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25th Anniversary



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MOGNW 2000 CALENDAR

Feb 13	Sun	MOGNW Northern Centre Hearts and Tarts Run	Steve & Liz Blake	(604) 943-6416
Feb 15	Tues	MOGNW Southern Centre monthly social meeting at the Portland Brewing Pub, 2730 NW 31st Ave	Heinz Stromquist	(503) 224 9576
Feb 19	Sat	MOGNW Midlands Centre monthly social meeting at Roanoke Inn on Mercer Island for BREAKFAST!! 1825 – 72nd SE at 10:00AM. From Seattle, Exit 6 off I-90 and go North on W Mercer Way. From Eastside, take Exit 7 off I-90 onto N Mercer Way	Bill Button	(206) 935-3616
Mar 1	Wed	Deadline for March Mogazine	Craig Runions	(206) 542-7137
Mar 12	Sun	MOGNW Northern Centre Irish Lament Run	Ken & Pat Miles	(604) 578 8036
Apr 8-9	Sat-Sun	Port Townsend B&B Weekend at Ravenscroft Inn. Reservations required! Details inside. DON'T WAIT!	Craig Runions	(206) 542 7137
May 20	Sat	Vancouver, BC ABFM at VanDusen Gardens	Ted Carew-Gibson	(604) 421 3939
May 27-28	Sat-Sun	All British "Run to the Gorge" on back roads from Puyallup to Hood River and return	Arnie Taub	(425) 644 7874
June 18	Sun	Victoria All British Father's Day Picnic	the Thompsons	(250) 479 7743
June 23-25	Fri-Sun	Devil's Punchbowl V, Newport, Oregon coast	Heinz Stromquist	(503) 224 9576
July 22	Sat	Bellevue ABFM at Bellevue Community College. Morgan is the featured marque! Possible special guest from the Morgan factory!	Gil Stegen	(425) 883 6722
Sept 1-4	Fri-Mon	Portland ABFM at PIR. Morgan is once again the featured marque. BUT THE WEEKEND BELONGS TO MOGNW!! It's our 25th Anniversary!! Enjoy a great weekend in the Columbia River Gorge!!!	Kay Jones	(206) 329 2885
Sept 16	Sat	All British Vancouver to Whistler Run. Always fun!	Ted Carew-Gibson	(604) 421 3939

TREASURER'S REQUEST from Bob Hauge.....

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THE FLAT LINE

by Kay Jones, President



My fellow Morganeers, this is the year of Morgan glory. We are in the midst of the 90th anniversary of the Morgan marque (1999) and MOGNW's 25th anniversary (2000). Morgans will be the featured marque at the Bellevue and Portland All Brit field meets! We hope to have a factory representative at the Bellevue event in addition to other special Morgan related activities. The Portland celebration over Labor Day weekend will be our official 25th anniversary party in addition to participation at the field meet there. I want to emphasize that the Southern pod is hosting our party at a Columbia Gorge venue and that participation at the field meet is optional, but encouraged. Multiple daily activities are envisioned both before and after the party at the Gorge. I'll leave it to the organizing committee to provide progress planning reports elsewhere in this issue and forthcoming issues of the Mogazine.

The bottom line message to each and every member is to make a special effort this year to get your MOG on the road and participate in all the fun of the multi anniversary events in addition to all of the pod events in each of our three regions. Everyone is encouraged to home host fellow members who travel from one pod to another for a major club event. We always have the dilemma of lodging for distant travelers when there is an event in the North or South pods, e.g. the Christmas party in LaConner, the upcoming 25th party at the Gorge, etc. For example, folks in the Midlands could serve as halfway point hosts on the Friday evening before a Saturday event in the South or the North. I also encourage the host pods to invite a fellow member to spend the night to ease the pain of travel time and accommodation costs. Some of us are already doing this, of course, but the concept is expandable to the rest of the club. I haven't thought through the details of how this can be done in an efficient manner, but let me hear any ideas along these lines from you. Maybe a volunteer host list for each upcoming club wide event might work.

Let's make Year 2000 a Banner Morgan Year!

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TREASURER'S REPORT from Bob Hauge...

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plus dues	816
plus regalia	231
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THOUGHTS ON A 4/4 MORGAN

(from Bill Button to the first-time buyer of his 4/4)

1. There is a button above the transmission tunnel on the firewall called the 'one shot'. Push it with your foot. The button opens a valve that oils the king pins (steering) with engine oil. Be sure to depress this button for about 10 or 20 seconds each time you use the car, preferably when the engine is still cold. At least push the button every 300 miles. Yup, it messes up the garage. MUST BE DONE!!!
2. Knock off spinners. USE A LEAD HAMMER. Loosen/tighten while wheels are on the ground. You will damage the wheel bearings if you beat the hell out of them in the air. Tighten them securely with a smart smash or two with the hammer. Don't beat the hell out of them. You can buy new ones for about \$25 each from British Wire Wheel.
3. King Pins. There is a zert fitting at the bottom of each King Pin to grease the lower part of the bushing. It acts as a dam for the oil you have squirted in there with the one shot. IMPORTANT Grease at least every 2,500 miles. Some grease these pins every time they go on an over night trip. Some carry a grease gun with them and grease them every morning before driving. They get messy. GREASE THEM!!!
4. The tires have inner tubes. Be sure to point this out to the mechanics that fix your flats. Even with that information they will probably screw it up. Of them all, Les Schwab seems to be the best.
5. Seat bolsters are made of leather and are expensive. Be sure to take care of them with leather cleaner and conditioner. Use Lexol.
6. Wash your car just like any of your other autos. The paint is modern and has "Clear Coat" on it. However, be careful of car washes. You will probably drown the engine and it won't start wet. If you do, spray WD40 in the distributor. That should dry it out.
7. Avoid gravel unimproved highways. The car can take it but it will knock the crap out of you. Also it is very low to the ground (rough surface and bottoming out at speed).
8. As you drive learn to down shift entering corners. This is not necessary with good brakes. But that is what the racers do and the exhaust sounds great!
9. If you get into a curve too fast you can probably steer out OK. Morgans have very good "road holding abilities". If it does skid, it will be neutral, i.e. neither the back nor the front will skid first.
10. The car weighs about 1,600 #'s and has very good brakes. Don't be put off by the pedal pressure. Just push HARD.
11. The gas tank holds 8 imperial gallons (about 10 US gallons). It will go about 250 miles on a tank. Set your trip odometer at each tank full. It gets about 25 MPG, but less in town driving. When the gas gauge says empty, you are.
12. Carry your cellular phone. JOIN AAA.
13. Hydraulic system. Both the brakes and clutch are hydraulic. One reservoir serves both. Check often (YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT). Do not use ordinary brake fluid. The seals, etc. may be natural rubber and will deteriorate. Use Girling Fluid. Most auto part stores carry it.

2000 DUES – PLEASE PAY NOW – STILL ONLY \$24!



PORT TOWNSEND B&B WEEKEND, APRIL 8-9, 2000

Spring Fever Cure – The 1st All-Club Event of the Millennium!!



Hit the road! Bring your significant other! A Morgan? A passenger? Hopefully both!! Enjoy a B&B weekend or just a Saturday day trip.....

12noon	lunch at the Old Alcohol Plant in Port Hadlock (Hwy 116)
1:30	tour onto Marrowstone Island to the Buckland car collection
2 - 4	view car collection or check in early at Ravenscroft Inn and relax or tour and shop Old Town and the waterfront on foot
6 - 7:30	no-host social at Ravenscroft for daytrippers and overnighters!
8pm	dinner at Lanza's in Old Town. CONFIRMATION REQ'D!

Ravenscroft Inn is reserved for MOGNW for Saturday night, April 8th. First come, first served. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY** for best room choice and mention the Morgan Club. Special Saturday night only deal (normally a 2 night minimum on weekends) from \$55 to \$140 including a 20% MOGNW discount! Free on-site parking.

Some of us are making it a real getaway by staying Friday night too. Join us for a truly leisurely weekend! Rooms are currently available that night at normal rates. Similar accommodations and comparable rates have been arranged at other nearby B&Bs, but we need to fill Ravenscroft first!

Four stories – nine spacious rooms, each with a different décor theme – 8 queens and 1 dual twin/king – all with private baths and various amenities to include soaking tubs, sitting areas, verandas, fireplaces, seclusion, mountain and water views. Complete with a bountiful gourmet breakfast and beverages on Sunday morning. Check out by 11am.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Not staying the night? Not a problem! Join us Saturday for lunch, for the car collection tour, or at the Ravenscroft no-host social at 6pm. Please **CALL CRAIG RUNIONS** (206-542-7137) if you plan on attending the 8pm dinner so we can accommodate you at Lanza's.

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North of the 49th, from Pat Miles.....

The first event of the Northern Pod was held on Jan 15th at the Miles household. The bill of fare for the night was potluck and as usual with this type of menu the food was excellent. We had delicious salads, wonderful casseroles, sumptuous ham, mouth watering pavlova, chocolate triangles, and others too numerous to mention. Thanks to all those wonderful cooks. For those of us that had not seen each other for several weeks or months, it was a time to wish each other a happy New Year and catch up on the latest disasters, great innovations and discuss the latest Morgan shakes.

Pat Miles organized a game of identification using Morgan Parts (see photos below). However, unbeknown to all but Dave Collis there was a ringer in the 17 parts and that was a valve stem from an engine for a tricycle mounted vehicle more commonly known as a B17. It sure was interesting to hear everybody involved naming where that part and other pieces of well used ash went on a Morgan. Dave Collis was the winner but the B17 part was removed from the count.

Ted held a business meeting discussing the 25th anniversary party and where we felt it should be. The conclusion was that Portland presented an obstacle especially at that time of year due to Morgans Over America, members with young children who had to start the new school year the following Tuesday, and the distance required to travel. It was felt that Seattle was a much better location. Ted concluded the meeting by bringing us up to date on the monthly drives and activities which should assure us of an interesting and active year for expressing our passion of being in that wonderful beast known as a Morgan.

Although no Morgans were in attendance, there were several drivers and navigators such as the LaFonds, Carew-Gibsons, Lees, Allinsons, Sharpes, Theroux, Rulka, Seagers, Collis, Miles, Hutchns, Evan Carew-Gibson, David MacCroshin plus two Tiger drivers Eastick and McClaurin.



What are these pieces?



Pat Miles photos

2000 DUES – NOT NEXT MONTH – THIS MONTH!!!

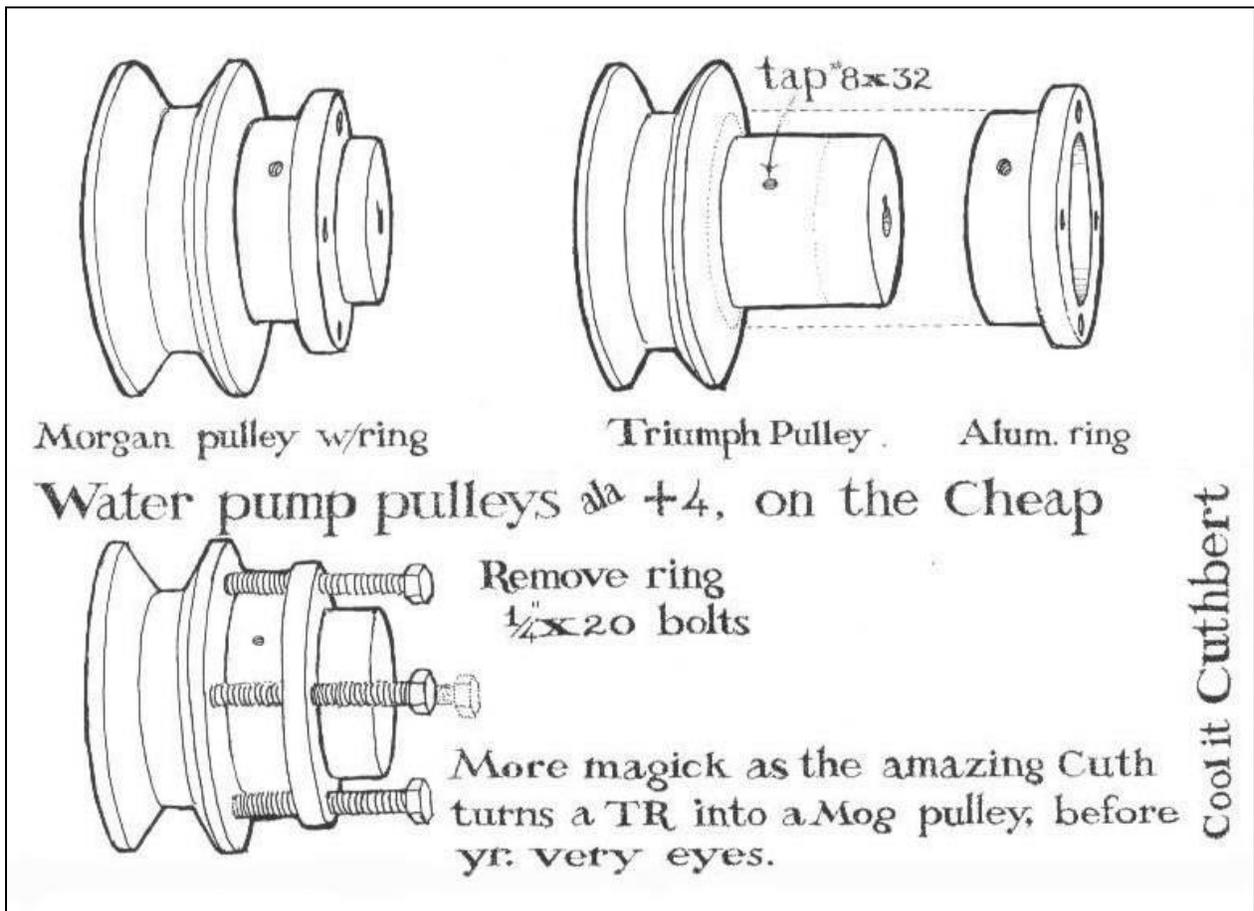
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This month's epistle is about the Plus Four's water pump. I saw two of them this month. Both of them had been assembled by a 3M. In the auto trades this is a Mickey Mouse Mechanic. The full title may be protected by its' franchisees, so I'll stick to just 3M. These two pumps, upon disassembly, displayed a pump shaft that was chewed up at the keyway, where the Woodruff key from the pulley drives the shaft and therefore the water pump. All this damage means a new water pump and a new pulley and key.

To obtain these items one could pay \$268 for the "real" Morgan stuff, or \$128 for Triumph pieces. Triumph gear is the same except for an aluminum ring on the Morgan variety. This ring fastens the eversoquaint Morgan Medieval Fan Blade to the garden variety Triumph water pump pulley. The aluminum ring can be removed from the damaged pulley using 1/4 x 20 hex head bolts, quantity 4. These are 2 1/2" long and have threads all the way up to the bolthead. One needs to liberally apply WD40 (much improved over WD39) and go slowly, walking the ring off the pulley by evenly screwing down the bolts. Smooth and easy does it. The pulley should be cleaned of dirt, grease and paint to ease the task, and it will come off. Go slow sport, cuz you can break the ring.

I noticed an article in the British club's Miscellany on a damaged pulley. They had it resleeved and a new keyway cut. I can't believe you'd find a machinist who'd resleeve a pulley for less than the new TR pulley. If you do find this wonderful cheap machinist, please give me his number. The last trick is to drill and tap the new pulley to secure the ring, just as the old one is bolted to the pulley.



Editor's Thoughts on the All-Brit Trophy Classes

We have an opportunity this year to define new judging classes at some of the All-Brits. So, should we change?

1. Now we are classed by model, 3 deep (9 trophies). Trikes compete in an overall Pre-War class:
 - 4/4
 - +4
 - +8
2. Here's a variation of the Cambria standard. First place only (8 trophies). No consideration for vehicle age, only 'restoration' (paint) age:
 - Premier - any car regardless of type that has won a Restored class in the last 3 years
 - Restored 4/4 - paint jobs newer than 7 years
 - Restored +4 - paint jobs newer than 7 years
 - Restored +8 - paint jobs newer than 7 years
 - Drivers 4/4 - paint jobs older than 6 years
 - Drivers +4 - paint jobs older than 6 years
 - Drivers +8 - paint jobs older than 6 years
 - Ltd Production – all others (3 wheelers, Competition, +4+, SS, special bodied, etc)
3. Maybe break on age and go 3 deep (12 trophies). Restoration or model type not considered:
 - thru 53
 - 54 – 69
 - 70 – 89
 - from 90
4. Or just one class, Best of Marque (overall People's Choice). Maybe first, second and third place.

Alternatively, instead of the current People's Choice / Entrant's balloting, we could judge one of the 4 types above ourselves, based on a point system of deductions from 100 points:

- 25 interior - woodwork, instruments, upholstery, fitment, etc
- 25 exterior - glass, top, side curtains, paint, chrome, fitment, etc
- 25 engine compartment - cleanliness, wires, hoses, clamps, etc
- 15 chassis - tires, wheels, frame, suspension, exhaust system, etc
- 10 authenticity - non-originality, i.e. excessive chrome, except no deduction is made for items required by law or replacements indistinguishable from original

If you are so inclined, put some meaningful thought into the subject and get some discussions going. Let your Area Rep or one of the Officers know your thoughts. Different class break points? Something altogether new?

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