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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

Thursday 23rd

Mid-week Tapos Aviation Museum with lunch at Mt Mee
Please let Geoff know on gbandlb@gmail.com or 0427 628237 if you are attending. Flyer as been emailed.

August

TBA

September

Sunday 20th
10.30

AGM – As it is our AGM all members are encouraged to attend
Colmslie Park Reserve, 152 Colmslie Road, Murarrie
BYO Morning tea or lunch TBA
Notice and agenda to follow

TBA

Amamoor Lodge/Mary Valley Rattler Pomona weekend
More information to come

October

TBA

November

20,21,22

High Country Hamlets, Toowoomba area
Christmas lunch or dinner

The committee is always there to assist first time organisers.

TRIP NOTES

THE GREAT MORGAN BREAKOUT 21 June .. Greg Lane

Sunday 21st June saw the first post Coronavirus outing for Queensland Morgan owners, and a bumper crop of Morgans presented for the day. In all, 12 Morgans accompanied by two tin tops made the trip to the Kenilworth Hotel for lunch.

6 Morgans, together with Lawrie Isaacs and Lynn Cobb in their tin top (their Plus 8 is being reupholstered at the moment) assembled at Old Petrie Town just outside Petrie on the shores of Lake Samsonvale. After coffees and an inspection of the brand-new Roadster owned by our new members Dennis and Nina Urhane, we motored westward towards Dayboro.

After a relatively short distance we motored north through timbered country along various levels of roads through bush blocks and major suburban roads via upper Caboolture to Wamuran.

From Wamuran we again travelled through country roads to Elimbah and then on to Beerburrum where due to the coronavirus restrictions we had to split the group into two. The first were then to travel to the Glasshouse Mountains Lookout Café where they were to meet the Sunshine Coast contingent of Joe and Marg Day and their daughter Nicole, Clive and Lee Boyle and Ed Filmer (Ed's first outing in quite a few years) as well as the Urhane's daughter and her son in a tin top. 4 more Morgans.





Unfortunately, there was some confusion here as the group headed to the Lookout Café were waylaid at another establishment to be later rescued by Joe. The other splinter group made up of your writer, John Voller and Bruce and Ros Callaghan went on to coffee at an establishment at the foot of Mount Tibrogargan. This group then motored through the township of Glasshouse Mountains onto the Old Northern Road and North to Beerwah where we were to join the other group.

Unfortunately, that group had beaten us to the punch and had moved on to the town of Peachester, where we eventually caught up with them. 10 Morgans and one tin top. I blotted my copybook by parking in the wrong direction and spoiling the photo opportunity.

Once assembled and a rollcall taken, we then headed towards Maleny where we were to have been joined by Chris and Patty Beacham and our other new members Vernon and Alison Hobbs.

Time was running tight at this point and rather than wait for us, the Hobbs and the Beachams headed off for Kenilworth so as some of the party might arrive on time at the Kenilworth Pub.

Heading through the bustling town of Maleny, we then descended into the beautiful Obi Obi Valley making it to Kenilworth about half an hour late.

Given that this was the first day that the Pub had been able to trade in any volume, they handled the numbers of people both Morganeers and members of the public who were seeking to eat at the pub. Unfortunately, due to restriction on numbers the entire group of 28 could not be seated together although we managed to have 20 in one group and the balance short distance away in another room.

The pub was good enough to reserve the entire Street at the side to enable us to park our cars together. We don't often get to see 13 Morgans all lined up in single file in Queensland.

Good food, a drink or two and the fellowship of the Morganeers and their families was then had.





MOQ Membership ... *by Jon Voller*

The MOQ recently celebrated the first 10 years of our club, however there are a number of members who have been Morgan Men for a lot longer. Some have owned a variety of Morgans over the past sixty years!!

As many of our members have only been involved with the Morgan Family for a few years, I thought it might be interesting for them to know a little more about those longer-term Morgan owners.

I have set out below some information and a series of photographs which have been "borrowed" from a variety of publications.

The information and photos are arranged in a numbered series and I thought I would challenge my fellow MOQ members to guess who might be the MOQ member belonging to each series of photos.

A few clues relating to each series are included to assist you.
Good luck.

Photo Series No.1.

This highly modified 1950 Flat-rad +4 was successfully raced at many venues in NSW from the late 1960s into the 1970s. It was a fearsome beast and was driven fearlessly. I believe the car has been restored and is now bright red with black guards [still in the widened form] and may be owned by Max Scott in Sydney.

The owner of this exciting +4 now drives a very late model +8 – a real one with a steel chassis!!

He also attended the first meeting of MOCA in July 1958.



An awesome +4.



The beast at rest!

Photo Series No.2.

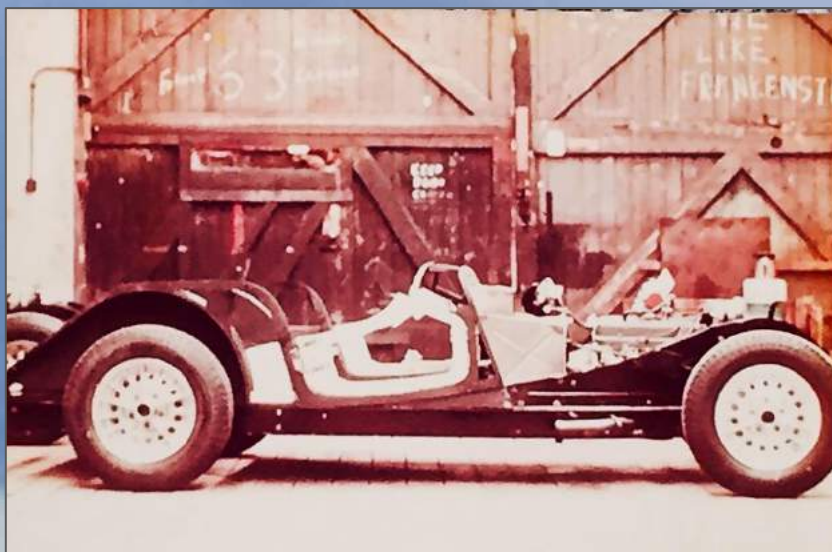
This very original 1974 +8 has been with the same owner since new. Some modifications were made early in its life to make it acceptable and safe for mild competitive events such as sprints, hill-climbs and drag racing.

The modifications are largely invisible and include:

- Fitting a de-camber kit and adjustable Konis at the front
- Fitting a panard-rod and adjustable Konis at the rear to replace the original lever-arm shock absorbers
- Installation of an Aleybars roll bar
- Installation of a fire extinguisher and battery kill switch

Otherwise the car is as it left the factory in December 1974. After a little over 100,000 kilometres it still has the original clutch and the motor remains untouched.

It was one of the first +8s to be sold by the then Australian Morgan agent – Calder Sports Cars at Gisborne, Victoria.



At the factory in September 1974.



In Brisbane at last, early 1975.



Three Brisbane +8s returning from a MOCA event in Sydney 1980; our member's car is the middle one.



Competing in the Leyburn Sprints – mid 1990s.

Photo Series No.3.

One of our most esteemed members who was instrumental in founding MOCA in the late 1950s is the subject of this photo series. Like many of us, he originally desired an MG TC.

However, being somewhat impecunious as a young man he found a Morgan fitted his budget and that was that – he was smitten with a lifelong love of Morgans.

After buying his first 4/4, a 1949 4/4 4 seater, he became friends with Ken Ward and even discussed with Ken the possibility of establishing a Morgan Agency in Sydney together.

However, Ken went on to be appointed as the only Australian agent in 1961. Our member has owned a number of Morgans in the meantime and is currently driving a late model 4/4.



Picnic at Kangaroo Valley prior to establishing MOCA – both MOQ club members who are the subjects of Photo Series Nos. 1 & 3 are in the photo.



An early MOCA run with our member and his 4/4 being second from the left.

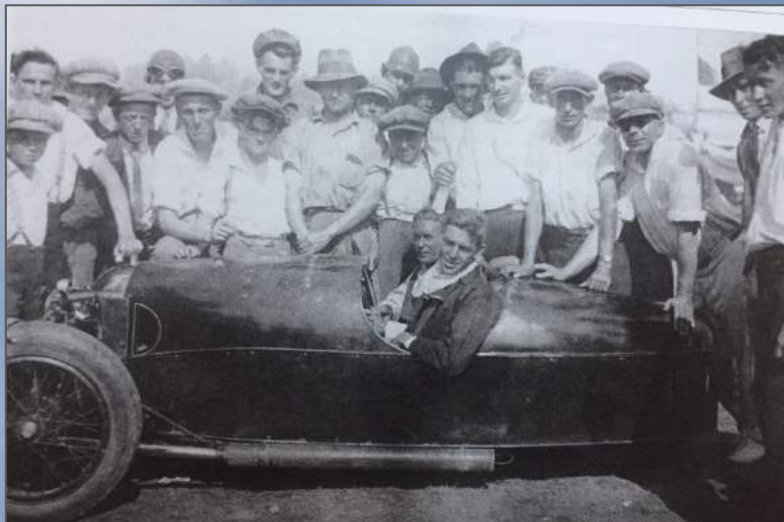
Photo Series No.4.

This MOQ member could well be known as "Brisbane's Morgan Man" as he has owned and restored Morgans over the past 50 years; there have been four different Morgan models of which I am aware.

During this same period, he has restored around a dozen vintage and post vintage thoroughbred cars. All these cars have been meticulously researched, restored and presented with many finding homes interstate or overseas.

Perhaps the best known of his cars is the 1928 3 Wheeler Super Sports. This car is now in the Nick Mason Collection [of Pink Floyd fame] in the UK. His first Morgan restoration was carried out on a 1936 4/4.

A later restoration of a much newer 4/4 resulted in a stunning black car that incorporated a few customised elements. Currently he is driving an early 1970s 4/4 4 seater which was purchased already restored – a bit out of character for this serial restorer!!



Jimmy Thoms in the driver's seat at the Penrith Speedway on New Year's Day 1929. He had taken delivery of the 3 wheeler a few months earlier.



Jimmy Thoms back behind the wheel in Sydney post restoration, 1980.



The 1098cc Anzani engine with supercharger at the 2002 Bathurst Morgan Muster.



In action at Oran Park in 1978.



First Morgan restoration – a 1936 4/4.



The second 4/4 restoration.

Photo credits:

The photos used in this article are from the following sources:

1. "Morgans in Oz" written and published in WA by Craig Atkins in 2008. This is a great book which has been meticulously researched.
2. From The Morgan Ear.
3. The VCCQ 25 Yearbook.
4. The author's own collection.

Thanks to all.

In summary:

I trust you enjoy learning a little more about some of our club members and have been successful in working out who is who.

The answers are provided on page 16 of this issue.

Jon Voller.

THE OBJECTS OF MORGAN OWNERS QUEENSLAND



To make this club as accessible as possible to all people with an interest in Morgan 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

Management Committee meetings are held 4 times each year or as required. All Club members are free to raise any issue by writing to the Secretary.

Events are held approximately Monthly: Secretary distributes details by email to members. A calendar of events is provided on the concluding pages of this magazine. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the dates set out in the calendar, these may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

All club members are encouraged to volunteer to organise events. All Morgan owners and enthusiasts are invited and welcome to join all events. The AGM is held annually in September.

MEMBERSHIP FEES Due (1st July 2018)

Full year: \$50 per calendar year. New Memberships (Payment for 1st year)

Joining date: 01 Jul – 31 Dec Pay 100%
01 Jan – 31 Mar Pay 50%
01 Apr – 30 June Pay 25%

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If your vehicle is registered on the Concessional Registration Scheme, it is a requirement of the Scheme for you to remain a financial member.

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Answers to the members' quiz:

1. Bruce Callahan
2. Jon Voller
3. Ed Filmer
4. Joe Wilson