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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	No runs in January as it is too hot
February	Hot Chili Run Keith & Judy Browning
March	
April	Jon Voller & Jo Wilson
May	Bunya Mountains John Turnbull
June	
July	Opera at Jimbour Clive & lee Boyle
August	Geoff & Lyn Boucaut
September	
October	
November	Christmas
December	No runs in December as it is too hot

The committee is always there to assist first time organisers.

AGM / SHED DAY 03 OCTOBER 2020

By Clive Boyle & Photos Lyn Cobb

Five Morgan's and three tin tops (which included the Morgan support vehicle aka Lyn Boucaut's daily driver) met at Aussie World Garage carpark in perfect conditions for open top driving. After greetings it was off to Joe's shed which is a five-minute drive from the garage carpark. Nobody got lost and on arrival we were greeted by Joe & Marg and their dark brown poodle aptly named Coco. After a guided tour of the property the boys headed straight for the shed to view a range of cars and motorbikes and the girls to the



patio for a natter and morning tea.



Joe is very knowledgeable about his collection and proudly described each car/motorbike as we wandered through the large shed housing Morgan's, Austin Healey's, 2 CV, Daimler and motorbikes beautifully restored. Joe's current project is an Austin Healey which is being highly modified to include a Windsor V8 and upgrades to the brakes, front and rear end, drive train etc. It will be a force to be reckoned with when completed as indicated by the exhaust note, a true V8 roar. After our tour it was in to join the girls for morning tea and a chat. Thanks go to Joe & Marg for opening their home to the members.



A short drive took us to Clive & Lee's home in Mooloolaba for the AGM and a B-B-Q lunch. Joe opened the AGM at 12.45pm and we were all done by 1.40pm (not a record but in keeping with our aim not to let the meetings drag on). The minutes have been distributed to members and the only change to the committee is Greg Lane as Vice President replacing Keith Browning.



A B-B-Q lunch of create your own burger with meat patty, sausage and salads was enjoyed by all. A very pleasant afternoon on the deck overlooking the canal with a few wines, topped off by a very nice cake supplied by Greg Lane. Although the virus restrictions limited our outings it was another successful year for MOQ. Three members stayed overnight and so more wine and food.



A great day was enjoyed by all and we look forward to our Toowoomba run in November which will include a themed Xmas dinner and is being organised by John & Julie Turnbull.



HIGHLAND FLING/TOUR OF THE NORTHERN HAMLETS

20th-22nd November 2020 ... *Clive Boyle*

Organised by John & Julie Turnbull, who have recently made Toowoomba their home, this event combined our November run/Xmas lunch and end of year break up.

With the Scottish costumes on board Lee & I set off for Toowoomba via the inland route Kilcoy, Toogoolawah, Esk then through Highfields and on to the Applegum Inn Toowoomba to meet the others. Our intention was to have a break at Kilcoy, lunch at Toogoolawah but after a short break at Kilcoy the temperature soared as we crossed the plains, top down, and we agreed that if we stopped we would be reluctant to get back in the car.

First to arrive at our accommodation it was into the pool, after a short walk for supplies, more particularly a cold beer. During the afternoon three other Morgan's and a tin top arrived, the Morgan occupants feeling the heat, tin top members fresh, love that aircon. Before happy hour in a shaded area in front of the motel we were joined by our organisers John & Julie and all enjoyed a cool drink and a catch up. Dinner at Café Valetta in an old building within walking distance of the motel was very good. Back to the motel where some decided the night was still young so more drinks, a bottle of port sealed the evening.

Saturday morning clear blue skies seems we were in for another hot day. After breakfast we followed our organisers to browse a Danish Flower Art Complex in Highfields which was amazing. There was a central building where you could pay for any purchases, then five or six sheds which included porcelain jewellery, art, clothing, plants, novelties and much more. At the café in the complex all enjoyed coffee and cake/scones. Then off to the hamlet of Goombungee to view the Jacaranda's in the main street, which were in bloom, very impressive. Rosalie gallery nearby displayed a very fine collection of quilted art which was all for sale at very low prices. When one of the members commented these are too cheap the lady artist was quick to point out it is not about making money but all about expression. A short drive to our lunch destination the Rosalie Winery over an unsealed driveway that was not suited to Morgan's, rattles we did not know were there. After a wine tasting at the bar, food in the restaurant was excellent quality with most ordering small meals in anticipation of Xmas dinner in the evening.



The Australian Flying Museum at Oakey was the next stop but during lunch it was decided in the heat it would not be pleasant, so back to the motel to cool down and prepare the nights festivities. A wise decision as one tin top made the journey to Oakey and recorded the temperature at 32.6 degrees.

At the motel we were greeted by restored early model Fords who were on a run from Brisbane. The remainder of our members had arrived and after a rest, some back in the pool, it was on with the Scottish costumes and to the motel's restaurant for pre-dinner drinks. There were numerous comments from other motel guests as we walked through the carpark, all in good fun. John & Julie had done a great job of decorating the restaurant in a Xmas/Scottish theme with tartan place mats, Xmas decorations, bon-bons etc. and white tablecloths. Much frivolity as the guests arrived in their costumes which were innovative and some traditional, let the pictures tell the story. Drinks and nibbles over we sat down to a Xmas dinner which had been pre-ordered, was of good quality and complimented by drinks from the bar. John had organised Haggis, some chose to try, others declined, it was really quite nice.

John & Clive thanked the motel owner in front of the crowd for the food and service which she, Bec appreciated. Clive presented prizes for the costumes, best Lassie Lee Boyle, best Laddie Keith Browning, best couple Lance & Susie Boucaut. John presented Clive with a small gift for his behind the scenes help in organising the weekend, which included a book of Celtic recipes. All couples received a small Xmas gift from the club.



A great night was had by all, some deciding that it was too early for bed so more drinks in the carpark.

In the morning it was hoods up in anticipation of another hot day then off to Scotties Garage for breakfast, a 20mins drive down the range. Breakfast under a large tree in the grounds, in a cool breeze was very pleasant. All goodbyes said members made their way home via various routes.

*Thank you John & Julie for a very enjoyable weekend.
Let us hope that 2021 returns to some normality.*







WHO WILL HEAR MY CONFESSION? *Jon & Lyndal Voller*

After 50 years as a committed Morgan Man, I have bought another Triumph!?!

A 1974 Triumph Stag with a 4 speed manual gearbox and O/D.

And it has a great sounding V8!!

It will be my fourth Triumph; my first car was a Triumph Renown. I sold a TR4 early in 1974 to put a deposit down on the Morgan +8. My Morgan left the factory late in that same year and I took delivery in February 1975 from Victor Kaye, the Australian agent at the time, who was based in Gisbourne.

When I bought the Morgan, I thought Stags were cars for old men – not real sports cars!!

Now I have become one of those old men it seems just right for Lyndal and me to continue enjoying open top motoring in our dotage.

The Stag's real selling point for us both was that we can easily get in and out of the Stag. This is something that unfortunately Lyndal can no longer do with the Morgan and with both of us now in our late 70s we are keen to keep enjoying open top driving while we can.



A comparison of the features of the Stag and the Morgan +8 makes interesting reading:

COMPARISON CHART:

ITEM	TRIUMPH STAG	MORGAN +8	COMMENT
Made in England	✓	✓	Both very British!!
Built in 1974	✓	✓	Took delivery of the new Morgan in February 1975
V8 engine	✓	✓	3 litres vs. 3.5 litres
A true sports car	?	✓	Stag is more of a gentleman's express with a slightly sporting demeanour
Soft top	✓	✓	Stag's top is easy to raise and lower
Removable hardtop	✓	X	Removing the Stag's hardtop is a 2-man job + requires a storage rack and space
2 + 2 seating	✓	X	Morgan is strictly a 2 seater
4 speed manual	✓	✓	Stag has overdrive on 3 rd and 4 th
Electric wind up windows	✓	X	Morgan has removable side screens
Radio	✓	X	The +8 has its own soundtrack especially over 3,000 rpm!!
Air-conditioning	✓	X	
Max. Power in bhp at rpm	145 @ 5500	184 @ 5200	
Max. torque in lb/ft @ rpm	170 @ 3500	226 @ 3000	Must be the reason why the Moggie sounds so great above 3000rpm
Weight in kgs	1250	863	
Overall fuel consumption in mpg	21.4	23.6	Both figures quoted from contemporary road tests
Tyre size	175/185 HR 14	185/85 X 15 VR	205/65 x 15 VR currently fitted to the +8
Standing ¼ mile	18.2	15.0	I have done a 14.6 in my +8 at Willowbank
0 to 60 mph in seconds	11.6	6.7	
Top speed in mph	118	125	
Rollbar	✓	✓	Original equipment for the Stag and an aftermarket fitment on the Morgan



The Triumph as a closed coupe – something the Morgan should never be!!! In this form it is a surprisingly comfortable sports saloon. Driving the first 100klms since picking up the car following a major service I have been surprised by its comfort and poise on the road.

The exhaust note is very different to that of the Plus 8 with a wonderful V8 bellow but the Morgan wins in this contest when it's doing 3000+rpm!

SPORTS CAR CV TO DATE:

- Triumph x 3 – TR3A, TR4 and now a Stag
- MG x 2 – TC and BGT
- Morgan x 1 – Plus 8

For the foreseeable future we will keep both cars in our garage with a view to possibly selling our cherished Morgan Plus 8 down the track.

That will be a big wrench after being loved and a part of our family for nearly 50 years. The previous owner of our Stag had it for 25 years – I wonder if our family will be able to enjoy it for that long?

Jon & Lyndal Voller.

MORGAN MAKEOVER .. *By Lawrie Isaacs & Lyn Cobb*

Many of us who own older Morgans or any other classic cars for that matter, may find themselves in a dilemma. Their car's interior is looking a bit shabby and seating comfort has long since left, perhaps the result of an earlier restoration or simply the original upholstery from 20 – 50 years ago wearing out. The dilemma for us was to either have major restoration work carried out on the interior or possibly buy a new vehicle. A new vehicle was out of the question given the cost and import restrictions. We tried a couple of Motor Trimmers in our area, but were generally fobbed off with "we only do the high end market" or late model vehicles. Basically, the message was they didn't want to do any creative or challenging work and would rather just replace internal panels such as those on many new cars today.



We were delighted to find Stewart (via our Plumber) who is an experienced and very professional Motor Trimmer. And, best of all, he was happy to take on our '87 +8 and do a complete makeover including a colour change and included seats, carpet, side and dash trim as well as full and half tonneau covers, a bimini, full roof and fabric on the side screens. For anyone wishing to contact Stewart – he can be found tucked away at All Car Interiors, 241 Lutwyche Road, Windsor and reached on 3857 1141 or 0402 317 374.





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MOQ CAPS

\$15

Colours: Blue, grey, black or yellow brushed cotton caps with yellow trim around and metal fastener. Embroidered with Morgan Owners Queensland.

Price: \$15 each + postage if postage required.



MOQ CAR BADGE

\$25

Measurements: 79mm diameter, 96 wing tip to wing tip

Price: \$25 per badge + postage if required



LOGO EMBROIDERY

\$10 EACH

Options: Have your shirt and jacket embroidered with either of the logos.

Price: \$10 per logo plus postage if required.



MOQ NUMBER PLATE SURROUNDS

\$32 PER PAIR

Sizes: Available in any combination wide and narrow.

Price: \$32 per pair + postage if required.



10TH ANNIVERSARY BADGE

\$30

Price: \$30 + postage if required

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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%

DUE 30th June annually

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

REGALIA

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