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MOGNW 2002 CALENDAR

Nov 16	Sat	Northern Pod Scorpion Run	Les Burkholder	(604) 533-3323
Nov 30	Sat	Deadline for the December <i>Mogazine</i>	Craig Runions	(206) 542-7137
Dec 26	Thurs	Northern Pod Boxing Day Run	Mike Powley	(604) 542-0921
Jan 18, 2003	Sat	MOGNW annual officer's changeover and calendar planning meeting – 10am at the Runions' in Seattle	Ron Theroux Wayne Harris	(604) 590-1770 (503) 472-1911
Feb 8, 2003	Sat	MOGNW Annual Winter Banquet at the Resort at Ludlow Bay (details inside) RESERVE NOW!	Ron Theroux Kay Jones	(604) 590-1770 (206) 546-2232

COVER – IN MEMORIUM. #3607, the black 1958 Plus 4 4-seater with white painted wire wheels known to all as “Bob’s car”. The Brookland’s steering wheel was part of the decorated podium along with driving gloves, a framed photo and flower arrangements at Bob Nelson’s service last October 18th on Camano Island. **BELOW** – Most of the Morgans that came to be with #3607 at the memorial service. Runions photos



TREASURER’S REPORT from Bill Button...

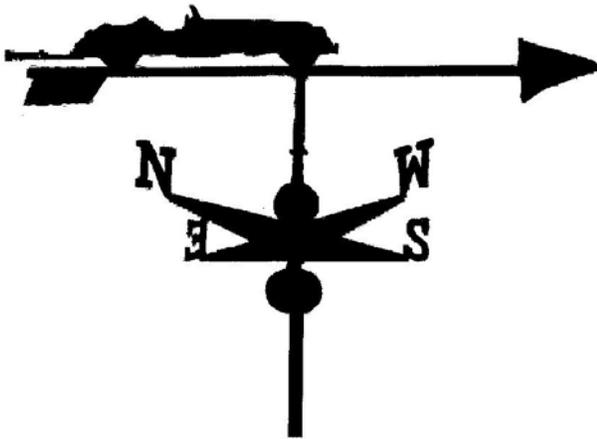
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MOGNW

The Nor-Wester

by Ron Theroux, President, ronsmog@shaw.ca

This past month I responded to a reader's poll on the www.morganville.org website. They were asking the average age of Morgan owners for the various models. The results posted reflected the membership of MOG NW. Most of us are now able to get the seniors discount at Denny's. The reality of this has been tragically brought home by the sudden death of MOG NW Historian, Robert (Bob) Nelson on Oct 6th

I'm told that back in the beginning of the club Bob was one of the first to make the trip from Seattle to participate in Portland events. I know he was active in the north as well, attending many of the races at Westwood in its early years. We have heard, read and appreciated the stories of his assistance to other Morgan owners trying to keep their cars running. I had the benefit of his knowledge and yes, stash of spare parts, fixing my starter in Soap Lake. We will also miss their stories in the Mogazine of the great adventures Bob and Loretta took in the Morgan. I don't think they ever went anywhere in a straight line. I remember having several conversations with him about different routes. He knew all the backcountry roads, and I think they all knew Bob Nelson and his Morgan. Our deepest sympathy to Loretta and Family for your loss.

We must extend the appreciation of MOG NW, and my personal thanks, to David and Thea Wellington for opening their home to us after Bob's Memorial Service. Thanks as well to Bill Button, Craig Runions and Bert McCabe for their assistance at this difficult time. I know Loretta and her family appreciated the large number of club members paying their respect, many of you driving Morgan's.

We have several items for your attention. The Annual Banquet Feb.9th 2003 (see the promo in this Mogazine). TIME TO BOOK NOW! I spoke with the Resort yesterday looking for info on the condominium units offered with the hotel rooms. They are just a 2-3 minute walk from the hotel if you are interested. Should you have any questions please e-mail, I will reply. Last year was a great weekend, just talk to those that were there! Also, please submit a membership application with your 2003 dues, the Roster needs updating! Morgans have changed colours or sold, and some of us have moved. We are also asking for cell phone numbers, check your e-mail address as well. Might suggest you hi-lite the changes, it would really help with data entry. Thanks.

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Editor's Note: I'm sorry for the late issue this month. It was very hard to put this one together, what with all the emotions surrounding Bob Nelson's death. Concentrating was a very hard task and it took a while longer than planned. My apologies to those people who submitted material that didn't get published this month. You can expect so see it next month for sure, along with new stuff yet to come. Right? Thanks, Craig.

The MOGNW Annual Winter Banquet Saturday, February 8, 2003 Resort at Ludlow Bay

For the second year, MOGNW is holding its winter banquet in February at a location accessible to all three PODS, namely the **Resort at Ludlow Bay** (formerly the Herron Beach Inn). This get together is our annual meeting where our new club officers are installed and annual awards are presented. We had a fabulous time last year and everyone wanted to return to Port Ludlow. The rooms are fabulous and the food is outstanding. Rooms are \$129 per night. A limited number of nearby condo units are available for Northern POD folks at \$89 per night. The dinner will be a multi-course buffet for about \$35 per head. **Reservations need to be made by Dec. 8 to keep our block of rooms. Call (360) 437-2222** and tell them you are with the Morgan group. Call Kay Jones with any questions (206-546-2232).



Most of the MOGNWers who attended the Nelson Memorial Service gathered afterwards at the Nelson home.

MIDLANDERS REPORT

from Dave Wellington

Many thanks to Kay and Theresa Jones for hosting a great Midlanders event on Saturday, October 19th. Everyone met at the historic Cabin Tavern in Richmond Beach at noon where we enjoyed grilled chicken, pasta and salad. Then Rally Master Kay passed out the Rally instructions with questions to answer and directions to follow. He promised that the Rally would be "short and painless" and then started us off at 2 minute intervals. The Rally consisted of a delightful drive through the surrounding residential neighborhoods and was completed by everyone in a half hour or less. The questions weren't too tough-----just tricky enough to keep us interested.

At the conclusion of the run we all ended up at Chez Jones for refreshments and an opportunity to do what we do best, i.e. kick tyres and admire each other's Morgans. Kay and Theresa's home and Japanese garden are quite lovely and it's always a treat to visit there. The turnout for this event was excellent including a sizeable contingent from the Northern Pod. Ron and Yvonne Theroux, Mike and RoseMarie Powley, and Les and June Burkholder joined us for lunch and then headed their mogs north for the border. Ken and Pat Miles remained for all the festivities.

Midlanders in attendance were Steve Hutchens, Gil Stegen, Craig Runions, Bill Button, Ron Weiskind, Judd Marten in his '58 Plus 4, Art and Geri Colby, Patton Buchan and Sue, Brad Green and his son in a Porsche 356, Dave and Thea Wellington, and last but not least Tom and Marilyn Henderson, who are new members from Lakewood. They recently purchased a 1988 4/4 propane burner. I believe this is the first event Tom and Marilyn have attended and we all welcome them to MogNW and hope to see them often in the future. If my math is correct, that's a total of 15 Morgans including Kay's flat rad which was driven in the rally by Kay's friend, Christoph, with Sue in the navigator's seat.

Art and Geri Colby won first prize for answering the most questions correctly and were awarded a bottle of champagne. Second prize went to Steve Hutchens who had teamed up with Ron Weiskind as his navigator. I don't know whether they split their bottle of bubbly or flipped for it. Everyone agreed that the afternoon had been well spent and we all appreciate the efforts of Kay and Theresa for showing us such a good time.



photo by Steve Hutchens who digitally stitched together 2 separate shots to create this excellent panorama

A MIDLANDER'S TRIBUTE

by Dave Wellington

At Bob Nelson's memorial service Bert McCabe mentioned how influential Bob had been in motivating him to join MOGNW. The same also applies to me. In fact, I suspect many members who joined back in the mid 1980's did so at Bob's persistent encouragement. As I recall, Bob was the first Midlanders representative - - a post which he held for many years. Bob was always available to lend a helping hand to fellow Morgan owners. He was one of the club's top mechanical 'gurus' and, no matter what the problem, he was happy to offer his time and technical expertise in order to solve it.

Bob's helpfulness wasn't just limited to keeping Morgans running. He was a major contributor of his time and talents to the Stanwood and Camano Island communities, as evidenced by the huge attendance at his memorial service. Those MOGNW members who were present learned that Bob donated countless hours of community service and was a tireless worker in the Lions Club. We also learned that he was a loving father, grandfather, and recently, even a great-grandfather. It was obvious at the service how close Bob had been to his 2 daughters and their extended families.

Of course MOGNW members have always known what a close relationship Bob and Loretta had. Can anyone remember a Morgan event where Bob was present without Loretta? They shared a life together for 46 years and were rarely, if ever, apart.

Bob had a compassionate side and really cared about others who were suffering. I recall how impressed I was of Bob's attentions to Pat and Mac McClinton during the final weeks of Mac's illness. He telephoned almost daily and drove to Salem frequently to offer his support.

In the past 2 years since moving to Camano Island, my friendship with Bob blossomed and I'm really going to miss him. I'll miss his quiet unassuming manner; I'll miss the fun-rallies which he loved to organize for MOGNW and the Camano Island Olde Car Club; I'll miss reading his tech articles in the Mogazine, not to mention the lengthy but enthusiastic 'travelogues' about his and Loretta's experiences driving and camping across the West in their Moggie and trusty tent; and I'll miss seeing him at Christmas time driving around the island he so loved with his black Plus-4 'all decked out' in red and green streamers and a Santa Claus!

When you lose a friend you tend to think back to the last time you were with that individual. In my case it was in early September - Bob and Loretta helped us host a dinner, along with Mike and RoseMarie Powley, for a group of Mousquetaire Morgan Club members and their wives from France. The following day the five French couples, on rented Harley-Davidson bikes, headed East for a tour to Yellowstone and the Tetons. The Nelsons, Powleys and Wellingtons led them across the North Cascades Hwy as far as Winthrop. The next morning we parted ways with the Mousquetaires and the 3 Morgans headed back home under a glorious blue sky. It was Sept. 10th and the drive was spectacular. My final memory is of Bob smiling and waving 'goodbye' from his Moggie as we pulled off into our neighborhood. It's a good memory, as it should be, and one that will stay with me forever.

MOGNW,

Thank you all for the beautiful basket of colorful flowers. That was very special. Thank you so very very much for driving those wonderful Morgans to Bob's Memorial Service. You just can't imagine what that meant to myself and our family. Our family has never seen a bunch of Morgans all together, they thought that was very cool. Thanks again. Love to all.

Loretta and the Family of Bob Nelson

Southern Report

from Heinz Stromquist

The southern pod social held on October 15 had one of the best turnouts in memory: Four Morgans and 23 very loud Morganeers. Congratulations were in order for our newly elected president, Wayne Harris who with Linda's able support, will begin his tour of duty in January.

We squeezed together on a long table set for fifteen until the last four to arrived were nudged over to a adjoining table. Among the seldom seen could be counted the Barofskys, Crocketts and Craig Mortensen who updated us on their adventures since last attending. Craig had just returned to the area after completing the first leg (Portland – San Diego) of his round-the-world sailing trip which he plans to attack in stages, returning home after each leg. So far I have received two e-mailed chapters from his "Journal of the Patriot" in which he documents progress and events – very interesting reading.

A very special thanks goes out to Linda Huntley for rescuing us from the dreaded single bill and from the vagaries of trying to get everyone to chip in the correct amount. Linda devised a method using a preprinted slip on which everyone could calculate his/her consumption, add the correct tip and throw it in the pot with the respective payment. Results? Everything added up and the stragglers didn't have to make up the short pot. Now, if only we could get the restaurant to do all that for us – like they did for the lucky four at the separate table!

Ten minutes after the meeting broke up at Portland Brewing, eight of us reconvened it on the shoulder of I-405 while standing around Wayne's broken down Plus 4. No one knew quite what was wrong, but based on the noise, there was speculation that it could be a broken valve stem. Dick Tilden offered a tow to his garage just over the hill and the loan of a car for Wayne and Linda to drive home to McMinnville.

In the daylight things began to look a lot better. Wayne sent an e-mail the next day saying that "following Dwight's advise, I pulled the valve cover, the rockers were intact, the valve springs whole, the rocker pedestals upright. I took out the plugs and rocked the car in 4th gear, "twang", a fan blade was hitting the fan belt, it also was hitting the radiator, it was broken and twisted. I pulled the one blade off, no more noise on pushing, turned it over with the starter, no noise, started it and ran ok but lots of vibration. Talked to Mike, he felt vibration was to be expected, and he had a spare fan (ACTUALLY TWO). The car is together, seems to run ok, brought it home to McMinnville, will check further for any other problems. Thanks again for all your help and support, especially the Tilden Towing and Garage, Miles' Morgan Spares and Smith's Advise to the Forlorn. What a great group of friends, thank you all."

All's well that ends well.

From eMog on the web.....

Useful to know perhaps, SU carburetor H2-H4-H6 numerical designations refer to 1/8ths over 1 inch as measured at the manifold junction, not venturi inlet. Thus H2s are 1 1/4", H4s are 1 1/2" and H6s are 1 3/4".

Northern Report

from Win Muehling

This year's Northern Pod annual Halloween run was held on Sunday October 27, and in spite of the weather forecast, we had a turnout of 18 brave souls, distributed over a total of 10 cars – 8 Morgans, one Tiger and one SUV. October was just finishing as the driest October on record and as it happened we picked the only wet weekend in the entire month for the run! The members participating were: Win and Christine Muehling, Ken and Pat Miles, Ron and Yvonne Theroux, Stu and Marilyn Rulka, Bob and Judy McDermott, Dave and Ruth Collis, Mike and Rosemary Powley, Ted and Judy Carew-Gibson, Evan "Tiger" Carew-Gibson, and Michael Geluch.

Unfortunately the Muehling Plus 8 lost its alternator the night before the run and the yellow Xterra was pressed into service, – which was rather embarrassing since the Muehlings were to lead the run. Fortunately my wife offered to bring up the rear in the Xterra and Mike Geluch took over the lead with me as navigator. (Having a bright yellow SUV make up the rear worked really well since it was easy to tell whether all cars had cleared the traffic lights).

Once again we gathered at one of our favourite gathering places – McDonald's across from Guilford Mall in not so sunny north Surrey. The coffee may not be the greatest, but there is always lots of parking, clean washrooms and a sign that is visible for miles! Once we left the parking lot, the rain did ease off and became more of a drizzle for the balance of the run. We zigzagged out the valley past Tynehead Park, historic Fort Langley, past a mixture of new subdivisions, cranberry bogs, hobby farms, some lovely country estates, encountering very few cars along the way. (Fort

Langley is the site of one of the oldest settlements on the West Coast) Due to the wet weather, the Morgans were somewhat subdued in the twisties. One gentleman out for a Sunday stroll however was suitably impressed by our cavalcade and gave us a very gracious bow in acknowledgement. Nice to see that some of the country folk do appreciate proper cars!

After a few missed turns, we arrived as planned at our destination, the Fort Winery, a small fruit winery. Before the tasting, we had a short tour of the winemaking room, which contained the usual stainless steel vessels as well as a few wooden casks. The lecture very informative since it would appear that the process of making a fruit wine does differ somewhat from a grape winery. As

our host pointed out, this is wine from real fruit, not as in many cases, a grape based wine with fruit flavour. This is not a highly automated operation and the corks are still inserted by hand. Since fruit wine can be made from frozen fruit, a

fruit winery tends to be a year round operation. As expected the wine tasting was enjoyed by all, especially judging by the subsequent purchases made. The tasting certainly hit the spot after a rather cool ride!

Following our winery tour, we headed back to Fort Langley, which was a short ride away, through more farmland, and headed for the Fort Pub on the banks of the Fraser River. Time to catch up on gossip and warm up. After a leisurely lunch in the pleasant surroundings of the pub the group disbanded. The weather may not have been perfect but everyone had a great time, and I am certain, looking forward to covering the same roads once, but with sunshine and top down.

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The Bob Nelson Memorial North Cascades Loop Tour

by Kay Jones

Early Saturday morning on October 12th, six Morgans embarked on a 400-mile loop tour of the North Cascades in honor of our dear friend and consummate Morganeer, Bob Nelson, who had passed away suddenly the previous weekend. A long distance spontaneous drive typified Bob's philosophy of enjoying his Morgan.

The tour started with breakfast in Snohomish and traversed Stevens Pass to Wenatchee, then north to Highway 2 and back across the North Cascades Highway. The fall weather was crisp and perfect with not a cloud in the sky and the autumn colors were "spectacular", just as Bob would have described them. When we reached Darrington, we stopped for a brief late lunch. Although the bar fare was limited, we hoisted a "too cold" beer to Bob after a wonderful, though a sadly reflective time. Those who participated were Craig Runions, Dick Dice, Bill Button with Gil Stegen as navigator, Judd and Marishka Marten, Bill and Cassandra Ward, and myself. This could become an annual event. Thanks go to Bill Button for organizing this one.

P.S. At the celebratory memorial service on October 18th, Bob's long time friend and minister emphasized Bob's love of wildlife, in particular eagles, and suggested that Bob was now soaring with them. After the service a few of the Morgan contingent were commiserating outside about historic Morgan experiences involving Bob and Loretta. We looked up and saw a lone eagle fly overhead and land in the top of a nearby tall fir tree. Bob's spirit was with us for sure.



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