

Bonnet Prop Moggie Mechanic

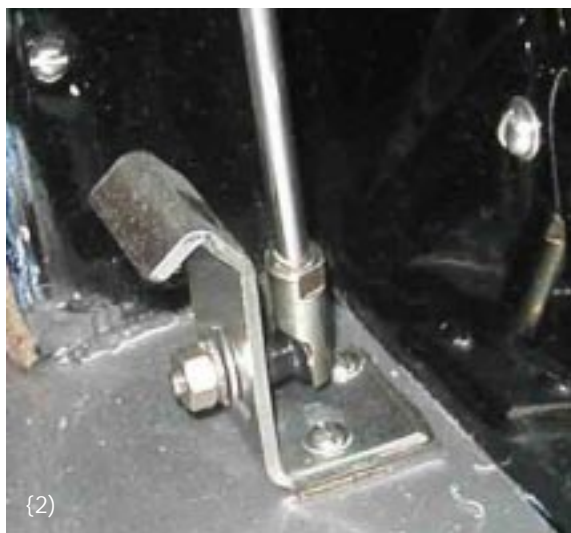
When I first got my Morgan, I used to hold up the hood on my back whilst I worked on the engine and then I graduated to a broom handle lodged in the tool box. Eventually I started looking around at all the gadgets that others used (Snap-On Tools has a great adjustable support, but it is expensive) and I made some stainless steel supports that work really well and look much better than the broom handle even though it was eventually painted.

You will need:

- >2 pieces 1/4" x 35" stainless steel rod
- >2 throttle ball joints (picture 1)
- >2 conduit clamps, 1/2"



as well as a hacksaw and a die to cut threads onto the steel rod. Firstly find out the size and pitch of the socket in the ball joints and, using a die, cut threads into one end of the two stainless rods so that it will screw into the throttle ball joint. Next drill a hole into the hood latch closest to the car interior and attach the throttle ball joint with the rod attached to the inside of the latch (picture 2) using a stainless nut and the



threaded part of the ball joint. To support the other end of the steel rod cut the bent end off the conduit clamp using



a hacksaw (picture 3). Then drill a hole through the hood latch nearest the front and attach the cut conduit clamp to the inside of the bonnet latch with a stain-



less nut and bolt (picture 4). The rod should then rest inside this clamp and with a little bending of the clamp it can be held firmly but easily removed. In some models of Morgans and on some sides you may have to bend the rod slightly to get it round the carbs but this is easily done across the knee.

If you have access to lathe you can turn the free end of the rod support until it fits inside the circles of the hood latch spring. If you are a little less mechanically inclined you can go to the local stationary supply store and purchase a package of erasers that fit on the end of pencils and put one of these on the end of the rod to stop it marking the hood. Try to get the flat sort instead of the wedge shaped ones although the wedge shaped ones can be cut to make them work.

I have found this works really well and it is always there when I need it. Thanks to Ron Theroux who gave me some of the original ideas.

Lake Cowichan Tour Pat and Roland Gilbert

With sunny weather, six Morgans left the Tillicum center for a run to Lake Cowichan. After 20 minutes on highway #1 we were off on the back roads through Shawnigan Lake, Cobble Hill, Duncan, and on to the Old Lake Cowichan road.

The very scenic run through the lovely fall colours eventually brought us to the village of Lake Cowichan and our destination for our sumptuous lunch at the Trail's End Pub.

Within minutes of our arrival we were joined by two more Morgans. One red +8 being new to us was driven by John and Hazel Allen. The rest of the participants were; Ken and Lesley Douch driving the Reddington's +8 with a rebuilt engine, Leo Lee, Kit Raetzen and Joanne Cockshutt, Ron Akehurst and niece Tanya, Tony Hoar and Gay Wise, Jane Cowan, and Roland and Pat Gilbert.

As we were visiting before getting into our cars to return home, we were visited by one of the massive Mars water bombers that circled over us three times as they were looking at our cars, we were staring at this magnificent flying machine!!!! What a wonderful experience to add to our very pleasant outing, which continued all the way to our respective island homes.

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Morgans at Mt. Si Craig Runions

The Midlanders monthly social was Saturday, Oct. 22nd at Gil Stegen's home in North Bend. The weather was absolutely incredibly sunny and warm. Soup, sandwiches, and beverages were enjoyed by all. Attending were Bill and Judy Mote (Audi from Arlington), Ron and Jeanette Weiskind (Corvette from Arlington), Gary Van Hook (Corvette) and driving Morgans were Lee Harman from Camano Island, Loretta Nelson from Camano Island, Dick Dice from Bainbridge Island, Mike Amos, Craig Runions and Kay Jones. Kudos to those long distance attendees. Actually, North Bend was quite a distance for all of us, but the weather made it well worthwhile. Many of us had a pleasant drive through the Snoqualmie Valley.