

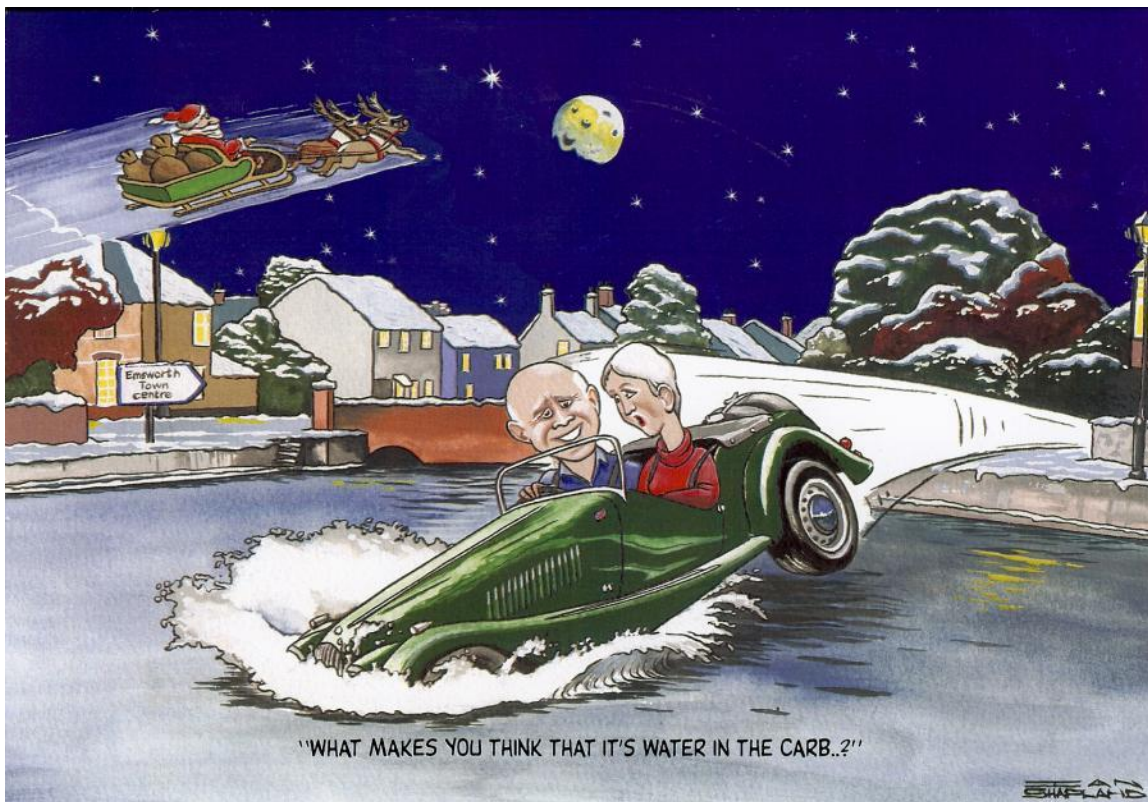
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With thanks to Clifford Pratt (Car 9) for allowing me to use his personally designed Christmas Card image for this months 'Seasonal' Bulletin

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Register News

Welcome new Registrants...

Andrew & Lyn Green (Car 11)

Paula & Susan Evans (Car 17)

Christopher Yates (Car 18)

It seems that +8's are changing hands lately and interesting to see that these are staying in the UK. Recently several LM62's have been sold and found their way across the channel. It seems that this is a common trend as all you Europeans enjoy a strong Euro against us poor Brits!

Morganatica

Ever wanted to have an online User Manual for your car? Well it seems that although there are several sources on the web for our cars there is nothing of the 'Wikipedia' format. There has been some bad press recently about these sites but I must admit that this is indeed shaping up to be a really useful resource.

Just point your 'browser' at

<https://sites.google.com/site/morganatica/home>

... and have a look, it is set out in a manner that should make things easy to find and the beauty is you can add information to share with others by contacting Tim Harris at - morganaut@gmail.com for access to edit.

Christmas gift for the LM62?

Ever left on your indicators? Then through a group purchase scheme arranged via MogTalk anyone visiting the 'Audicator' website www.audicator.com and purchasing any item over £25 will receive a 15% discount by entering MORGAN as a discount code. There will still be the £3.95 P&P charge though (£5.45 if you order two).

2012, Not only the Olympics!!

I especially appreciate that to some 2012 even as we close out of 2010 seems a long way off. But I felt the same when I purchased my car three years ago and the Centenary celebrations of 2009 seemed just as far away. At that time I set myself the personal goal of getting

together as many of the Le Mans 62's as possible for a combined display and you didn't let me down!!

Well, now there is another milestone that is as special and certainly more specific to our cars - A true celebration, not only the 50th anniversary of TOK 258 winning Le Mans but also the 10th anniversary of the creation of our special cars and of course (thanks to Peter Alt) the Le Mans 62 Register! (Oh, and also the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Dutch MSCC club)

So to that end I have been pleased to report that I have been in close contact with Machiel Kalf from the Dutch Morgan Car Club and Morgan owner extraordinaire!, regarding an event that he is planning in Holland. I feel that this is a fitting event to support as I feel that to try anything specific for our cars (and Morgans generally) at the Le Mans Classic in 2012 will be very difficult (and expensive!).

So I am happy to pass on advance information on what is planned directly from Machiel....

Date: 6th, 7th and 8th July 2012.

These dates have been chosen because it is the weekend preceding the Le Mans Classic historic racing weekend. Now read on to discover the link between the two events. There is more here than meets the eye!

2012: Then it will be exactly fifty years ago that a Morgan Plus Four won the Two Litre Class Race. The drivers: Richard Shepherd Barron and Christopher Lawrence.

The MSCCH celebrations are to be held in the beautiful and rustic area surrounding the TT-Circuit at Assen, in the Province of Drenthe.

The Morgan Motor Company intends to build a fantastic display in the paddock that has been specifically reserved for the MSCCH. Here the newest Morgan products will be displayed to the public.

Foreign guests.

Charles Morgan has sent the word out to all "Affiliated Clubs" to come to Holland!

The expectations are already that more than 500 Morgans from all over Europe will attend, and possibly even from America, Japan and Australia.

The Drenthe Tourist Board is showing signs of excitement too! A historic race weekend at the TT-circuit is a big tourist attraction.

The surrounding area.

This part of Holland has much to offer in terms of recreation. The people living here can also look forward to the spectacle of all these classic cars buzzing around on their scenic runs. The routes allocated for the six runs have already been finalized, as well one to challenge those who think they can read maps!

Reception

The welcoming reception will take place on July 6th at the Assen Hotel. This will be brought to you together with the Morgan Motor Company.

Guests of honour: Christopher Lawrence and Richard Shepherd. Other special guests include the Queen's Commissioner for the Province of Drenthe, Mr. J. Tichelaar, the Lord Mayor of Assen, the directors of the TT-Circuit and many top racing drivers.

Morgan Promotional Tour.

The intervening week between the event at Assen and Le Mans will be filled with a Morgan Promotional Tour with stops at places like the new Louwman Car Museum in the Hague. The run will start on Tuesday morning, 10th July. After the museum visit, the Morgan convoy will drive on to Bruges via the Westerschelde tunnel where it will be met by more Morgans from the Flanders Morgan Club. They will escort the convoy along an interesting route through Belgium, right up to the North French Border, where even more Morgans from the French Morgan Club will be waiting to greet us.

On Thursday 12th July we will then all drive on to Le Mans. Hotel/lodging bookings for Le Mans can be individually booked or reserved via the English Morgan Club.

The Le Mans Classic organisers will be giving special attention to the Morgan at this event, and the Morgan Motor Company will be organizing a reception.

Quite a lot of English participants of the weekend in Drenthe are tradition-bound to attend the Le Mans races on 13th, 14th, and 15th July.

Races.

Naturally, we also want to include historic car races, and to this end we have sought the cooperation of the HARC (Historische Auto Ren Club). The MSCCH has invited the English Morgan Three Wheeler Club to participate. The race organizers have also included old four cylinder Morgans as well as the Aero Challenge. The HARC has also added the NK HTGT and the more recent races for the so-called 'Young Timers' (cars from 1966 - 1981)

HARC will be the organizers-in-chief for all the races. The directors of the TT circuit are delighted with all the developments so far, now that a major historic race weekend is being organized.

The MSCCH will be using the paddock to the left directly on emerging from the tunnel in front of the Gold Club. This paddock will house parking facilities for Morgans, the Morgan Motor Company display and sponsors' tents as well as the concours event. We will be using the Old North Loop for Gymkhana, sprint and slalom activities.

Programme:

Friday: Scenic runs through the three northern provinces. Starting point: Paddock TT Circuit. Scenic runs will be possible throughout the day and even on the following Monday since the Morgan Promotional Tour will not start until Tuesday.

Saturday morning: The Morgan Concours.

Saturday afternoon: a sprint and a slalom competition on the Old North Loop of the TT Circuit.

Historic races will be taking place throughout the day. During the pauses there will be the opportunity for Morgan drivers to try a few laps for themselves on the circuit (a charge will be made for this)

Saturday evening: The Big Party!

A party with a theme: 1962 - 1972. The organizers would be delighted to see as many people as possible dressed up to match this period. The decor and music will also be sixties-style.

The prize-giving for the concourse will take place during the dinner.

Sunday morning: Gymkhana (A funny word meaning that you can get your Morgan to do gymnastics at low speeds and exercise your elbows and brains at the same time.)

Sunday afternoon: (16.00 hours) Conclusion of the weekend with prize-giving for the sprint, slalom and gymkhana events. High tea will be served on the circuit.

Historic races will be taking place during the entire day. Once again, Morgan drivers will have the opportunity to drive a few laps on the circuit during the intervals (a charge will be made for this).

Tuesday: The first stage of the Morgan Promotional Tour from Assen to Le Mans

If you are interested in being part of this unique event then please let me know and I will coordinate with Machiel Kalf directly for the Register.

Season's Greetings

A shorter than usual Bulletin this time but just enough time and space to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Rita and Keith Hofgartner
Registrar Le Mans 62 Register.

