogMog** portion is to have shorter drives to local activities and sites. For those who want a longer drive there will be options to higher elevations with lunch at a lake, or even drives to the summit at an elevation of 9,000'!

There will have no more than two hotels for the four-day **Ironstone** event. Last year they gave us a Class for Morgans and we were staged in the shade of the lake as we watched the Amphicars take passengers on rides. Fridays Tour is less than 100 miles, and most every time included luncheon on 49 passenger tour in pontoon boats. If you are interested in the Ironstone event, make reservations now or soon. It attracts over 400 cars. Forms available at <https://www.ironstoneconcours.org/concours-delegance.html>

Please confirm your interest by return email so that I can send you future updates. I highly recommend this event! My email address is: jgrosseto@icloud.com.



Year of the Tiger Lunch and Museum Run

by Fred and Ann Thompson

Bomb Cyclone snowstorm on the east coast, lake effect storm in the mid-west, freeze warnings and ice storms in the south, so where do I drive my Morgan this time of year? In Belmont California! It was 74° degrees on a beautiful cloudless day, February 12th, the day of the “Year of the Tiger Run”.

Six Months prior to this run, Grant Larson and I visited the incredible car and auto memorabilia collection owned by Dick DeLuna. The collection is located at his home in beautiful Woodside California, in a two-story luxury car “barn”. Black “I” beam steel trusses, knotty pine walls, and hardwood floors create the appropriate ambiance to house this unique and pristine collection. We both agreed that this destination would offer an exceptional experience for members of the Morgan Club. Little did we know how popular this run would become.

Chinese New Year is celebrated during in the month of February. In 2022, the symbol for the year is the Tiger. Therefore, Grant and I, along with significant influence from Ann and Angie, thought we should schedule a run that would incorporate the De Luna collection, a short winding run through the majestic coastal hills above Woodside, and then culminate with lunch at Gin Mon, one of the best Chinese Restaurants on the San Francisco Peninsula. Two weeks prior to the run, I started taking reservations from club members. The last run we arranged back in 2021 attracted 6 Morgans. I thought for sure we might attract one or two more. COVID infection rates were declining, the weather was projected to be nice, and more importantly for Morganeers, the weather was dry. The visit to the museum was guaranteed to be memorable, the run was short and scenic, and the lunch assured to be delicious. From the start, my inbox started filling up with adventurous club members more than willing to get out and behind the wheel of their Morgans. Before long, more than 40 reservations were compiled. Ann and I had visited Gin Mon Restaurant prior, and although it is a lovely place, 40 patrons in close proximity and tight parking might not be too conducive to a successful or safe event. Ann then suggested, along with advice from the owner, that a lunch at our house, with ample selected “take out”, would be a better option. So then, a garden party following the run was planned.



Fred giving driving directions

19 Morgans arrived Saturday morning at our home on Fairway Drive in Belmont for coffee and doughnuts. Shortly after 10:00 we headed out for the 20 min drive to Woodside and the DeLuna collection. The curved driveway led us to an ample parking area adjacent to the Museum. Two members came directly to the Museum, so we were 21 Morgans altogether. After an introduction by Dick DeLuna, we all headed to the collection. The first floor of the “barn” was reserved for pre-war cars and motorcycles, both European and American. Many of which donned colorful winning Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance Ribbons. Downstairs housed more classics and hot rods, all in Concours show condition.



Year of the Tiger Lunch and Museum Run *Continued*

Besides cars, the collection boasted a large variety of one of a kind auto memorabilia. Neon signs of all sizes, oil cans, concourse awards, gas pumps, motorcycles, badges, and car models. Of special note, the Whiz oil, oil additives, gas additive cans, and other Whiz memorabilia, is the most complete Whiz Oil Company collection in the US. There was also a recreation of a 1920's gas station housed in a shed in the back of the Museum. Gas pumps, tools, motors, auto parts, more oil cans, grease guns, rags and even oil spots on the floor.



Just after noon we all headed out through the town of Woodside and up Kings Mountain Road to Skyline Blvd. Then north to HWY 92 and east, back to Belmont, about an hour ride. A spectacular run. Not a cloud in the sky. At the top of the coastal range, looking to your left, you could clearly see Half Moon Bay and the beautiful blue Pacific Ocean. To your right, Crystal Springs reservoir and the San Francisco Bay. Lunch was served back at our house on Fairway Drive. Most people took advantage of the fantastic warm weather and ate outside in the back garden.

All in all, a very successful and enjoyable day.



Fred Thompson with Dick DeLuna



Items in Dick DeLuna's Museum



Year of the Tiger Lunch and Museum Run *Continued*

List of Participants

Driver	Passenger	Car
Ed Abramson	Robin Abramson	2003 + 8
Wendell Bain		
Dave Berelson		1954 +4
Bruce Campbell	Christie Campbell	1967 DHC
Phil Fisher	Elaine Fisher	BMW
Bob Frisbey	Linda Frisbey	1958 4/4
Jerry Gurley	Lynne Gurley	1993 +8
Don Henry	Joy Henry	Mercedes
Grant Larson	Angie Larson	1967 +4
Brian Lewis		2018 +6
Beverly Lewis		2005 + 8
Paul Luks	Mary Luks	1955 + 4
Paul Marchant		1973 + 8
Tom Morgan	Bev Morgan	
Marty Mieger	Lexa Most	2003 + 8
Ted Miller		2018 + 4
Kelly Monaghan	Marilyn	1967 + 4
Rob Peterson		1974 4/4
Mike Prevolo	Chris Prevolo	1960 4/4
Peter Smith-Mahon	Hilary Smith-Mahon	1960 + 4
Fred Thompson	Ann Thompson	1963 + 4
John Tennyson	Nancy Tennyson	1962 + 4
Dick Tuttle		1960 +4
Steve Wax	Mario	Boxter
Larry Ayers		2005 Aero



Year of the Tiger Lunch Run at Dick DeLuna's Automobile Museum



1927 Thompson Sleeper Motor Home
Richard DeLuna

The Thompson motorhome was built in Ontario, CA in 1929. The vehicle is in its original state having been built on a 1929 Chevrolet truck. The motorhome has a crank-up roof which gives you a living/sleeping area of 7 ft 1 inch when completely raised through the hand crank system. This is only one of four original built by Thompson Company has survived.





Year of the Tiger Lunch Dessert

by Ann Thompson

After lunch I served different types of Chinese cookies. The cookie that many people liked was the Chinese Lemon Cookie. Therefore, I am sharing the recipe for those who want to make their own. Happy baking!



Chinese Lemon Cookies

Makes 24 cookies

Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup powdered sugar (for coating)



Instructions

1. Cream the butter and sugar with your mixer until light and fluffy – about 2-3 minutes. Add lemon zest, vanilla, eggs, and lemon juice and beat until fully combined.
2. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt. Add to the butter and sugar mixture and beat on medium speed just until combined.
3. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 2 hours. (Preferably overnight.)
4. Using a tablespoon scoop, drop dough into a bowl with powdered sugar. Roll dough until well covered and then place on a cookie sheet.
5. Preheat your oven to 350° F
6. Bake for 9-11 minutes. Do not brown cookies, they should be soft when they come out of the oven but will harden as they cool.

Finding Fault at the Pinnacles Spring Mog Tour

Article and photos by: Ellen Jo Baron and Jim Taylor
Additional photos by Dennis Glavis



Around 11:00 am on Sunday, April 10, a cheery group of 15 Morganeers gathered to explore California geological and driving history. Patrick Mannion and Kevin Rivette joined the group for lunch at the Windmill Restaurant in Soledad just to see us off.

The rest drove on to nearby Pinnacles National Park, where the ranger graciously provided a private room to allow our Club's resident geologist, Doug Hamilton, to demonstrate the topology and some geological history of California, explaining how the Pinnacles and an area 200 miles to the south (Neenach Volcanics) had separated from their single origin over 22 million years. Doug had brought 3-D maps and carefully created drawings to illustrate the phenomena. Listening raptly were Michele and Ambrose Pollock (new members), Carol and Jack Gordon, and Joyce Hamilton. Also there were most of the group who would stay on the run for much of the next 3 days including Larry Ayers, Robert Horsley, Angie and Grant Larson, Dennis Glavis, and leaders Ellen Jo Baron and Jim Taylor.



The entire group drove up the short road to the first lookout point, where the craggy Pinnacles rock outcroppings were in full view.

After leaving the Pinnacles, five Morgans drove south to King City and their motel for the night. They were joined by Barbara and John Burks, in their Porsche (for logistical reasons).



Following an early 8 a.m. departure, the group took smaller roads, including CA 198 where the San Andreas Fault crosses the road, took the I-5 grade from Grapevine, and then onto small roads leading to the Neenach Volcanics.

Finding Fault at the Pinnacles Spring Mog Tour



Here the hills were rounded and early spring flowers were just beginning to bloom. Everyone explored the rock outcroppings and picked up some good examples of the rhyolite and other rocks that matched those of the Pinnacles. Near the end of this day, Pres. Paul Marchant joined us, driving his +8 up from San Diego. From above the Tejon Pass most of the group viewed a section of the old 1915 Ridge Route known at the time as Dead Man's Curve." From there, we retraced some

roads and ended up in Lebec. A Mexican restaurant across the parking lot stayed open late to serve us, and we had a comfortable meal there.

Another early departure found us now driving up the Old Ridge Route and up the path of early Sandburg Hillclimb races (held 1950/51), in which storied Morgan drivers competed successfully.



It was cold and windy at the finish line, and you can see traces of the old cement road pavement. There was a great view of part of the San Andreas Fault. Our 5 cars then took the curvy, wooded, mile-high road west of Lebec down to the oil town of Taft at 1,000 feet. On the way our road crossed the fault again. The drivers then drove to Cholame, near the site of James Dean's fatal crash, which Doug had driven by just minutes before it happened. A memorial to the actor is there. After crossing the San Andreas fault again, the group (Minus Larsons) ended up at Cambria. John and Lynn Willburn joined us for a special farewell dinner (your sometime photographer, EJB, failed to document this event, to her chagrin).



On our 4th day we departed at a leisurely 9 am and after the final drive-up Hwy 1, the final five met at Nepenthe for lunch, from the top deck of which we viewed the Pfeiffer Point Onshore Fault, as evidenced by the sag pond referenced by Doug Hamilton in his excellent hand-written notes of the many geological features that we drove past during our 4-day trip.



Finding Fault at the Pinnacles Spring Mog Tour - More Pics





MSCC Affiliated Overseas Clubs

Part 1:1950-1973

'a brief of history of time'

by *Mike Pullen*

In the recent MSCC70 articles published in 2021, I wrote about our UK centres and when they came into existence. This article on the overseas clubs was always planned as the natural extension to the UK Centre history, and is the final article of my MSCC70 contributions. We have a large network of affiliated clubs across the world with many passionate Morgan owners who are MSCC members, it is only fair that our overseas clubs are given some column inches in Miscellany.

We currently have 45 affiliated clubs, and most of these are very active with full committees and well populated web pages. Occasionally we will see articles in Miscellany from one of our affiliated clubs; and our annual MOG gatherings in the UK regularly attract members from the overseas clubs, and long may that continue. The MSCC officer maintaining the connection with these clubs is John Donovan, who himself is very well travelled in his trusty Plus 8; an interesting article from John was included in one of the Miscellany MSCC70 compilations in August 2021. The information below provided by the overseas clubs varied in length a lot, and in some cases I have had to summarise what I received; however, I make no

apologies for printing in full the contribution from the Mousequaire Club (in Part 3), it is such a good read – enjoy! The USA, which has the largest number of affiliated Morgan clubs spread across a large number of states, has 14 active groups.

The MSCC affiliated clubs started forming from the 1950s. Like the UK

centres, most clubs would have started as a group of owner friends who chatted about their cars, and then decided that they should form a club some time after. Just four years after the 4/4 Club (MSCC) itself was started in June 1951, a group of American owners founded The Morgan Plus Four Club. This was in Los Angeles



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around February of 1955 led by Curt Warshawsky. On Oct 27 1955, the Club was incorporated in the State of California thus becoming the oldest official Morgan Club outside of the UK. The first location of the Club meeting was the Blarney Castle, until 1960 when the club moved to the Grand Prix Restaurant; and in 1962, meetings moved to the Cameo Room on Sunset Blvd. The Club meeting moved again in 1963, to the Kelbos Restaurant on Fairfax Avenue across the street from the Farmers Market. In 1964, the meetings were held at the Cockney Red Lion in Burbank, and July 1964 Pike's Glen Oaks in Glendale. The 'Format' Newsletter covers were hand drawn sketches of various Morgans as well as pictures of particular driving events or seasonal holidays; the first 'Morgan Plus 4 Format' was published in October 1955. It was and is a very active club with a lot of history.

The Morgan Plus Four Club of Northern California was started on 20th March 1957;

Wilson Cosby was the first President, Clate Meredith was the Secretary and Cle Murphy the Treasurer. The club was officially incorporated on 1 July 1960, and the name was later changed to the Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern California on 14

August 2017. The club's newsletter, 'The Morgazette', currently published bi-monthly, was once published each month, and has had several name changes during the past, each depending upon who the Editor was at the time. One of the interesting titles was "Morgasm" in 1963, however that title didn't last very long!

The Morgan Owner's Club of Australia was created on the 3rd of July 1958, by a

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small group of enthusiasts at the instigation of the late Ken Ward. MOCA was founded to promote and foster the mutual interest of Morgan car owners and enthusiasts throughout Australia, and to provide a centre of technical information about the Morgan motor car. MOCA promotes meetings of both a social and competitive nature, with an average of 30 events held each year. The club produces a monthly magazine 'The Morgan Ear' which is sent out to all members; and at present they have over 280 members."

Morgan Car Club, Washington DC was founded 1959 in Washington DC by a small group of Morgan owners and club racers who raced under the 'Team Rebel' banner at Marlboro MD, Cumberland MD, Lime Rock CT and other SCCA sanctioned race venues. It was incorporated in 1965 and an active member in Washington Council SCCA events. They initiated the MOG annual series in 1971 (Morgan Owners' Gathering) and will be celebrating 50 years of these gatherings in 2022; delayed from 2020 by Covid 19.

The Morgan Register of Sweden was founded by Anders Engström and Arne Homström in 1966; and the name quickly changed to Morgan Owners Group - Register of Sweden, in 1967. It was more normally known as Morgan Owners Group of Sweden and this name was officially adopted in 1973. They are an active club with very passionate owners who seem to spend their long winters keeping their cars looking in 'tip top' concours condition.

The Morgan Owners -Victoria (Australia) started in September 1967 after two owners - Neville Crawford and John White, met and decided to form a club. The first meeting was in the town of Ormond, nr Melbourne. Initially this was an area group within Morgan Owners Club of Australia, but later in June 1994 this division of MOCA broke away to form an independent club. The first president was Derek Allen. A committee was formed and early meetings were very casual and rotated monthly amongst members houses. This practice still continues to this day. On the 16th June 1994 the present independent club VICMOG was formed and incorporated to

meet changing legislative requirements.

The formation of the Toronto Morgan Owners Group occurred in 1967 when Doug Price (an ex pat Englishman) almost 'ran into' two Morgan enthusiasts – Ken Miles and Ian Campbell near his Toronto home. The timing seemed right and a meeting was arranged at Alan Sands' farm, attended by 12 Morgans. Other founding members were Al Sands, Stu Harvey and Dave Smith. By 1982 the club was known as the 'Morgan Owners Group Toronto' and a third badge was produced indicating this. A lot of owners had moved out of Toronto by this time to neighbouring towns not that far away. In 1994 the club was renamed the Morgan Sports Car Club of Canada.

The South African Morgan Owners Group (SAMOG) was launched on 5 December 1970 by Angela Heinz in Johannesburg, initially as a provincial club for the then Transvaal Province (now Gauteng). Angela, who was the official Morgan agent in South Africa, drove a pink 1969 +8. Soon after they invited owners from other SA provinces and adjoining countries to join and expand their coverage, and there are currently about 120 Morgans in South Africa, the oldest being a 1913 Runabout. The 70th anniversary of the Morgan was celebrated with a dinner in the ballroom of the Sunnyside Park Hotel (originally the residence of the British Governor-General in South Africa), with seventeen Morgans in the ballroom and the British Consul as guest speaker. MSCC affiliation came in 1988, and in 2009 some members created the Western Cape Register (regional center) of the SA club, known as CapeMog; this was shortly after July/August 2009 when a contingent of SAMOG members attended the centenary celebrations in Cheltenham UK.

The 3 / 4 Morgan Group (USA) began to form in 1970 and the initial instigators were Ken Gross and John Erickson. One year later, they were joined by Butch Strunk,

Jim Nichol, Art Lange, Chet Paleski, Allen Kone, Lee Gaskins, Bob Schmidt, and Dave Bondon. It was an unofficial group until incorporated in New York State in 1974. They produce a newsletter called The 'Morganeer.' The club's distinctive yellow and green triangular badge with traditional Morgan wings, designed by Art Lange highlights the 3 and the 4 of the club's name, which honours the marque's three and four wheeled vehicles. The club's first annual AutumnMog held at Lime Rock Race Track in October 1979 was instigated by Spider Bullyk.

In 1971 on October 9, a small number of enthusiastic Morgan owners met in the Intercontinental Hotel in Frankfurt; the result of this was the founding of Morgan Club Deutschland (MCD). Nik Bösch became the first chairman and other founding members were Manfred Monkos, Uwe Schuck, Thomas Schäfer and Pius Kuhlmann. On January 3, 1975, Morgan-Club Deutschland e.V. was formerly registered at the district court in Essen. The club started with about 30 Morgan enthusiasts spread all

over Germany. To enforce friendship and contacts, four sections, Berlin Nord, Mitte und Süd, were established. MCD now has 9 sections (centers) across Germany - Nord, Ost, Mitte Nord, Mitte, unMOglich, Rhein-Main, Ländle, Franke & Bayern.



Currently with 1150 members, they issue a 6 monthly 'Morgan Post' magazine. The main events during a 'normal' year without Corona virus restrictions are the big



Morgan Club Meetings in spring and fall.

The Morgan Owners of Philadelphia is better known in the States as 'MOPS'. It was formed in March 1971 by Bob Schmidt and John Moffatt, and was made official in 1977. It has been active ever since with monthly breakfast gathering, rallies, tours and seasonal parties. Their signature event is the 'Moggie Miglia', a complex series of challenges including a car show, TSD rally, autocross, with formal dinner and awards breakfast. They try to support events of the MCCDC and the 3/4 Club of New York. They average about 40 active members with Morgans in and around south east Pennsylvania.

MSCC Holland followed next in 1972 after owner Fokke van Tuikwerd wrote a letter to the company that imported Morgans into The Netherlands, as well as to thirteen potentially interested owners to establish a Dutch Morgan club. This was achieved on 9th April 1972 at Doortwerth (The Netherlands). From the beginning the club is called Morgan Sports Car Club Holland. Their club magazine was originally called Fata Morgana, the spelling of which was later changed to FataMorgana. In 2022 they plan to celebrate their 50th anniversary, and the club committee are working hard to organise a special event; this will be held in Elspeet, Gelderland, The Netherlands in August.

Also founded in 1972, Morgan Owners Club of Japan was established by Masahiro Naito (the first President) and 16 other founding members. 1979, saw the club name changed to Morgan Sports Car Club of Japan whilst at the Lake Yamanaka Hill Climb meeting. Their magazine called 'Sliding Pillars' was launched in 1980, and in 1982 their 10th Anniversary was held at the British Embassy in Tokyo with a Concours d'Elegance. Events came regularly each year with a visit in 1988 from Mr and Mrs Peter Morgan at the Hakone Hill Climb. This was followed in 1992 by a visit from

Mr and Mrs Charles Morgan; and in 1994 Mr and Mrs Derek Day attended their annual event. 2007 brought their 35th Anniversary at Kamakura, and in 2009 13 members joined the MMC Centenary event at Cheltenham. As 2022 arrives they are planning their 50th Anniversary event in June, and the club currently has 133 club members.

Ohio Morgan Owners was started in 1973 by Bob Burrows who invited 17 known Morgan owners to an initial picnic meeting in Columbus, Ohio. From that, membership grew and the group was re-organized in the late 1980's as the Ohio Morgan Owners Group with Chas Wasser as the first president of the refreshed club. The group was officially incorporated as OhMog in May of 1991. The club evolved using small local 'get-togethers' and occasional larger meetings throughout each year. In 1984 the first annual meet was organized in Dayton, OH. These autumn meets are called OHMOGs and over 35 have been a joy for the members to attend. They've

been big enough that international notables such as Maurice Owen, Chris Lawrence, Bill Fink, and "Road & Track" writer Dennis Simanaitis were guests at their "Morgans at Mid-Ohio" in 1991. Richard Shepherd-Barron was the guest for the celebration of Morgan's 100th anniversary when we returned to the ACD museum in 2009, where he showed a film of his Morgan racing exploits. They also hosted a number of OHMOGs including one with blues legend H-Bomb Ferguson and his Medicine Men at their home and classic car barn. Members, Steve (treasurer) & Katie Stierman, have hosted the Holiday Party for over 20 years. OH Mog is an active and thriving club with a membership around 65, owning a wide variety of Morgan models and years; it holds a number of organized and impromptu 'get-togethers' and has a substantial newsletter (OHMOGGIE). OH Mog has striven to foster and maintain a strong friendly and welcoming culture for current and new members alike.

October 1973 brought the formation of the Morgan Club Denmark after a first meeting at the home of an owner; six Morgans arrived for the meeting. In 1977 Nils-Erik Norsker and Larse Pettersson were touring England and entered the Yorkshire Centre Weekend in Sheffield. The evening party was much enjoyed, and on the Sunday Autotest they had a lot of fun sliding their 4/4s around the bollards. Nils-Erik achieved a Class 3rd in the Concours. Currently the club has 250 members and they issue a regular magazine. Seven 'official' events are held through the year, and often the club travels into Europe. 1974 will be their 50th Anniversary and will hold an international meeting on 9-11th June 2023; all Morgan clubs will be invited.

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Note #1: It should be noted that these clubs may have been operating months or years before gaining 4/4 Club or MSCC affiliated status.

Note #2: Where countries cover a large area (USA, Australia, etc.), some overseas clubs may have several regional groups (Chapters) operating very much like the MSCC Centres. If readers identify errors or are able to provide more clarity to the data given, then please do contact me by email (mssc70@morgansportscarclub.com).

Photo captions:

1. MSCC Northern California's recent Oyster Run
2. Morgan Owners Club Australia's 1959 Christmas party
3. MOG Sweden's first meeting at Gränna in 1967
4. VicMog (Morgan Owners – Victoria) during their "3 Day High Country Wander"
5. MSCC Canada, at the British Car Day, Burlington, Ontario in 2019
6. Rally plaque from South African Morgan Owners Group's November 2021 tour
7. Morgan Club Deutschland's gathering at the Schloss Dyck "Classic Days" event
8. Morgan Owners of Philadelphia masked up for a tour during the pandemic
9. A few of the cars at MSCC Holland's annual event in 2018

10. MSCC Japan's 45th Anniversary at Nihondaira (near Mt. Fuji) in 2017. The Morgans are arranged to form the number 45

11. OhMog (Ohio Morgan Owners Group) members pass through a historic bridge during a country drive

12. A winter Garage Meeting of Morgan Club Denmark in 2019



MORGAN 4/4 CLUB / MSCC TIME LINE

OVERSEAS AFFILIATED CLUB CREATION

MORGAN 4 - 4 CLUB (FIRST MEETING 30TH JUNE 1951)	1951	Morgan 4/4 Club (UK) founded.
	1952	
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	1954	
	1955	Morgan Plus Four Club (USA).
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	1957	MSCC of Northern California (originally Morgan Plus 4 Club of N California).
	1958	Morgan Owners Club of Australia.
	1959	Morgan Car Club Washington DC.
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MSCC (FROM 1971)	1966	Morgan Owners Group of Sweden (originally Morgan Register of Sweden).
	1967	Victorian Morgan Owners Group (Australia). MSCC Canada (originally Morgan Owners Group Toronto).
	1968	
	1969	
	1970	South African Morgan Owners Group (incl. CapeMog – started in 2009). 3/4 Morgan Group (USA).
	1971	Morgan Club Deutschland. Morgan Owners Group Philadelphia.
	1972	MSCC Holland. MSCC of Japan. Morgan Owners Group Great Lakes (USA) – now inactive.
	1973	Ohio Morgan Owners Group. Morgan Club Denmark. Morgan Club de France (originally named French MSCC).



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on a cloudy day

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partner approve this bit Or will you have to
make amends So you both can still be friends

Those clear or yellow tinted screens Either one
will fulfill your dreams Those insect splatters
won't suit And no window washers to boot

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or black And don't allow tubes to go slack

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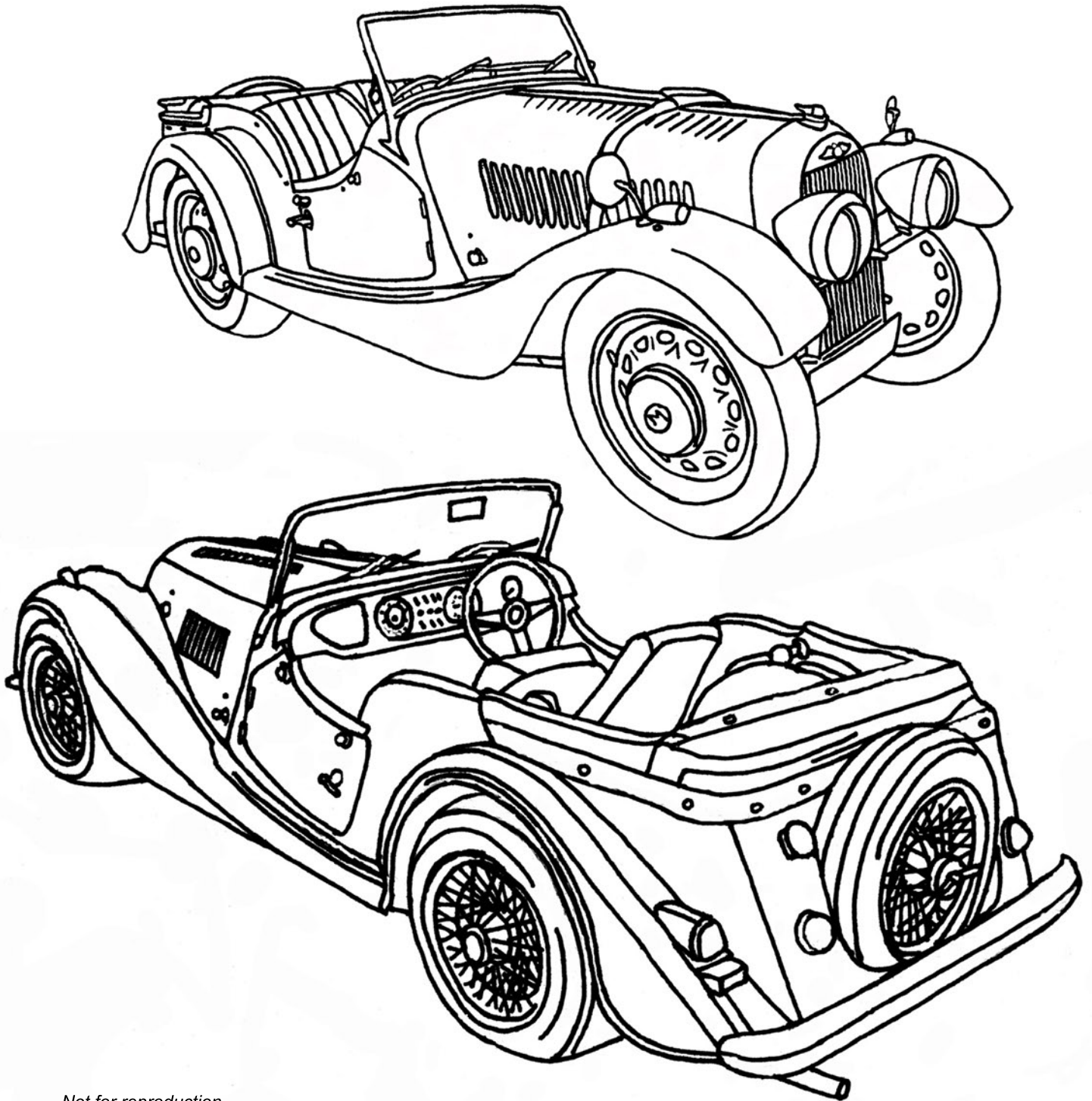


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