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## THE NEXT FEW MORGAN EVENTS

*RACQ PRE-MOTORFEST BBQ – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June*

*RACQ MOTORFEST – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June*

*LISMORE WEEKEND & AGM – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July*

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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.

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Tom Fairhall



Issue six of SunMog is due in two weeks and I have less than two days to prepare this report before departing for the USA, UK and Hong Kong for most of May.

I am leaving a nearly completed house renovation with Lynn capably in charge of overseeing completion. I did not plan it this way, honest, it was due for occupancy early April!

The Anzac North Burnett weekend was held in brilliant weather starting from the main staging point the Ettamogga Pub and Aussie World car park. It looked at first being a 4-seater only event with exception of my +8 and that is what actually eventuated with my car developing gearbox selection problems at the entrance to the pub car park! Participants for the weekend were Richard Rogers from Sydney accompanied by Julia Woolgar from UK, Brian Hollins (tour master and planner), Helen and Megan, Marira and Bob and Greg and Christine. They were joined in Gayndah by Geoff and Elaine Stehbens and Chris, Jessica & Emma Stehbens. A report on this weekend by Julia follows later.

I comprehensively covered the rest of the years' events in the last issue but of course the event of the year will be the national gathering in Inverell 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> October, to celebrate the Morgan Centenary. Greg and Christine have put a lot of work into this, visiting Inverell again over Easter to finalise some aspects of the program and to place Greg's 3-wheeler and my 4/4 in the Inverell Transport Museum to further publicise the Centenary event. Interstate clubs have been provided hat clips, donated by Greg, for distribution to members to further publicise the event, and registrations are starting to come in.

The UK centenary event seems like it will be well attended by participants from all over the world. Organisers are expecting 4,000 Morgans on the main weekend celebration at Cheltenham racecourse weekend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August. I believe there are at least 4 Morgans being shipped to England from Victoria with 24 Victorians attending. From Qld there will definitely be Lynn and I, plus Stefan Wolf, and a possible late starter with Jon Voller. Jon and Julie Lowe will be in London over the centenary period so they may make it as well.

Stefan and I will have +8's there albeit UK registered so that makes at least 6 Australian owned cars attending the Cheltenham weekend.

That is all for now. Hopefully we will have a special report on the UK centenary in the next issue of SunMog.



**Photo – Patty Beecham**

# SECRETARIES REPORT

Christine Stevens



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The Morgan Centenary year is proving to be busy year for us all with a variety of Centenary celebrations and other Morgan events.

The National Morgan Centenary Celebration in Inverell has been organised. We now “fine-tuning” the event. The Accommodation lists have been sent to those who have submitted their Expression of Interest forms. If you have not received the list please contact me and I will forward it to you.

Start thinking about what you will wear to the main dinner, on the Sunday night in Inverell. The theme is Black, White and fast. You might want to work on “Black and White” or “Fast” or a combination of the 2. Get your thinking caps on – the possibilities are endless!

It was great to see Richard Rogers up from Windsor (NSW), accompanied by Julia Woolgar to take part in the North Burnett weekend over the Anzac weekend this year. Unfortunately Roger Shawyer was a late cancellation for the trip north due to business commitments.

Julia Woolgar has now returned to the UK after touring Australia for 6 months in her motorhome. Her holiday commenced shortly before the Morgan Golden Muster in Bathurst and concluded with Brian’s North Burnett Weekend. This is Julia’s “blog” which is her diary of her 6 month Australian holiday – [www.JuliaWoolgar.blogspot.com](http://www.JuliaWoolgar.blogspot.com) Julia took some great photos whilst she was in Australia – this is the link to check them out – <http://www.flickr.com/photos/juliawoolgar/>

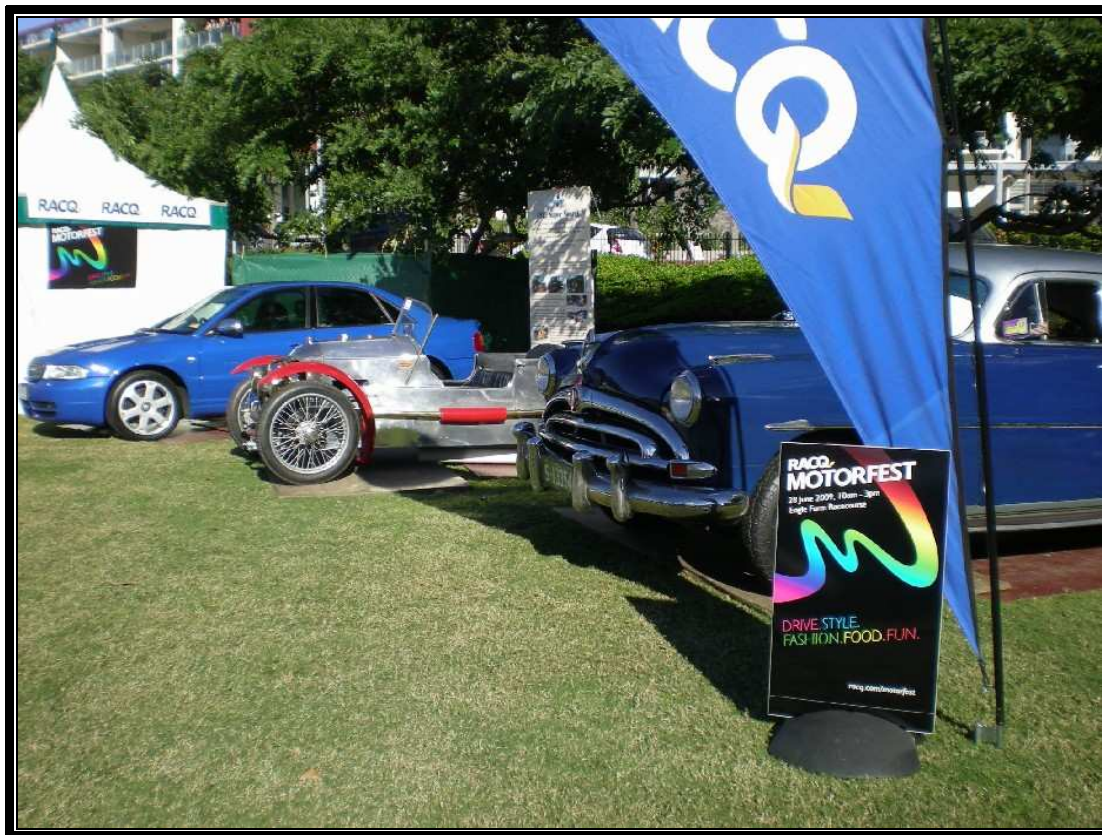
Brian, thanks for the great weekend to Gayndah and surrounds. I won’t go into details as Julia has done that in her report. I just want to say it was a great weekend and enjoyed by all. Attendees were:

Brian Hollins	4/4 4-seater
Helen Stehbens & Megan Hollins	Ford (but with MOG numberplate)
Richard Rogers	4/4 4-seater
Julia Woolgar	Richard’s passenger
Bob & Marira Adie	4/4 4-seater
Geoff & Elaine Stehbens	modern
Chris, Jessica & Emma Stehbens	modern
Greg & Christine Stevens	4/4 4-seater
ALMOST.....Tom Fairhall	+8

There was a call out to 3-wheel Morgan owners to attend the Winton Historic Racing weekend, in Victoria. We have just returned – I will report on that elsewhere.

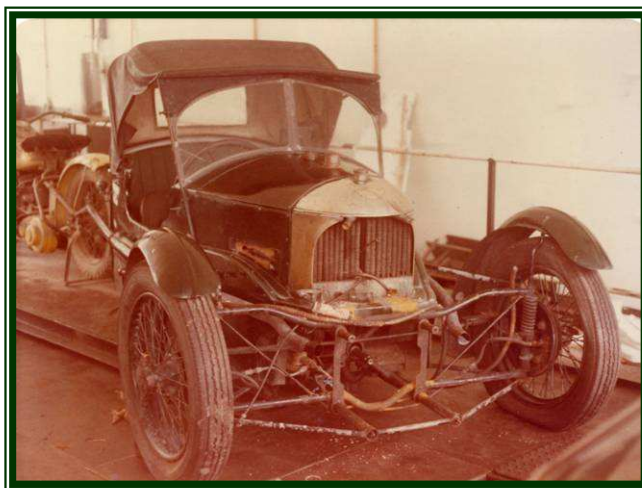
The Organisers of RACQ Motorfest asked Greg to take the 3-wheeler to the Premiers Queensland week BBQ as a promotion for the RACQ Motorfest at the end of the month. There were 3 feature vehicles for makes celebrating 100 years – the 3-wheeler Morgan, a 1952 Hudson and an Audi. The day started beautifully but less than a ½ hour after we arrived the sky became very black, followed by rain and strong winds. Luckily the

Morgan was put under cover in the enclosed information tent and the other 2 vehicles were placed under an awning. The storm eventually passed over with the light rain stopping around 10:15am. The remainder of the day was very pleasant – warm and fine. One thing I considered to be “amusing” was, this was the Premiers Queensland Week BBQ but the Premier did show up!



Last “SunMog” I mentioned that Greg had received an email from an earlier owner of his 3-wheeler; over the last couple of months Greg has been communicating with Dr HamLong Chang, an anesthetist in Malaysia. He was the last owner of Greg’s 3-wheeler whilst it was in Malaysia. From there it was moved to Perth with De Soto Phillips.

This is a photo that HamLong emailed of the Morgan. The photo was taken in 1978, prior to restoring it. You will notice that the engine had been taken out. The car definitely looks different now. These are the first photos that we have seen of it with a roof.



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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined MOQ – welcome and we look forward to seeing you on future MOQ events.

- Neil, Patricia & Stephanie Littler                      1982 +8

## ***FUTURE MOQ EVENTS***

Greg Stevens

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### ***Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June PRE-MOTORFEST BARBEQUE***

As we have Morgan owners attending from "out of town" we have decided to hold a Pre-Motorfest Barbeque the night before the RACQ Motorfest (Saturday night). Tom and Lynn have offered to hold this at their recently renovated home. (At time of issue of the newsletter they have not yet moved back in.)

Location: 22 Roseby Ave, Clayfield (down the long driveway)

Time: 6:00pm

Food: BYO Meat & bring a plate of "something" to share

Drinks: BYO

Please mark this date into your diaries and come along. Please advise Tom and Lynn on mobile 0419 664574 if you will be attending, before the day.

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### ***Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June RACQ MOTORFEST***

As previously advised, as part of the Morgan Centenary Celebrations, RACQ has chosen the Morgan as the feature marque for MotorFest 2009. RACQ will put aside a space for up to 30 Morgans in the feature display area of MotorFest2009. Please get your entries in and confirm your support of the major RACQ event and a Centenary event for us.

The Morgans will receive a discount of \$5 per vehicle. The discount is for ALL Morgans – i.e. MOQ and MOCA or others that may not be members of any Morgan club.

RACQ have advised that the Motorfest commemorative car badge has come up well, featuring the Morgan.

**Registration** \$25 per vehicle (less \$5 Morgan discount)

**Registration Inclusions:** 1 x vehicle entry  
1 x commemorative car badge (featuring a Morgan)  
1 x 2-for-1 breakfast voucher  
1 x lucky door prize ticket

**NORTHERN NSW VIA THE  
LIONS ROAD - & AGM  
(A weekend with an aviation  
twist)  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**



If you are unable to join us for the full weekend please come along for Saturday or Sunday or any segment of the weekend that you are able to attend.

Don't forget – our quarterly meeting and AGM will be held on Saturday so please make an effort to come along if you can. If you are not able to make the meeting but are willing to take on a position on the committee please let us know. Volunteers are wanted.

We will be stopping off at Cam and Glyn's country retreat at Kooralbyn for morning tea and our July meeting; this will also be our AGM. This enables those who may not be able to participate in the whole weekend, to still have the opportunity of pleasant a drive to Kooralbyn for morning tea and the meeting.

We will be traveling via the great Lions Road; great because it was built with Morgans in mind! This is a drive through rolling hills, heading south and eventually arriving at Lismore for the night. Here we will have dinner at the Workers Club Saturday night.

Saturday afternoon we may visit the airfield where I found a maker of ultra light aircraft, Spectrum Aviation. This is a very interesting operation where I found the owner to be very cooperative with answering my silly questions. I did warn him that I may bring the Morgans to have a look one day. Have a look at <http://www.spectrumaviation.com.au/>

Sunday we will leave Lismore after breakfast and head north, leave the highway and drive into Murwillumbah to visit friends at Mothcair. Based at the Murwillumbah airfield, Mothcair restore, rebuild and maintain biplanes as their name implies. Greg Challinor and his brother Nick, have quite a reputation with owners of these aircraft. They restored the Dragon we saw on the strip at Caboolture recently, as well as many others.

Visit the following to read about some of their work:  
<http://www.adelaidebiplanes.com.au/index.cfm?objectId=2671F63E-E081-51EF-A78E56893A24359B&navid=7B8944C7-50EB-3739-79FD6E8F47139C0A>

<http://rides.webshots.com/album/457083433zLESIZ?start=12>

All are welcome to join us for all or part of this weekend

**Enquiries to Greg Stevens, Phone 07 32606197**

**Motel Bookings – Please phone Greg to make the booking for you.**

**NORTHERN NSW VIA THE  
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**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Weekend Plan**



**Start Location**            The outbound park at Macleans Bridge, North Maclean

**Saturday**

8:15 am                    Meet at Macleans Bridge

8:30am                    Departure from Macleans Bridge

9:30am                    **General Meeting & AGM** at Cam and Glyn's country retreat – 53  
White Place, Kooralbyn

                                 Morning Tea also at 53 White Place, Kooralbyn

11:00am                   Departure from Kooralbyn

Lunch                      Kyogle

                                 Drive to Lismore – to the Airfield – visit Spectrum Aviation, maker of  
ultra-light aircraft.

Motel                      Book into your motel – Lismore Wilson Motel, Ballina Street, phone  
02 6622 3383

                                 Happy Hour

Dinner                     Lismore Workers Club

**Sunday**

Breakfast                In a café in Lismore (place to be confirmed)

10:00am                 Depart Lismore

                                 Travel via Mullumbimby, Billinudgel, on highway for approx 3kms,  
then old highway up Burringbar Range to Murwillumbah

Lunch                      Murwillumbah

After lunch              Visit to Mothcare (Bi-plane restoration business), Murwillumbah  
Airfield

Then.....                Drive home.

# **NATIONAL MORGAN CENTENARY TOUR**

## ***The entries are rolling in...***



The count-down is on – less than 6 months to go until the National Morgan Centenary Tour in country Inverell, NSW. The entries have started rolling in from the various states. If you have not submitted your Expression of Interest form it is time to do so. All venues have been booked, driving tours are planned and bulk bookings are made with motels. Details of motels are being forwarded to all that have submitted their Expression of Interest forms.

The dates for the Morgan Centenary Tour are Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006. This time of year was chosen to allow for those Morgan owners traveling to the UK for the party at the Morgan factory to be able to attend both events. You will enjoy 4 days of country hospitality and wonderful Morgan drives, quiet country roads and minimal traffic. Saturday is the highlight drive with rolling hills, meandering along side the Gwydir River.

Inverell is ideally placed on the Gwydir Highway, between the New England and Newell Highways; it is in an evergreen valley, with ample infrastructure to be able to host such an event. Inverell is 489km South West of Brisbane and 675km North West of Sydney. We will be visiting historic mining towns, Copeton Dam, wineries and more. Being that Inverell is the Sapphire capital of Australia, we will also have the opportunity to purchase sapphire jewelry (*sorry guys!*)

Inverell has a Transport Museum of National standing. Greg's 3-wheeler and Tom's 4-4 2-seater are currently in the Museum on display until mid-June, promoting the 100 years of Morgan Celebrations. All Morgan entrants will receive unlimited access to the museum throughout the event.

The cost of this event will be in line with the Morgan Golden Muster in Bathurst at a cost of \$200 per adult. Children's prices will be advised. We look forward to making 2009 a special year for Morgan's in Australia, following up on the extraordinary success of the MOCA's golden anniversary.



Up-to-date information on this event and “Expression of Interest” forms are available on the website [www.morganownersqueensland.org.au](http://www.morganownersqueensland.org.au). Submit this form and you will be kept informed regarding all of the activities that we have planned. We will also forward you the entry form for completion as soon as it is available.

## ***NATIONAL MORGAN CENTENARY TOUR***

### **The program:**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009** – Registration at the Inverell Visitors Centre from 10:00am to 3:00pm, with optional self-hosted drives throughout the day. Welcome evening at the Riverside Restaurant.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009** – We will have a drive-through rolling start from the Inverell Visitors Centre from 8:30 to 9:00am. We will be taking a drive to Copeton Dam, Bingara and Delunga and a visit to the Thomas New England Winery. At night we will have a Gourmet BBQ dinner amongst the cars at the Inverell Transport Museum.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009** – We have another great drive. Again, we will be departing from the Inverell Visitors Centre, traveling to the historic mining town of Tingha, arriving back in Inverell at approximately 11:30am. The Morgans will be parked upon the lawns at the Inverell Tourist Information Centre. They will be there for all to view. The entrants will have a chance to wander this wonderful town, enjoy lunch at the Riverside Restaurant, RSM or a hotel of cafe in town before returning to your Morgans at about 2:30pm for a free afternoon of touring. We will provide suggestions within your Tour Pack of interesting places and things to see.

Sunday night is the Formal Centenary Dinner, with a surprise from the Morgan Motor Company. The theme is Black, White and Fast – an interesting combination which should bring out some creative outfits! “Black and White” due to the Morgan’s history in racing, and “Fast” because that’s how to describe a Morgan winning these events! Let your imaginations run wild.

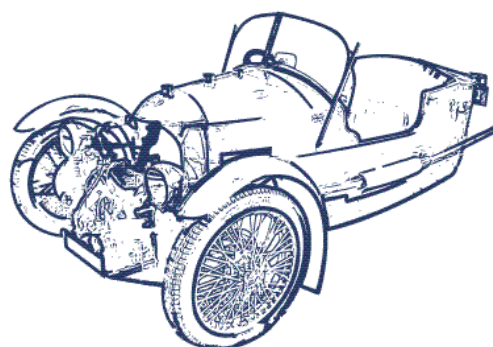
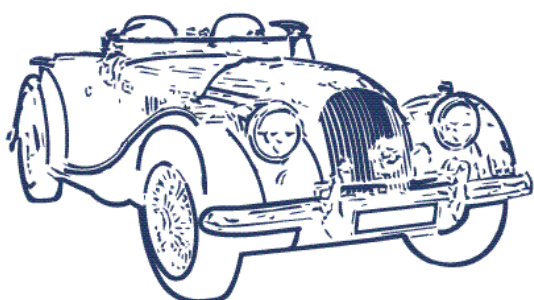
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009** – The farewell barbeque breakfast will be served at the Inverell Transport Museum. This will be a chance to say goodbye to other participants and Morgan owners before we all head off. For those that wishing remain longer, we have included more optional drives.

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# **JULIA'S LAST WEEK IN AUSTRALIA INCLUDING.... THE NORTH BURNETT WEEKEND**

Julia Woolgar

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**April 21<sup>st</sup>** Up and ready for our long journey to Brisbane. Unfortunately Roger was unable to join us due to business commitments. The weather, well it is raining again so the Morgan hood had to be put up. The first day we had a 7 hour long run to Nambucca Heads, our accommodation was on the sea front and very grand it was to.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** Still raining, more English weather so the hood stayed up. Lunch time came around and the sun started to poke out from under the clouds, hooray the hood came down. We stopped at Nimbin a very unusual town and very much a hippy town, after 5 hours driving in the Morgan we arrived at Murwillumbah at a very nice B&B. Again Richard washed his Morgan and put it to bed, another long day but very pleasant.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** A nice fine day with the top down. So Richard decided to take me to see O'Reillys in the Lamington N.P a little out of our way but an extremely pretty route. Richard drove to perfection driving up and down round and round having great fun. We stopped at Canungra for a break then on to O'Reillys, a very busy place, back down the hill and on to Sanctuary Cove for a very nice late lunch looking at all the millionaire's boats. On our way again and we had to stop off at Greg's place in Brisbane going in convoy up to Maroochydore arriving rather late well in to the night.



*Driving to O'Reillys*

**April 24<sup>th</sup>** Greg had our day planned and an early start we had, with my eyes still shut. Off we went to Mapleton, Kenilworth, Maleny, Montville and all around stopping off at the usual sites, and having our late lunch near Flaxton at the Le Relais Blessan with his magnificent collection of Citroen cars and one Morgan. You can walk through his collection of cars to get to the restaurant. We fetched Christine from the station and then off out again for a slap up meal.



**April 25<sup>th</sup>** An early start again to meet other Morgan cars for our run up to Gayndah unfortunately one car broke down, Tom's +8 the most polished car on the run, he had to limp back to Brisbane in 4th gear a common fault in a +8 gear box. That's cars for you! The day was

hot, just right for Morgans and I drove two of them. We have a lunch break at Kilkivan in The Left Bank. These Morgan folk certainly know how to live.

Arriving at Gayndah we booked in to our rooms, a very nice Motel, a good choice. A short distance down the road we went to visit Peter & Les who have a Citroen collection of 30 or more cars, all in excellent condition. They are truly Citroen experts and if they do not know how to fix it nobody does. They joined us for Dinner at the Grand Hotel.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** Still on the Morgan Run. A tour of a citrus orchard is on the agenda to day plus a Devonshire cream tea and the cream was the best I have had in Australia, just like the clotted cream we have in Devon. A long pleasant drive home stopping off for lunch in a pub. We looked at a collection of Douglas motor bikes at least 41.

***Christine, Greg, Helen, Brian & Richard – Mandarin peels being thrown at Julia (Richard caught in the act)***



Arrived back at Brian & Helen's Bed & Breakfast Lucerne on Fernberg Road – a splendid place he has too! I stayed for two nights waiting for my flight back home. Richard stayed one as he has a long drive back to Sydney and had to get back to work. He met up with Roger at Glen Innes. The weather was fine –so Roger will still have a clean car. Brian is a great cook and host another N.B.C man. I think I can safely say that we all had a great weekend, apart from Bob and Marira. On the way back their clutch went. And of course Tom's well polished Morgan did not make it further than the meeting point; his gears went wrong. it was a bush.



**April 27<sup>th</sup>** I helped Brian with a few light jobs around the place. We had a B.B.Q in the evening to end a very nice well organized event. It was nice to be back with Morgans and their owners.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** I even got a lift to the airport. My 6 months trip to Australia was very exciting and educational. I drove 17,428 K (10,830 miles), which is not counting the miles Richard drove up to Brisbane and on the Morgan run, around another 4,000k. If you ask me what I liked the best I wouldn't be able to say, it was all good. I have made so many new friends and acquaintances it was unbelievable. Unfortunately there was not time to say good bye to all of them. I will catch up with them next year.

# PERFECTION

Lee Boyle

Under clear skies and brilliant sunshine we set out from the Caltex fuel stop where we met up with Greg & Christine, headed down the road for the human fuel stop at the bakery at the "Ettamoga Pub". Here we were joined by Stefan Wolf, Chris & Patty Beecham, and Errol Rumpf in his 2000 Plus 8.



A perfect day for Moggging, we headed off in convoy turning heads as we departed for Diddillibah and to the Buderim Forest Park where the promise of some gentle exercise would, in my mind, offset the pie I was "forced"

to eat at the Bakery some short time before. Yes, the Pies are to be recommended as were the salad rolls etc that were consumed by those who had forgone their usual cooked Sunday breakfast. The opportunity presented itself to browse the row of shops where an amazing array of unique hand crafted items sat side by side the mass produced, all designed to tempt the dollars from the purse or wallet.

Taking the scenic route to Nambour, we traversed through some glorious country which is missed by always driving up the highway. After purring through the hills of Nambour we headed south east, crossing under the Bruce highway where we once again left the built up area and headed towards Diddillibah along the Eudlo Creek Valley and on to Buderim Forest Park. There we caused a stir as we parked the Mogs next to the boardwalk having passed by Harry's House, which locals Chris & Patty Beecham tell us is a top venue. Could be the spot for a Morgan get together with the historic house/restaurant overlooking a large grassed, area perfect for display purposes.

After giving Birthday High Fives to a six year old, we were granted access to the boardwalk which followed Martius Creek as it meandered through the valley as it led to a waterfall some 1.2km away. Along the way yabbies were seen to be swimming amongst

the rocks on the creek bed. All were amazed that this facility was so well serviced by the boardwalk and the creek was so healthy, as evidenced by the crystal clear water. All this so close to town!



**Left – Christine, Errol, Lee, Stefan, Greg, Clive, Chris & Patty.**

Having had our daily exercise we were back in the Mogs and off to Woombye for lunch at the Woombye Pub. There we gathered around the table and engaged in tech talk whilst marveling at the generous size of the meals. Every occasion needs a food expert and as none present had the qualifications necessary we relied on the waiter to describe each meal as it passed our table so we could determine our choice according to our appetites. We were mindful of leaving something in reserve for afternoon tea at Le Relais Bressan. Fed and watered we said goodbye to Woombye and headed to Flaxton via Palmwood and Montville for another beautiful drive on a perfect day.



Thierry, his son Sebastian and his staff made us feel very welcome as always and even drove his Morgan out of the garage to join our display. Coffee and cake finished, a beautiful gift purchased from the gift shop meant the day was drawing to a close. We departed for the homeward drive richer for having spent the day in each others company, sharing Morgan experiences and enjoying the journey as much as the destination.

**Thierry,  
thanks for  
the  
chocolates**

**Patty,  
thanks for  
the photos**



# REPORT ON CANEFIELDS CLASSIC RALLY BUNDABERG 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009

Helen Stehbens

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Following on from the success of the Anzac Day run to Gayndah and with no time to polish the valve caps, we were off to Bundaberg on the Labour Day long weekend.

The Morgan Owners Queensland (MOQ) was invited to participate in the Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle (Inc) annual Canefields Classic Rally. The MOQ was one of the 13 clubs represented at this rally in and around Bundaberg, which proved to be another great weekend away.

There were over 70 cars and 160 people in attendance, including (amongst the cars) a 1911 Mitchell.

Children were welcomed and added much humour to the camaraderie of a wonderful and very well organised and conducted event.

Highlights of the weekend included:

- Two wonderful evening dinner functions, where we were able to meet many of the local and regional “old” car owners, and swap many stories about our shared passion for motoring.
- A great all-day rally on the back roads that lead to and from the Town of 1770, albeit the afternoon shadows hide some deep undulations and the occasional pothole on the road pavement.
- Tours of Hinkler House and the newly opened Hinkler Museum. The museum includes several prop-driven aircraft and the first glider built by Bert Hinkler and flown at Mon Repos beach. It was also intriguing to learn of Bert’s two “wives”, one in the UK and one in the USA. All he needed to round out the playboy image was a Morgan !!!!

All in all the Canefields rally was excellent and proved the benefits of planning an annual calendar of motoring events, thereby ensuring maximum participation and also providing greater choice of events to the classic car enthusiast.



# THE UK REPORT

David & Val Taylor (1994 Morgan 4/4)

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I recently decided to fit four new tyres on my 1994 4/4. They were long overdue and although there was plenty of tread on them small cracks were beginning to show on the side walls, naughty, I know. I decided to use Paul Harris Tyres, as advertised in Miscellany – about half hour drive from our place so I went across to have a chat to him about it.

Had a minor ‘domestic’ on the way with Val (the Tank Commander.) We took a wrong turning and had to go the long way round – perilously low on petrol. Tank Commander quipped that I should have topped it up before we left (knew I should have but did not want to admit defeat).

We found the place okay and arranged for the fitting the following week. He (Paul) recommended Vredenstein tyres (never heard of them!) but I’m on 165x15 and they are not a regular size and they specialise in classic car tyres. So I booked it in for the following week

One of my daughters decided that it would be a good opportunity to come with me. She is hoping to emigrate to Australia soon and thought it would be a good time for some father/daughter bonding (or fleecing!). Tank Commander, Val, tried to dissuade her knowing that she would be sitting (or standing) inside/outside of a garage on an industrial estate for 1-2 hours! Rosie (daughter No.2 is of the ‘Barbie Doll’ variety) and Val just knew the top would be off for the trip.

On the day she parked up outside and came in saying, Okay Dad, I have dropped the children off – I am ready to go.”

Tank Commander gave me a ‘knowing look’ and seeing her dressed in sprayed on jeans, an off-the shoulder top and sparkly shoes with freshly coiffured hair, politely asked if she had brought a coat and possibly a hat with her.

“Nah, I will be alright Mum! Dad will have the top up won’t he?” No, he wouldn’t actually, (never does!) so Tank Commander offered her a fleecy, to be told “I don’t need to wear that thing!” “Take it in case anyway”, Mum said.

We had a good run and I kept the speed down to save me having to pay for a new hairdo!

Anyway, we had the tyres fitted and sat/stood outside the garage for 2 hours, waiting for the job to be done. She didn’t complain. We had time for some long-overdue chit-chat which we both enjoyed. The sun shone all the time we were out and she did not even need to wear the fleecy. (If she was frozen she never admitted it.)

We stopped on the way home to admire the local view of the canal, the day boats and the wildlife – typically English! (*pic on right*)



Must have been okay; she is planning to go out with me again this week as Tom is over and we are going to get his new V8 M.O.T'd etc. Rosie is coming with me to check out the garage that has Tom booked in etc. before he arrives.

I have been on a couple of runs in the Mog after having the tyres fitted, they are so much better – a good choice – good grip, more comfortable ride and I can put the power on early when exiting a roundabout – great.

Then, there was Waddesdon Manor – drizzling, cool (cold for Tom!) and he came to our place about 8.30am Sunday morning. (Normally I'd be reading the Sunday papers dreaming of my full English Breakfast that Val loves to cook and I love to eat!)



Quick coffee then we were off (**pic left**) and as predicted, Tom top up, me, top down.

We had a good run down the M42 and it got really wet as we turned into the Waddesdon Manor grounds, I gave in and put the top up (only because I knew

that I was going to park up in front of the house and it was raining fairly hard!)

We had a good breakfast with Julia, Tim, Colin, Geoff and other NBCers

Then on to take pics and meet old friends. All in all a very enjoyable day in a beautiful House & Gardens, typically Olde English. (**Pic below**)



So, Rosie has recovered, I've dried out and Tom is on his way back to Ripley and then to London for his return to Oz.

We are off to France tomorrow to meet old friends and have a holiday in the Charente area, sadly in the tintop, Mog is resting up for a while before we get cracking again for the Centenary celebrations.

We are booked in for the Prescott Garden Party and Cheltenham and will meet Tom and Lynne and many old friends and more NBCers I hope.

As Rosie and our son-in-law Lee will be taking our precious granddaughters to a new life in the Melbourne area very soon we hope to visit them sometime next year – watch this space.

***Dave Taylor, with grand-daughter, Maisy***



Richard/Roger, Tasmania sounds wonderful, I'll work on the Tank Commander!

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## ***WINTON HISTORIC RACING***

### ***Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May***

Christine Stevens

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Being the Centenary year of the Morgan, the organizers of Winton Historic Racing meeting in rural Victoria, put a call out for 3-wheel Morgans and local Morgan owners to attend. We only have 5 weeks notice prior to the event but decided, it is not every year that the Morgan Motor Company turns 100 so we decided we should make the effort.

This was complicated a little further we had our 3-wheeler and Tom's 4/4 in the Inverell Transport Museum, promoting the 100 years of Morgan – both we got around this. We decided on the Tuesday before we left to take our 4/4 for the drive to Winton also and headed off after work on the Wednesday, driving as far as Inverell. Greg had made arrangements with the organisers of the Museum to obtain access after hours (very much after hours) and we loaded the 3-wheeler up that night.

Thursday we drove from Inverell to Wodonga (just over the NSW – Victorian border) and it rained, off and on, all of the way from Gunnedah to Wodonga. We stayed in Wodonga the night, leaving us only a little over an hours drive to Benalla Friday morning.

We rose early and polished the 3-wheeler but didn't get time to attend to the 4/4 – oh, well!

The Benalla Car club organised a pleasant drive for us all on Friday, departing from the Art Gallery at 10:00am. This took us to Winton, Lurg and on to Tatong where we all stopped at the Tatong Hotel for lunch. Some took a drive to view a collection of Holdens but we were enjoying the company of others in a 1932 Family 3-wheel Morgan (oops – forgotten their

names) and Harry & Deidre Pile of WA in his magnificent 1913 Austin so stayed on at the Hotel talking. We know Harry from our Austin 7 days. **Tarong Hotel**



After lunch was a short drive to Saunders Kooyong Chapel Winery. Brian, the owner of the winery, gave us the most informative tour we have ever had of a winery – and, to top it off, the wine was very pleasant. From here, we returned to Benalla for a display at the Civic Centre. Greg received a trophy for the best 3-wheeler and Harry received one for the 1913 Austin.

Saturday was the first day of display for the 3-wheelers at Winton Raceway. There was also another 3-wheel “Special” that had been fitted with a Morgan badge but it was not a Morgan. My 4/4 was also on display.



3-wheel Morgans on display were:

- 1929 Aero Super Sports – Greg Stevens
- 1926 Aero – Brian, Kangaroo Valley, NSW
- 1929 Super Aero – Terrence Doyle, Vic
- 1939 F4 – Su & Gary Neilsen, Shepparton, Vic
- 1939 F2 – Don Horsley, Shepparton, Vic

There were many more Morgans on display on Sunday with many driving up from Melbourne and surrounds. The event was the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual event, organised by the Austin 7 Club (Vic) and the Morgans were invited. We know the organiser of the Winton event from our Austin Seven days so Greg was soon presented with an orange vest so he could assist with organising parking the Morgans. I was not able to take a good photo of the range of cars as there were so many people around enjoying the display of various Morgans.

The organisers later passed on 12 trophies to be presented to the Morgan owners – 6 “Directors





Choice” trophies and 6 for the 3-wheelers. Terry Doyle was given the task of choosing the winners and making presentations.

This is one of the best weekends I have had in quite a while. The run on Friday was excellent. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and getting to know the other 3-wheeler owners on Saturday and Sunday, I also spent talking to the other Morgan owners from Victoria.

We have had an excellent response to the Morgan Centenary Tour in Inverell and the comment from one of the VicMog members, who has now decided to attend Inverell in October, was that he would be very surprised if many more did not decide to come along also. Additionally, many of the 3-wheeler owners that attended are now coming to Inverell also.



***Su Neilsen & Greg Stevens***



***Morgans on display***

Su Neilsen and her father, Don Horsley, used to race their yellow 1939 F2 many years ago, along with Joe and Andrew Wilson. Su and Gary (her husband) had said they will definitely be in Inverell. I am sure you will enjoy their company. She is a character and a lot of fun.



***Parade Lap with the Morgans at Winton Raceway***

We had a wet drive home. We collected Tom’s 4/4 from the Inverell Transport Museum. I drove it home. It rained off and on, all of the way home – but I still enjoyed the drive.

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### **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



### **MOQ CarBadges**

MOQ Car Badges are available

**Price:** \$42 per badge  
Add \$4 for postage  
(*You can pay Credit card over the phone*)

**Contact:** Greg Stevens  
Email: [info@ftrs.com.au](mailto:info@ftrs.com.au)  
Phone: 07 3260 6197

# MORGAN OWNERS QUEENSLAND INC

## EVENTS FOR 2009

### JUNE 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Motorfest Barbeque	Saturday night – 6:00pm at Tom & Lynn Fairhalls home, 22 Roseby Ave, Clayfield (down the long driveway). BYO Meat & drinks. Bring a plate of “something” (e.g. salad / sweets / nibbles) to share – Enquiries Tom Fairhall or Greg Stevens
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	RACQ Motorfest	Eagle Farm Racecourse. 100 years of Morgan Motor Company – Feature Vehicle

### JULY 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Northern NSW Weekend & <b>AGM</b>	8:00am – Meet Macleans Bridge at the park on the left hand side – Meeting, AGM & BYO morning tea at Cam and Glynn Macphees Kooralbyn house. Travel via the Lions Road, stay at Lismore Saturday night. Contact Greg to book in – Phone (07) 3260 6197
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Morgan Centenary Celebrations - UK	Malvern / Cheltenham, UK
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	MOCA Old Centenary Celebrations	Bundaberg – Enquiries Gerald Snelling, Bruce Callaghan & Ed Filmer.

### SEPTEMBER 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	RACQ Batteries All British Day	St Josephs Sports Fields, Vivian Avenue, Tennyson. 100 years of Morgan Motor Company

### OCTOBER 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Morgan Centenary Tour - Inverell 2009	MOQ will have a meeting some time throughout the weekend. We are the host club so all support is required. Enquiries, Greg Stevens 07 3260 6197 or Email 2009@morganownersqueensland.org.au

### NOVEMBER 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	<i>Details to be advised – all suggestions are welcomed.</i>