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THE NEXT FEW MORGAN EVENTS

RACQ BATTERIES ALL BRITISH DAY – Sunday 20th September
MORGAN CENTENARY TOUR – INVERELL – Friday 9th to Sunday 12th October
CHRISTMAS LUNCH & AGM – Sunday 29th November

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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.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Meetings are held quarterly whilst on our club event. Times and locations are listed on the MOQ calendar. All club members are encouraged to volunteer to organise events.

AGM is to be held prior to 31st December annually.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tom Fairhall

Again I have a deadline to meet to produce this report just days before Lynn and I depart for the UK for the Centenary Celebrations. As I write there are only 2 more mail delivery days before we leave and I still have not received our tickets for the events we have registered and paid for including tickets for Jon and Julie Lowe.

Jon and Julie have been in London with Jon's mother in Kingston upon Thames since mid May for the northern summer. I caught up with them during my recent visit and look forward to having them visit us for a night or two at our rented cottage in Stretton on Fosse in the Cotswolds in early August.

I am getting more reports of additional Aussies planning to attend the Centenary (at least 40. Dudley and Cheryl Pusey, who came out from England to attend the MOCA 50th anniversary Muster in Bathurst using my 4/4 for the event, are organising a pub lunch in Gloucestershire for visiting Aussies which promises to be a great day out. We are looking forward to that and meeting up with touring Aussies generally.

Our UK correspondent Dave and Val Taylor, who produced the report on our visit to Waddesdon Manor in the last SunMog, will also be staying with us in the Gloucestershire cottage. Dave was very helpful on my visit in May organizing a pre MOT inspection for my UK +8 and the actual inspection on the day of my 65th birthday, May 15th. The mandatory UK MOT (roadworthy) annual inspection is very comprehensive and takes an hour to complete. They even do rolling road brake tests in addition to the usual lights, wipers, horn, tyres and suspension tests.

MOQ had a great weekend away in Lismore on the weekend July 5th and 6th. The weather was kind and the company great. A separate report covers this activity although I would like to especially thank Cam and Glyn Macphee for putting on a great morning tea before we set off on the run down the Lions Road to Kyogle for lunch.

Tom returning home from Lismore / Murwillumbah (Photo – Patty Beecham)

The cancellation of the RACQ Motorfest event on June 28th was a major disappointment for many of us especially as Morgan was to be the featured marque. Although the day dawned bright and sunny the previous Friday night inundated the Eagle Farm racecourse making the grass areas unsuitable to vehicular traffic. Our Bundaberg members Terry and Regie Lewis made a big effort to come down for this event and it was only when they arrived at my house for the pre event BBQ that they learnt of the cancellation. I hope all is forgiven and they come next year.

As I complete this report only 3 more sleeps till Lynn and I head off for the UK. The Qld contingent that I am aware of is Jon & Julie Lowe, Stefan Wolf and ourselves. I will do a report on the event for the next SunMog issue.

SECRETARIES REPORT

Christine Stevens

RACQ has invited the Morgans to be the feature vehicle at All British Day, Sunday 20th September. We have received the invite informally and they are now putting the information into writing and sending it through to make it official.

The Morgans *were* to have prime billing at the RACQ Motorfest but, unfortunately, that was washed out. There was too much rain leading up to the event and just could not proceed. They even paid for Chris Van Wek's Aero to be transported up from Melbourne for the event and it spent its days at Andrews Airport Carpark before being transported back to Melbourne.

In addition to the Aero, there would have been 12 other Morgans at Motorfest. Those entered were Neil Littler, Errol Rumpf, Clive Boyle, Vernon Hoggs, Cam Macphee, Patty Beecham, (Chris Beecham in the Lotus), Jon Voller, Tom Fairhall, Terry Lewis, Bob & Maria Adie and, of course, Greg and I. We even had the 3-wheeler on the Motorfest car badge. Those entered would have received their "goodies bag" from RACQ by now, along with their car badge.

Terry and Regie left Bundaberg, with Morgan in tow, and drove through the rain to attend Motorfest. It was not until they arrived at Tom's for the Pre-Motorfest barbeque that they heard the news that Motorfest was cancelled. Terry was not sure if he should believe us; he thought (hoped) that we were "pulling his leg". Their Morgan had just returned from a new paint-job one week previously and they had their costumes packed. They were ready to take a trophy (or 2) back with them to Bundaberg. As always, they put in a big effort.

Tom and Lynn, thanks for having the barbeque at your home. Everyone that attended enjoyed having a look through your recently renovation (moved, lifted and renewed!!) home. Gee, it was cold that night!

Greg and I have had a busy time with the preparations for the National Morgan Centennial celebrations in Inverell. Chris and Patty have been telling us that it is going to be cold in Inverell so we have looked up their temperatures for October 2008. If the weather is the same it will be just perfect. Their average temperature for October was a low of 10.8C and a high of 24.7C. The average temperature at 9am was 17C. That sounds good to me! I am sure that all that attend will thoroughly enjoy the event.

The majority of the Queensland contingent is staying at the Inverell RSM Motel. It is due to be completed 1st August. I have been speaking with the Motel manager but, as he has not officially started yet, if you wish to stay there please give me a call. I will allocate you a room and pass the information onto the manager when he is ready for it. There are upstairs and downstairs rooms so let me know if you have a preference but, basically, it is first in first served. Unfortunately, it does not have under cover parking but is the newest motel in town, next door is the RSM for afternoon "happy hour" and it is a 600m walk to the Friday and Sunday night venues.

Get your thinking caps on for your outfits for the Sunday Presentation Dinner Dance – Black, White and Fast (Black and white or Fast or a combination). Really, the possibilities *are* endless. Greg is organised – but it will not stand out like his Canary Yellow (sorry, Greg – gold!) suit that he wore at Bathurst. I thought I was organised until Greg came up

with another idea for me. We are hoping that Julia Woolgar from the UK will be able to make it to Inverell. She will be good for an interesting outfit. Elaine, we know that you will have the girls' outfits under control. We look forward to seeing what you create for them.

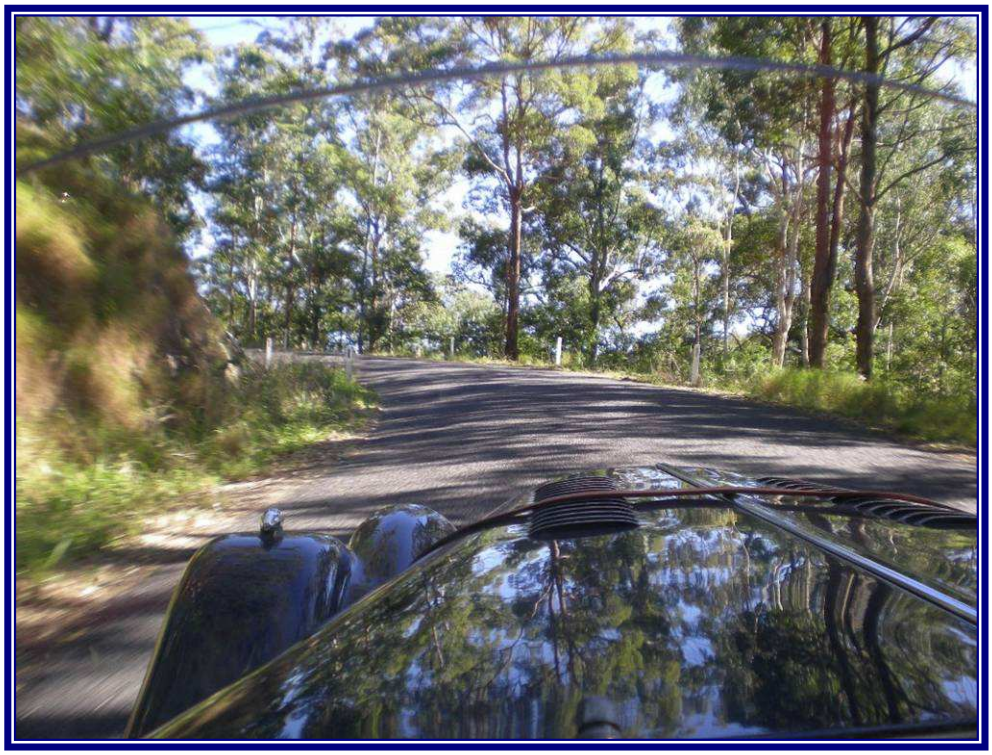
Tom, Lynn and Stefan are currently in the UK and the Morgan Centenary celebrations started on Friday 24th July. The Prescott Garden Party and hill-climb was over the weekend. I believe Stefan attended both days. Tom and Lyn attended one day and Tom was booked in for the Hill-climb. We haven't heard an update since then but he will have plenty to tell us next newsletter.

Greg recently wrote an article regarding a "visit" we had whilst in Melbourne for my 49th birthday (yes, 49 – not 50 yet!). It was not a Morgan event but it after relaying it to the president of VicMog he wanted a copy of the story – so I am printing it for you all to have a laugh.

I mention VicMog – We decided to phone John Beezley (their president) after we arrived in Melbourne on the chance that there may have been a Morgan event that weekend. If so, we were going to tag along. There was nothing planned so John did a ring-around and organised a lunch for the next day.

We had about a 3-hour lunch with John, his wife and the club Social Secretary (Brian, I think). There was good food, good company and good conversation so the time passed quickly. Lunch was at the Kent Hotel in Rathdowne Village, North Carlton. Mark this one down for your next visit to Melbourne. Not being locals, we tend to visit Lygon Street. Rathdowne Village (Rathdowne Street) is a street or 2 up from Lygon Street and is definitely well worth a visit.

I have no other updates for you at this stage so, until next "SunMog", enjoy Morganing!



The view from the secretary's seat……..

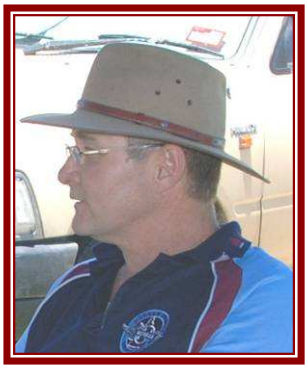
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

- Terry & Regie Lewis, Bundaberg

FUTURE MOQ EVENTS

Greg Stevens



Happy Birthday to Morgan, happy 100th to you!

Well this is it; the 100th birthday party weekend is here! Reading various Morgan web pages and magazines there are parties planned worldwide to celebrate this great achievement.

This is also the weekend of the major party in the UK. To our overseas readers, enjoy it all and stay safe. We have several MOQ members in the UK so we will have 1st hand reports as they come in to share in future editions of SunMog.

To those of you traveling the Bundy for the Queensland celebration, have a great few days. Christine and I are sorry we are missing it. We have sent our apologizes and best wishes. As many of you know we operate trade shows at swap meets from Rocky in the north to Sydney to the south, this weekend happens to be Rocky on the Saturday so we have to wait for the national centenary celebration in October in Inverell.

We even looked at leaving the 4/4 at Gin Gin on the way up to Rocky, picking it up on the way south on Sunday morning to join the Bundy party for the day. Regrettably, the timing was just not going to make it possible.

RACQ Batteries All British Day.

You will see an invitation in this edition of SunMog from the organising committee; this is to all Queensland Morgan Owners to attend All British Day in September. We all know of the disappointment of missing our special day at the RACQ Motorfest due to the rain leading up to the day of the event. We were to be in a great position and receive special attention as the featured marque on the day.

We now have a second chance to assemble as special guests of the RACQ at this day, celebrating the best of British. Unfortunately I will be by myself, as Christine will be in Alice Springs attending the AGM of the Australian Historic Motoring Federation. This annual meeting is hard to avoid as she is the national secretary for the group.

Hope to see you there. The details of entering are in the invitation from the RACQ.

The Morgan National Centenary Tour, Inverell. October 9th to 12th

Inverell is not far away now. We are hoping for great weather. It can be cool in Inverell at this time of year so be sure to bring your driving jackets! We have spare hat clips if you would like some to send Morgan owners who may not have received some; just ask.

We have had artwork created for our Australian Morgan Centenary. (You may notice the use of green and gold.) We are at this moment deciding if we will spend even more money to have a car badge struck for this occasion.

Surprisingly, up until now anyway, and the year will soon come to a close, there has been no Aussie Centenary car badge available (that we have seen). Christine and I will probably go ahead and have 100 made; you will see the artwork within this edition of SunMog.

Please let us know if you are interested as this will help us make up our mind! Car badges of good quality tend to sell for about $40.

Bye for now, stay safe,

Greg

Lismore weekend

Morgan Centenary Tour
Inverell 2009
9th to 12th October 2009

To all Morgan Enthusiasts,

To celebrate the 100th year of the Morgan and to mark this outstanding achievement, we invite all Morgan owners to beautiful Inverell in country New South Wales for 4 days of country hospitality and open roads made for Morgan enjoyment.

The details of the National Morgan Centenary Tour in Inverell have been finalised and are enclosed. Please send us your completed registration form along with payment.

We look forward to seeing you in Inverell for the National Celebration of 100 years of Morgan.

Regards
Greg & Christine Stevens and the Tour Committee

Morgan Centenary Tour
Inverell 2009
Organising Committee

If you have any questions about the Morgan Centenary Tour – Inverell 2009, feel free to contact us

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PROGRAM

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Friday 9th to Monday 12th October

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FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER	
10:00am to 3:00pm	**Registrations** will be taking place at the Tourist Information Centre, Campbell Street, Inverell.
Afternoon	**Optional Runs –** The day can be spent checking in and having a look around town or at a variety of attractions in the area. Information will be supplied in your Tour Booklet; you will receive this at registration.
6:30pm	**Welcome Dinner** at the Riverside Function Centre, with finger food, fine wine and a drink or three!

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER	
8:30 to 9:00am	**A drive in the country** – taking in Copeton Dam, Bingara and Delungra. Lunch is at a venue of your choice. There are several places along the way at either Bingara or Delungra where you can purchase your lunch and relax. **We have a separate run for the 3-Wheelers** today. Lunch is at the Delungra Tavern where you will meet up with the other Morgan drivers.
Afternoon	**Winery visit** to Thomas New England Winery
6:30pm	**Dinner** is at the Inverell Transport Museum. You will be served a gourmet BBQ whilst you enjoy music and recitals from a bush poet. Included is access to the displays and also includes collector porcelain dolls, depression era glass and sewing machines.

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER	
8:30 to 9:00am	**Morning Run –** You will travel through Tinga, a historic mining town, and Gilgai where you may choose to call into the Gilgai Winery.
11:30am to 2:00pm	**Morgan Display –** On the lawns of Tourist Information Centre, giving the public an opportunity to view the Morgan's.
Afternoon	**Optional Runs** as per Tour Booklet.
6:30pm	**Presentation Dinner Dance** is at the Riverside Function Centre. **"Black and White" and "Fast" are the Themes for the Dinner Dance.** After dinner and the awards you can enjoy the music and dance the night away.

MONDAY 12th OCTOBER	
From 7:30am	**Farewell Breakfast** at the Inverell Transport Museum. This give you a chance to farewell others before you set off for your drive home.
Optional drives	Included in this Tour Booklet is a selection of additional drives and attractions should you wish to say on longer and enjoy the Inverell hospitality.

REGISTRATION
When we receipt your payment we will send you a copy of the Inverell Visitors Centre's tourist information booklet and a special gift. You then a chance to study up on Inverell and the surrounding area before you arrive. Often, we find we arrive at these events and don't have time to study the area until we get home, sometimes wishing we knew about a particular attraction in the area.

INVERELL
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

Inverell is an excellent location for car-based events and offers, as well as other benefits, a car club friendly Council, a Transport Museum of National standing, ample motels, B&B's, cabins and other accommodation. There are numerous facilities and points of interest and a regional road network ideally suited to Morgans.

ACCOMMODATION
We have visited and selected 5 motels in Inverell for the Morgan Centenary Tour. Over 100 rooms have been set aside in the name of "Morgan Centenary Tour". These rooms are booked for 3 nights – 9th, 10th and 11th October 2009.

The block bookings will be held at each motel until 31st August 2009. The details of the motels are listed below, and you should make your own booking with the motel in your name (except Inverell RSM Motel as motel new and due for completion mid-July). Please remember to mention the Morgan Centenary Tour when you make your booking confirmation.

Inverell RSM Motel *(opening 1st August 2009)*		*Book through Christine*		
	Evans Street	*on 0419 789151*	$110	double
Cousins Motor Inn	Glen Innes Road	02 6722-3566	$ 95	double
Inverell Terrace Motor Lodge	Warialda Road	02 6722-5200	$109	double
Sapphire City Motel	Glen Innes Road	02 67222500	$ 99	double
Top of the Town	Warialda Road	02 6722-4044	$98-$108 dbl	

There is a large selection of other motels, B&B's and cabin accommodation available in Inverell. We also have this information available to you.

PHOTOS OF MORGAN
We ask that you include a photograph of your car when you send us your Registration Form. These photos can be sent in printed or electronic format.

PRESENTATION DINNER DANCE
This is the formal night of the Tour to celebrate 100 years of the Morgan. "Black, White and Fast" are the themes so get your thinking caps on and organise your outfit. You may go for the Black and White or Fast or go for a combination. The possibilities are endless……..

REGISTRATION FORM
Morgan Centenary Tour – Inverell 2009
9th to 12th October 2009

Please complete this form and forward with your payment ***AND MORGAN PHOTOGRAPH by Friday 29th August 2009*** *(For entries after this date please contact Christine Stevens phone 0419 789151 or email 2009@morganownersqueensland.org.au)*

Payment can be make payable by any of the 3 following methods:

1. Cheque payable to Morgan Owners Queensland (Inc)
2. Credit card – but a 2% fee is payable.
3. Direct bank deposit with your name as the reference – BSB 638-010, a/c 11362804.

Entry Form to be forwarded to Morgan Owners Queensland Inc.

1. Post to PO Box 246, Nundah Qld 4012; or
2. Fax to (07) 3256 6211; or
3. Email to 2009@morganownersqueensland.org.au

Drivers Name: _____

Adult Passenger: _____

Children attending: _____ (age) _____

_____ (age) _____

Home Address: _____

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Email address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____

Work: _____

Mobile: _____

Details of Morgan you plan to drive: Year: _____ Model: _____

Colour: _____ Registration: _____

If you are not bringing a Morgan, do you need a seat in a Morgan? _____

And what are the details of your Morgan? Year: _____ Model: _____

Cost per Adult $200	_____	@ $ 200 each	$_____
Cost per Child (Age – up to 12 years)	_____	@ $ 100 each	$_____
Cost per Child (Age – 13 to 17 years)	_____	@ $ 150 each	$_____

(Included – Tour Booklet & documentation & prizes, Friday welcome dinner, Saturday dinner amongst the cars, Sunday presentation dinner dance, Monday farewell breakfast and some beer and wine included)

Subtotal $_____

Less Registration Fee $50 *(Only for those who have paid a deposit)* $_____

Total $_____

PLEASE ADVISE Special Dietary Requirements: _____

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A CUP OF HOT SASSAFRAS, VICTORIA 3787

June 13th 2009

Greg Stevens

It was while we were in Melbourne for a weekend, celebrating Christine's birthday in June, we took a drive up to the Dandenongs for the afternoon. We dropped into the railway station at Belgrave, just as the steam train arrived full of families after an enjoyable days outing through the mountains.

We drove on and arrived at the village of Sassafras. On the way into the village, on a hill on the left, was an old church operating as Brother Jon's scone café. We drove through the village and decided to turn around and drop into Brother Jon's, find a warm corner and enjoy a hot coffee and a plate of scones, strawberry jam and cream.

As we parked the car we noted an old man, bent over from time, standing inside the closed door welcoming us inside. Pleasant enough, we thought; this will be good. Once we walked in the side door where he stood, we noticed the church was set up as a wedding venue, white benches lined up facing the front. The place was also available for weddings as well as a scone.

He shuffled along in front of us through the warm café, past the pretend log fire which regardless was nice and warm, through a pair of French doors outside to a covered outdoors patio area enclosed by café blinds. It was bloody freezing; this was a day where it was blowing a very cold wind at about 35 knots directly from the South Pole! We sat at a table covered by disgustingly grubby white tablecloth, spotted with breakfast, morning tea and lunch stains of the day! We simply brushed the larger lumps off onto the floor before we sat down!

As I sat down I told Christine I was going to the car to get my coat as the 2 electric heaters in this area made little difference. As I walked through the warm café, which held no customers at the probably 20 table's setup with all the trimmings, I told the old guy we were cold and could we sit inside. He replied, "No. It was all setup for the wedding", Oh well. It was worth asking, I thought.

I came back with my coat and Christine was cold as the café blind did not meet the garden bed which was about waist high. The wind was coming straight through and hitting us in the back! We asked if could move tables. He reluctantly moved us to another equally dirty table, "next to the heater"! We wondered why we were not seated here in the first place!?

We sat for a couple of minutes. We were the only customers in the entire place. Another couple were soon escorted through the French doors and sat close to us. They were obviously cold and soon walked inside, asked the obvious question and were seated at a table on the other side of the windows from us enjoying the warmth!

We also walked in and demanded to be seated inside as well. He grumbled and cleared a table of all the bling wedding stuff and let us sit. He resumed his place at the closest table to the fire with his back to it. Christine and I, and the other couple, sat about 6 metres away from the fire, but it was a lot better than outside!

By this time the old boy was getting agitated with us as we were obviously nuisance customers, the type we all know, put on this earth for one reason, to be a pain in the bum of Brother Jon! The coffee and scones arrived, very nice they were too. We spoke to the other couple who could not believe the old guys behavior either. Her coffee had arrived

and she had finished it. As their scones arrived he asked if he could have his coffee as he would *love* the have it with his scones. The old guy asked if he was sure he did not have it? I suggested he check his pockets.

The conversation/banter went back and forward between us, the customers. The other guy asked, as a matter of course, “Oh, when is the wedding? Is it tonight?” The answer – “In a couple of weeks”.

Imagine how we all felt, all the drama about the place being set up for a wedding. We were there to get warm and enjoy the pleasant environment! As we gathered ourselves up and continued with the banter, a group of 3 ladies walked in. I stood and said they could have our table and pleaded with the old guy not to seat them outside!

He marched them to the French doors, sat them outside and returned back inside and shut the doors behind him to keep the warmth in, and resumed his place beside the fire. The ladies looked amazed; they were out in the cold with us inside in the warm café. I told him as he shut the doors to bring them in and sit them at our table as we were leaving. He snapped at me, “Don’t tell me how to run my business”! I naturally smiled and ignored him. It was not long before the ladies opened the doors and walked out!

He snapped at me, “You just cost me 3 customers”. I replied, “No, it is your silly attitude that cost you 3 customers”. Christine had followed the 3 ladies out the door to catch them to tell them the story as I stood there trying to pay my $30 account. He went on and on about me telling him how to run his business, and how I cost him customers.

Christine was not able to catch the ladies. They escaped that quickly she could not get to them before they disappeared!

We laughed as we drove out of the quaint and somewhat queer village of Sassafras, Victoria, 3787.

THE MORGAN AND THE TIGER MOTH

David & Val Taylor (UK)

For one of my ‘special’ birthdays, my 3 daughters gave me a voucher for a flight in a ‘Tiger Moth.’

After several abortive attempts to fly (due to inclement weather) I finally got the flight from a small airfield near Sheffield, UK.

We travelled to the airport in the Morgan, the weather was brilliant. The flight was more exciting that I had imagined and was over far too quickly. Unfortunately the photos which I was promised did not come out due to a fault in the disposable camera which was supplied as part of the package.

Bearing in mind that Mr Branson has got more money then me (really!), I wrote to 'Virgin Experiences' and tongue in cheek asked for a repeat flight so that I could have the accompanying photos. To my surprise, a voucher for a further flight was in the post.

Again, Val and I set off in the Morgan to the airfield (this time in the vicinity of Gloucester). We were greeted my a female pilot who took us through the flight and checking-in procedure etc. She also told us that her father had a Morgan when she was a youngster and she remembered quite vividly driving it around the country lanes where she lived - well before she was old enough for a licence!

She told us to return in an hour's time for the flight. The flight was to be in a Stampe (the French equivalent of the 'Tiger Moth') - hopefully more reliable than a Citroen or a Renault!

Over a cup of coffee I suggested to Val that she might like to take the flight as it is a great experience and it was our Wedding Anniversary that week. (Quite a gentlemanly gesture I thought).

Val was thrilled at the suggestion and so we returned at the appointed time and Val was rigged out in sheepskin ready for the trip - which she thoroughly enjoyed. She also said what an exhilarating experience it had been and said it was like 'flying in a Morgan'! Although she turned down the option of a "barrel roll!"

Val in the "Stampe"

Nevertheless, when we returned home - daughters 1, 2 and 3, all said what a lovely gesture I had made - but then voiced their opinion that I had only offered Val the flight when I saw the pilot was a woman! What moi?? Never!!

Anyway, between us we had some memorable moments in the Tiger Moth and the Stampe. I have attached some pictures as the ground staff were kind enough to let me drive the Morgan airside and take some pictures.

Hope you enjoy them. Regards to you all.

David and Val Taylor

David, Morgan & the "Stampe"

NORTHERN NSW VIA THE LIONS ROAD (Weekend with an Aviation Twist)

Clive Boyle

Special thanks to Greg & Christine for organizing the weekend and to Cam & Glyn for their hospitality and a great morning tea.

Up early Saturday morning, brrrr a bit chilly but perfect mogging weather. Headed off to meet Greg, Christine & Tom at Maclean's Bridge North Maclean. Waiting, waiting thought we might be in the wrong park but all okay; they were delayed by a fatality on the Gateway Arterial.

Off from Maclean's Bridge to Kooralbyn for morning tea and meeting at Cam (Vespa) & Glyn's country retreat. Tom looked very cosy in the +8 with hood up and heater on. Lucky boy – no heater in my 4/4.

Christine, Lee, Clive, Tom Cam & Glyn (Photo – Greg Stevens)

Super morning tea provided by Cam & Glyn! Greg was not sure what to eat first. Sandwiches, scones (jam & cream mandatory), fruit cake or fruit platter with camembert accompanied the coffee and tea All this was enjoyed on the verandah, sun shining, high up on the range (second gear for the 4/4) overlooking Kooralbyn Valley.

The 5th MOQ meeting was held after morning tea and in general business Cam advised that his horn was not working. After some ribald jokes about that admission, experts inspected the car but nothing obvious was revealed. Cam would join us on the run to Kyogle for lunch but then had to return to Brisbane for family duties (baby sitting grand children for the first time).

Four Mogs – Clive & Lee Boyle 4/4 2-seater, Greg & Christine Stevens 4/4 4-seater, Cam Macphee, 4/4 4-seater & Tom Fairhall +8 set off on what is a fantastic drive on the great Lions Road across the McPherson Range to Kyogle. This road was surely built with Morgans in mind, has numerous water crossings and travels through rolling hills, very scenic.

Lunch was at a local pub at Kyogle. Good food & drink, and in the bar we met a local lady who makes pickles. Purchasing her remaining supply made her day. Greg was confused about the size of glasses when ordering beers – much to the amusement of the locals. Their amusement waned when the State of Origin was mentioned

More rolling hills, great Morgan roads and a quick drive through Nimbin which is an eye opener! A circuit of the town produced comments like, “Hey man, where are all these old cars coming from?” A dodgy fuel gauge meant a slight delay leaving Nimbin and a further circuit of the town to find a petrol station. I (Clive) must get that fixed one day.

On arrival in Lismore booked into Lismore Wilson Motel where we met Chris & Patty Beecham, who had arrived earlier from Brisbane in their +4. (We all now know the key to the fuel cap is the little fat one). Happy hour on the verandah of the motel got everybody in the mood for dinner at the Lismore Workers Club. Very warm inside the club – freezing outside! Patty found a mood room at the rear of the club and many more drinks were consumed before Chris (Beecham) decided it would be a good idea to take the courtesy bus back to the motel. The courtesy bus stopped running at 9.00pm and as the time was now 10.00pm we decided to walk – freezing outside!! It was an interesting return to the motel as we arrived there in a taxi; you can work that one out.

Breakfast had been organized in the sun at the Eltham Valley Pantry which turned out to be a café set in a beautiful valley about a 10-15 minute drive from Lismore. There, we met Tom’s brother Monty from Ballina and Ian & Zi-Zi, friends of Chris & Patty from nearby Clunes. Cars were parked amongst the bare Pecan trees in full view from our breakfast table which was a little chilly in the shade.

With the sun was approaching Tom decided to put the hood down and took some time doing this. People were heard to comment that he only did this so that when he sat down at the table he would be in the sun. He was! After breakfast we had a guided tour of the Pecan factory which is a third generation family business and located behind the café. I think we were all surprised at the process and its relative simplicity.

With the weather still perfect we headed off to Murwillumbah via Mullumbimby & Burringbar. On arrival in Murwillumbah we visited friends of Greg & Christine who run Mothcair at the airfield. This company, run by Greg Challinor & his brother Nick, restore, maintain and rebuild bi-planes. Greg gave us a guided tour of the operation and it was pleasing to see the passion these men have for their aircraft and their willingness to share that passion. They were more than happy to roll a recently restored 1934 De Havilland Leopard Moth out of the hangar onto the green grass for a photo shoot with the four Morgans. Some great photos were taken by Patty and others.

Greg, his son Marty & daughter Kassie, joined us for lunch at the Imperial Hotel before we all departed on our separate ways. Tom, Chris & Patty back to Brisbane, Clive & Lee to Pottsville to visit a friend and Greg & Christine back to the airfield for a joy flight.

A great weekend was had by all sharing our love of the marque and good company.

Greg Challenor & Greg Stevens (Photo – Christine)

Chris & Patty Beecham on their way home (Photo – Patty)

Minutes – 5th Meeting
MORGAN OWNERS QUEENSLAND (INC)
White Place, Kooralbyn
Saturday 4th July 2009

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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GENERAL COMMITTEE

Rally Co-ordinator: Greg Stevens – Ph 3260 6197 or 0418 873233 – Email events@morganownersqueensland.org.au
Dating Officer – Clive Boyle – Email dating@morganownersqueensland.org.au
Qld Combined Council of Historic Vehicle Clubs Delegates: Christine Stevens

The Meeting was opened by Tom Fairhall at 10.00am

1. **PRESENT –** Tom Fairhall, Lynn Fairhall, Cam Macphee, Glyn Macphee, Clive Boyle, Lee Boyle, Greg Stevens & Christine Stevens.
2. **APOLOGIES –** Brian Hollins, Helen Stehbens, Geoff Stehbens, Elaine Stehbens, Laurie Isaacs, Lyn Cobb, Lynn Fairhall, Andrew Dawson & Ray Nicholls. John & Julie Turnbull of Armidale, Jon & Lyndal Voller, & Peter & Pam Andrews also but in their apologies that they could not attend the weekend.
3. **VISITORS –** nil
4. **PRESIDENTS REPORT –** Tom advised they are expencing over 4.000 Morgans at Cheltanham Racecourse for the UK Centenary Celebrations. He is going the Prescott Hill Climb Saturday 24th July. Photos and articles will follow.
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

   a) Office of Fair Trading advised our AGM date is 31/12/2009. Following investigation I confirmed that our club financial year is to 30th June annually and we have 6 months in which we are required to hold our AGM. It was therefore decided to hold the AGM after the Inverell event at the Christmas run and lunch with the forms to be lodged with the Office of Fair Trading by 31/1/2010.

6. **SECRETARIES REPORT**

   MOQ membership has been growing steadily with everyone contributing in some way. Formation meeting for MOQ was 24/5/2009 with 10 members. Cam & Glyn joined 4 days later (they didn't know of the formation meeting). By 31/12/2008 we had 20 memberships, 24 by 30/6/09. Andrew and Ray did not renew – they were there to swell the numbers to get the club formed – taking membership to 22.

   Our insurance policy is current to 31/10/2009

   INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

   - Email from RACQ declining sponsorship for the Morgan Centenary Tour
   - Email from Ray Nichols advising he is not renewing membership
   - Letter from Andrew Dawson resigning from MOQ due to other commitments.
   - Membership application – Terry & Regie Lewis
   - Speed on Tweed – 5th & 6th September, purchase early-bird tickets at $20 per person.
   - Email – Gold Coast Hinterland Autorama09 – 31st Oct.-1st Nov. 2009

- Apology emails as listed in apologies
- Email from RACQ advising Motorfest is cancelled for 2009

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

- o Numerous emails to MOCA, SA and VicMog and all Morgan people on my database with information and Registration form for Inverell
- o Letter to Craig Atkins, WA with information and Registration form for Inverell

Christine Stevens moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted and outwards correspondence be adopted. Seconded: Clive Boyle. All in favour.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

a) Vice-President to be elected – to be carried over into General Business

b) Dating officer to be elected – to be carried over into General Business

c) QCCHVC – discuss in general business

8. **TREASURERS REPORT** – Lynn Fairhall

No report as Lynn was not present but we have funds and there were no payments out.

9. **NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING –** Applications for membership have been received from the following:

- Neil & Patricia Littler
- Terry & Regie Lewis

Acceptance of the above members moved by Greg Stevens. Seconded by Lee Boyle. All in favour.

Note – membership fees are due 30th June annually

10. REGALIA & REGALIA OFFICER – apologies received from Brian Hollins. Brian has the club shirts available. Christine Stevens advised that Patty Beecham has asked about Morgan jackets. It was agreed that members can provide their jackets and we will arrange to get them embroidered with the club logo.

11. EVENTS – Greg Stevens to report

a) Speed on Tweed – 5th & 6th September – *information available – a good event*

b) All British Day – Sunday 20th September – Celebrating 100 years of Morgan – Greg is working with Renee from RACQ for this. More will follow.

c) Noosa Classic – Sunday 27th September – *information available*

d) Morgan Centenary Tour – Inverell (Greg to report on this separately)

e) Christmas run & AGM & meeting & lunch – Sunday 29th November – Lee suggested that we have lunch at Mount Tamborine. This is yet to be organised.

f) February – Breakfast meeting – date & location to be advised

g) May – National Motoring Heritage Day – Sunday 16th

12. MORGAN CENTENARY TOUR – INVERELL – Greg or Christine Stevens to give update

a) Committee members – volunteers

- Greg & Christine Stevens – Tour Co-ordinators
- Tom & Lyn Fairhall – Tour Committee
- Cam & Glyn Macphee – Tour Committee

- Brian Hollins & Helen Stehbens – Tour Committee

b) Update

- Registration forms released – closing date 29/8/2009
- $200 per adult; $100 children up to 12 years; $150 children 13 to 17 years.
- We have a lot of promises of entries, including 3-wheelers (but forms only released 2/7/09)
- There will be another article re the event in the next MOCA Morgan Ear
- Graham Mitchell printed out Registration forms and took to the MOCA meeting Thursday 2nd July
- John Beezley, VicMog, took the information to their meeting Friday 3rd July
- Give a run-down of the 4-day event.

13. **SUNMOG NEWSLETTER** – Closing date for the next issue is 15th July 2009 – Please email articles, for sales, etc to editor@morganownersqueensland.org.au

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS –**

a) ELECTION OF OFFICES TO REPLACE RESIGNATIONS

- Vice-President – Cam Macphee Nominated by Glyn Macphee Seconded by Clive Boyle. All in favour.
- Dating Officer – Clive Boyle. Nominated by Lee Boyle. Seconded by Cam Macphee. All in favour.

b) QCCHVC – We have received the annual a/c for $35. All present agreed that we will renew membership.

c) OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

– Greg advised that they have been promotion the Morgan Centenary Tour in Inverell. They had dinner with Craig and Penny Atkins in Perth, attended Winton Historic Racing in Victoria, with a Morgan display (took both Morgans) and had lunch with John Beezley, president of VicMog.

– Greg Stevens gave an official thank-you to Cam and Glyn for hosting us in their home for the meeting and for the spectacular morning tea.

15. **THE NEXT MEETING** will be October – in Inverell

16. THE MEETING CLOSED at 11.05am

CLASSIFIEDS

King Pins & Bushes

Tom has the second batch of locally manufactured King Pins and bushes available and ready for sale.

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
Phone: 07 3260 6197

MORGAN OWNERS QUEENSLAND INC

EVENTS 2009 – 2010

JULY 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Thursday 30th to Monday 3rd August	MOCA Qld Centenary Celebrations	Bundaberg – Enquiries Gerald Snelling, Bruce Callaghan & Ed Filmer.

AUGUST 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Friday 14th to Sunday 16th	Lismore Rally	This is an invitational rally, hosted by the Northern Rivers Vintage Club. Should you require additional information please contact Greg Stevens.

SEPTEMBER 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th	Speed on Tweed	Earlybird tickets $20 per person per day. Award for the "Best Car of the Show" Sunday. Enquiries 02 6676 7029 or info@speedontweed.com.au or Ken McAndrew ph 02 6679 1006 or 0407 822025
Sunday 20th	RACQ Batteries All British Day	St Josephs Sports Fields, Vivian Avenue, Tennyson – Celebrating 100 years of Morgan

OCTOBER 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Friday 9th to Monday 12th	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 2009@morganownersqueensland.org.au

NOVEMBER 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sunday 29th	AGM & Christmas Lunch	*Details to be advised – at this stage we will be having lunch at Mt Tamborine (Good suggestion Lee) so mark the day in your diaries.*

DECEMBER 2009

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Lights Run	*This will be on the Southside. Details to be advised – current plan is meet & light dinner, lights run, followed by coffee.*

FEBRUARY 2010

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sunday TBA	Breakfast & meeting	*Details to be advised – all suggestions are welcomed.*