

The Morgazette

The Newsletter of the Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern California



*FlogMog
Ironstone Concours
Morganing Across the Pond*

*Robert Horsley's 2005 Morgan
September - October 2022*



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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.

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The Deadline for receiving ads, photos and articles for the November-December issue of the Morgazette is Dec 28th.

Please place this date on your personal calendar to assure you remember it. Send your documents and photos to the editors at: msccncnews@gmail.com. If you are writing about an event that is finished well before our deadline, it would be most helpful if you could submit your article and photos soon after your event is complete. Please do not send us articles or photos in .PDF format. PDF degrades the quality of photographs and is intended for Internet documents, not published documents. We also would like your articles in the editor you used to write it. (Usually Word) As always, we appreciate your contributions to the Morgazette. Our members are the reason this newsletter is an interesting and informative publication. Thanks, and keep your stories and photos coming!

Cover Story

Article by: Robert Horsley and
his 2005 Toyota Seaside Pearl Roadster

"I'm on the cover! I'm on the cover!" Squeals my 2005 Roadster. She's so vain. She loves attention. She always wants to be at the head of the pack. She's been in the movies. And, don't get her started...

She was built in October 2005 and bought by David Jacobsen, who had her painted Toyota Seaside Pearl to match his Prius. I know little about her life in the east except that she was treated very well. ("Deserved it", she says.) I first saw her in Dennis Glavis' lot in Santa Monica and it was love at first sight. ("Of course, how could you resist" she adds.) But I couldn't take delivery right away as she was featured in the LA Auto Show that year, something she will never let me forget.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Oct 16, 2022

ATTENDEES: Paul Marchant, President; Elaine Fisher, VP; Grant Larson, BOD; Wendell, BOD; Angie Larson, Activities; Larry Ayers, Historian; Jim Taylor, Ellen Jo Baron, Maggi Craig, Jon Rosner, Paul Marchant, Jr., Ed Abramson, Robin Nagel, Cesare Cataldo, Helen Cataldo, Albert Kolvites, Florence Kolvites, Paul Cowley

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:36 PM at the home of Paul and Lesley Cowley by President Paul Marchant.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last General Meeting (Planning Meeting) January 15, 2022 were accepted as published in the Morgazette.

TREASURER REPORT: Elaine reported that Treasurer Martin Mieger reported there is \$17,447.16. The finances for MOGWEST haven't been finalized so there will be less (Up to \$2000 less) in the account. Elaine reported our Treasury is what it is due to an Anonymous large donation, as well as smaller donations. A sincere thank you to the donors was expressed.

NOMINATIONS: Elaine presented the slate of candidates for Officers and Board Members for 2023 from the Nominating Committee as below. Larry Ayers was nominated for Vice President and was added to the list. Elaine will be soliciting a photo and information for each candidate to be included with the ballots.

PRESIDENT

Tim Waller
Paul Marchant

VICE PRESIDENT

Jon Rosner
Larry Ayers

SECRETARY

Hilary Mahon-Smith
Lexa Most

TREASURER

Paul Cowley
Karen Powell

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3)

Wendell Bain
Ellen Jo Baron
Elaine Fisher
Grant Larsen
Fred Thompson

General Meeting Continued

HOLIDAY PARTY: The MSCCNC Holiday Party is Dec. 11th in Mountain View at Vaso Azzuro Restaurant. So far, we don't have the needed 50 attendees, so everyone is encouraged to send in their reservations, and bring their friends to help us get to the requirement. A visit to the Computer History Museum at 2 PM to make a day of it has been optionally added to spend more time with friends.

TROPHIES: Elaine will be soliciting the Board Members for Awardees for the various trophies: Matt Dillon, Morgazette Perpetual Award, Leaky Cup, Moggie on the Spot, Tough Break, Soggy Bottom, and a new Bill Fink Award.

Jim Taylor will contact Joyce Hamilton to collect the Moggie on the Spot Trophy from Doug (Fire Extinguisher); Paul will bring the Leaky Cup to Elaine, Thompsons have the Matt Dillon (Will have them bring to the Party); Tough Break (Elaine has); Larry will bring the Morgazette Award to the Party. Elaine has contacted John Burks about the Racer Award. We aren't sure who has the Dean Jackson Helping Hand Award, and Elaine has one more "award" for Soggy Bottom Award?

ACTIVITIES: Angie reports that the Turkey Trot Looking for Turkeys on the Coast is being organized by Fred Thompson and will be a repeat of the Pacifica tour (Tweedy) Turkey Trot 2019 (article Nov/Dec 2019 Morgazette). Date TBD (Nov 13?)

Larry reported that there is the All British Motor Show at Blackhawk Sunday Oct 23, <https://blackhawkmuseum.org/events/>. Registration is still open on-line.

OTHER: Ellen Jo brought up the ability for the club to save money by having it on-line, and various alternatives for those who don't use the internet: 1) people who use internet print out and mail copies to those who don't use internet (this would be at the cost of the "sender", or 2) tiered membership, like the Southern Club- cheaper for those online, more \$ for those wanting a printed copy. Jon suggested a business that publishes British car club magazines for them at a lesser cost. The decision was to pass the topic to next year's Board to study alternatives for the Morgazette.

Angie thanked Elaine for her contributions to the Club.

Paul Cowley had left the meeting, so we were unable to thank him and Lesley for a wonderful day. Everyone will thank him when leaving.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Elaine Fisher



Notes from Activities Director

By: Angie Larson

Well, if you were fortunate enough to join the September FlogMog/Ironstone event or/and the October Petaluma drive and party, you know what a special group of people are involved in this club. Thank you is not enough to cover how grateful we are to John Grosseto and Paul Cowley, who ran awesome events.

We still have a few more activities for you to fit into your Morgan calendar.

NOVEMBER: Fred Thompson is gathering us all for Breakfast in Pacific, after which we will all begin our drive and hunt for a Turkey. No prize, just fame.

DECEMBER: All new Holiday Party...new location, and new day time activity to extend the holiday get together. Elaine Fisher has posted an article in this edition for your information.

December 26: We end the year of activities, with one of our longest running events, run by Wendell Bain. Boxing Day is a rain or shine, day after Christmas, drive. Wendell plans a tour of Southern Marin and Sonoma counties ending at a local restaurant which is a local pub. The drive will be less than 100 miles and everyone should be home before dark. A flyer is included in this issue, plan to join, a good way to rid the stress of the Holidays.

JANUARY: Annual Planning meeting: Date and details TBD. Date and location will be announced in December at the Holiday Party and in the next edition. This is also the time when the years activities are proposed. So far John Burks has so graciously promised that he is already working on a plan for the traditional Spring Mog and Flog Mog. Anyone else have any ideas or proposals?

Please think about what you like to do and step up with your suggestions. These activities are what our club is all about, we need you to do your part.

Morgan Club Activities Calendar November-December 2022

November

Sunday, November 13

Turkey Trot Looking for Turkeys on the Coast

Contact: Fred Thompson at fredkthompson@comcast.net

December

Sunday, December 11

Morgan Club Holiday Party, Mountain View (see flyer in this issue. Contact Elaine Fisher at togetelaine@gmail.com

Monday, December 26

Boxing Day - Contact: Wendell Bain at wbain@sonic.net

January 2023

TBD

Annual Planning Meeting



President's Message Great Cars - Great People

By: Paul Marchant

"Old boys have their play things as well as young ones, the difference is only in the price."

Benjamin Franklin.

I remember as a kid growing up in Lafayette telling my mom how slowly the year was going by. I guess I was waiting for Santa Claus. My mom's answer was, "Wait until you get older and time will fly by"! How true she was. I suppose this is the wisdom that comes with experience. Santa Claus finally did visit me as a man, when I bought my 1952 Morgan. It has been years since I have purchased this car, and I still enjoy it just as much as ever. This is one of the wonderful things about our Morgans. They never go out of style; they continue to surprise us with mechanical needs and smiles from people we pass. In turn, we continue to enjoy the ride and friends we have made and continue to make because we drive these little but powerful cars.

The only question I had when I bought my Morgan was what kind of fuel pump did it have? The seller said mechanical, and I said, "I will buy it"! I put \$20 down as a deposit, then went to the bank to franchise the balance. I had an MGB prior to buying my '52 Morgan, and had nothing but problems with the electrical fuel pump. I remember driving through Idaho on my way to a track meet and my fuel pump gave out. Luckily, a semi hauling those famous Idaho potatoes stopped and pulled me into a town that had a foreign car shop. To make a long story short, over the years I have since installed electrical fuel pumps in every car. Did this come back to haunt me? Needless to say, yes, I now have a mechanical fuel pump in my car.

I am telling you all of this because while on the road to FLOG MOG, I had a fuel pump problem with my car and I missed the Ironstone Concours events. I had a tow set up with AAA on Sunday, however just before the truck came, a nice guy came by and saw my bonnet up and asked what the problem was. He had a beautiful restored 1953 Caddy. Fortunately, he had two extra fuel pumps. He installed one for free, and I was on my way. As my son said, there is hope for the human race. I am very sorry I missed these well planned and fun packed events. I am sure the Grossetto's did a great job organizing FLOGMOG.

Nice to see Roy Lane from Columbia and his beautiful 1958 drophead taking first, Richard and Melanie Smith taking second, and Larry Ayres showing his trike. Now to an incredible event put on by Paul and Leslie Crowley. A great run through their back roads, which we're new to me. To finish it off a beautiful day, there was great music and wonderful food.

Looking forward to November events, our Holiday dinner, and Boxing Day. Please sign up. Finally, we have such incredible cars, so enjoy them while you can. Your car needs exercise just like you do.

Vote to Maintain Dues of \$55.00 for 2023

Submitted by: Lexa Most, Secretary



On October 23, 2022, an email vote of the MSCCNC Board of Directors was taken on the motion by Elaine Fisher, Vice-President, to keep the club dues at \$55.00 for 2023. Aye votes: Elaine Fisher; Martin Mieger, Treasurer; Lexa Most, Secretary; and Directors Wendell Bain; Grant Larson; Fred Thompson. Not Voting: Paul Marchant, President.

Letter from the Editor - Driving Topless!

Article by: Fred Thompson

Cartoon found on Facebook Morgan Group page

What are you looking at?! Well, when it comes to driving a Morgan, there is much to look at. The view is absolutely spectacular, and I'm not just talking about the beautiful redhead in my passenger seat. No other car can beat the view you get while driving a Morgan convertible. The lack of a top gives you a 360° specular panoramic view; north, south, east and west. The plunging lines of the doors add to this unobstructed excitement. What's more exhilarating than driving down the open road with the top down as the wind blows through your hair and listening to the deep throaty notes emanating from the exhaust pipe. The feeling you get with a Morgan, that indescribable connection to every bump and curve in the road, is most stimulating. I love driving my Morgan.



The history of the "convertible" is somewhat convoluted. Most people think that early cars were all convertibles, but in reality, the oldest cars had no roof, no doors, no windows, or even a windshield. In 1906, Cadillac did offer an enclosed vehicle, but it was only an option. By 1920, a closed body car was the industry standard. By 1930, there were a few convertibles, but most were out of the price range of the average driver. It was not until 1935 that Peugeot offered an option of a retractable roof.

Top down, a Morgan is safer than people may think. It is obvious that the increased visibility eliminates blind spots and does provide a greater awareness of your surroundings. While driving your Morgan, you will also eliminate the temptation to answer that cell phone call. Actually, you can't hear the phone anyway. Driving in the rain? I have found that I get more wet when the top is up. The rain just seems to slide up and over.



I personally find that there are many other advantages to driving my Morgan topless. Being 6'3", I have lots of headroom. I also have a variety of entry options. I usually resort to the normal contortion of bending, tucking and sliding under the steering wheel. But on the brighter side, I have never been locked out of my Morgan. Driving at night with my grandkids provides an opportunity to view the constellations. We have never

had an argument in a Morgan, although most conversations tend to be limited anyway. And finally, it's the Morgan wave. I'm sure you have all seen it and done it. That smile of recognition from pedestrians or other drivers appreciating that you are attached to this quite incredible automobile. And only when the top is down can you hand reach high above the windshield and acknowledge their joy and yours.

Yes, I always drive topless!

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**MSCCNC HOLIDAY PARTY
AND COMPUTER HISTORY MUSEUM VISIT
DECEMBER 11, 2022**

To enhance your Holiday Party drive to Mountain View, we have added an optional visit to the Computer History Museum at 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View, CA. <https://computerhistory.org> . We plan to meet there at **2:00 PM** for a visit then head over to the restaurant at 4:45 PM for the Holiday Party at Vasso Azzuro. Some of you are staying at the Hampton Inn Mountain View, so you may want to come a bit earlier to the museum so you have time to stop by and check in at the hotel. Make reservations at the hotel now if you have not done so.

Whatever you are wearing to the Museum is fine for the party, or we can make arrangements for you to change your outfit if desired. PLEASE send in your reservation NOW so we can be assured of meeting the minimum number of attendees. Your check won't be cashed until December.

So, make a day of Holiday Spirit with your Morgan friends.

If you need another Registration Form or have any questions, please contact Elaine Fisher at togetelaine@gmail.com or 510-325-6037

It was a challenging day, with a climb to the 9,500' Tioga Pass, drop down to Eastern Slope with a stop the Historic Bridgeport Hotel for a group lunch. Next, a drive-up Hwy 395 to Hwy 108 and then the challenging tight and steep climb to the 9,500'



Sonora Pass Summit. 250 miles, 6 hours of beautiful scenery perfect weather and a group that took on the challenge at a comfortable but fast pace.



Alternate to this trip, Hilary and Peter and Steve and Paula spent the day enjoying the quaint town of Sonora in 97-degree heat, with many pedestrians "checking out" the Smith's Morgan.

Tired from the long drive, the group gathered outside their hotel rooms under umbrellas for drinks, appetizers and pizza. Unlike prior FLOGMOGS where the group drank the evening away, the aging group retired to bed early.

Tuesday morning was more leisurely, with breakfast at the hotel. The same group as Monday, plus the Smiths headed out through Columbia and up Highway 4 to Calaveras Big Trees State Park near Arnold. A walk through the Giant Sequoia trees and visit to the Visitors Center was a first for many of the group.

On the return trip, John and Jan, Paula and Steve and Katherine had lunch at Murphys Pourhouse, behind Hovey Winery . We peeked in the shops and bought a few things while walking around the lovely town of Murphys before returning to the hotel in Sonora.

After return to the hotel, the group, including Philip and Grosseto friends Karl and Ren Kraus, headed to Standard Pour Restaurant for an event closing dinner.

*I am pleased to say we have new Morgan Club members Karl and Ren Kraus acquired a 1965 Morgan 4/4, which after a bit of restoration, Karl and Ren will be participants of future events.

Although the group was smaller than expected, everyone had a wonderful time. It was so special to spend time with old and new friends, I am so pleased this Mog was well received by all...wait until next year!

Many thanks to John and Jan from the group for their planning and choices!



FLOGMOG 2022 "RETURN TO THE SIERRAS"

By John Grosseto
with contributions from Katherine Bard,
Hilary Mahon-Smith, Paul Marchant and Elaine Fisher

Eleven enthusiastic Morganeers, and two Morgan potential owners* returned to perfect weather in the Sierras from Sunday evening September 25 to Wednesday September 28, 2022, with Sonora, CA Best Western Hotel as home base.

The organizers John and Jan Grosseto hail from Groveland. This was their second as organizers of a FlogMog with the first, the 2010 High Roller Tour.

Faithful Flog Mog attendees gathered from afar with Katherine Bard traveling from Los Angeles in her 2022 911 Carrera S Porsche (430+ miles), Robert



Horsley from above Seattle in his 2005 Morgan Roadster (over 900 miles), John and Barbara Burks in their Mercedes Coupe from Ashland, Oregon on an extended road trip back home through Las Cruces then up through Aspen-Salt Lake (400+++ miles), Steve and Paula Smith in their 2005 Roadster from Sea Ranch (250 miles), Peter and Hilary-Smith Mahon in their VW Golf from San Francisco (150+ miles) . Paul Marchant, from Lafayette, never quite made it to the event due to a failed fuel pump the night of the

Ironstone Dinner which Paul unfortunately missed. Philip Fisher, from Pine Mountain Lake, joined in for dinners unable to drive the 1992 Morgan +8 on the routes due to a dead battery which had to be replaced.

The group gathered Sunday night for an informal dinner at the nearby Peppery Restaurant. Why is it that meeting special friends we haven't seen in months or longer so special?



er stop farther on (Photo- Cars on tour). Construction along the road made it a PERFECT opportunity to stop, chat, take photos, and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Sierra Summit Day- The focus of this Mog was a double summit of the Sierra Mountains. I longed to do this drive and was determined to make this Mog the first. After breakfast at the hotel, the Grossetos, Smiths, Burks, Robert Horsley , and Katherine Bard headed out toward Yosemite . The weather was perfect. Driving through Yosemite along Tioga Road was beautiful. We stopped at Olmstead Point to look at Half Dome and made another



Ironstone Concours

Article by Elaine Fisher
Katherine Bard and Paul Marchant

The Ironstone Concours Events are held yearly in September in Murphys, CA at the Ironstone Winery <https://ironstoneconcours.com>. It is a fund raiser for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H. A few Morgan owners have been attending for years. Hopefully, next year, Sept 22-23, 2023, more Morgans will enter, and more of our Club Members will attend. Entrant cars must be 1973 or older, however attending as a non-entrant is also a wonderful experience. Your car does not have to be judged but it must be "original."

The weekend starts on Friday with an optional Vintage Back Roads Tour and Luncheon. Friday evening is the Cars and Stars Dinner with wine tasting, dinner, and a live auction in the Amphitheater.

Saturday is the most wonderful Concours d'Elegance with some 300+ antique and classic cars, vintage trailers, motorcycles, and wooden boats in a gorgeous setting. Additionally, there are Pre-1920 race car rides on a dirt track, Amphicar rides on the lake, and a race car engine start. There will also be a speaker forum for both race cars and classic cars with industry leaders.

Heading over to Sonora in his Silver/Black 1965 +4 SS Morgan to participate in FLOGMOG, our President, Paul Marchant, planned on attending all the weekend events. He enjoyed the Vintage Back Roads Tour and lunch, but upon returning to the winery/hotel his Morgan died. (Probably from a fuel pump failure.) Subsequently Paul missed the dinner but was able to attend the Concours d'Elegance on Saturday. Sunday a Guardian Angel had a fuel pump Paul could use which he zip-tied into the Morgan. He managed to make it to Sonora and home, but sadly missed FLOGMOG.

Additionally, on Sunday, MSCCNC members Katherine Bard, Roy and Davina Lane, Larry Ayers, Richard and Melanie Smith, and Gary Marquis attended the Concours. Philip and I had purchased tickets to enter our 1970 4/4 4-seater, but our cat, Bentley, was ill, so we sadly had to miss the event.



Ironstone Continued



The Grossetos also planned on attending, but they recently purchased a home in Granite Bay and were overwhelmed with that purchase and putting two homes on the market.



The Lanes won Best in Class with their 1958 Drophead Coupe;



Larry Ayers won a Ribbon of Merit in his class with his 1934MX4 SS\



the Smiths won a Ribbon of Merit for their 1963 +4 Roadster.

Katherine's favorite event was the Pre-War "race" on the dirt track in the afternoon with lots of dust and flying dirt suping everywhere making it all very exciting.



California Introduces Digital License Plates
From Vintage Road & Racecar
Article and photo by: Casey Annis, Editor
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Dear Dennis, Just when you thought they went out of mundane automotive things to reinvent, they went and monkeyed with the venerable license plate. CBS News, NPR, and others have stories on the Internet about this innovative subject. Dennis Glavis has sent us this article which may be of interest to Morgan owners who live in California.

The State of California has just approved the introduction of “digital license plates.” Digital what?, you may ask. That’s right, the one part of your car you probably figured would never be electrified or computer controlled is now a high-tech option. In short, the state has approved a new license plate, exclusively produced by Reviver, that is in essence a digital screen the size of a license plate. Why would I possibly need this?, you may now be asking yourself. Well, valid point!

On the surface of it, the old-timey metal plates do a fine job of displaying your 7-digit vehicle ID. No reason to reinvent the wheel. However, the new digital plates do provide some interesting additional features. Beyond being able to change the background of your plate, or the little message at the bottom (My other car is 917K), the new plates eliminate the need to go to the DMV as all your registration and tags are updated and maintained through the app. Stop, you had me at no more DMV...

Photo of License plate

The Reviver Digital plate is controlled by an app on your phone.

Additionally, the digital plates have the ability to GPS track you care and flash that it is stolen, and can display emergency AMBER alert messages as you drive through an affected area. In the future, the manufacturer also plans to roll out the ability to automatically pay and manage tolls and parking fees via the plate and its supporting app.

Of course, all this newfangled convenience and technology comes at a cost, \$19.95/month, plus \$150 if you have someone install it for you (plus your regular registration fees). I’m not sure that the techie in me will be able to out wrestle the cheapskate in me on this one, but I imagine it will be only a matter of time before the manufacturers start building these into the cars as a fully integrated part of the design.

So, for now, the wall in my garage covered with all the front license plates from all the cars I’ve owned over the years is still safe. Besides, if we do away with metal license plates what will prison inmates do for work? Casey Annis, editor@vintageracecar.com





**Northern California Morgan Sports Car Club
President Paul Marchant's
1965 Plus Four Super Sport
chassis number 5954 was originally British
Racing Green when new with black interior.
Paul has owned the car for 52 years.**



Morganing Across the Pond

By Elaine Fisher

The Le Mans Classic Races in France were cancelled in 2020 due to Covid, so it had been 4 years since they were run. After attending the races in 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018, Philip and I had decided we didn't need to attend again. However, our Morgans Over America (MOA) UK friends who store our 1999 Morgan, Barry and Gené Jeffrey, had never been to these races, and the UK Morgan club (MSCC) was having their MOGFEST 22 the weekend prior, led to our decision to attend both events in 2022.



Almost every year, the MSCC has a MOGFEST somewhere in the UK. We have attended 15 of these yearly events since 1991, which has taken us all over the country. The first few years we attended in a rented tin-top, then rented a Morgan for a few times before purchasing our UK Morgan in 2006. Attending Morgan events in a Morgan is absolutely the best!

While we had been to events as far Northeast as Newcastle Upon Tyne and York, we hadn't been to County Durham, the site of MOGFEST 22. Other MOA friends Nigel and Janet Collins (1997 Plus 8, finally repaired from our October NC 500 accident), and Arthur Edge and Jane Masters Kan (2017 +4 4-seater) attended the event with us. From the Cotswolds, we traveled the 250 miles north together taking most of the event start day.



MOGFESTS are very similar to MOGWEST starting on Fridays and running through Sunday. This NorMog event was based at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Durham. The event opened with registration and a buffet on Friday evening as people gathered.



The Saturday event was held at Beamish, the Open-Air Living Museum of the North, <https://www.beamish.org.uk>. Beamish brings the history of North-East England to life from 1820 to 1950's through areas and buildings moved to the large property.

Morganing Across the Pond Continued

For the MOGFEST event, we all parked on the large field, where the Concours was held, and Historic Register was displayed. Charles Neal was set up in the Gazebo launching his new book "Morgan: The March of Progress".

It is a wonderful book on the history of Morgan cars from 1909 to 2022 (see www.morganbook.co.uk to purchase).



At prior events there have been trade stands, and competitive activities, but these apparently weren't allowed here, which was disappointing. We did spend several hours visiting the outdoor museum as well as catching up with other Morganeers.



The scheduled Sunday event was a Scenic Drive to Barnard Castle with a visit to the Bowes Museum.

Instead of attending this event, we toured Durham, including visiting Durham Cathedral

with Janet and Nigel, and took a Morgan scenic drive to the Coast. On Monday we drove back down to Bridgnorth to visit widow Callie Cundy (several MOA's) and see her new



Simmonds very easy down/up roof, then back to the Collins pending heading off to Le Mans.

MOGFEST 2023 will be held June 30-July 2nd at Windsor and Brooklands, UK. We are planning on attending pending cat health statuses.

LE MANS CLASSICS- On Thursday June 30, with Barry and Gené in their 1987 PLUS 8 (their new PLUS 6 was still under recall from the factory) we headed south to catch the overnight Ferry from Portsmouth UK to St. Malo, France .



Morganing Across the Pond Continued

We all joined Dave Gibbons and his son Hugh and spent the morning wandering through old St. Malo, then followed them slowly to Hotel Arbor in Mulsanne (Le Mans) on the Mulsanne Straight, ideal for watching the races when you don't want to be at the track).

This year the weather was perfect, in the upper 70's and low 80's with NO rain. Perfect Morgan top-down weather. Previous trips haven't been so pleasant, either very hot or wet.

Vin Mog of France sponsored the Morgan Club site at the races with ferries, hotels and entrance tickets arranged by wonderful Ann English from UK. This Club had previously been positioned close to the DUNLOP BRIDGE.

<https://www.lemansclassic.com/en/clubs-individual-collectors> but now had been moved to the Bugatti Circuit with many other car clubs and quite a distance from the main track. This location made getting to the Grandstand very difficult for those of us with difficulty walking.

We headed to the track on Friday to learn the new directions for Clubs and where our Club (Vin Mog) would be located. The route is much improved from prior years, eliminating the hour(s) it previously took to enter the track. Friday is Qualifying day so much of our time was spent chatting with other Morganeers at the Club Marquee.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Marquee, tables, and chairs were well occupied with members heading out to the Grandstands for Morgan races. Picnic lunches were available for purchase on Saturday. On Sunday, French Brie, bread, and wine are served to all members.

The racing format has 6 Plateaus with 3 races per Plateau starting Saturday with races run with daytime and nighttime sessions. The course is an 8.8-mile course through the forest clad landscapes of Pays de la Loire.

Morgans were well represented as follows:

Endurance- #273 Adrian Van de Kroft- Plus 8 GTR 1996 (NL)

Plateau 1 (1923-1939)-

#42- 1937 4/4- Leigh Sebba & Bob Cole (GB)

#68-1938 4/4- Goddard & Smith (GB)

#75-1938 4/4- King & Tisdall-St.Claire (GB)

Plateau 2 (1949-1958)

#18- 1952 Plus 8- Shears & Plant (GB)

#42- 1959 Plus 4- Leigh Sebba & Cole

Plateau 3 (1959-1961)

#8- 1961 Plus 4 SS- Kiviochan (GB)

#11-1961 Plus 4 SS-Richaud & Gurdjian (FR),

#15 1965 Plus 4 SS- Rogeon & Caillaud (FR),



Morganing Across the Pond Continued

#17- 1962 Plus 4-Emberson (GB)

#21- 961 Deep Sanderson 301-(designed and built by Chris Lawrence)-Bernberg & Ugo (GB)

#34- 1959 Plus 4- Adrian Van Der Kroft (NL),

#42 1960 Plus 4 SS- Simon Orebi-Gann (GB)

We were able to make it to the Grandstand for the Saturday afternoon races, but after that we watched the daytime races on the Big Screen in the Bugatti Circuit while socializing.

After the main races, Sunday afternoon features the Little Big Mans "race". Young children 7-12 drive their electric or combustion miniature replica racing cars.

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anCVaqe3TmE> , adorable!



We were treated well at the Hôtel Arbor, with excellent breakfasts and dinners and good company of Morganeers and racers from around UK & Europe. After dinner, Barry and Gené watched the evening races from outside the hotel as the cars raced down the Mulsanne Straight. The exhaust sounds were loud and stimulating and an essential part of the experience.

On Monday we drove alone back to the Ferry at Caen to Poole, returned our Morgan to the Jeffrey's storage and flew home.

Elaine tested positive for Covid the next day, so we sadly missed MOGWEST.

Le Mans Classic 2023 Centenary Anniversary will be held June 29-July 3, 2023.



The Cowley's Cars, Wine and Blues Run

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Additional photos by Elaine Fisher, Phil Fisher, and Jim Taylor

A fine gathering of beautiful and special cars (Morganeers were joined by members of the Wine Country Car Club) gathered at Java Hut in the Petaluma Fairgrounds on the brisk and

not-sunny morning to admire the cars and meet new and old friends



Paul Cowley had created an interesting (slightly bumpy) drive through the local countryside, running on some roads that were totally new to us (Whitaker Bluff Road and Sonoma Mountain Road) and also on some familiar roads (Gravenstein Highway and Bennett Valley Road).

Mainly we followed Albert Kolvites' lovely red trike.

We had a coffee break halfway through at Hardcore Coffee , who were so excited to see us and the cars that they offered everyone vouchers for free coffee next time we stopped by.



At 61.4 miles, we finished at Paul and Lesley Cowley's beautiful home. Most of the men were drooling over several of Paul's cars in the garages: including a McLaren, a Rolls Royce, and a cute little Daimler Dart.

Cars, Wine and Blues Run Continued

But others of us were enthralled by two very tame donkeys. Paul's friends and fellow winemakers were there to pour the wines and help with the BBQ (delicious chicken, pork, and veggies). Other folks had brought salads, desserts, pre-meal snacks, etc.



The band "Randy and the Special Agents" started to play right away and they entertained us royally all afternoon . Only a few intrepid women danced, including myself and Helen Cataldo.

It was a great happy surprise to see Maggi Craig among the guests, having been driven to the party by Jon Rosner. Maggi hopes to be up and walking soon.

Wish I'd had the presence of mind to list all the Morgan folks there, but sadly I was having too much fun.

The Morgan folks adjourned to the Board Room for a business meeting while the band played on. Jim and I left late afternoon while the party was still in full swing, but we had time to get ourselves home before dark. What a wonderful day it was! Thank you, Paul and Lesley, for organizing and hosting. Please do it again next year!

Ferndale Concours – Morgans in the Heart of Redwood Country

Gary and Francine Marquis had the pleasure of sharing time with fellow Morgan owners Dave and Donna White from Arcata, California. (Gary and Francine live in Chico, California.) Both couples were attending the Ferndale Concours (a SCCA event) on September 10th. To the right is a photo of Dave and Donna who took first in the Jaguar class with their beautiful Jaguar E-Type.

It was great to hear that the Northern part of California is active in the classic car scene. Francine and Gary were kind enough to pass on this news about Morgan owners visiting in Ferndale, a very picturesque town south of Eureka. It is worth a trip up US 101 to visit Garberville with the Avenue of the Giants, and travel further north to Ferndale, a quaint artist community.



Historic Ferndale, California



Dave & Donna White's
Jaguar E-Type

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By: Robert Horsley

Cartoon: From Facebook Morgan Group

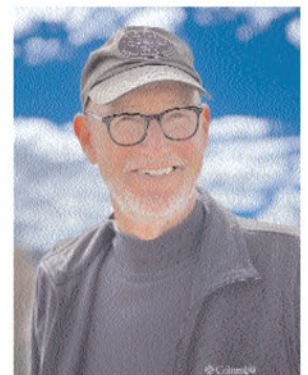
One can tell by the headlight encroaching into the wing shape." I saw from the manual dealer notes that the Morgan Motors of New England had sold the car originally so I called Linda Eckler and she remembered getting the call from the movie producers about using a Morgan in the film. She was busy and gave them David Jacobsen's number. He agreed and spent a day on the set while Alec Baldwin drove our little car through the pretty scenery. Linda put me in touch with the Jacobsen's and we had a wonderful FaceTime conversation about the movie and what the Roadster has been up to lately. 45,000 plus miles of more scenery since I bought her. And yes, my Roadster was absolutely, positively, unarguably and indisputably the star of the movie.

"Happy now,?" I ask. "No way," she says. "Where are my credits? I'm not even named in the credits!"



Robert Horsley and his 2005 Toyota Seaside Pearl Roadster live in Lake Forest Park, Washington. He attended FLOGMOG.

Another acting Morgan, but this one is in a Shakespeare production called Romeo and Juliet! From Facebook Morgan Group.



Robert Horsley
Photo by J Grosetto

The Cowley Event on October 16, 2022

Article and Photos by: Angie Larson

The photos in this article were taken at the gathering spot in Petaluma, for the Cars, Wine and Blues Event hosted by Paul and Lesley Cowley.

This event had an amazing collection of cars because Paul Cowley also invited his other car club. What a feast for sore eyes! I believe there were at least 7 Morgans, all beautiful examples of the Mark, and countless other beautiful collector cars.

After receiving our instructions in a Petaluma parking lot, the group took off through town on our adventure. Unfortunately, we were quickly split up by one traffic light after another. It was fortunate that Paul provided all of us with perfect directions that led us through the back hills, to the coast, and back to his beautiful home.

When we arrived at the Cowley's homestead, there was an abundance of appetizers, followed by a feast of Pulled Pork, quiches, and salads. Leslie and Paul not only provided delicious food, but also an incredible sampling of their wines. We were already impressed, but wait, there was more! We were all treated to a special performance by RANDY AND THE SPECIAL AGENTS BLUES BAND. They were fantastic and the mood was contagious. Ellen Jo Baron and Helen Cataldo were up and dancing before lunch was complete!

Later, Elaine Fisher called a Club Meeting in the Dining Room where we were presented with the 2023 Morgan Club candidates. Members will have, or will be receiving a ballot to elect Board Members and Officers for 2023. Please, be a good citizen and send in your vote by the deadline.

In closing, we are very grateful to Paul and Leslie for a brilliant time! You have set the bar very high, and we cannot thank you enough for giving us a most memorable day of rides, cars, music, and comradery.



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