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THE OBJECTS OF MORGAN OWNERS QUEENSLAND INC

To make this club as accessible as possible to all people with an interest in Morgan motor vehicles whether they be owners, drivers or enthusiasts;

To promote fellowship among members through rallies, outings, meetings and the like;

To promote Morgan Owners Queensland Inc to the public through displays, rallies etc and endeavour to further interest in Morgan motor vehicles.

Much has happened since our last SunMog newsletter with our trip to Bathurst for MOCA's 50th Anniversary Muster.

Firstly, I want to thank the MOCA Committee and participating members for staging the event. It was obvious there was a lot of planning for the 4 day weekend which attendees I am sure all enjoyed.

Secondly, thanks to Christine Stevens for the planning of the run down to Bathurst and return. A separate report covers this.

There were a few minor repair issues en route and at Bathurst. Marira and Bobs +4 broke a fan belt on the Newell between Goondiwindi and Moree. Fortunately, they were carrying a spare so were on their way fairly quickly.

A coat hanger was used to make a temporary repair to a broken radiator bracket on Cam Macphee's 4/4 which lasted the distance to get him home.

My loss of the passenger's side rear wheel at 100 kph was a bit more exciting and caused about \$3,500 of damage to the rear wing and adjacent panel, brake drum and road wheel. The insurance company have approved repairs and replacement parts are on the way from England as of the 17th November. These parts should arrive in time to make the damaged rear wheel road safe to attend the run to Caboolture on Sunday, 30th November although to panel damage will not be repaired until a later date.

It was pleasing to see a large contingent of Qld Morgan's participate in the Bathurst Golden Muster. In all there were 24 Morgan's from Qld in attendance bettering the 2001 Muster Qld attendance of 14 Morgan's. Morgan Owners Queensland members accounted for 11 of the Qld Morgan's at Bathurst plus 3 MOQ members from interstate (NSW & Vic).

I have made preliminary enquiries with a shipping agent to cost the shipping and return of my +8 to England for the Morgan car company centenary next year. There are a number of cars from Australia being sent from Australia out of Melbourne. The coordination of this is being done by the Melbourne Morgan agent Chris van Wyk. My plan at the moment is to have my car arrive mid July and return mid to late October if I can find somewhere to store it while we return to Australia after the centenary celebrations. We/I will be returning to the UK Sept/Oct for participation in club events around UK at various centres.

I look forward to meeting up with as many MOQ members at Caboolture on the 30th November and at the Christmas luncheon at Beachmere afterwards.

Thank you for all that you have contributed to this Newsletter. So many photos have been provided of the Morgan Muster it was very difficult to decide which to use. Photos, this issue, have been provided by Roger Shawyer, Julia Woolgar, Elaine Stehbens, Helen Stehbens, Dave & Val Taylor (UK), Melvyn Rutter and Greg and I. Yes, Melvyn emailed us some photos upon his return home to the UK.

Everyone supplied me with photos of Greg in his yellow suit. I think everyone must have taken photos of him. I guess he wasn't actually quiet and sedate so that should not be a surprise to any of us. We have a few of articles on the Morgan Muster but I am sure that you will agree – it was a very enjoyable event so it is well worth the space. I have enjoyed reading through the articles supplied and I know you will also.

CAPTION COMPETITION

This photo was taken whilst we were having a relaxing beer at the Tarana Hotel. We can't remember what was happening here Come up with a caption and a story to match the photo and supply it for the next Newsletter. Send it to Christine by 15th January.



Photo from Julia Woolgar

***Greg Stevens, Christine Stevens, Tom Fairhall, Cam Macphee,
Lynn Fairhall and Kerry Watts***

PRE-BATHURST RUN, MEETING & LUNCH

Laurie Isaacs & Lynn Cobb

Our day started from the designated meeting place – Centenary Pool on Gregory Terrace. Ray Nichols wasn't able to participate in the run but he came along to introduce us (as new and hopeful applicants) to other club members: V8 Tom and Lynn, Greg and Christine (our rally coordinators) and Clive and Lee (who drove in the driveway marked 'exit only'!).



So with stout hearts and rain clouds looming, the intrepid '8' set off northbound towards our morning tea destination – the Dayboro bakery. “Raindrops are falling on my head”! – Lynn came so close to using her umbrella while we were stopped at traffic lights, but *Morgan-sense* prevailed. As we journeyed past Closeburn, V8 Tom received the starter's flag from Greg and left all the meek and mild 4/4's in a cloud of dust “wishing and hoping” that we could have one of those too!

After morning tea and a pit stop at Dayboro, we were almost ready to resume our drive back to Brisbane when our eagle eyed secretary spotted a \$6 bargain at the local craft shop – a hand towel embroidered with a Morgan car – can you believe it? Clive suggested we buy them in bulk and sell each one for \$20 at the Golden Muster – now there's an enterprising young mind for you!

Anyway, we eventually resumed our journey up hill and down dale through Samford, Ferny Grove, Keperra and The Gap, heading towards 'Lucerne' in Paddington (and we thought Lucerne was in Switzerland!) and lunch at Brian and Helens'. Even this trip was not without incident! While stopped at the red lights at West Ashgrove, Greg, our tour leader decided to shoot across the lanes and skirt around the island to take a right turn into Coopers Camp Road; close on his *bumper bar* was Clive (already skilled at going the



wrong way!). Tom and Lawrie being the law abiding citizens that they are, remained in their lanes and safely turned right a little further along the road.

We were met at Lucerne by our charming hosts, Brian and Helen and given an informative tour of their very impressive home and Bed and Breakfast facility which was originally built in the mid-nineteenth century. After a delicious shared lunch, Greg and Christine outlined the itinerary for the two (2) day trip to Bathurst which had been personally researched by them to ensure a safe and timely journey to the Golden Muster. Lyn and Lawrie were pleased to submit their membership applications to join MOQ and order their MOQ T-shirts.

All in all, it was a good day and even the weather behaved itself long enough for us all to keep the Moggies' tops down – a most enjoyable day was had by all.



Morgans visit “Lucerne” – what is Tom doing behind the tree?

Photos in this article by Helen Stehbens

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members:

- Laurie Isaacs & Lynn Cobb, Everton Park

Several months ago Val and I started to discuss our forthcoming Ruby Wedding anniversary (40 years for those can't bear to work it out!)

All those years ago someone told me how to remember anniversaries, "Forget it once and you'll never hear the last of it!" It worked for me.

So we settled on a 3 week, 3 centre holiday, a bit of excitement, bit of sunshine and plenty of travel with a bit of Mog thrown in for good measure. So it was Las Vegas, Grand Canyon/Route 66 and Florida (just one day allocated to MM).

OK, I'm thinking. "Where will Mog fit in to all this?" Aha, the Morgan Registry. So, decided on Las Vegas and contacted our NBCer there, Jonas Payne, for advice on the Grand Canyon and LV, etc. Like all NBCers I've met, Jonas was so helpful and even offered to meet me at our hotel in LV to take me for a spin. (Now, I know this meant leaving Val at the hotel on her own BUT I did leave her \$5 to play the bandits!)



Dave Taylor & Jonas Payne

Photo from Dave Taylor

When we arrived in Las Vegas I contacted Jonas and sure enough he picked me up at the Luxor Hotel for that much anticipated spin. I left Val her \$5 and off we roared.

Jonas has (among others) a 1961 4/4 with a Triumph engine. Beautiful weather and not too much traffic on “The Strip” so Jonas was able to open it up a bit. Every time we stopped at the lights I was able to take a few shots of the Strip and the various hotels etc (pics attached). Jonas then turned us round at the top and took us down the back road (just to clear the carbs out!). Nice and steady 70+mph when disaster struck’ Jonas lost his cap! A 20 yr old cap! I got back to the hotel safely to find Val had converted the \$5 into \$9 – she’d won! (I knew 40 yrs ago I could trust that gal with my money!)

From Vegas we headed out to the Grand Canyon for a week sightseeing and following some of Route 66. We went through Flagstaff, Williams, Seligman, Sedona, Oatman, Hoover Dam and back to Vegas. Saw plenty of Caddys, trucks, Harleys, new and old and met some lovely people.

We left Vegas for Florida for our last week in the sun – great holiday but one complaint; I started off driving a Mog and ended up driving a Golf Cart! Ah well, there's always next year.

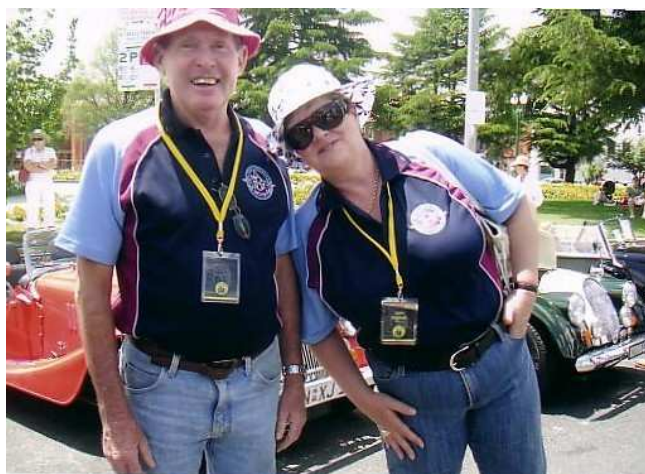
Remember; always refer to the Morgan Registry if you want help from genuine Mog people. It’s never failed me yet. Thanks to all involved

Dave & Val (planning the Golden!)

Photo from Dave Taylor



Wednesday 29th October early morning – the start of the run to Bathurst – 12 Morgans started off in Brisbane and took a leisurely two day drive to the Muster via Goondiwindi, Narrabri, Dubbo and Orange. There were only a couple of minor hitches along the way and we all kept in touch along the way at various planned rendezvous points.



Early afternoon on Thursday we arrived in Bathurst and then proceeded with the unloading, polishing and dressing up. It was then off to register and to catch up with other Morganeers from all over Australia, UK, America, Canada and New Zealand. Dinner that night was at Bathurst Panthers.

Friday morning started out as a day to look forward to. There were 4 different runs that morning and Tom and I were on the run to Neville, where we were going to a one teacher school and enjoy their hospitality for morning tea. However, it was not to be and only 7 kms out of Bathurst, Tom and I were at the back of the pack (unusual I know), there was a loud thud and as we came to a grinding halt and looked back we saw one of the back wheels bouncing along behind us.

To cut a long story short, we managed to get the car back on the road again with welcome help from Christine and the NRMA – minus a couple of wheel nuts and one wheel bolt. We made it back to Bathurst and purchased some wheel nuts and then headed to Orange for the 12 midday meet, minus his wife who didn't want to get in the car until the wheel was fixed properly.

Saturday was the morning for the big display in Russell Street, Bathurst where 127 Morgan cars of all shapes and sizes displayed themselves and their owners.

Photos from Julia Woolgar



Saturday afternoon a few of us did a run organized by a new friend to the club, Kerry Watts from Wee Waa, NSW. We traveled towards Oberon, to Tarana, and then returned via O'Connell.

The evening was the final dinner for the Muster where everyone got into the spirit by wearing their gold and 50s style clothing. The highlight of the evening for me and for many others was seeing Greg in his bright yellow suit and lighting up the restaurant. The evening was a great success with Greg receiving a prize for his magnificent 3-wheeler and Tom receiving one for his +8 3 wheeler and Megan, Jessica and Emma received a prize for their outfits and dancing.



Graham Mitchell, Julia Woolgar & Greg Stevens

Sunday morning was a flurry of activity, a short run from Mount Panorama around Bathurst and surrounding area and then lunch and farewells.

7 Queensland cars then set off to Mudgee to visit The Willow Lane Winery, owned by friends of Cam and Glynn Macphee where a few wines were consumed and purchased. We, however, lost one of the cars (Bob & Lu) who didn't arrive in Mudgee but were seen again safe and well the next day on their way home to Brisbane.

Tom and Cam and I set off early Monday morning to get back to Brisbane before nightfall while the rest of the cars took a more leisurely two day trip back to Qld.



I would like to thank Dudley and Cheryl Pusey (*in photo left*), guests from the UK, who drove our yellow Morgan down to Bathurst and back to Brisbane. I hope that they enjoyed the Morgan Muster and we look forward to catching up with them next year in the UK at the Centenary.

All up it was a very enjoyable six days one that I will remember for a long time in more ways than one. There were 24 Queensland Morgans all up at the event and I hope that they all enjoyed their long weekend.

Lynn Fairhall (*still waiting for the wheel to be fixed*)

Photos in this article from Julia Woolgar

MORGAN MUSTER COMES TO NEVILLE, MILLTHORPE AND CARCOAR

Margaret Paton

Articles from: Blayney Chronicle

Neville, Millthorpe and Carcoar public schools were visited by a fleet of exquisite Morgan cars and their owners on Friday. There are just 400 Morgan cars in Australia – they are old style and manufactured in England from a timber frame with metal bodywork.

Captain of the Morgan Owners' Club Australia Peter Canavan said 140 Morgan cars and 250 people were based in Bathurst for about a week and visiting the surrounding villages for this year's Morgan muster.

Thirty six of the cars visited Neville Public School on Friday – the cheapest was worth \$30,000; the most expensive \$200,000.

Mr Canavan said: "It's lovely driving around the district, very picturesque, great scenery, but the roads are variable. It's a great area for tourism."

At Neville Public School, in between rain showers, the students oohed and ahed over the cars, often asking "is that a V8" when pointing to the newer ones. The students welcomed the car club members into the school for a tour with one room featuring their Morgan car emblem colouring in artworks.

Student leader Joshua Marshall and James Read enjoyed posing for photographs in a three-wheeler 1928 Morgan Super Aero. Owner Greg Stevens of Brisbane said the car had been buried in Singapore in 1942, exhumed four years later and restored in 1980s. The late mogul Robert Holmes a' Court bought it and it was sold as part of his estate. Mr Stevens said: "I brought it from Brisbane on the back of a ute. It runs on Av-Gas and Castrol 'R'."

After the students admired the cars and quizzed car owners, the school's parents' and community committee put on a scrumptious morning tea at the Goods Shed at Neville Siding.

All of the school's 14 pupils pose with the most expensive car - the Morgan Aero. From left: Jake White, Sara Paton, Tom Fardon, Cameron Bullock, Belinda Halstead, Bailey Hobson, Kate Slatter; at rear Joshua Marshall, Francesca Casti, James Read, Naomi Read, Nikita Marshall, Kiara Sandry and Madison Bullock. Photo: Margaret Paton.



UNCLE GREGGY

Megan Hollins, Jessica Stehbens & Emma Stehbens

Uncle Greggy

There is a man who likes to drive
His name is Uncle Greggy

He looks kinda cute
Muscles in a gold suit

That's our Uncle Greggy
.... And most of all he likes to drive

While Chrissy does the jive
He stands on a chair
And the auction comes alive

That's our Uncle Greggy
.... And most of all he likes to drive

He takes us here and there
Calls himself FTRS ... FTRS
Fuel tank and radiator ... repair

In his shiny 3 wheeled Moggy
It rains and he gets kinda soggy

That's our Uncle Greggy
.... And most of all he likes to drive.



Our song-writers

Megan Hollins, Jessica Stehbens & Emma Stehbens

Photos from Elaine Stehbens



TOMMY

Megan Hollins, Jessica Stehbens & Emma Stehbens
(11 yrs, 11 yrs & 8 yrs)

Tommy

Flashing past in his blue V8
Our leader is tall Tommy
.... And he's our bestest mate

When his wheel fell off
We thought he'd cry
But he said "now watch me fly"

Flashing past in his blue V8
Our leader is tall Tommy
.... He makes his Mog triangulate

3 wheels is better than 4
And Tommy raced Uncle Greggy
Foot to the floor

Flashing past in his blue V8
Our leader is tall Tommy
.... He makes his Mog triangulate.



Photo from Greg Stevens

MORGAN GOLDEN MUSTER Greg & Christine Stevens **Thursday 30/10/08 to Sunday 2/11/2008**

Christine reporting.....

Wednesday 29th October

The MOCA Morgan Golden has been and gone. From all reports, all that attended thoroughly enjoyed the event. We had a “rolling-start” from BP Blacksoil on Wednesday 29th and set out in groups, generally 3 Morgans. Greg discovered the disaster of the day just before we were about to depart Blacksoil; one of Tom’s trailer straps came loose and caused damage to the front passenger side guard and the bonnet of his freshly restored +8. (*I am amazed – all he said was “Bugger!”*) The rest of the day was problem-free.

We made our way through Toowoomba (I received feedback from a few that my “mud-map” did the job and got them through) and on to Pittsworth for morning tea. By the time we arrived Jon Voller had chosen the location and provided feedback on the coffee. It was a big day in the Morgans with lunch in Goondiwindi, then on to Narrabri for the night.

The motel was across the road from the RSL so a few of us collected some home supplies and Happy Hour at the motel. Tony Browne caught up with us at Narrabri. He did well as he didn’t leave Brisbane until 2 or 3pm – and lost an hour with daylight savings.

20 of us made our way across the road for dinner where we all settled in for quite some time. Greg announced that each of us would tell the group a secret, something that we hadn’t told anybody else before. This was very entertaining. Some of the secrets were (and I will withhold names to protect the not so innocent):

1. “My wife and I did a runner from a restaurant in (overseas), were chased down the road by the owners. 2 hours we felt guilty and returned to pay the bill”.
2. “We were driving home one Sunday afternoon with the Model T in tow. The Sunday newspaper was tucked into the hood-fold of the Model T. We were driving along when, in the side mirrors, we saw a motorbike rider ducking as he was being bombarded by pages of the newspaper”.
3. “I went grocery shopping many years ago, back when little girls used to wear large full skirts. When I was outside the shop I discovered that my daughter (who was also present and no longer a little girl) had hidden cans of fruit under her skirt”.
4. Don’t worry, I won’t drag it out and list all 20 of them. It was a bit of fun for the night....

The latest arrival into Narrabri was Brian Hollins with niece Jessica. Jessica had a doctors appointment so we were all well down the road before they even left Brisbane. They rolled in at around midnight.

It wasn't long after this that Tony Browne headed out of town and towards Bathurst. Unfortunately, Tony experienced a second rate motel, his bed infested with bugs. As he could not sleep he set off at 3am.

Thursday 30th October

Thursday Greg and I decided we needed to do the "express trip". We had to get to the motel, unload 2 Morgans and clean them both. We hadn't polished the cars before we left home as we thought it might rain; all of our work would have been undone. We enjoyed a quick breakfast at Coonabarabran, then straight to Bathurst. We arrived at 1:45pm and finished polishing the 3-wheeler around 4:30pm. Over the years, we have tried all sorts of metal polish but, with a polished aluminium body and trimmings of brass it all comes down to time and effort. It was well worth the effort. If I do say so myself, it did come up well! The rest of the group took the day a little more leisurely with stops at various places.

All freshened up and made their way to Bathurst Panthers for registration and happy hour. From there, we moved onto the Bathurst Entertainment Centre for the Welcome Dinner.

They had an excellent display on stage (*photo below*). There were a couple of bottles of wine on each table. The dinner was well organised in that each table had bread, butter and bowls of salad and pasta. It is a great way to serve a large number of people quickly. After dessert we were called to the stage to collect a Morgan Golden Muster wine glass each – one for each Muster entrant. NOTE – If Greg and I are looking after your Morgan glasses, please arrange to collect yours.



Photo from Roger Shawyer

Friday 31st October

Friday entrants were divided into 4 groups to tour a variety of routes travelling from Bathurst to Orange. Greg and I, along with Tom & Lynn Fairhall, Richard Rogers and Roger Shawyer were sent on an enjoyable country drive through the villages of Perthville, Newbridge, Hobbys Yards, Barry and on to Neville for morning tea at the small school at Neville.

Greg's turn to tell his part story as I missed much of the day.....

The Hollins and Stehbins Morgans were full to the brim. Helen informed me that she, in fact, had never ridden in my 3-wheeler so, it was decided Helen would spend the day with myself in the trike. At the drivers briefing, before the start of Friday's event, I asked the organisers if I could sneak off 10 minutes early due to the speed difference. Problem – How can one sneak off in the trike? They tell me the whole group simply walked to their cars and followed me out the driveway. I Tried!

Helen and I had a pleasant drive in the country. At one point, about 20 minutes from the start, we came across road works with the lollipop man, of course, showing us the stop side of his sign. He just wanted to look at the car. I asked him to please, have a great trench dug across the road as soon as we drove through, as there would soon be 50 Morgans after us. It seemed he thought I was odd – only 3 wheels and wants the road dug up!!

Shortly after we left the road works the “Morgan freight train” appeared in the mirror behind us, with Morgans snaking up and down and around the road as we continued. To my surprise, they did not seem in a hurry – very unusual for Morgan owners to drive sedately. Half of them overtook us at a very safe and controlled speed. No Tom – what's going on? More on that one later.....

With Helen and my own great map reading ability, and knowledge of country driving we spotted a short cut. Okay, let them go. We will simply turn right and leap frog 'em. Great work – super smart. We don't need to drive fast to outsmart these faster cars. Where's Tom?

We were to stop at Neville State School with the children parking us on the oval at 10:30am. We arrived at the “Welcome to Neville” sign as the first of the Morgan's again came into sight. Great work Helen. It was now 10:06am. We drove past the school – no children – “U” turn and back into the front gate. No children. Still no Tom!

Helen and I drove past the school to the oval; I guess it was the oval. It was green and had posts and lines. With no indication of where we were to be, this must be the oval. As I parked and unloaded myself it started to rain – rain, thunder, lightning and wind. I took a quick scan around the grounds and noticed a covered area next to the school

building. I was going for that – no hood and a full day left in the car yet; cover was a good option.

I drove the car back up to and around the school and under the covered area. Then, I realised Christine was not there with my drying gear; no towels to dry the alloy body. If the water is removed straight away it does not stain; if it is left it means more serious polishing.

No Tom! What’s going on? Then I had a message via the schools landline phone. “Tom is only 7km’s out of Bathurst and his wheel has fallen off”. That’s why I have not seen the tailpipes of the Blue Rocket, Toms grin and Lynn’s grimace.

Not much I could do about the wheel falling off. I wondered, “How a wheel can fall off”? I could imagine what has happened, but Tom would surely tighten..... Well I won’t tell you the rest of my thoughts. No one was hurt, Toms pride and his car I reckon, but I can’t do much from here.

The children had arrived outside and were fascinated by this 3-wheel car/thing. Now country kids are clever, more so than city kids. They know cars have 4 wheels. “What’s going on here?” was the common response. I asked if they wanted to sit in the trike. Yes, was the answer.

I had all 14 of them, from 5 years through to 12 years, lined up single file with their hands in that angelic pose they use when they are really, really good, clasped tightly together at the front. As the first 2 sat in the car the “driver” asked if he could wear my Akubra hat. “Sure”, I replied, and as an added bonus I let each passenger blow the Klaxon horn. They all had a great time! Wonder what’s happening with Tom!



Bailey & James – with all others lined up for their photo

Photo – Helen Stehbens

Smoko time came around and the children joined us for a prepared morning tea across the road at the Goods Shed at Neville Siding. They marched again single file across the road and enjoyed the Morgan people and their morning tea.

*Lunch at Orange – Laurie Isaacs, Dudley Pusey
Cam Macphee, Ray Nicholls & Cheryl Pusey*



It was soon time to leave as again, I wanted to stay ahead of the pack, as much as possible. I had packed 20 litres of Avgas, which I run the trice on. It runs okay on premium, but does enjoy a diet of Avgas, but, Christine was helping Tom – thus no Avgas and no servo in Neville! Oh, great planning! Helen and I decided we might as well head off to

the next town and risk it. We made it to the next petrol stop without mishap, and on to Orange for the display in the park in town.

We lined up again with the 2008 Morgan Aero; it was nice to have 1928 and 2008 beside each other again. Morgans have not really changed that much – You reckon? Tom appeared, with his tail tucked between his legs. Oh well, it will be fixed and we will move on. Christine eventually arrived; the local paper lady arrived and did a story for near an hour. I took her for a drive, and that was about it for the Orange visit.

Christine stayed on my tail as we drove the busy highway back to Bathurst; no problems here, a good run. We arrived back into town and made our selves ready for the evening event, “Dinner Amongst the Cars”. This was dinner with +8’s in a rather large and old shed. Not sure what the shed was built for, but there was some great timber used in it. This dinner was enjoyable, with old car racing DVD’s playing all night on a large screen. We were lucky enough to be early and chose a seat with a view of the screen, for a change.

Time for Christine to take over again.....

Saturday 1st November

We woke to a beautiful day. It was excellent weather for the Street Display of all Morgans attending the Golden Muster. There was time to wander around, view the other Morgans, take photos and, of course, talk. The oldest and the newest Morgan were, again, parked together – the 2008 Aero and the 1928 Aero Super Sports 3-wheeler – whilst the rest of us were parked up and down the street.



Kerry Watts

As we had a free afternoon, after the display a group of us, lead by Kerry Watts of NSW, departed for a tour of the area. Cam and I swapped cars; I drove Cam's Morgan and he drove mine with Greg as passenger. It was then that I realized that all Morgans are very different. Mine is quite rowdy whilst Cam's is very comfortable and sedate. Cam mentioned he had never seen his car driving on the road so Greg proceeded to take a series of photos of his car.

Our first stop was to, what I would call a creek but it depends on what part of the world you are from – maybe it was a brook!! We had another swap over of Morgans and drivers here with Cam and Ray swapping cars. Funny – nobody asked Tom to swap. Maybe the 4/4's are too slow for him.

*Stefan Wolf, Greg & Christine Stevens,
Lynn & Tom Fairhall
(Not quite sure what Greg and Stefan are
comparing here*



From there we made our way to Tarana, where we stopped for a quick refreshing drink. What a great area. From where we sat we were looking over the valley and down onto the historic train station.

On the return trip I decided I would to travel with Stefan in the +8; it was a shame to have an empty seat in a +8. Stefan – thanks for the great drive. I told Judy Mitchell that you were too sedate!! She believed me (I think).



Above – Cam Macphee & Julia Woolgar

Saturday night was the formal dinner at the Bathurst Panthers Auditorium; “1958” and “Gold” were the Themes for the Dinner Dance. I don't believe I have ever seen so many get into the spirit of the theme; there was barely a person that did not make some sort of effort. It really made for a great night.



*Right – Tony Browne, Julia Woolgar
& Richard Rogers*

Lynn Cobb, John Merton, Ray Nicholls, Roger Shawyer, Richard Rogers, Tony Browne & Laurie Isaacs



Roger Shawyer, Richard Rogers & Tony Browne



Sunday 2nd November

The day's events commenced from the top of Mount Panorama. From here we headed off on runs in 2 different directions around Bathurst local points of interest. It was reported that this would be an observation run and a not-too-hard competitive event but we were spared. It turned out that this was a run where we could take in the scenery with no questions to be answered.

The Morgan Muster concluded with an early farewell lunch was at the Goldfields Reeder Room, Mt Panorama with all departures from here.

Our destination for the night was Mudgee. The majority of our group stopped at Sofala for a look around this historic town. In it's day the main street was 16 miles long. We booked into our Mudgee Motel and made our way to "The Willow Lane" Vineyard, on the outskirts of Mudgee. The vineyard is owned by Peter and Ann, friends of Cam and Glynn Macphee. They organized for a photographer to arrive and photograph the visiting Morgans (though we have not seen any of these photos at this stage). Greg spent the afternoon giving joy-rides to the owners and others within our group.

Greg Stevens & Geoff Stehbens at "The Willow Lane"



Monday 3rd November

Tom and Lynn and Cam headed off early for the "express trip" home. The rest of the group decided on the extra day and take our time. We didn't travel far as our breakfast stop was at Gulgong, only 40 kms on. This is the town on the \$10 note. It is very historical and well worth a walk and a look around. Dudley and Cheryl commented that they had only ever seen towns like this in movie sets. We didn't have the time needed to give the museum justice so the lady there allowed us all to have a quick look around (a teaser so we all return) and we all gave donations to the museum.

When you travel along the Newell Highway you see signs pointing to Dunedoo. Well, again, we were seeing signs to Dunedoo but we were to turn right with Dunedoo 10 kms to the left. For the benefit of Brian and Helen we made the detour to Dunedoo. This is another historic town and, if you are at all interested in antiques, I recommend that next trip you call in also. As Greg and I had the 2 Morgans we were towing (i.e. 3-wheeler on the Ute and the 4/4 on the trailer behind). By this stage we were in a towing convoy with Dudley and Cheryl driving in Tom's 4/4. As it was such a lovely drive Greg suggested that we unload the 4/4 and I travel with Dudley and Cheryl. Great idea Greg – I loved my drive that day.

We traveled as far as Glen Innes, a total of 511kms, not including the Dunedoo detour. All booked into the motel, had a freshen up and headed out for dinner at the RSL. Service was a bit slow but the company was good.

Tuesday 4th November

My 4/4 was back on the trailer for the rest of the trip home as it seemed a bit silly for Greg and me to be in separate cars and Greg towing an empty trailer.

Breakfast was at Tenterfield. Here we saw Graham and Margaret Hobbs and Gerald and Marcel Snelling. We were speaking briefly with Margaret and Marcel but didn't get the opportunity to have a chat with Gerald and Graham. The food was great but service was ordinary. The lady servicing was not having a good day; I really don't think she wanted to be there – must have wanted to be at a Melbourne Cup Luncheon! We had planned on having a look at the "Tenterfield Saddler" but, unfortunately, the store is not open on Tuesday.

We had a bit of a tourist tour today; the country was looking green and wild flowers were on either side of the road. We travelled through (but did not stop) Stanthorpe, then on to the Castle Winery where they make all different liquors. I am generally critical of Queensland wines but I was quite impressed with some of these. Elaine and I both made purchases. We also called into a couple of antique shops. This was an enjoyable day for me – great countryside, wine and antiques!!

We called in to visit Glengallan Homestead, on the Toowoomba side of Warwick but this was another place that is not open on a Tuesday. We got to enjoy the house from the outside. As we were less than 2 hours from Brisbane it was decided that I would travel with Dudley in Tom's 4/4 and Cheryl was in the ute with Greg. Yes, I gave up my air conditioning in the ute at the wrong time; it was getting a bit warm outside.

Another detour was made to Kalbar. We had a quick beer at the hotel, watched the Melbourne Cup (the Poms were more interested in the cup than the Aussies), then across the road for a late lunch. Dudley and Cheryl were eventually guided to Tom and Lynn's home at Clayfield at around 4pm.

Thank-you to all that attended the Bathurst Golden Muster and to those that joined us on the tours down and back. We had a great holiday – thanks!

CLASSIFIEDS

King Pins & Bushes

Tom has the first batch of locally manufactured King Pins and bushes ready.

Specification: Manufactured from 4140 grade ground steel bar. (*4140 is a high-tensile chromium-molybdenum steel characterised by high strength and good impact properties*)

Supplied with: New nyloc, ½ inch BSF nuts and phosphor bronze bushes

Price: \$250 per kit – less 10% club discount for members = \$225 per kit

REGALIA

MOQ Club Polo Shirts

New stocks of shirts have been ordered. High quality polo shirts – Navy, blue sleeves, maroon inserts with silver trim. Order yours for the Centenary Celebrations.

Contact: Brian Hollins Ph 0407 379819

Price: \$50 each



Tom with Alan & Karen Bullion & boys showing of his new club shirt



MOQ Badges

The MOQ Badges are available for sale.

Price: \$42 per badge
Postage is an additional \$4
Credit card over the phone

Contact: Greg Stevens
Email: info@frs.com.au
Phone: 07 3260 6197

ANGEL FLIGHT CHARITY & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday 30th November

CABOOLTURE AERO CLUB



Morgan Owners Queensland has been approached by Caboolture Aero Club to display our Morgans at their Angel Flight Charity Day. This is a very worthy cause and it will be an enjoyable day for us as well. The day has, therefore been merged to now be our “Angel Flight Charity and Christmas Lunch”.

All Morgan owners are welcome, members and non-members, and encouraged to attend, have an enjoyable day and assist this worthy cause.

Our Morgans will be on display at the Caboolture Aero club, joined by the MG Car Club Sunshine Coast & Glasshouse Mountain Ulysses Motorcycle club.

We will then make our way to Beachmere Tavern for lunch. The Tavern has recently undergone extensive renovations; it is an excellent venue with a great range of lunches, all at reasonable prices.

The format for the day is detailed below:

Arrival Time: 9:30am (*If you cannot arrive at 9:30am please join us later in the morning*)

“Fly-in” is any time during the morning

Location: Caboolture Aero Club.

- Take the Bribie Island Exit off the Highway and cross over the highway towards Bribie Island.
- Turn Left at the Round-about (Beecham Holden is at this intersection) and travel along Aerodrome Road to the Aero Club
- Volunteers are aware that we will be leaving early for lunch at the Beachmere Tavern so, you will be parked in a location to allow our early exit.

Angel Flight: Angel Flight Australia is a charity that co-ordinates non emergency flights for financially and medically needy people. All flights are free and may involve patients or compassionate carers travelling to or from medical facilities anywhere in Australia.



The pilot supplies his time and his own aeroplane and receives no payment for it. With the funds raised they try to cover the costs of the fuel for the pilot. (One of our Morgan Club members, John Raby, regularly assists Angel Flight.)

Donations: Angel Flight will be present so you may either place your donation into the barrel they will provide, or pay it to Angel Flight directly, who will give you a receipt to make your donation tax deductible.

Displays: The display of vehicles and planes will make interesting public viewing and the local community will be invited to inspect them, and donate a gold coin for the privilege. They intend to make a feature of setting up a viewing line of the following

- The line-up of member's aircraft (70 to 100 aeroplanes are anticipated
- Morgan Owners Queensland – all Morgan invited.
- MG Car Club, Sunshine Coast and perhaps the Gold Coast.
- Glasshouse Mountain Ulysses Motorcycle club
- SE Queensland has a unique collection of Forward Air Control (FAC), or Army co-op aircraft

FAC aircraft (in SE Qld)

- Taylorcraft L2 Grasshopper * Piper L4 Grasshopper
- Stinson L5 Sentinel * Cessna L19 O1 Bird Dog
- Cessna O2 * AM 3C Aeromacchi Bosbok
- Auster Mk111/V/VI - Mk111 (WW2)
- Cessna180A * CA 12 Boomerang
- Wirraway * Winjeel

Morning Tea: The Caboolture Aero club will be serving Scones and cream, tea and coffee.

Profits of all catering will go to Angel Flight.

Departure approx 12:15pm

Lunch: Beachmere Tavern, 2 James Road, Beachmere

Arrival time: 12:30pm – 12:45pm

NOTE – All Morgan owners are welcome, members and non-members, and encouraged to attend, have an enjoyable day and assist this worthy cause.

If you will be attending please phone Tom Fairhall and advise the following:

1. Numbers attending Caboolture Aero Club
2. Numbers for lunch at Beachmere Tavern

Phone 0419 664574

Email president@morganownersqueensland.org.au

QUEENSLAND COMBINED COUNCIL OF HISTORIC CLUBS (Combined Council) REPORT

Christine Stevens



National Motoring Heritage Day – 17th May 2009

The Combined Council committee has decided not to directly organise events, but rather assist publicise events organised by individual clubs. Details for promotional purposes required before end December please

Combined Council to take meetings to Country areas

The president, or representative, will attend the North Queensland Hub rally in Easter. This is between clubs in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay and is being hosted in Townsville in 2009

Combined Council Website

This is accessible through www.qcchvc.org.au

Motorfest

QCCHVC has requested a small stall at next year's Motorfest to promote club affiliation and its benefits.

Combined Council Trophies

The trophies are available for any events considered by the committee to be significant. So if your club is planning a significant open event and would like a Combined Council trophy to give away, drop the Secretary a line outlining the event and requesting a trophy.

Combined Council Rallies

Host clubs for the next few years are:

- 2009 Queensland Vintage Vehicle Assn – at Bribie Island
- 2010 Fraser Coast Historic Vehicle Club
- 2011 Darling Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club (Toowoomba)
- 2012 If your club would consider organising the Combined Council rally in 2012 or beyond please contact your committee. Combined Council and RACQ sponsorship for the event totaling \$3000 is available.

Next Bi Monthly General Meeting: 22nd January 2009

QCCHVC MEETINGS ARE HELD 7.30PM 4th THURSDAY OF THE 2nd MONTH



- Monday 15th December** *CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RUN* – Meet MacCafe, Cnr Norris & Telegraph Roads, Bracken Ridge for 7pm departure. Enquiries – Greg Stevens 3260 6197
- Sunday 18th January** *MOCA HOT CHILLI RUN* – Details to be advised.
- Sunday 22nd February** *BREAKFAST RUN & MEETING* – Location and details finalized and you will be advised by email.
- Sat 25th & Sun 25th April** *SOUTH BURNETT WEEKEND* – Organiser Brian Hollins. Please mark this in your diary. Details in February issue.
- Sunday 17th May 2009** *NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY*
- Sunday 28th June 2009** *RACQ MOTORFEST* – Centenary of the Morgan
- Sat 4th & Sun 6th July** *MORGANS CHRISTMAS IN JULY* – Organisers Cam & Glynn Macphee. Please note that this event is earlier than usual so it does not clash with the Centenary Celebrations in the UK. Cam will supply you with details after they have “recovered” from their daughters wedding.
- Fri 24th July – Sun 2nd August 2009** *MORGAN CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS* – Malvern / Cheltenham, UK. (Tom Fairhall is attending.)
- Sunday in September** *RACQ BATTERIES ALL BRITISH DAY* – Centenary of the Morgan
- Fri 9th – Mon 12th Oct** *NATIONAL MORGAN CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS* – Inverell – Hosted by Queenslanders. All details will follow once all is confirmed with MOCA. Enquiries Greg Stevens Email events@morganownersqueensland.org.au or phone (07) 3260 6197.

STOP PRESS

Being that 2009 in the Centenary of Morgans, we have had discussions with RACQ regarding the Morgan being the feature at both RACQ Motorfest in July and RACQ Batteries All British Day. We have received confirmation from Andrew Dawson (Andrew works for RACQ) that we will have the Morgans as the feature vehicle for both events. Keep the dates free so you can support the Morgan Centenary, your club and these 2 events.

- MORGANS TO FEATURE AT RACQ MOTORFEST – Sunday 28th June 2008
- MORGANS TO FEATURE AT RACQ BATTERIES ALL BRITISH DAY – Sunday in September (date to be advised)