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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.

October 1, 2021 is the DEADLINE for sending ads, photos and articles to the Editors for the Sept-Oct 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

Beverley J. Sweesy

Richmond, CA
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2005 Green Roadster

Brian Lewis and Marlene Benke

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2018 White Roadster

On the cover: Martin Mieger receives that Perpetual Award from Morgan Staines at the 2021 MogWest Awards ceremony. Both Marty and Lexa Most won this award. As usual, MogWest was held July in Cambria. Attendees enjoyed a welcome reception, darts competition, Rallye, Concours, and a fabulous barbeque at Jason Len's ranch. Photo by Ann Staines



Notes from the Activities Director

Angie Larson

Just when we were beginning to feel safe and resume normal activities, another COVID variant has made us pause. Therefore, we are proceeding cautiously. Tom & Bev Morgan with the Larsons have planned a short, one day drive in late July. We are eager to see how this event is attended given the changing nature of the pandemic.



All of the remaining activities have been placed on a tentative basis due to all the restrictions that Covid and its variants have mandated.

Sadly, the August Club Party at the Steck's has been cancelled because the mandate to keep a safe distance from others could not be accomplished.

September's FlogMog is also in the tentative stage because of fires in the Sierras. John Burks is working on a two or three-day drive. He is watching both the fire situation and virus news before he puts together his plan. However, keep the last week of September open in the hope that it will be safe to continue this traditional event.

Consult the calendar below to keep track of potential events. However, be aware that any of these potential activities can change. I will keep everyone current with emails.

Call or email me, Angie Larson, with any questions, ideas, or to add a new event to the calendar that you feel would be of interest to Club Members.

Important statement about "Finding Fault at the Pinnacles"

Ellen Jo Baron, Joyce & Doug Hamilton and Jim Taylor, the planners for this long-delayed four-day three-night tour, **Finding Fault at the Pinnacles**, are cautious and wary of the potential dangers of the early and severe wildfire season, and the possibility of a new surge and shutdown due to the COVID- Delta Variant.

Therefore we, the planners of this event, have scheduled the alternate dates of April 10-13, 2021 in case we need to cancel in October.

Please continue to hold your calendars for October 17-20 of this year, but (honestly) expect to join with us in April 2022. The new tour has the advantage of taking place in cooler temperatures and greener scenery — and with some luck, maybe even some wildflowers!

Please watch for updates in the upcoming months about the viability of touring the Pinnacles in October. For everyone's safety and peace of mind, we are hoping for the best, but planning for the worst.

Ironstone Concours

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance website: <http://www.ironstoneconcours.org/entrants.html>. Entry deadline is September 1, 2021. This Concours is set at Ironstone Vineyards, Murphys, California. Their website lists all events, directions, accommodations, and ticket prices. You may also buy tickets on their site and wine tasting is also available. The entire Concours runs September 24-25.



Notes from the Activities Director

Angie Larson

Collectors' Car Show on the Green

(Suggestion from Larry Ayers)

There is a Car Show in Sonoma that may interest some of our club members. Registration is due by August 1st and the event takes place on September 4th in Sonoma.

If you would like to attend, this could be a possible Morgan outing! The Diamond A Recreation Center is holding their Collectors' Car Show on the Green on Saturday, September 4th at the Recreation Center, 18843 Spring Drive, Sonoma. This annual event is hosted by Bill & Shirley Angeloni who either own or did own a Morgan. I have attended the show several times and found it most enjoyable. The \$25 registration fee for Car entrants and adult guests includes a picnic lunch, the "People's Choice Awards," and live entertainment. The show runs from 11:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. with lunch at 12:30 and entertainment from 12:30 to 2:30. A Silent Auction takes place between 12:00-2:00 PM. The "People's Choice Awards" are held at 2:30 P.M. All types of cars are accepted, Morgan's included.

Reservations and the entry form were due on July 20, but there may still be available spots, especially for Morgan Club members. Anyone interested should contact Bill or Shirley Angeloni at 707-996-3854 or email angeloni@vom.com for information. (Note: The Car Show website states that reservations are due by August 4th so perhaps there is room for more entries and guests. Again, if interested, please call or email Bill or Shirley Angeloni. For more information, you may also visit the following website:

<https://www.sonomavalleyevents.com/09/04/2021/collectors-car-show-on-the-green/>

Our Calendar at a Glance

July

Friday-Sunday 9th-11th, Mog West

Sunday 18th, Hillsborough Concours D'Elegance
Registration now open at: registration@hillsboroughconcours.org

Friday 30th, Mogs on the Road Again contact Tom & Bev Morgan or Grant & Angie Larson

September

Last week of September: FlogMog in the Sierras. Contact John Burks (tentative due to fires)

Sunday the 19th All British Meet, Dixon

Saturday the 25th Ironstone Concours, Murphys

November

Open for suggestions...

August

CANCELLED Friday 13th Morgan Club Party at Loren Stecks

Aug. 12th,13th,14th,15th, Rolex Monterey Historic Week

October

Sunday 17th-Wednesday the 20th,
Finding Fault at the Pinnacles
Ellen Jo Baron will keep us posted on the evitability of this event. (Please see the short statement about this event located on the previous page.)

December

Sunday 5th, Morgan Club Christmas Party, contact Elaine Fisher for information. Email: togetelaine@gmail.com

Sunday 26th, Boxing Day contact Wendell Bain.



The Prez Says

By Paul Marchant

Mog West was such a welcome event, and I am sure everyone had a great time. The event started on Friday from Carmel Valley, and then Morgans traveled down Highway 1 on a beautiful fog free drive to Cambria. The outdoor reception was great with plenty of food for all. That evening, 48 players participated in the Dart contest hosted by Larry Ayers.

On Saturday, thirty-five cars entered the concours with Larry Ayers taking best of show with his fabulous 3-wheeler. We were off once again on a Rallye organized by Tim Waller and then won by Brian Howlett. Sunday was show time with a BBQ at Jason Len's house at Arroyo Grande. Music was provided by Elaine Fisher's nephew's band. Concours and Darts competition awards followed.

Thanks to all members making this annual event happen. Hope to see more Northern Club participation next year.



Reception in the Garden



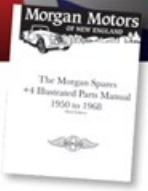
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How I Spent My Mogwest Vacation

By Lexa Most

Approximately 75 people and 35+ Morgans attended MogWest 2021 in Cambria on August 9, 10, and 11, 2021.

While many aspects of the event were changed to accommodate COVID19 concerns, the reasons for gathering remained the same: to spend time with friends, and to admire and drive the Morgans that we all love. After cancellation of the event in 2020, folks from both northern and southern clubs were particularly anxious to reunite.

The weekend began for many of us on Friday morning at Starbucks in Carmel. Over a dozen Morgans gathered for the traditional group drive down Highway 1 which was organized by Elaine Fisher. We were pleasantly surprised to be greeted by members of the local sports car club who were driving a Porsche, a Bug-Eye Sprite, an Austin Healey, an “XXS Mini,” and a bright orange Pantera. These folks joined us in driving the first few miles south as local escorts, before waving us on our way.

The traditional stop for lunch at Nepenthe occurred around noon. Apparently, the gorgeous weather had drawn folks from all over to enjoy the day, because the place was jammed. However, the time waiting to be seated passed quickly as people struck up conversations or just admired the ocean view.

Back on the road around 2 p.m., it was time to get serious about heading to Cambria. Sadly, the drivers had to keep eyes on the road due to the volume of automotive and motorcycle traffic in both directions. Navigators, such as I, were able to take in the scenery and at times catching our breath at steep curving drop-offs. Appreciation of Big Sur’s grandeur was tempered by concerns of the severe drought. Finally, we arrived at the Cambria Pines Lodge and the opening reception to kick off MogWest 2021! In contrast to previous years, the bar, appetizers, and tables were set up outside behind the dining room, near the gazebo. The warmer than usual temperature made for a most pleasant evening.

Saturday morning’s concourse provided another opportunity for folks to meet and greet friends old and new, and to admire some new acquisitions. Many thanks to Derek Willburn and the judges he recruited. They kept drivers on their toes by explaining the finer points of their autos. Concourse award winners are also listed elsewhere in this issue.

To fill the afternoon, Alice Gentry and Tim Waller had once again planned a scenic and fun time-and-distance rally through Morro



*Driving down Highway 1 toward Cambria.
Photo: Lexa Most*



End of Rallye - Photo by Elaine Fisher

How I Spent My Mogwest Vacation...*Continued*

Bay and environs. It concluded in the tiny but busy hamlet of Harmony not far from Cambria. Harmony offered several food trucks, galleries, and ice cream to refresh rally participants and others. Saturday evening was unscheduled, allowing folks to check out any one of Cambria's numerous eateries, fancy or casual. The local area was buzzing with the energy of people who were just glad to be out and about in the pleasant summer air.



*Ranch outdoor kitchen.
By Cathy Cibit*

Jason Len and his wife, Bonnie, graciously hosted Sunday's BBQ lunch at their ranch in Arroyo Grande. The temperature was much warmer inland than on the coast, but most people were shaded under umbrellas or shade cloth. Of special interest was the barn and garages that house Jason's car and motorcycle collections. They were open for touring and also provided relief from the direct sun. A delicious meal of BBQ ribs, chicken, veggie burgers, potato salad, beans, and coleslaw were provided. If anyone left hungry, it wasn't for lack of food. Entertainment was provided by Elaine Fisher's nephew's band, "My Other Thing," whose easy rock music kept the mood mellow. The abbreviated awards ceremony was once again emceed by Morgan Staines, who offered a few of his own songs suitable for lovers of driving Morgan cars. As in years past, Dennis Glavis provided the trophies.

The BBQ marked the official end of MogWest 2021, as many attendees proceeded directly home or onward. Some of us returned to Cambria Pines Lodge to leave refreshed Monday morning for home. It was a bit of a let-down to see the lodge's parking lot filled with everyday cars and SUVs, instead of our fun Morgans.

Many thanks go to Dan Redmon for his months of effort organizing the event, to Elaine Fisher for representing the northern club in this endeavor, and to all the volunteers whose contributions added up to a memorable weekend. It wouldn't have happened without you!



Morgans parking lot at Jason Lens ranch. Photo: Lexa Most



Comments from the Editors

By Fred Thompson

4th of July events opened up again this year amid a brief downturn in COVID related cases. Friends and families got together and celebrated our independence from Great Britain. Even some Morgans took to the streets in holiday parades. You might think twice about a British Car in an Independence Day celebration from England, but that conflict was obviously long ago, and the British people are now one of our strongest allies. The U.S. is also a bit larger and more diverse than the original 13 colonies! Believe it or not, The 4th of July is celebrated in the United Kingdom in much the same way that the United States celebrates the Mexican holiday “Cinco de Mayo,” or the Irish holiday “Saint Patrick's Day.” But the only official, and largest celebration of our Independence Day by foreigners takes place in a very small Nordic country called Denmark.



Morgan with 40th Anniversary commemorative plate.

Several years ago, I traveled to Denmark to attend the 40th Anniversary of The Morgan Sports Car Club of Denmark. The Anniversary gathering was attended by people and Morgans from Scandinavian countries, the European continent, and of course, me, the solo attendee from the United States (No, I did not bring my car). This event took place in June, so the Danes were getting ready to celebrate our 4th of July on July 4th! Friendly Danish Morganeers attending the Morgan Car Club 40th Anniversary quickly explained to me why the Danes celebrate our Independence Day, and why this celebration continues to this day. There is even a website for Americans to visit and make reservations to attend the next party on the 4th of July 2022 at <https://rebildfesten.dk/en/>

As Egon Bodtker, President of the Danish American Heritage Society said, “I think Danes to some extent, are really like Americans, in that a lot of people like a good party, a true Hygge event.” (Hygge is not easily translated into English but it generally means a comfortable and friendly time with family and friends.) In Denmark, our Independence Day is called Rebildfesten. The Danish celebration of The 4th of July began in 1912 when a group of Danish-Americans – members of the Rebild Society, based in Illinois, purchased a hilly piece of land on the Danish peninsula of Jutland. They then gifted it to King Christian IX, on the condition that it remain natural and available for an annual American independence celebration. Now, thousands of Danes congregate in a national park to picnic before Old Glory, listen to speeches from American dignitaries, watch fireworks, and sing favorites such as “Home on the Range” and “Stars and Stripes Forever.” Past festivals have featured notables such as President Ronald Reagan and Chief Justice Earl Warren.



Rebildfesten 2021

Well, so much for your 4th of July history lesson today. Again, Ann and I would like to thank all those that have contributed to this summer's Morgazette Issue. Mog West is the central feature of this edition and it looks like it was a “hygge” event! (Hygge is pronounced ‘who-gah’)

Please keep the Morgazette in mind when you venture out. Your photos and articles are much appreciated. Please send new stories and/or photos to MSCNCNEWS@gmail.com.

Passing of Dave Chappell

By Audrey Haines

Sadly, Dave Chappell, a long-time member of the Morgan Club, recently passed away at the age of 95 at his residence in Fremont. Dave was a frequent participant in Morgan Club events. For as long as he was able, driving was one of his favorite hobbies along with repairs and making improvements to all his vehicles. His children would often help him in the garage with his Jag, bleeding brakes or rubbing Hyde Food on the seats! When he got the Morgan, the kids continued to “assist” and often reflect on “good fun” working with him. Dave’s 1961+4 is still in the family owned by his son Miles who continues the tradition as a Morgan Club member.



July 4th Parade

By Ellen Jo Baron

By special invitation, Jim Taylor was asked to drive his 1933 Morgan trike in the Los Altos Hills 4th of July parade this year. Ellen Jo Baron decorated “Sport” for his star appearance, complete with white, blue, and silver stars on the headlamps. The parade was short and sweet; lasting about 30 minutes. It was evident that Sport was clearly a crowd-pleaser, with his legacy red, white, and blue crepe paper (courtesy of Martin Mieger and Lexa Most) festooned wheels, sparkly red white and blue garlands, and his helium balloons.



Jim Taylor driving “Sport,” his patriotically decorated 1933 Morgan Trike for the Los Altos Hills 4th of July parade. Photo by Ellen Jo Baron



MOGWEST 2021 WINNERS

CONCOURS	
Best of Show Larry Ayers -1927 Anzani Aero	3 Wheeler 1 st - John and Lynn Willburn
Premier Class 1 st - Larry Dalphy 1966 +4 2 nd - Brian and Sue Howlett- 2005 V6 Roadster 3 rd - Mike and Janine Hattem – 1987 Plus 4	Limited Production 1 st - Cal and Wendy Woolsey 1964 +4 2 nd - Gephard Family 1966 +4 3 rd - Greg and Tangie Solow +4
Drophead Class 1 st - Sam Logan 1960 DHC 2 nd - Dan and Donna Hayes 1951 DHC 3 rd - Mollie Miller's 1960 DHC driven by Lee DeBrish & Marline Riehle	4- Seater Roadster 1 st - Dan and Janet Redmon- 1959 2 nd - Fred and Carolyn Klein 3 rd - Bill and Jackie Gage- 1960 +4
+8 Roadster Class 1 st - Jim Taylor and Ellen Jo Baron- 2002 2 nd - Jim Dunlap- 2003 3 rd - David Wall- 2003	+4 & 4/4 Class 1 st - Robin and Jeff Gardiner- 1959 +4 2 nd - Mike and Peggy Loper- 1963 +4 3 rd - Janice Wilkman- 1959 +4
Modern Morgans 1 st - Beverly Sweese- 2005 V6 2 nd -Dennis & Pamela Glavis 2005 V6 3 rd - Bob and Barbara Stinson 2005 V6	
RALLYE	
4 Wheel Morgan 1 st - Brian and Sue Howlett 2 nd -Bill and Jackie Gage 3 rd - Fred and Carolyn Klein 4 th - John and Lynn Willburn 5 th - Dennis Glavis and Larry Ayers 3-Wheeler No entrants	Non-Morgan Chris Hall- 1963 TR3 Termite Motel Carl Burger, 1959 4/4 Captain Wrong Way Peach Fuzz Chris Hall -1953 TR3 Hard Luck Sarah Hattem- 1962 + 4- 4 seater
DARTS	
Womens 1 st - Janice Wilkman 2 nd - Robin Gardiner 3 rd - Karen Ambellan	Mens 1 st - Joseph Cibit 2 nd -Ted Robinson 3 rd - Jeff Gardiner
PERPETUAL TROPHY	
Marty Mieger and Lexa Most	
FURTHEST IN A MORGAN	
Bob and Barbara Stinson from Seattle WA	



Even our Furry Friends Enjoyed MogWest!
Austin and Bernie enjoy being with the Morganeers
Photo: Michael Hattem

Some MogWest Attendees



52nd Anniversary Celebration for Phil & Elaine Fisher
Phil Fisher, Martin Mieger, Lexa Most, Ellen Jo Baron,
Jim Taylor, Fred & Marlene Kline



MogWest Coordinators
Dan Redmon & Elaine Fisher,
Photo by Phil Fisher



John Wilburn & Mike McKeel
Photo by Michael Hattem



Wendy Guzin, Sarah Hattem, Karen Amblin, Larry Guzin,
Morgan Staines, Nick Pappas, Janine Hattem, Zoe Guzin
Photo by Michael Hattem



Tcherek with Patrick Mannion
Photo by Michael Hattem



Fred & Marlene Kline
Photo by Michael Hattem



Nick Pappas, Sarah Hattem, Tcherek Kamstra, Michael Hattem,
Pamela & Dennis Glavis, Janine Hattem Photo; Elaine Fisher



Paul Marchant, Paul Brain, Jim Taylor
Photo by Michael Hattem



Zoe & Sarah Hattem
Photo by Wendy Guzin



Paul Lukes showing his
1978 MogWest T-Shirt
by Goodman Loy
Photo: Elaine Fisher



A friendly game of darts
Photo by Michael Hattem



Laurie Nicolas ready to shoot a dart
Photo by Cathy Cibit

On the Way to Cambria & Mogwest Rallye



1. Driving down Highway 1 Photo: Cathy Cibit
2. Group gathering in Monterey Photo: Phil Fisher
3. Tangie Solow & Lexa Most Photo: Elaine Fisher
4. Ellen Jo, Jim Taylor, Barbara & Bob Stinson meet up in Monterey Photo: Elaine Fisher
5. Cathy Cibit & Laurie Nicolas luncheoning at Nepenthe Photo: Joe Cibit
6. Joe Cibit with sister Laurie Nicolas in Carmel Photo: Cathy Cibit
7. Rallye Masters Tim Waller & Alice Gentry Photo: Elaine Fisher
8. Patrick Nevis starting the Rallye Photo: Elaine Fisher
9. Sarah Hattem & Nick Pappas on the Rallye Photo: Michael Hattem
10. Rallye Winner Photo: Elaine Fisher

BBQ Activities at The Ranch & More Awards



MC Morgan Staines sings at the BBQ
Photo by Elaine Fisher



Ellen Jo Baron & Jim Taylor
win 1st Place Roadster class



Morgan lawn parking at Jason
Len's ranch - Photo: Cathy Cibit



Joe Cibit with 1st Place Darts
Award - Photo by Cathy Cibit



"My Other Thing" lead singer Ben Black
Photo by Elaine Fisher



Left: Greg & Tangie Solow
Photo by Elaine Fisher
Right: Jason Len's Morgan
Sales & Repair Centre
Photo by Cathy Cibit



Slot Car Room by Cathy Cibit



Another view by Michael Hatterm



Joe Cibit & Jason Len
Photo by Cathy Cibit



Ranch Garage Show Room - Photo: Cathy Cibit



Jason Len's Car & Motorcycle Collection - Photo by Michael Hatterm

MogWest Report

By Larry Ayers

This year's MogWest started with some restrictions at the Cambria Pines Lodge. The Peacock Room that is usually reserved for the reception and darts was off limits. A nice outdoor reception with registration was setup and exceptional food was well received. The stage for darts was nearby through a gate. Two boards were attached to the exterior wall of the Peacock Room. Elaine and Phil Fisher assisted with scoring and the women out-scored the men in the trophy category. The only "bull's eye" was scored by Ellen Jo Baron. Forty-eight players competed for three places in the Women's and Men's divisions. (rsquo;s means Friendship Between the Sexes).

Darts Competition Results

Women's Division			Men's Division		
Place	Name	Score	Place	Name	Score
1	Janice Wilkman	204	1	Joseph Cibit	130
2	Robin Gardner	147	2	Ted Robinson	126
3	Karen Ambellan	145	3	Jeff Gordon	123



On Saturday, the usually foggy mist was absent and the Morgans truly sparkled in the sunny surroundings while competing at the Concours. The "Best of Show", Perpetual Peter Morgan Award, was presented to Larry Ayers for his rare 1927 Anzani Aero two-speed model.

"It Be Nice to Sing in Harmony" was the theme for the rally. The rally was conducted by Tim Waller on Saturday which followed the bagged sandwich lunch at The Lodge. Six pages of instructions led the Morgans on a merry drive all the way to Morro Bay Park and beyond before eventually returning to Harmony for the conclusion. What fun we had! Just ask Tim!

Presentations for all the trophy winners took place during the super luncheon on the ranch owned by Jason Len in Arroyo Grande near San Louis Obispo. This local event was a nice change from the usual proceedings.

All the work was much appreciated by those who jumped in and enabled this event to take place during the Pandemic.

Concours Event MogWest 2021



Mog West 2021 was an enjoyable Event for All



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Out of Lockdown

Article by Elaine Fisher
Photos by Elaine & Phil Fisher

To celebrate exiting lockdown from Covid 19 and to show us their new garden, Martin Mieger and Lexa Most quickly hosted a Mexican lunch in over 100 degree weather for 12 Morganeers who live near each other. While too hot for Philip and me to drive our Morgan from Walnut Creek, the local Taylor/Barons and Toby and Dick Tuttle did drive their Morgans. Jerry and Lynne Gurley also attended, as did Paul Lukes and Mary Gottschalk who commuted the shortest distance, from across the street.



*Lexa Most &
Marty Mieger*

Morgan Club members who live near each other are encouraged to have small events and report them to the Morgazette so we can enjoy our Morgans frequently.



Tuttle's Morgan

If you have met with others in small groups, send in a few photos and a short article. If you are interested in meeting with nearby Morganeers, give one of them a call and arrange something.



*Dick Tuttle, Philip Fisher, Jerry Gurley, Toby Tuttle,
Paul Lukes, Martin Mieger, & Jim Taylor*



*Elaine Fisher, Jo Ellen Baron, Mary Gottschalk,
Lynne Gurley & Lexa Most*

MOG 5053 Resurrected

Article & Photos by Stewart Slipiec



I have been a member of this club since 2008 but now reside in Windsor, Ontario Canada (near Detroit). I moved here from Napa to be closer to my children and seven grandkids. I recently joined the local British car club here. This group, mostly guys, are almost as much fun as the Northern California Morgan Car Club. We meet weekly for a local drive and breakfast. Surprisingly, there used to be a Morgan dealership here so there are quite a few Morgans around.

My car, MOG 5053, started its life in 1962 as a “high body” all steel car. It was originally delivered to the Lew Spencer dealership in Los Angeles. In 1970 the car was parked due to a cylinder head problem. Fast forward to 2011. Gordon Craig, a well-respected former Norcal Morgan club member, now deceased, found 5053 in a local scrapyard. The previous owner neglected to pay storage rent so Gordon purchased the car along with many other Morgan parts. Gordon’s plan was to rebuild the car, but he soon abandoned this project when it was discovered that the ash frame had turned into saw dust. I suppose the cost and time involved was just too much.



Here is where I entered the story. I covered Gordon’s cost and with the help of Michael Anthony, we began the restoration project.

My idea was to make it a reliable 1962 +4, “driver,” not a trailer queen. The car would be transformed into a “Tool Room Copy” of a Supersport. The original Supersports of the day saw only about 101 cars produced, making it a very

rare car. Our club president Paul Marchant owns one of these original cars. The Supersport is a high-performance, competition version of the +4. It is based on Chris Lawrence’s Le Mans car - TOK 258. The car has a lowered body made of aluminum alloy which reduces the weight and makes a lower drag factor. “Supersports” can be identified by the scoop on the bonnet. My lower

MOG 5053 Resurrected...Continued

line bonnet with a scoop was constructed by Rootlieb, Inc. in Turlock, CA. This needed to be a custom fit as my wings (fenders) had previously been constructed by Steve Barnes (Malvern Hills, UK). It was my plan to have an all-alloy body car.

The rear fenders were original old stock from another car. All the body panels were fabricated in aluminum as well. I attempted all the door skins on my own back here in Canada; one can become an expert in most things after about 3 attempts. I used a slightly heavier gauge aluminum and bonded the skins to the wooden door frame. The patterns were cut using a CNC machine from a local shop. 3M bonding adhesive was used to adhere the door skins to the frame. This adhesive is used now in modern applications in place of welding. I paid close attention in using all aluminum screws, etc., so as not to interact with the aluminum.

I opted to keep the original #42 weber side draft carburetors. These were most difficult to find, but are original to the Supersport. I searched worldwide and was able to find various parts. Pierce Manifolds in Hollister, CA was able to clean and build the two suitable carbs for my car. The engine was paired to a 5-speed transmission from a European Ford Sierra. (In the USA this same car was the Ford Merkur). My previous 1960 Morgan had the 4 speed Moss gearbox that at high speeds rev'd too high for my liking. The transmission modification would be the only non-original component on my car.



During this build I did encounter folks not very happy that I was building a “replica” Supersport. It can be a touchy subject. I never intended to try pass off my car as an original Supersport. Rather it is a “tribute” car, one of many.

I used the time during Covid 19 lockdown to finish my car. It became my daily project this past winter. I installed a heater and good lighting in my garage. Remember I am in the cold north!

About a month ago I had the car mechanically certified as safe to drive. The province here requires a government licensed mechanic to check the brakes, steering, etc., for safety before being licensed as “road worthy.” My car passed on the first attempt.

I have driven the car about 400 miles so far, small trips first, then bigger trips, as I work out all the “bugs”. Parts have occasionally fallen off, the engine has run rough, and there have been loose metal or metal noises to contend with. It’s a Morgan! What did one expect?

So far, 5053 hasn’t broken down and I am getting plenty of compliments. I intend to drive the car bare metal for now. I will paint it later this fall. My current color choice is a bright green body with black wings. However, I do change my mind on colors regularly and I’m open to suggestions. My email address is ss.5053@aol.com. Hope to get back to California soon. Safe driving everyone.



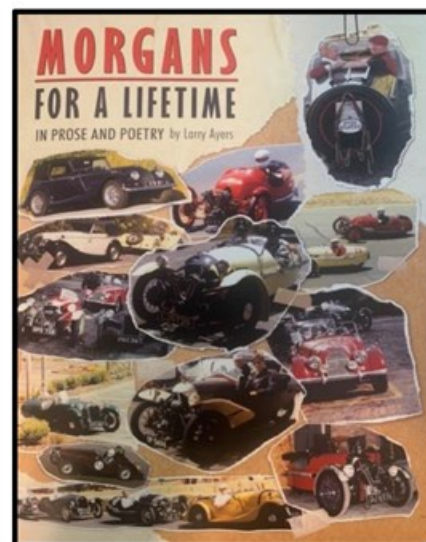
New Morgan Book by Larry Ayers
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Note: All proceeds from book sales, after expenses, will be donated equally between the Northern and Southern California Morgan Clubs.

Thank you, happy reading and Morganing!



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Bob Koupal received this article from his friend, Bill Boyles, who belongs to a Morgan Club in Texas. Bill granted us permission to reprint "Morgans in China" for our Morgazette readers to enjoy.

Morgan in China



Xin Tian Di is on the city centre side of the French Concession where the big important restored diplomatic villas are found. In Xin Tian Di is the French School where Mao formed the Communist Party of China, which is now a popular tourist museum.

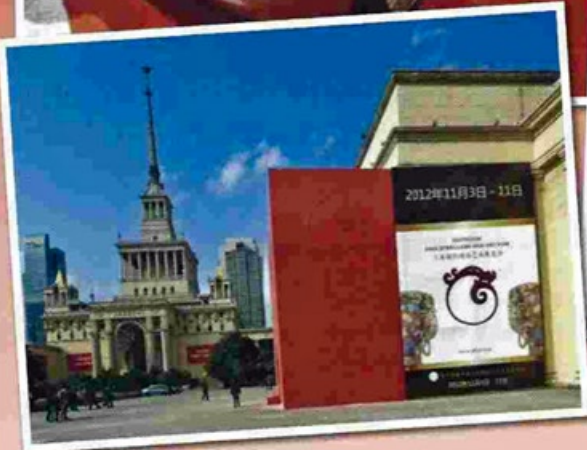
Shanghai is one of the biggest cities in the world with a population around 30 million. From 1949 China has been a communist country but now State Capitalism encourages growth above all and China's GDP growing at around 5% per year. All property is held by individuals on a long lease from government but this does not seem to impede development and Shanghai is about to be home to biggest Disneyland in the world and a new Dreamworks entertainment centre. This will be a huge complex by the side of the Yangtze river designed by Geoffrey Katzenberg where you can star in your own version of Shrek or Toy Story.

The Morgan car dealership is in centre of the city in an area called Xin Tian Di. This is a conversion of traditional buildings into cafes and restaurants and some expensive boutiques. It is a very popular area and is a bit like Soho in London. It is one of the only areas of Shanghai with a sense of human scale. Otherwise the city seems to be all high rise and shopping malls.



On the 28th October the Morgan IMP2 car competed in the World Endurance Championship at the Shanghai International Race Circuit. The car achieved a podium finish at the well attended sports car race, which was broadcast live throughout China.





The Morgan Aero Coupe is the first car to appear at the prestigious annual Fine art and Jewellery Fair at the International Exhibition Centre in the centre of Shanghai. The potential market for Morgan is huge in China. There are now at least 13 cities, all bigger than Birmingham. It is the right time and the right product for an emerging sophisticated Chinese customer who appreciates the craftsmanship and skill that creates a product out of high quality materials. The long history and heritage of Morgan contributes to the appeal. Morgan cars website is now in Mandarin and there is a second dealer opening shortly in Beijing. Morgan Motor Co.



Morgans On the Road Again (July 30, 2021)

By: Beverly Morgan

Summertime is notorious on the Pacific Coast for being cold and foggy. How did we manage to choose such a perfect day for our MOG cruise?

Seven MORGANS (and one scrappy MGA) gathered at **Buck's Cafe** in Woodside in the morning, and hit the road by 10:30, with Grant and Angie Larson's lovely green and tan Morgan in the lead and Tom and Bev Morgan's MGA bringing up the rear. The planned route left Woodside Road and headed up Kings Mountain Road (narrow, winding and lined with redwoods) to Skyline (Hwy 35), then south to La Honda Road (Hwy 84), through La Honda and Loma Mar, and west to the **San Gregorio store** for our first pit stop.

After group photos and the aforementioned pit stops, we "herded the cats" back into their cars and headed down Stage Road, through the town of Pescadero, turned toward the ocean and went south on Hwy 1 to the **Highway 1 Brewing Company** for lunch. The restaurant was following San Mateo County Covid protocols, and we were shown where to find the restrooms, where to order and where we would be served lunch in the patio. After meals, conversations and posing with our cute cars, we hit the road again, going north on Highway 1 to Tunitas Creek Road and spent another 20 mins (or so) climbing another narrow, winding, redwood-lined road. We crossed Skyline and went back down Kings Mountain Road to Woodside Road.

At that point, the MGA and Tom and I were extremely warm, so we chose to vacate the cruise and headed for home.

The Larsen-led Morgans continued on Woodside Road to Portola Road, to Alpine Road, then to **Rossetti's (aka Alpine Inn)**. More conversation and some beverages later, the group decided it had been a fine expedition and dispersed. But it was a good long ride with some lovely people, and it's wonderful to get our cars back on the open road again.

Short Comments on Morgans on the Road Again!

By: Mary Gottschalk, and Mary & Paul Lukes

Thanks to Angie & Grant and Bev & Tom for a great run-on Friday!

It was reminiscent of some of the old runs done by the club many years past, except we stopped at every dive bar for a drink.

Now we're older, if not wiser, and it was lovely to drive through eucalyptus groves with their wonderful scent and then through amazing redwoods. We spotted two deer, in addition to the lamas. You couldn't have picked a more perfect day weather-wise.

We appreciated it was on Friday! If we drove over the weekend, we would have seen those great, but narrow roads clogged with more cyclists and, God forbid, cars coming toward us making it harrowing. As it was, once Paul slowed down, it was enjoyable.



Paul Gottschalk finds shade for his car.

Everyone on the run was congenial and friendly; it was just a great Morgan day. Thanks to Angie, Grant, Bev, and Tom for making this event happen!

PS It was great to see the MGA. I have a coupe and love the design.



The Morgans on the Road Again group. Photo taken by Angie Larson at San Gregorio.

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On the Road Again

By: Angie Larson

It was a balmy beautiful day. Eager to get on the road and enjoy the run were:

- + Paul Lukes and Mary Gottschalk in a 1955 +4 4seater Roadster
- + Richard and Melanie Smith in a 1963 +4
- + Steve and Paula Smith in a 1950 Roadster
- + Richard Tuttle in a 1960 +4 Light Weight
- + Paul Marchant in a 1973 +8
- + Beverley Sweensy and RB Ward in a green 2005 V6 Roadster
- + Grant and Angie Larson in a 1968 +4 4seater
- + Tom and Beverly Morgan in a 1959 MGA
- + Jerry and Lynn Gurley came to say Hi at Bucks. So nice of them to come visit.

We had two new members join us. Steve and Paula came all the way from Sea Ranch. Beverley Sweensy with RB Ward came from Point Richmond. That's one of the perks of being in this club, we get to meet people we would never know if it weren't for these get togethers. We had a great time, all of us mingling and getting reacquainted with each other and with our cars.



Morgans line up to start the run.

We drove on beautiful side roads to the lunch Stop at The Hwy 1 Brewery which I recommend because they were Covid cautious and had lots of tables to spread out on in their sheltered patio. We sat in groups of 4 and had a nice relaxing lunch. The cars were a magnet with curious and admiring picture takers. After lunch, we drove through a magnificent Redwood Grove with our car tops down. So much fresh air and trees so high you could barely see the sky peeking out. All this, right here in our own back yard (so to speak).

Final stop of the day was at Rossotti's Alpine Inn for a refreshment before heading back home. As usual, our cars attracted a lot of attention. One guy couldn't stop taking pictures of the cars. He'd walk away and come back for one more picture, then another. Just when we thought he was satisfied he came back one more time to take

pictures of the guys in their crazy hats standing near their cars. Wish I had asked him to send them to us.

It really was a perfect day for this drive, great timing, great company, great cars, great drive, perfect weather. Can't wait for the next one.



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