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The Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern California (MSCCNC) exists to support and further the appreciation of Morgan motoring and the related activities of its members and friends. Our common interests start with enthusiastic support of the Morgan sports car experience and extend to the friendship and camaraderie amongst all like-minded persons.

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The Morgazette

is the newsletter of the MSCCNC. It is published 6 times a year and is mailed free to members in good standing.

We welcome any and all original or reprint articles and/or photos labeled with the following information:

- 1) event; 2) date of the event;
- 3) names of all persons appearing in photos;
- 4) name of publication (in the case of a reprint);
- 5) names of authors and photographers.

The **DEADLINES** for receiving ads, photos and articles:

- March 27, 2020

The **Morgazette** is now available in a digital format as a web PDF. Contact the editor, or see the website.

Photos • please note: All photos in the Morgazette are used with the permission of the photographers. Any re-use must acquire new permission. Ask Donna Dell'Ario for attribution.

Welcome New Members

Steven Doi

San Jose, CA 94125
1959 White +4; chassis #4062

Bill and Jackie Gage

Santa Rosa, 95409
1960 black +4 4-pass; chassis #4308

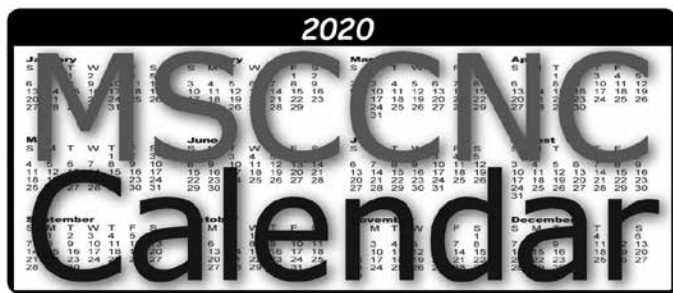
Glenn and Karen Vaughn

Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
(no Morgan data)

Remember... it's time to renew your membership.

Note: we need more submissions or suggestions for Centerfold cars/stories.

Cover Photo: Morgans on MOA VII in Zion National Park, Utah, including 2Blu, see centerfold. (Photo by Alan Rowe, MOA participant)



* MSCCNC Club Sponsored Event

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

FEBRUARY

* 9 SUN • Oyster Run xxv – Marin County –
Contact • Ayers/Dell'Ario- rain date 2/16

MARCH*

* 22 SUN • South Bay Run And Winery Visit –
Contact – Fred & Ann Thompson (See Flyer)

APRIL

* 16 THURS • South Bay Run – Airplane Rides –
Contact – Bob Frisbee (See Flyer Soon)
26 SAT-SUN • Dream Machines @ Half Moon Bay –
Contact – Chris Hall/Paul Marchant

MAY

*3-6 SUN-WED. * Spring Mog (Finding Fault/
Rocky Horrors) -Contact – D.Hamilton/J.Taylor
15-17 FRI-SUN • VARA British Extravaganza in
Buttonwillow
17 SUN • All British Car Day in Dixon

JUNE

* TBD • S.F. Proposed Tour Of Alfred Hitchcock
Movie Landmarks Through S.F.& Marin Contacts –
Tchereck Kamstra & Toby Tuttle
19-20 FRI-SAT • AMCA meet in Dixon, Mayfair
Fairgrounds
21 SUN • Father's Day Car Show Black Hawk = Check -
blackhawkmuseum.org
28 SUN • Coyote Creek Concour D'Elegance near San
Jose

JULY

* 10-12 FRI-SUN • MogWest – Contact- Sam
Logan

10 FRI • Collector Car Appreciation Day – All across
the U.S.

12 SUN • Hillborough Concours Entry Deadline May 1
2020

AUGUST

9-16 SUN-SUN • Monterey Historic Car Week Check
their website for exact event dates

* 14 FRI • Annual Morgan Welcome Party & BBQ
At The Stecks Home – Contact – Loren Steck

SEPTEMBER

* 11- TBD • FLOGMOG – Beginning In Missoula
Montana – Contacts- John Burks/Lynn Powell

18-20 FRI-SUN • Morgan 3 Wheeler Club AGM
celebrating 75th Anniversary

20 SUN • Danville Concours d'Elegance

26 SAT • Ironstone Winery Concours – Contact –
ironstoneconcours.org Elaine Fisher

OCTOBER

* 4-TBD • October Fest – Beginning In East Bay
Ending In Ashland, Oregon. – Contact – Bob
Panero

NOVEMBER

* TBD • Turkey Trot – Contact – Martin Mieger

DECEMBER

* 6 SUN • Holiday Party @ Zio Fraedo, Vallejo –
Contact – Elaine Fisher
* 26 MON • Boxing Day – Wine Country Tour –
(Rain Or Shine) – Contact – Wendell Bain

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Welcome to a New Year of Exciting Club Events!

We have 4-5 longer trip events scheduled...

We have 2 possible overnight- but local events
scheduled...

We have 6 one day events...

There are some flyers included in this publication
and also some notes from the planners with more
info.

It will be hard to choose which one to do. Just go
for it. Join the nicest and most interesting

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In Memoriam • Bill Button

What makes a legend? Something special that isn't like the rest of us? Something we all aspire to? In Bill's case it was his enthusiasm for his time behind the wheel of a Morgan. And he had more time than most of us behind the wheel of his +8, or four seater, or his +4 DHC, and he was going strong at almost 90. Yes, that is what made him a Morgan Legend. Not to mention that he was just a good guy.

Bill Button would drive anywhere just to drive his Morgan. He was always tinkering- fixing this or unfixing that. The Its A Bitza, done in two shades of red, that he could not see because he was color blind, was his +8 of choice when he had a passenger, i.e. if the battery was not taking the front seat or his guest did not need the room of his four seater for luggage. He just always turned up. I am sure he won the most awards for driving the furthest for an event.

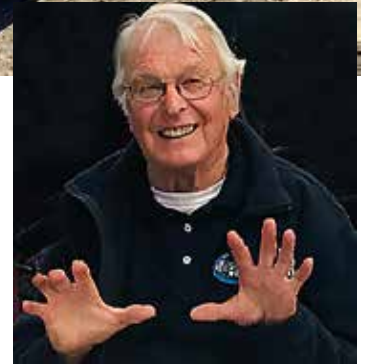
I thought I might share with the MGZT what happened to Bill Button. He had been planning his 90th birthday party of which all who wished were invited for the day of his birthday February 20, at the Seattle Yacht Club. He had not gotten the invitation out as yet. But this wasn't what he was really excited about. The 25th FlogMog planned for September was the event he could not wait for. He and John were planning a two-week FlogMog excursion starting in Missoula and traveling through many of the western states. They had talked for days about where to go. Meanwhile, a darling Miata with too many miles- but too good a price tag- popped up and he bought it. He wanted to try it out on a long drive. He called and asked if he could join us for a few days in Brookings. The door was always open. He started out on Wednesday, Jan 26, the weather sounded OK - a little rain on the coast. After breakfast he emailed as he always does from the Country Cousin Restaurant in Centrailia, WA. Then he turned southwest at Kelso heading to 101. We heard again from him at about 2:30 when he stopped in Florence on 101. We figured he would be in Brookings by 6 pm. Instead his phone rang. The nurse from Lower Umqua Hospital in Reedsport reported that Bill had an accident and that he had gone over an embankment at about 3 pm. The next morning we drove to Reedsport and Bill was in pain. He told us that he had encountered heavy rain and fog and he really did not know what happened, except that he had just looked at his speedometer and was slowing down. The doctors said he had multiple small fractures in his spine and hips. We helped with his concern with the insurance on the Miata. He turned off his phone. His stepdaughter Frankie, became the go to person as she was the closest relative. Frankie was absolutely wonderful about keeping us in touch. When he was transferred to Oregon Health Science University, in Portland on Feb 3rd we grew very concerned and drove from Ashland to see him for the last time. He was surrounded by the love of his granddaughter, Heather, Paul and daughter, Lynette. He was aware and responded, but not in pain. His passed that evening, February 4th. He will be greatly missed at every Morgan event both from the Northern California club, the Northwest Morgan Club, and for that matter, Morgan events worldwide.

John and Barbara Burks

If you are interesting in the 25th FLOGMOG tribute to Bill contact John Burks at: burksjohn1@gmail.com



Bill on his way to MogWest last year and at the Banquet.(2019), and with Tcherek Kamstra and Greg Powell during the FlogMog last year.



Dreadful News!

Yesterday **Bill Fink** had a beautiful day on the Oyster Run and enjoyed so much the company of the Morgan Club.

Tcherek just called! Last night their Bodega home burnt to the ground with Bill inside. Tcherek tried to enter his bedroom but the smoke and flames were too much. This morning nothing is left and Bill is gone. Judy is in shock in Tcherek's mobil home. We will keep you all posted. Please pass the news to those who will send their love and support and any we may have missed in this email. We will keep you posted. Tcherek has asked us to be the conduit of information as she is overwhelmed. We are in shock!! and pained as you are, also!! - John and Barbara Burks

A full tribute to Bill will be in the March-April Morgazette.



President's Message

By Paul Marchant, President

Many thanks to Carol Pitman for hosting the Morgan Club's 2020 planning meeting at her home in Moraga. This meeting was a great way to start the new year. In addition, thanks to all members both new and long standing for attending and offering a variety of great ideas for upcoming events.

One major hurdle we debated and voted on was a raise in yearly dues. We have not raised our dues in over ten years, and with the rising cost of postage, printing, and the need for a little back up money in the treasury, we voted to increase the club dues by \$10 a year. Therefore, effective January 1, 2021, the Northern California Morgan Club's dues will be \$45. Our new treasurer, Marty Meiger, will be responsible for over-seeing the increase and accounts.

Another important topic we voted on was the annual Christmas party location. The group agreed to have this year's party at Zio Freados in Vallejo. Thanks again to Elaine Fisher for running this event so smoothly.

We also welcomed Fred and Ann Thompson as the new editors of the Morgazette. They are taking over the duties that Gordon Craig did so well for many years. Our new editors will continue to help our capable and talented layout specialist Donna Dell'Aro.

Personally, I can't wait for the Oyster Run on Sunday, February 9th. Now is the time to check your tires, hoses, and fluids to make sure your car is in top running condition. Don't wait for the day before the run to find some unpleasant surprises! [See story on page 18.]

Hope to see you all there, Paul

Tech Tips

Critique of 2019 +6 Roadster - by John Burks

In the centerfold spread for the Nov-Dec 2019 Morgazette, I promised to share with you my overall impression of the 2019 Roadster. Here it is!

We have only driven the car about 600 miles due to Southern Oregon weather and other activities. I continue to find details about the car that are much improved over my earlier Morgan experiences.

The first Morgan I had was a well used '59 +4, which was my only car for a couple of years. There have been about a dozen Morgans since then from a flat rad +4, to an '07 Aero. I have loved them all. When I look back, even though the cars look very much alike the differences are astonishing. However, comparing what I looked like then – the differences are even more astonishing.

The 2019 roadster is very tight, rattle free and the top doesn't look like it would leak too much. We have not had it out in a heavy rain, yet it has passed the light rain test. The suspension changes, which include five link coil over rear suspension and fully adjustable sliding pillar front suspension, are impressive improvements that make the car a better road car for people my age to drive.

The electrical assisted power steering is very nice, especially at low speeds. I must admit I appreciate the power brakes and the heated seats. The air-conditioning should be nice on hot days.

The quality of the aluminum body – fit and finish – is a vast improvement as is the leather interior.

Sadly, this will be one of the last traditional cars brought to the US. The +6 Roadster looks like another step toward the ultimate Morgan.



Calendar, cont'd

group of people with whom you will have a lot in common. I cannot THANK the event planners enough. Without you, dear leaders, we would not be the Club we are.

Sincerely, Angie Larson, activities chairperson
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Morgazette Business

By Fred and Ann Thompson

The Morgazette is published every two months with the goal of having the publication in your hands at the end of the second month. The next Morgazette will be the March/April issue. We request that all event sponsors take photos and write creative stories once the events are completed. The deadline for completed articles is posted on page two of the Morgazette.

**Please send your stories and photos to
Fred and Ann Thompson at
MSCNCnews@gmail.com**



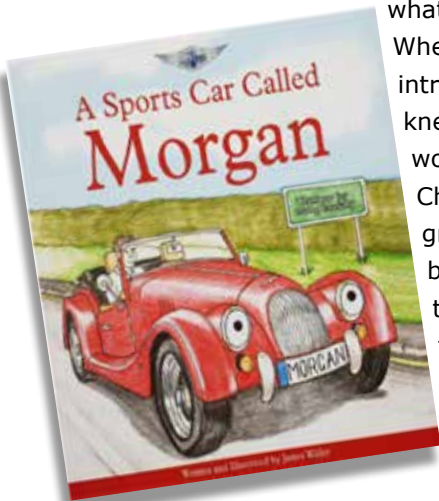
A Sports Car Called Morgan - A Children's Book

Illustrated and Written by James Waller

Article by Fred Thompson

The Morgan comes to life in this artfully illustrated and cleverly written children's book. This is the first children's book written about our beloved classic car. The story starts out with the little red Morgan Car being a bit sad and confused but ends up knowing exactly

what is important in life. When I spotted the email introducing the book, I knew immediately this would be a fantastic Christmas gift for my granddaughters. They both enjoy the car and they loved the story; the moral it represents and the child friendly illustrations.



Morgazette Editorial

By Fred Thompson

"March" to the Summit and Wine Tour

Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020

Destination: Loma Prieta Winery, Los Gatos

<https://lomaprietawinery.com/>

Join us for lunch, wine tasting, Bocce Ball, or Lawn Chess at the Loma Prieta Winery in the Los Gatos hills. At 9:30 AM we will start our adventure at the Thompson's home in Belmont for bagels and beverages. At 10:30 it's off to a run through Woodside and a windy climb up to scenic Highway 35. Next we will travel down smaller curvy-forested roads, cross Highway 17, and climb to a hilltop winery with a panoramic view overlooking the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Pacific Ocean.

If you plan on joining us, please contact

Fred Thompson at:

fredkthompson@comcast.net

or call/text 650-759-2478.

Please RSVP by March 18th.

NOTE:

The flyer is loose in the Morgazette mailing envelope.



If you own a Morgan Car and have grandchildren, this book is a must.

To order this book go to:

<https://www.morgan-motor.com/product/a-sports-car-called-morgan-childrens-book/>

You may use your US credit card to purchase the book from this site.

The book costs £8.95 - about \$12.00 US.
Shipping is £18.95 which is about \$25.00 U.S.



Business at the Planning Meeting

By Lexa Most, Secretary

Carol Pitman graciously offered her home in Moraga as the meeting place for the club's January 12, 2020 planning meeting.

Approximately 20 members were in attendance, among them President Paul Marchant; Treasurer Martin Mieger; Secretary Lexa Most; and Directors Wendell Bain, Tcherek Kamstra, and George Tollworthy.

Paul Marchant called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Minutes of the December holiday party and installation of 2020's officers were approved as published in the November-December, 2019 Morgazette.

Treasurer's Report was given by George Tollworthy, outgoing treasurer. Final figures are pending. He and incoming treasurer, Martin Mieger, will be meeting soon to begin transfer of duties. There was discussion of Morgazette advertisement revenue. Martin discussed his view of accounting for the club.

Discussion of Morgazette: Angie suggested that editors Fred and Ann Thompson establish an email address exclusively for club business. When available, Angie will send it out to the membership.

There was a lengthy discussion of possible activities for the coming year. See Calendar on page 3. MogWest will be held July 10, 11, and 12 at Cambria Pines Lodge.

Martin discussed possible changes in the agenda to get feedback. Sam Logan is Northern California rep and will work with Dan Redman from Southern California club.

M/S/C (Larry/Martin) to hold the 2020 holiday party at Zio Fraedo's in Vallejo.

Ellen Jo Baron, Jim Taylor, and Doug Hamilton are working on ideas for Spring Mog. Dates are May 3-6, starting in King City, ending in Asilomar. Final details will be forthcoming.

Lynn Powell, on behalf of John Burks, discussed possible plans for Flog Mog. The theme will be Bill Button's 90th birthday. It will begin in Missoula, Montana, Bill's birthplace, with drives through several western states.

Martin proposed dues be increased from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per year due to increased costs of Morgazette production and mailing, increased MogWest costs, and to allow a modest reserve. Extensive discussion followed.

M/S/C (Lexa/Tcherek): Beginning in 2021, dues will be increased to \$45.00 per year per address as published in the roster.

Meeting was adjourned by Paul Marchant at 3:30 p.m. Attendees then enjoyed tea, coffee, and sweet treats.

Many thanks to Carol for her kind hospitality!

Treasurer's Report

by George Tollworthy

Financial Statement of the Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern California for the year 2019

Balance on January 1st 2019 \$ 11,769.45

Income

From annual club dues	\$ 1,747.50
From regalia sales	\$ 617.50
From Over payment .	\$ 18.00
From Ads in Morgazette	\$ 350.00

Total income \$ 2,733.00

Costs

Morgazette and Roster plus postage	\$ 6,183.00
Purchase of office supplies	\$ 157.00
Insurance premiums	\$ 891.00
Party stuff	\$ 570.00
Donations: Cancer Fund	\$ 400.00
Deposit for Cambria Pines Lodge	
Mogwest 2020 .	\$ 1,000.00

Total costs\$ 9,201.00

Balance as of December 31, 2019 \$ 5,301.45

Notes to Statement .

Mogwest 2020 is to repay MSCC \$1,000 from any profits since MSCC paid deposit to Cambria Pines Lodge

Incoming dues for 2019 are still accruing and will be entered into The Books for the current year 2020. \$4000,00 added through 1/24/20.

MSCC has \$ 23.78 more in the bank than the Books would indicate. Sorry about that. Shoot me.

Respectfully submitted and subject to revision,
Honourable ex Treasurer,
George F Tollworthy, Esq

Boxing Day 2019

Story & Photos by Wendell Bain

Scraping ice off my windshield was not how I wanted to start this year's Boxing Day run. It was REALLY COLD, but at least it wasn't raining.

At the usual meeting spot in the town square in Sonoma in front of the Cheese Factory, which is no longer open, I found I was the first to arrive.

That was unusual as in most cases I am not the first on the scene. Handing out route sheets is somewhat like herding cats, but everyone managed to get one. We had approximately 45 people and 25+ cars. Not all went on the run due to other commitments.

We had 5 Morgans:

- Mike Murphy, Ellen Jo Baron and Jim Taylor in +8's,
 - Bob and Olivia Koupal in the Tollworths BRG +8 two seater,
 - RB Ward and his lady friend accompanied by a four-legged friend in a flat rad +4,
 - and Tim Waller and Alice Gentry.
- Other types of cars included
- A Ferrari 308 GT-4 and Ferrari 512BB,
 - Larry Ayers and Donna in a Mini (2011),
 - A Morris Minor, Austin Healey, and a couple of Mini's (the early ones),
 - A MGA Coupe and a Ford Cortina.
 - And finally me in a Dodge truck.

Sorry if I left anyone off my list.

Due to the fires in recent years this year's route was a replay of last year's. Unfortunately, some of our pristine scenery is not so pristine anymore.

The route started at First Street East to Highway 12 and then went right on Calistoga Road. We next turned left on Porter Creek Road, which became Mark West Springs Road. The party then continued onto the Highway 101 overpass to River Road.

Our journey then took us left on Highway 116 through the town of Forestville, onto Graton Road, and then left on Bohemian Highway. We proceeded left on Hill Street, and took an immediate right into Union Hotel parking lot. This was our "Pit stop", coffee break, or beer break.

We continued out of the Union Hotel parking lot onto



Tim Waller, Larry Ayers, Ellen Jo Baron, Jim Taylor, Olivia and Bob Koupal



R B Ward and friends



Jim Taylor and Donna Dell'Ario



Alice Gentry and Ellen Jo Baron in front of the Union Hotel

Bohemian Highway through the town of Freestone and turned right on Bodega Highway. The next turn was a left on Highway 1 to Petaluma through the town of Valley Ford. We turned right on Lakeville Street, just past the South McDowell Traffic light, and turned into PUB REPUBLIC parking lot. Here we had good food, great service, reasonable prices, and a nice atmosphere.

The only casualty of the day was the Koupal's a clutch failure. They went home courtesy of a flatbed.

By now the day had turned quite nice and actually rather warm. Probably why we live in California!

I heard that all had an enjoyable drive and good day.

Thanks to all who attended.



Wendell by Mike Murphy's Plus 8

Wendell's Boxing Day - Grant Larson Style

I topped off the gas in expectation of a beautiful Boxing Day in Sonoma. The weather was ideal. Angie and I got up early on Thursday morning with 10:00 A.M. as our target arrival time in Sonoma. Since we didn't have any phone numbers with us, at about 9:50 we emailed Wendell saying we would be a bit late but we were only 10 minutes away. When we arrived at the departure spot, we were told that the cars had left about 4 minutes before. We decided to try to find them, took off in the same direction as we were told they went, but evidently made the wrong guess and never saw the Morgan Boxing Day party.

No sense in going home at that point, so we began a tour of our own. We took a curvy, bumpy, and steep road that was a very beautiful drive toward Napa. However,

the Morgan didn't seem to care for the road and developed an occasional miss that increased as we drove out into the countryside. When we arrived at the Napa highway, I pulled over to do some checking. Following the rule to check what you last touched, i.e. the new gas tank, I checked for leaks, the fuel line, and hot wire to the pump; but all was OK.

I then started the engine again and all was fine. We made a left turn North into St. Helena and the car again began to miss. On the first block into St. Helena the Morgan stopped DEAD. Traffic was at capacity, so our situation was not a happy event! Luckily, we were able to push the car across the intersection into a handicap parking space. (I figured this was the true sense of handicapped.)

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Too Blue

Ever since her first serious Morgan ride (it happened to be on “Morgans over America II” in 1995), Ellen Jo Baron has been caught up in long distance driving; but to put it in perspective, she’s always been “about the people, more than about the cars.”

Jim Taylor actually has enjoyed long distance Morgan driving since owning his first one in 1958. He very much enjoys the camaraderie for sure, but hands on the wheel is really his thing. In 2017, when MOA VII for 2019 was announced, J & EJ began looking for a car to “do” the trip. Since 2015, when their Red ‘93 +8 had been sold on to a happy East Coast Morganeer, they had been without a Morgan capable of the sustained distances and conditions typical of FlogMog or MOA.

By October 2017 Jim discovered that Bill Fink (Isis/Morgan Motors USA) had a late +8 at a reasonable price. Bill had originally sold this new 2002 +8 to a gentleman in San Diego, and Isis were now selling it on for its original owner 15 years and 30,000 miles later. Terms were agreed, and Jim picked it up at San Francisco’s Pier 33 for its first ride to its new home. Although Jim had asked Ellen about her reactions to a blue Morgan, neither of them were really ready for such a bright color. They immediately named it “Too Blue”.

Over the ensuing two years 2Blu has accumulated another 15,000 miles and has been to many beautiful places, like Crater Lake (shown at right), and Yosemite Parks (the latter has seen 2Blu with EJ & Jim more than once).



Ellen Jo has discovered several nice things about 2Blu — its “long door” cockpit has much less draft blowing on the back of her neck, and the heater really does heat the cockpit when the hood is down. Jim has learned the practicalities of its alloy wheels — not only do these save nearly 100 lbs. over five SS wire wheels; they are much easier to keep clean as well. The dark blue Mohair hood, the final year of the factory’s traditional hood design, is very weatherproof and easy to erect (with a little preplanning and the use of over-center levers). With its traditional hood bows, it is also easy to mount the Bimini Top that Jim ordered custom-made for it. EJ & Jim both have discovered that they like the color



now, and lots of admirers like it too. Never in their many years of Morgan ownership, has "color" been so often favorably commented upon. 2Blu is comfortable on long drives (so long as the road surface is smooth ;-)). The couple expect to own it, and to drive it in club events, for many years to come.

Photo credits:

Large centerfold image: 2Blu at Crater Lake National Park, Oregon (Photo by Jim Taylor)

Inset: 2Blu in Arizona during MOA VII (Photo by Alan Rowe)





THIS JUST IN... Received special Morgan papal dispensation...

ONE MORE NEW V6, 3.7 + ONE MORE NEW PLUS 4!!

Order in your colors and options. One of each!

That's it folks...Don't get left behind!!



3 WHEELERS:

NEW 2020 Morgan 3 Wheeler
Fashioned after the 2010 Geneva Show "RAF Spitfire" Edition

2013 Morgan 3 Wheeler
Polished Alloy Body, #5/50
Brooklands, 115 original miles!

ROADSTERS:

NEW 2020 Morgan Plus 4 110 Works Edition Motorsport Green with 200HP ECU and Aero Racing Exhaust // IN STOCK

NEW 2020 Morgan 3.7 V6 Roadster
BRG wings/Polished alloy center body, over \$130k invested; titled/registered in California; sold new by ourselves

NEW 2019 Morgan 3.7 V6 Roadster
Champagne Metallic/ Sky Blue Yarwood leather, Black Wire Wheels

NEW 2019 Morgan 3.7 V6 Roadster
Tribute '65 America, Avril Blue Pearl Met./ Saddle Leather with tan piping and accents, mohair top, alloy wheels, A/C // IN STOCK

NEW 2019 Morgan Plus 4 Glacial Silver Body/ Black Wings/Scarlet Red Leather; Club Sport spec tuned ECU and exhaust, In Stock

2010 Morgan Aero SuperSport
Black, Red, 2.7k miles

2005 Morgan Aero 8 Green Metallic, Tan, 2.7k miles

2003 Morgan Plus 8 35th Anniversary Edition, Jaguar Platinum Silver/Muirhead Mulberry Leather Sport Seats

1989 Morgan Plus 8, Silver/Black leather, gasoline conversion, 5-speed, 49.6k original miles, California car

1967 Morgan Plus 4, DropHead Coupe, Ivory/Green Wings, Ivory leather // **NEW GREATLY REDUCED PRICING**

1967 Morgan Plus 4, Four passenger SuperSport perfect clone, ground up restoration

1963 Morgan 4/4 New Cream and Red paint. Red leather, 1600cc Dual Webers, headers // 85% DONE

1963 Morgan Plus 4 SuperSport 1 of 101 Factory SuperSports, Rolls Royce Green Velvet (dark British Racing Green), Black leather, Black mohair weather equipment, Black wire wheels // EVERY NUT AND BOLT CORRECT RESTORATION TO HIGHEST STANDARDS.

1962 Morgan Plus 4 Four Seater Roadster, White with black leather // **COMING SOON!**

1958 Morgan Plus 4 DropHead Coupe, Regency Red/Black // 100TH ANNIVERSARY BEST IN SHOW WINNER

1953 Morgan Plus 4, Ming Blue/Black Monterey Historics History, stunning!!

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Boxing Day, cont'd

Again, I checked everything I could think of. Another lucky coincidence was that two blocks up this trendy neighborhood was Brown's Auto Parts Store. Super nice guys tried to help; I bought a new ignition relay and hot-wired the pump, but still no go.

Of course, the car became a magnet for curious do-gooders (said in the best sense of the word). Lots of people stopped to take pictures. Unfortunately, the car was not in the best condition, the seats were sitting on the curb, and everything that could be out was out. The gas tank, which was new, was the talk of those who knew what they were looking at. Even a professional welder stopped to talk about the suburb-welding job on the gas tank! Though most people simply wanted to admire the Morgan, even in its "handicapped" state. We were the star attraction whether we liked it or not.

One passerby, an old motorcycle racer suggested I look at the gas gage (broken), and then he said, "put some gas in." I told him it was filled before I left home. He began to tap on the gas tank and insisted it was empty. Between his advice and Angie's support of it, I went across the street and bought gas. The actual last

thing I touched before we left for this trip? Well, you guess it - I was out of gas! Must have been an air lock that caused the tank to register full and over flow.

Angie canceled the two-hour wait for an AAA tow and we headed home grateful for all the do-gooders who stopped, especially an old motorcycle racer whose name I do not even know.

Oh well, just another normal day of Morgan Motoring!



Gas-tank maybe culprit?

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your
pride and joy
the very best
that it
can be.**

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Oyster Run XXV

Story by Larry Ayers and Donna D. • Photos by Larry



Participants

Larry Ayers / Donna D	2005 Aero 8
Pat Mannion	1959 +4
Kevin Rivette	1962 +4
Wendell Bain	Dodge
John Hardgrove	JAG XK120
Al Kolavites / Ken B	2013 3-wheeler
Bob Frisbey	1958 4/4
Mike Prevoles / Chris.	Volvo
Bob Panero / Barbara F.	1966 +4
Carol Pitman / Morgan P.	1965 +4
Fred Thompson / Ron R.	1963 +4
Grant Larson / Angie L.	1967 +4 4-seater
Jack Gordon / Carol	+4 SS
Paul Marchant	1965 +4 SS
Brian Dearle	2019 +4
Alex Gutin / Genny S	2016 3-wheeler
Mel Cohen	1995 +8
Steve Wax / Henri C.	1963 +4
Mike Anthony / Dick N	UK Citroen
Joining at Lunch:	
Bill Fink / Tcherek Kamstra	

Under sunshine and clear blue skies, a gathering of 16 Morgans (including two 5-Speed trikes), a 1954 Jaguar XK120, a 1954 U.K. Citroen, and several tin tops all parked at Starbucks in Novato. Homemade banana raisin bread (baked by the hosts) greeted those starting the Oyster Run. Hosted by Larry Ayers and Donna Dell'Ario on February 9, 2020 this marked the 25th Anniversary of this Morgan Sports Car Club's event. All of us were poised for a journey through beautiful Marin County on our way to Tony's Seafood Restaurant in Marshall.

We were fortunate this year to enjoy beautiful views of rolling green hills polka-dotted with black cows, sparkling blue water vying to out-blue the clear skies. Last year this event was postponed and then cancelled due to weeks of inclement weather. It turned out to be a perfect day for top down Morgan touring through some of Northern California's most scenic countryside. [Pause to prevent hyperbolizing.] We missed many of our "regulars," who had endured years of drippy, chilly, even foggy conditions, but now missed a spectacular day.

We arrived early enough at Tony's and that enabled us to take over the front parking lot – an impromptu car show for locals and other tourists. Lunchtime featured succulent oysters, fish and chips, and a great clam chowder, among many other menu items. It gave everyone a chance to work on their OR Jeopardy sheets. This game was a 20 multiple choice questionnaire in four categories, including one exclusively about oysters – How appropriate. Grading and trophy awards came later when the correct answers were provided at the Marin

Oysters prepared several different ways, and an excellent choice of beers...





Some chose to dine "al fresco" on the picnic tables outside, while there was plenty of room for others inside the restaurant.



French Cheese Factory around 2:30 PM.

Meanwhile, following lunch, which many said was delicious although they missed the homey personality of the previous establishment, participants had the choice of driving along scenic Hwy One to visit Point Reyes Station or taking the drive directly to the Cheese Factory. Some folks chose to end their run and drove directly home, possibly to beat some City traffic, or to attend Oscar parties or view the Academy Awards show later in the day.

We missed those who didn't make the final stop and compare their jeopardy results with scores ranging from 6 to 14 for the correct answers. [Sorry if we made the questions a bit too tough.] Twenty correct answers provided a perfect score, but no one achieved that. The closest was Wendell Bain with 14 and Paul Merchant, our current club President, with 11. They received the first and second place awards.

Thanks again to everyone who attended Oyster Run XXV and special thanks to Bob Frisbey, Jack and Carol Gordon, Pat Mannion, and Alex Gutin and Genny Smirnowa who made the long journey from the Santa Cruz area. Hopefully, everyone had a safe drive home and we hope to see all of you again before too long. Best wishes for safe keeping and good health from Larry and Donna.



After such a pleasant day, the shocking news of Bill Fink's death that evening, cannot remind us strongly enough that life is precious and fleeting. Spending time with good Morgan friends is one way to enjoy life, and we're glad that Bill joined us for lunch today.

2020 Oyster Run Jeopardy

Morgan Jeopardy played during the Oyster Run • See if you can pick the answers.

Created by Larry Ayers & Donna Dell'Ario

Name: _____

Early Morgans



20—For 3-wheelers, 1,700 were produced in this peak year.

- ◇ 1927
- ◇ 1931
- ◇ 1936

40—In 1925, who drove the world's fastest un-supercharged trike?

- ◇ Clive Lones
- ◇ Harold Beart
- ◇ Gwenda Stewart

60—Year HFS Morgan was born on August 11.

- ◇ 1881
- ◇ 1884
- ◇ 1887

80—Track where Lew Spencer raced successfully in 1953.

- ◇ Riverside
- ◇ Palm Springs
- ◇ Willow Springs

100—Woman who successfully raced early 4-wheeled Morgans.

- ◇ Dorothy Morgan
- ◇ Gwenda Stewart
- ◇ Prudence Fawcett

Points:

Morgan Motors



20—4/4 Series 2 Motor

- ◇ Coventry Climax
- ◇ Ford 100E
- ◇ TR 2

40—Year first +4 models were announced.

- ◇ 1949
- ◇ 1950
- ◇ 1952

60—Which is not a 3-wheeler Morgan motor?

- ◇ Blackburne
- ◇ MAG
- ◇ Moto Guzzi

80—Most successful motor for trike racing.

- ◇ Matchless
- ◇ Blackburne
- ◇ JAP

100—Year that the +4+was manufactured.

- ◇ 1963
- ◇ 1967
- ◇ 1969

Points:

Morgan Modelss



20—First year of "Flat Rad" production.

- ◇ 1936
- ◇ 1938
- ◇ 1939

40—Debut of the 5-Speed Morgan 3-Wheeler

- ◇ 2005
- ◇ 2008
- ◇ 2012

60—Last year of +8 production.

- ◇ 2019
- ◇ 2018
- ◇ 2016

80—Number of "Aero 8" Series 1-4 produced.

- ◇ 600
- ◇ 660
- ◇ 684

100—Motor used in the +8+ model.

- ◇ Ford V8
- ◇ Chevy V8
- ◇ BMW V8

Points:

Oysters



20—Oysters are this kind of shellfish.

- ◇ Uni-valve mollusk
- ◇ Bi-valve mollusk
- ◇ Side-valve mollusk

40—The name for people who make oyster beds.

- ◇ Oystermaniacs
- ◇ Aquaculturists
- ◇ Bedding tenders

60—In Tomales Bay, seed oysters are started in trays then are transferred to these.

- ◇ Mud beds
- ◇ Mesh bags
- ◇ BBQ grills

80—Chinese believed oysters cured this beauty problem.

- ◇ Liver spots
- ◇ Wrinkles
- ◇ Freckles

100—Type of mollusk that is most important as food.

- ◇ Crassostrea
- ◇ Ostrea
- ◇ Meleagrina

Points:

Total Points:

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We will meet 11:30 am on Sunday May 3 at Windmill Restaurant in Soledad (US 101), stay that night at SureStay Best Western, King City. Stay night of May 4 at Holiday Inn Express, Lebec; probably night of May 5 at Arbor Inn, Monterey. Blocks of rooms (~\$90-\$112 per night) have been saved (you reserve your own room) but we will need **final commitment by April 5**. Details provided to those interested (see below). Lunch spots will be pre-arranged, too. Expected driving < 200 mi any day.

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(www.usparkpass.com)

****Please contact us before February 25 with an indication of interest** so we can adjust room block numbers. Don't phone, use email (Jim and EJB are in Panama until March 15).

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NOTE:

This may seem like too early an announcement... but actually, it's not... mark your calendars and make the call to reserve the size and type of room you want!

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