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*Sunday 23rd October – MOQ Presidents Run, Meeting, AGM & Lunch – to Kenilworth,
then the Woombye Pub*

Sunday 20th November – MOQ Christmas Lunch – details to be advised

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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.

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.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Full year: \$50.00 per calendar year – DUE 30TH June annually

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REGALIA

Club merchandise can be purchased by contacting Lee Boyle, whose email address is listed within the Management Committee.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Christine Stevens



It is now just one week until our AGM and I have been “steering” MOQ as President for 1 year. The next SunMog you receive will be from your new committee. All roles will be “up for grabs? And you are encouraged to volunteer for any role where you feel your expertise and passion can make a difference. As we fly on our Morgan Owners Queensland banners, we are “Sharing the Passion”.

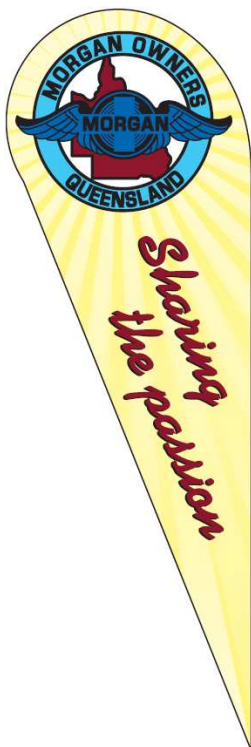
There are some MOQ members that still have not paid their membership. If you are unsure if you have paid, please check with Lee and she will be able to assist you. If Lee is not available, feel free to contact me and I will assist.

We have had a variety of Morgan events throughout the year commencing with Stefan's Shed run in January. This was an *extremely* wet day with the majority of us arriving in tin-tops – except for Lyle. This was the debut for Lyle's Brisbane (or Auckland) based 4/4. This event had a great attendance considering the weather. What we didn't know at the time was that Brisbane was to be inundated by floods only 3 days later.

Stefan organised a late afternoon / evening run to Victoria Point where we all shared our dinner and barbeques, overlooking the boat ramp by the moonlight. Events like this are ideal for our summer months whilst it is too uncomfortable to drive our Morgans any distance during the day.

Kerry Watts organised the May weekend in Wee Waa. We enjoyed the weekend and had a lot of laughs – many at the expense of Richard (alias Wichard). Great country hospitality Kerry and Merre – thanks again.

Greg organised a run for us in June driving through many of the areas that had been flooded in January. This was a great run, well planned and enjoyed by all. It was also good so see the repairs and how people have got on with their lives after such tragedy.



The July run date was changed after MOCA chose the same date for Christmas in July. We didn't want the 2 Morgan events to clash; enabling all to attend both if they wished.

Greg organised a weekend away in August, with an overnight stay in Warwick. We have not laughed so much for a very long time. Those that could not attend missed a great weekend. We look forward to seeing you all at the next weekend away.

Our next event is the Presidents Run and AGM. I do hope to see as many as possible attend and meet our new club members. We will be driving through the Sunshine coast hinterland which we always enjoy. Details are further along in “SunMog”

Our last event for the year will be our Christmas run and lunch on Sunday 20th November. This has not yet been finalised so details will be emailed to all members and all other Queensland Morgan owners. I am sure this year will be just as well attended (maybe more) as last years Christmas run.

Sharing the Passion!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Arthur and Rosemary Hall and daughter Phillipa, and Rob Goss are the latest to have joined us as members of Morgan Owners Queensland.

Arthur and Rosemary have recently purchased a 1949 Morgan 4/4 Series 1 in UK and are awaiting its export.

Rob has 2 Morgans and is known by many club members. I enjoyed reading the story on his 2 Morgans so I have included the information on his Morgans in this issue. Thanks Rob.

We look forward to seeing you all on many events – Welcome to you all!



- Rob Goss

1968 Morgan +4 SS

1972 Morgan 4/4 4-seater

- Arthur and Rosemary Hall (and daughter Phillipa)

1949 Morgan 4/4 Series 1

BIO FUELS & CLASSIC CAR ENGINES

Daimler & Lanchester Club, UK

Greg came across the article below that was published by The Daimler & Lanchester Club, UK. It is definitely well worth the read.

I spent 45 minutes today talking to the helpful people at SU carbs about problems with my carbs and the comments of other forum members. I discovered a load of stuff about modern day petrol that I never knew. Here's a brief summary of what SU told me:

1. The "copper coloured" residue all over the inside of my carbs is probably due to increasing levels of ethanol in petrol.
2. The darker "sludge" is probably the effect of the ethanol content of the petrol on the entire fuel system. It affects tank seals, various gaskets, rubber diaphragms and rubber based fuel lines.
3. Right now in the UK the ethanol content varies between 0.1% and 5% without any obligation of the provider to disclose the content level. It's referred to as E5.
4. By 2013 the level of ethanol will rise to 10%, referred to as E10, and will have to be declared at the pump at point of sale. France and the USA already have E10 petrol.
5. Some petrol companies in the UK will offer both E5 and E10, others won't.

6. E5 and E10 allegedly cause other problems by nature of the burning process. They burn later and with more heat. This will cause problems for car engines built before 1999.

Classic car engines won't have much of a defence against the extra heat, but retarding the ignition will help to accommodate the later burn.

7. E5 and E10 have allegedly caused the collapse of fibreglass fuel tanks.
8. The ethanol content is hygroscopic: it absorbs moisture.
9. If left standing, E5 and E10 will separate into layers (bottom layer water, middle layer ethanol, top layer petrol). They estimate 1 month for full separation. The less air in the tank the less moisture it can absorb. So drain your tank if you leave the car for more than 3 or 4 weeks.
10. E5 and E10 are corrosively galvanic. They are so aggressive that SU are no longer making brass needles, they're making them out of a nickel compound. They are experimenting with an electroplated protective layer on aluminium to protect carburetors – but anywhere that there are two different metals adjacent the effect is accelerated.
11. Two companies in the US are working on an additive that will prevent fuel separation.
12. E5 and E10 burn "drier" as well as hotter, so upper cylinder head lubricant additives may become increasingly important for classic cars.
13. Ethanol increases the volatility of petrol, likely to cause more air locks if the fuel lines get hot.
14. A major defence contractor (QuinteQ) has apparently produced a report for the government looking at the future of "green" additives like ethanol and came to the conclusion that there's a time bomb ticking.....

In summary: it seems the more ethanol that there is in petrol, the more problems for classic cars: from 2013 this could cause further problems.

The Federation of British Historic Vehicles Clubs has a paper on its website expressing concerns about bio fuels, and the internet is awash with alarmist articles. What price "green fuel" I wonder?



EDITOR'S REPORT

Christine Stevens

Hi – Me again! This time, I have my Editor's hat on.

As a result of sending out the last SunMog we have received emails from Jims Christophe in France, HamLong Chang from Kuala Lumpur, Julia Woolgar from the UK, Lindsay (VicMog Secretary), Geoff Hollings (Editor MOCA), John (MSCC Overseas Liaison Officer in the UK), Chris Van Wyk (Melbourne), Peter Alderdice (NZ), Michael Moore and Rob Poole as well as various club members. It is great to see that our club newsletter is being read and enjoyed by so many.

Lindsay (VicMog) forwarded SunMog on to all of the VicMog members and advised the feedback is very positive. We encourage all other clubs to forward our club newsletter on to their members.

Many of our overseas Morgan friends are currently in Australia or soon will be. HamLong has been in Melbourne visiting their grand children. Julia is currently in Western Australia in her Motorhome. She will meeting up with Lyle when she is in Perth. (Is Lyle ever home??) We hope to catch up with her when she returns south.

Jims Christophe's commented on the report of David and Val Taylor which included 2 pictures of Chateau des Alleux. Jims and Roselyne have stopped there for 10 years, nearly each time they visit England. The owners are nobles and are good company. The lady cooks nice home grown meals of rabbits. The landlord comes up for aperitif with half a dozen bottles of home made wines. It is situated just south of Abbeville, near Saint Quentin with its cathedral that can contain two normal size cathedrals. It is a place worth a visit. Also for Australians as there are some Commonwealth cemeteries of WW1 nearby.

Jims and Roselyne's daughter who lives in Adelaide had a foot operation so Roselyne spent a 1½ months with her. Roselyne returned to France on Saturday 3rd September with daughter and 3½ grandchildren. Greg and I were in Adelaide that same weekend but they flew out before our plane landed. We will have to coordinate our trips next time.

Terry and Rege Lewis have provided an article on the new Morgan 3-wheeler that are now being manufactured – thanks.



Dave and Val Taylor have been excellent supporters of SunMog and have provided an article on "Race for Life". It appears that Dave may have lost the Yellow Morgan (named "SunMog") even before it arrives in Australia – lost it to Val, that is.

Greg Lee's +8 is still for sale and the price has been reduced to \$59,500. All details are in the For Sale page towards the back of this newsletter.

David True's 1973 4/4

MOQ PRESIDENTS RUN, GENERAL MEETING & AGM – LUNCH AT WOOMBYE PUB

Sunday 23rd October 2011

It is Spring and the weather is great. It is time to dust off the Morgans if you haven't been out for a drive for a while. All are welcome so encourage ***all Morgan owners*** to come along and enjoy the day. If your Morgan is off the road, come along in a Modern and enjoy the day.

Below is the plan for Sunday 23rd October. We will have a country drive through the hinterland with some Morgan-style hills.

If you are unable to meet up with us at the start you may wish to join in along the way. You may decide to meet up with the group at Kenilworth, Woombye or somewhere along the way.

There is ample parking across from the hotel. We have requested a table near the front of the restaurant so you should be able to dine with your Morgan in view.

- 8:15am** Meet Caltex Carseldine (*Gympie Road – outbound side of Beams Road*)
- Drive through the Caltex service station and meet outside the shops on the exit side of the Caltex.*
- 8:30am** Departure from Caltex Carseldine
- 10:00am** Morning Tea at Kenilworth – BYO or purchase there.
- 11:00am** General meeting, followed by AGM
- 11:30am – 12:00noon** Departure from Kenilworth
- 12:30pm** Lunch at ***The Woombye Pub***, 3-5 Blackall Street, Woombye.



Further enquiries – Contact Christine Stevens 0419 789151

Chocks away! The three-wheeled flier

By Ray Massey
Transport Editor in Geneva

IT is the car that could have persuaded those magnificent men in their flying machines to take up motoring instead.

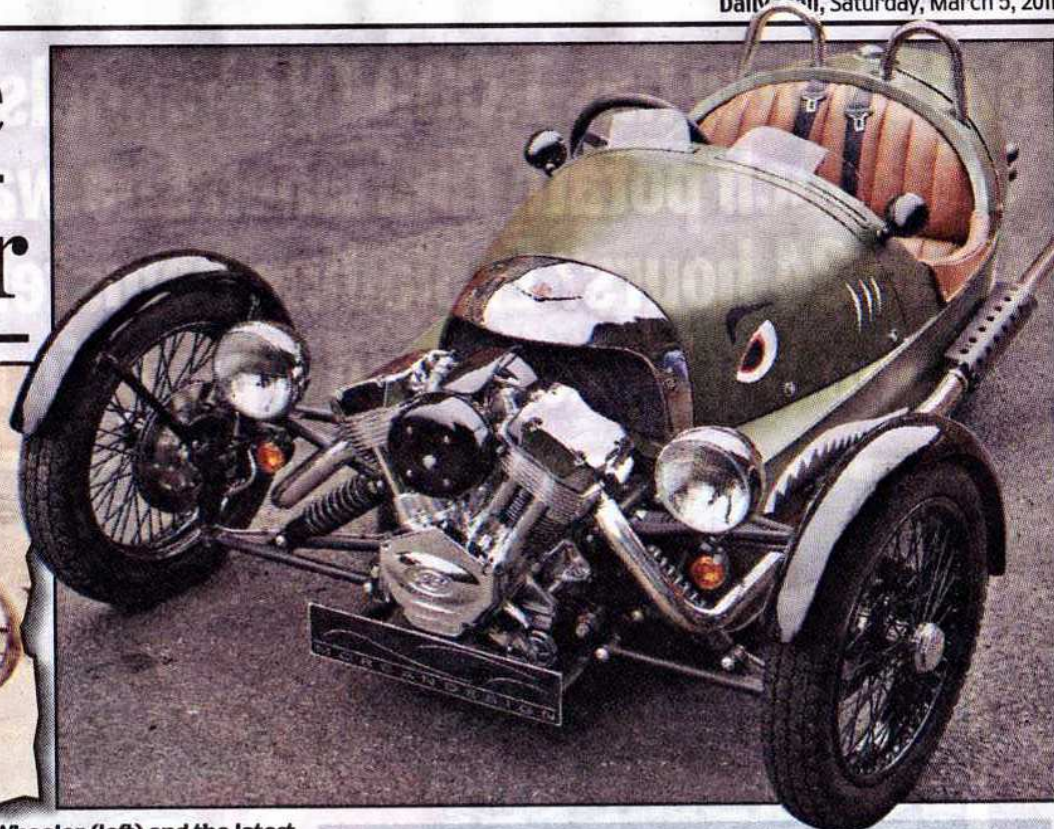
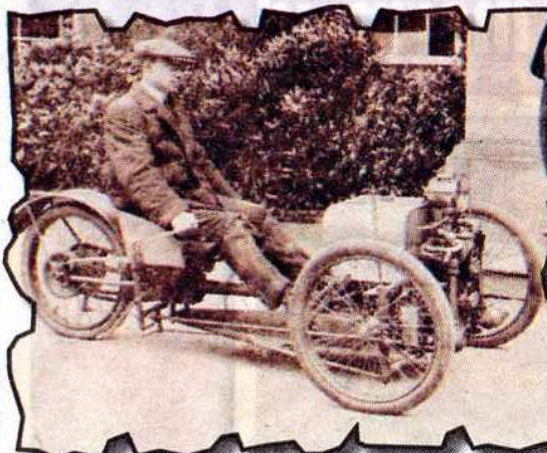
Slipping into the cockpit-style seat, they could adjust their goggles, push the starter button and feel the wind in their hair as they zip along at up to 115mph.

Inspired by classic planes of old, this Morgan 3-Wheeler - from the last truly British-owned car company - took off at the Geneva Motor Show yesterday.

Its brand of British eccentricity stole the show from the multinational supercars and high-tech electric and hybrid vehicles on display.

The little trike harks back to the first car Morgan ever built in 1909. That three-wheeler stayed in production for decades until the last rolled out of the company's factory in Malvern, Worcestershire in 1951.

The new version is powered by a 1.9 litre engine which allows it to accelerate from rest to 60mph in 4.5 seconds. Yet it still manages a frugal 50 miles to the gallon and has a range of 400 miles on just one tank of petrol. At £30,000, it is hardly a budget drive. But already more than 300 enthusiasts have put down



Everything old is new again: The first Morgan 3 Wheeler (left) and the latest

£7,000 deposits. On the road, the trike resembles a First World War Sopwith Camel fighter plane only shorn of its wings and propeller.

Keeping up the aerial theme, owners can customise their Morgan 3-Wheeler with stick-on graphics including combat bullet holes, RAF roundels or a shark's nose and teeth. Customised clothing and goggles are planned.

Officially the vehicle is not classed as a car but as a motor trike which means the owner pays a mere £17 a

year road tax. Designer Matthew Humphries said: 'This is a completely new vehicle for the 21st century. But it harks back to the vintage three-wheeler which started this company. It does take its cues from classic aeroplanes.'

But it has modern aeronautical touches too. 'The start button is actually the bomb-release button on the new Eurofighter,' Mr Humphries said. 'We tracked down the company that makes them and bought a batch to put on to the dashboard.'

WILL IT FIT IN MY GARAGE?

- Price: £30,000
- Seats: 2
- Length: 11ft 2ins
- Maximum width: 6ft wheel to wheel
- Height: 3ft
- Weight: 0.5 tons
- ■ Road Tax: £17 a year
- ■ Engine: 1.9 litre petrol, 115 brake horsepower
- ■ Top speed: 115mph
- ■ Range: 400 miles
- ■ Fuel efficiency: 50mpg
- ■ On sale: May 2011

Article submitted by Terry & Rege Lewis – thanks.

2011 RACE FOR LIFE

David Taylor, UK

We had a great day. Val and her lifelong friend, Sue, went along to the 2011 Race for Life event held at Prestwold Hall near Loughborough in Sunmog.

Val & Sue in SunMog

They completed the 5km circuit in good time (walking, not in Sunmog!) and raised a ton of money for charity. We returned to Roy and Sue's house for an impromptu lunch with a nice glass of chilled wine in their garden.



I was then chauffeured home by Val in Sunmog with the sun shining on us both.

Daughter No.3, Jo came along with friend Laura and supported the girls and Jo has promised to do the 10km run next year – training required – but I know she can do it

Thanks to everyone involved

Dave

(Who enjoyed a pint of Real Ale last night at a local Beer Fest – what a weekend!)

HISTORY OF ROB'S MORGANS

Rob Goss

Below is the information supplied by Rob on both of his Morgans. I enjoyed reading his sagas and thought that you would enjoy the read also.

1972 Morgan 4/4 4-seater

Colour Farina Red – Original Colour Blue, then (1979) Alfa Metallic Blue Wings and Silver Body; Black Leather trim; UK Delivered

Ownership and history

UK – 1 st Owner	Unknown	(must email factory)
UK – 2 nd Owner	Mr Jeeves	A gentleman's gentleman
UK – 3 rd Owner	M B Miller	Chelmsford

Then sold to and by Britten Garage Arkeley, North London to Mr Steve Pearse on 15/9/1997 with 20,000 miles

Engine rebuilt and modified by Rob Wells of Libramotive, Hampstead, London on 27/9/1998 with 67,361 miles.

Pearse exported the car and himself to Australia with the car arriving January 1979.

Car dealer, Kerry Taylor (Honda Brisbane Southside, I think) brought the car on Pearse's glowing description and sight unseen on 1981. He found out how bad its condition was. Pearse kept it for 12 months and sold it to Alan Wright at Kenmore, unregistered. Wright round out what he had and passed on to "Dumbass" with dodgy roadworthy 28/6/1982

Said "Dumbass" restored the car with new chassis and everything on top of it from 1982. It was registered 5/11/1990. Engine was not touched. Currently, car is not in use due to gear lever broken 3 years ago and "Dumbass" becoming "Slackass"!

Morgan 1968 +4 Super Sports

Delivery Docket Details – Model, Super Sports; Colour, Green; Natural Leather Trim; 72 Spoke wire wheels; Bonnet Strap; Rear bumper; Heater; Wing Mirror

Ownership and history

Delivered 17.5.1968 to Mr J Hill, Ambrley, Stroud, UK

It ended up in the hands of Derrick Knights, RAAF test pilot who was based, for a time, at Amberley RAAF base, Ipswich. Derrick was a test pilot and was killed in an aircraft accident. The car was stored by wife, Jo Knights at Kenmore for years after being prepared for storage by Joe Wilson.

I acquired the car from Jo Knights 5.11.1990 for 1 large bag of gold.

Car has been under restoration after a traffic accident April 1997 – slack! All parts are here and mechanicals have been completed for years!

FOR SALE

1969 4/4 2-seater

1600 Ford Kent motor – Qld registration MOG 69

Silver / red leather; ground-up restoration 2002; Full wet-weather gear plus sun-top, very reliable, in excellent condition.



Features:

- Power booster brakes
- Electronic ignition
- Hydraulic shocks
- Electric fan
- Stainless exhaust
- 60 spoke chrome wires
- Moto lita steering wheel
- Built in toolbox (as seen in Morgan Ear Feb 2009)

Price: \$55,000 ono

Contact: Clive Boyle

Phone: 0421 348 569

1973 PLUS 8

The first owner was Dr. P. Henrich from General Hospital in Nottingham 11/07/1973. The original colour was dark blue. Current owner purchased the car from Japan in February 2010.

Greg is selling the car as his skin cannot take the sun.



Price: \$59,500

Contact: Greg Lee

Phone: 07 3286 7626 (home) or 0407 570 943 (mobile)

CLASSIFIEDS / FOR SALE

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 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 "My other car is a Morgan" Stickers

This is a sticker that has been produced for your "other car". These stickers are on cars all over the world. Also, they are often used to put onto rental cars with Morgan owners are attending Morgan events away from home and don't have their Morgan with them.

Stickers are a high gloss, quality vinyl stickers.



Contact: Lee Boyle 0424 007884

Price \$5.00 each

Postage WITHIN AUSTRALIA: \$3.00 (for up to 5 stickers)

Postage ALL OTHER COUNTRIES: \$5.00 (for up to 5 stickers)

REGALIA

MOQ Club Polo Shirts

High quality polo shirts – Navy, blue sleeves, maroon inserts with silver trim and “Morgan” on the collar. These shirts are great when traveling; no ironing is required.

Contact: Lee Boyle 0424 007884

Price: \$50 each



MOQ Car Badges

MOQ Car Badges are available

Measurements: 79mm diameter
96mm wingtip to wingtip

Price: \$42 per badge
Add \$7.50 for postage

Contact: Lee Boyle
Phone: 0424 007884

Australian Morgan Centenary Car Badge

Only 100 badges were struck to celebrate the centenary – numbered 1 to 100. Limited stocks are available.

Measurements: 79mm diameter
96mm wingtip to wingtip

Price: \$45 per badge
Add \$7.50 for postage

Contact: Lee Boyle
Phone: 0424 007884



MORGAN OWNERS QUEENSLAND Inc

EVENTS 2011 - 2012

OCTOBER 2011

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sunday 23rd	MOQ PRESIDENTS RUN, MEETING & AGM	8:30am – Departure from Caltex Carseldine (Gympie Road, outbound side of Beams Road) 10:00am – Kenilworth for morning tea 11:00am – General Meeting & AGM 12:30pm – Lunch at Woombye Pub. Further enquiries in newsletter or phone Christine Stevens 0419 789151

NOVEMBER 2011

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sunday 20th	MOQ CHRISTMAS LUNCH	<i>Details to be advised after the AGM</i>

JANUARY 2012

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sunday 22nd TBC	MORGAN RUN	<i>Details to be advised once finalised.</i>

FEBRUARY 2012

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Saturday 11th OR Sunday 12th TBC	MOQ TWILIGHT RUN & MEETING OR MOQ BREAKFAST RUN & MEETING	<i>Details to be advised once finalised.</i>

MAY 2012

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sunday 27th TBC	MOQ RUN & MEETING	<i>Details to be advised once finalised.</i>

AUGUST 2012

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sunday 26th TBC	MOQ RUN & MEETING	<i>Details to be advised once finalised.</i>

OCTOBER 2012

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sunday 21st TBC	MOQ PRESIDENTS RUN, MEETING & AGM	<i>Details to be advised once finalised.</i>

NOTE – All Morgan owners and enthusiasts are welcome and encouraged to join in on all events.