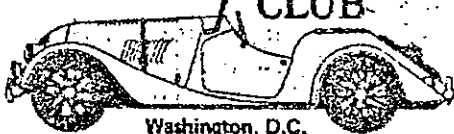


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# MORGAN CAR CLUB



Washington, D.C.

## Morgan Owners' Gathering III

June 30 - July 1-2, 1973

### MEET HISTORY:

The idea of a Meeting of Morgan Owners was begun in March of 1971, when a letter written by Chet Faleski to the Activities Director of Pocono International Raceway turned out to be a reacquaintance with an old friend. Paul Allen, then activities director, arranged the affair with Raceway officials in conjunction with the inauguration of this new East Coast racing facility and subsequently Chet just happened to "stumble" on the Sheridan Manor Inn and Ed Sheridan, its host. Promotional material was sent to every known Morgan owner, and on the weekend of June 30, 1971 it became a reality - first eastern USA Morgan owners concourse. Fifty one Morgans made the event and John Sheally of Richmond, Virginia took "Best of Show" with his 1967 Plus 4 Roadster. The fellowship and enthusiasm of those in attendance convinced all that the Meet should be perpetuated.

Seventy Two saw the Morgan Car Club of Washington, D.C. take over full sponsorship of the event with the addition of guest clubs - A.C., Lotus Elite, and H.R.G. Most of the "pioneers of '71" returned and brought many new enthusiasts along. The big feature was the visit of Jane and Peter Morgan of the Morgan Motor Co. Ltd. Attendance at the Meet soared to 92 Morgans - an increase of over 80%. This was an amazing turnout considering the devastation caused by the "Agnes" flooding the week before. One big improvement was the quality of the cars in general, which caused P.H.G. Morgan to comment that, "I have seen more Morgans, but never have I seen better". The Best Car of Show that year belonged to John Erickson, of Yorktown Heights, New York, who displayed an outstanding 1953 4 roadster.

### CAR DISPLAY:

Again this year, we don't want to use the word "concours" which suggests fine and perfect cars and thus, scares some owners away. ALL Morgan owners are invited to display their cars on the Sheridan Manor Inn grounds on Saturday, June 30. This is not a pressure event! Over fifteen trophies are to be presented along with a minimum of ten "Judges' Special Awards".

### AWARDS BANQUET:

On Saturday evening, June 30, a banquet is being planned at the Pocono Manor Inn, which is a very stately hotel in the Pocono Mountains. At this time, the committee will announce the winning cars in each category, along with the Judges' Special Awards. It is the "Academy Awards" of Morgan cars since so many people expect to win and the results are not given until after the dinner. A special guest speaker will be on the program. Last year it was P.H.G. Morgan.

### PRE-RACE LAP:

Pocono International Raceway will allow all participants to enter the track on Sunday morning to participate in pre-race activities and view the exciting Schaefer 500! All Morgans and Guest Clubs will take one lap around Pocono's fabulous 2.5 mile track, and at 11:30 the prize-winning cars will parade the celebrities just prior to the USAC roadsters coming onto the track for final race preparations. Each car owner will receive 2 complimentary general admission tickets. If more are needed, it is the responsibility of the entrant to purchase them from the raceway!

### CELEBRITY GRAND MARSHAL:

Peter and Jane Morgan are always invited, but they do not expect to be in attendance this year. Alternately we have invited Jean Shepherd, G.H. Bowden, Cecil T. Jay, Christopher Lawrence, Lew Spencer, Tim Cree, Maria Andretti, and Charles Morgan to participate. As of this writing, we don't have any firm commitments, but don't sell us short. We didn't have P.H.G. Morgan's commitment at this time last year either!

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CLUB ELITE

Dues \$10.00 Annually,  
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Dear Members:

From the cover, you may have thought you had received the wrong newsletter! No, just a reminder of the Pocono Week-end Itinerary sponsored by our friends of the Morgan Car Club. More later, but first:

We are pleased that over half of the 1972 members have rejoined the Club for 1973 thus far and our present membership is 75 and rising fast. An 'X' marked in the space at the top of this page indicates that your dues for 73-74 have been received. If this space is blank, you are reading your last newsletter, until you loosen your purse strings. So come on now, we are all in this together!

For May only, we are dispensing with some of our regular features (although the chassis listing is continued), as the Northern California Club has provided us with enough good reading this month to fill our newsletter, and we are certainly grateful to Bob Green, Lansing Lee and Eric Jewett. This is a great help to Barbara and I, for our June newsletter must be out soon. We will be leaving for Pocono in a couple of weeks.

Regretfully, Club plans for the Pocono Meet have been altered due to lack of confirmed response. Many members have shown interest and said we are hoping to make it, but.... Naturally, we can only plan a full meeting around the committed response. Therefore, Barbara and I plan to go on Saturday June 30th only. We have arranged a luncheon meeting at the Swiftwater Inn for Club Members. Everyone interested in attending should drop us a card immediately. I am sure the price will be reasonable and the food great. The meeting should commence about 10.00 and the lunch 12.00 noon. Afterwards, we will head for the Morgan Club Car display on the grounds of the Sheridan Manor, Inn. We will not be displaying our Elites this year unless on Saturday morning those who drove theirs indicate a desire to do so, at which time each car can be registered with the Morgan Club for a fee of \$7.50. Also those wanting to attend the Morgan Club Banquet should immediately send us a check for \$8.00 per person made out to the Morgan Car Club which we will pass on to them. On Sunday, race-way tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$6.00 each.

The William Coopers who own the Swiftwater have certainly gone out of their way for Club Elite, as they seemed to be impressed with our Group last year. They are holding a few of their nicest rooms for Club Members until about Mid-June. If you are interested in a room for the three night weekend, contact the Coopers personally (717) 839-7206. The Swiftwater Inn, Route US 611, Swiftwater, Pennsylvania, 18370. Club Member Donald Gifford of Oswego, New York, will be our Club Representative at the Swiftwater. On arrival you should look up Don, Nancy and Bruce, or if you want to speak with them earlier call (315) 342-1365. Campers will want to stay at the Scotts Run Campground and for information call Donald Plettenberg (301) 357-5342, who will be representing us there.

So you can see we are trying to plan the Weekend so everyone can look after themselves, and if those of you who were uncertain about attending, now find you can come for the Week-end or just on Saturday; please make the effort. It will be fun, and can be just as elaborate or in- expensive as you want to make it.

On reviewing the material which members have sent us for insertion in our newsletters over the past months, I notice that we have quite a lot of catching up to do in the new year. We hope members such as Jim Goodman, Truett Lawson, Stuart Sammis, Thomas Sargent, Henry Gruver, Wayne Reed, Jerald Venger, William Rhodes, Fritz Dottger, Gary Koller and Club friend Graham Porter, who have contributed material, which is yet unused, will continue to be patient with us here. It is not that we are ungrateful for your contributions, but we just want to spread out the articles and helpful hints you have sent.

#1253 Recently Dr. T.A. Munson of 7255 Girard Avenue, Suite 27, La Jolla, Calif. 92037, sent Club Elite the original mechanical tachometer and cable from his Elite (1253) for us to pass on Free Of Charge to a Club Member in NEED. The cable has already found a very happy owner in R.L. Wilkinson (EB 2C 17), but the Tach is still available. Anyone who is genuinely in need of a tach (not for a spare but for immediate use) just let us know and we will pass it on free of charge. Perhaps you could send us your old broken unit which we might be able to repair and help another member later.

In his correspondence, Dr. Munson expressed his great desire to obtain synchromesh on first gear in his MG gearboxed Elite. Has anyone ever coupled an MGB Box to the Climax, or tried MGB gears in the MGA box? Does anyone have a ZF box they want to part with, even damaged? Any suggestions to Dr. Munson, or us in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Remember, Western Members, June 13th at Bob Green's/ Eastern Members, July 1st at the Swiftwater Inn.

Take Care.

Barbara and Bill Hutton.

#### ELITE PARTS FOR SALE

1. Left and right doors, decklid and all aft panels from a front ended Series 1. BOB MCKERNON, 8552 Elmer Lane, Garden Grove, Calif. 92641. Telephone (714) 539-9739.
2. Pedal Pads, Clutch and Brake Pads, \$2.00 Each. Lynn Garrison, 9237 La Shell Drive, Tujunga, California, 91042. Telephone (213) 352-6364.
3. Spare Tire Cover, Custom Made. T. Norris Haynes, 2403, Lexington Avenue, High Point, North Carolina, 27262.
4. Windshield: One only rear screen left. \$90.00 including shipping. Club Elite.

CARS WANTED

1. ELITE, prefer LHD in Mid-West area,  
Vern Austin, 188 Rita Road, Mankato, Minn, 56001  
(507) 345-3331.

2. LOTUS IX - Donald F. Gifford, 160 East 13th Street,  
Oswego, New York.  
Telephone (315) 342-1365.

WANTED

For Elite literature collection. Rare or unusual items only, catalogues,  
brochures, photos, etc. Will buy or trade. Dennis Ortenburger, 5207  
San Feliciano Drive, Woodland Hills, California 91364.

ELITES FOR SALE

#1284 1. PXED 1284 - Series II, 1962 FWE, LHD, Single SU, MG Gearbox,  
excellent condition, fibreglass is owner's profession, recent head work,  
and clutch. New rear Konis. Shop Manual, Yellow with black interior.  
\$2,500.00. Stewart Reed, 602, Fairbrook Road, Northville, Michigan,  
48167. Telephone (313) 349-4962.

#1700 2. ED1700, Super 95, 1963. FWE ZF Box RHD, 2 SU's. Professional  
engine overhaul 2000 miles ago. Car is in very good condition and  
original in every respect. Asking \$2700.00  
David L. Morgan 18730 Rolling Meadow Court, Brookfield, Wisconsin, 53005,  
Telephone (414) 782-8408.

3. 1962 Special Equipment, ZF Box, 4.2 Axle, Twin Webers, 5 bearing  
cam, alloy calipers. This car has been totally rebuilt (stripped to the  
last nut and bolt), suspension, brakes, engine, etc. with no expense  
spared, and hundreds of brand new parts. \$3750.  
David Beresford, L'Hyvreuse House, Cambridge Park, St. Peter Port,  
Guernsey, Channel Islands, Great Britain.

Northern California Club Elite

Northern California Club Elite met for its second outing on May 20th. Three Elites and one Elan were at Bob Green's house in Pacifica for the planned drive through the Napa Valley wine country. The ever present Elites of Bob Green cum Leo Tscharner and Lansing Lee were there. The new addition to the group was Greg Molton's yellow RHD Series I. Greg came up for the event from Santa Cruz, some 100 miles south of San Francisco! Added to this trio of RHD cars was a lonely LHD Elan affiliated with United Lotus Owners. Greg recently acquired his Elite from Dr. Kearn of Pleasanton.

After waiting for the hoped-for more Elites half an hour past our designated departure time of 10:00 AM, the four Lotus' plus crash car in the guise of a Corvair with Bob's wife at the wheel were finally on their way. The trip up was rather hurried as we were to meet more members of United Lotus Owners in the wine country at Yountville. After crossing the Golden Gate bridge headed north on highway 101, we encountered a highway patrol slow-down. As we crept along, stop and go, our temperature gauges moved about as fast as we did. So we took the long way, and detoured our party across the San Rafael bridge and continued on our way via Vallejo, thereby avoiding the traffic jam.

We finally arrived in Yountville at 12:30, 1½ hours late. But our rendezvous was still there. For as we came into town, we saw two Lotus Super 7's (RHD !) belonging to Jeff Howard and Dave Furtado from Sacramento. The group then continued on to Mondavi Vineyards to eat lunch. However, we were thwarted in this attempt as they had no picnic facilities. We therefore deferred to Oakville Vineyard, a small family-run winery, which had a lovely grassy picnic area with shade trees and tables --- and friendly, hungry cats. One of our party added a bottle of wine to his lunch.

At this time we had a short meeting of Nor Cal Club Elite. We decided our June meeting would be at Bob Green's new house on the second Wednesday, 7:30 PM, 13 June 1973. His new address is 13 Canham Court, Pacifica. This address is contingent on his being able to move in. To be safe, call Bob (415) 355 1322, or Lansing (415) 886 4289. Next on the agenda was the possibility of joining Lotus/West in order to activate a Northern California chapter under which we could hold our events. We also discussed the pros and cons of United Lotus Owners - a general Lotus Marque Club interested in the Marque and aiding all Lotus owners as to parts, solutions to problems, etc. It was decided that little advantage could be had by joining U.L.O. at this time as parts and tech information were already well filled by Club Elite.

On adjournment of the meeting we went on to decide who would be awarded the "Neat Elite" trophy. The trophy, however, was to be awarded in absentia, since Eric Jewett, the last winner - and first - was absent from this event. The award was for the worst interior and was awarded to Bob Green. There were no protests filed this time! Now all Bob has to do is get the trophy from Eric.

We then fired up our engines and decided to imbibe in a little fruit of the vine. Our first stop - and our last as it turned out - was Charles Krug's Winery. It was then we discovered that Greg's Elite was having throwout bearing problems, not to mention a probable blown head gasket and broken ring. But, on to Charles Krug.

After a little mix-up at Beringer Brother Winery, we finally arrived at Krugs, just in time for one of their last tours. Here we saw how the grape is processed into wine and bottled. The tour ending up in their tasting room, we did not move on to other wineries. Hic!

We also picked up another Lotus Elan belonging to Rod Stone, a prospective Elite owner. This made a final total of three Elites, two Elans and two Super Sevens. The Elites were still in the majority.

After we tested a "little" of Krug's finest, we felt it was time to end our day. Greg, who bought the wine at Oakville Vineyards, decided he hadn't had enough, and purchased a case of Krug's product.

Upon loading up and firing up - the cars that is - Greg's throwout bearing was whining worse than ever. So an appointment was made with that foremost Coventry Climax engine puller-outer extraordinaire--Bob Green to replace the bearing on the following Thursday.

After deciding that, it was homeward bound, having spent a very enjoyable day with fine machinery, fine scenery, fine wines and fine company.

The Elites ran very well, however, Bob's Corvair couldn't quite make it and blew up about one mile from home. But other than that, it was another successful event for Nor Cal Club Elite, marred only by the smaller than expected turnout of Elites.

Lansing Lee