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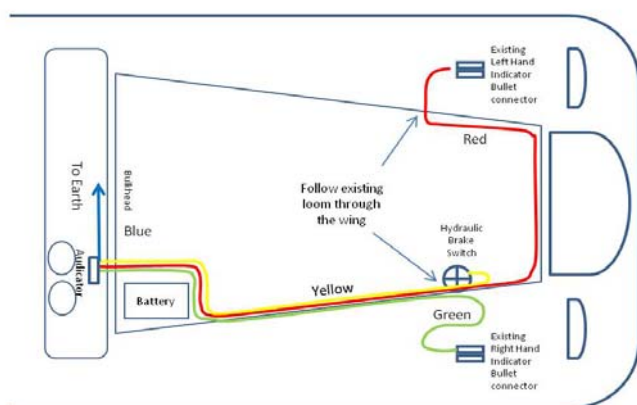
Welcome new Registrants...

Dafydd Marston (Car 66)

Dafydd is a serving officer in H.M.Forces and is not able to get out and enjoy his car as much as he likes and this can't be any easier with such a beautiful new wife! We hope to see you at some time at one of our meets, Dafydd. Until then keep safe.

Audicator update

In the last edition of the Bulletin I mentioned that I had purchased an 'Audicator' for my car. This device is very smart and provides an audio bleep if you (quite often for me) leave your indicators on without cancelling them. The device can be simply programmed to provide different warning sounds, intervals before sounding together with an automatic reset if you use the brakes (when sitting at junctions etc.) It proved simple to fit (after looking at the various possibilities) and I finally opted to extend the wiring via a four way connector (purchased from Maplin - designed for a PC power supply). The four wires have to be connected - one to earth, one to brake light and one to each indicator. From the new plug I created a mini loom in the following configuration ..



and made connections to the bulkhead for the earth (as already used for other wiring) and connected fed the loom through the existing loom that passes through the bulkhead (just behind the battery (in my 4/4) and followed the loom past the fuel filter along the right hand side of the engine bay and took the right hand indicator feed through the lighting feed through the front wing panel and through behind the front suspension. I used a bullet connector and was able to

plug this direct into the double connector that connects the existing indicator connections. This eliminated any cutting of cable runs and allows for easy removal if required. The other cables continued on the inside of the engine bay, with the brake light feed dropping to the brake switch (by way of the existing loom) near the cross member and the remaining left indicator feed running around the front of the air filter box and around to the feed through the wing to the left hand indicator double bullet connector using another bullet connector tucked behind the front suspension again. I would imagine that the discount offer is still on so anyone visiting the 'Audicator' website www.audicator.com and purchasing one 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).

Silverstone Classic - July 22-24



Last year Rita and I attended this event. A Morgan parking area was organised by friends in CranMog together with discounted tickets that meant that a 3 day pass for all events for the two of us was £ 70! Being on our doorstep it also meant that we didn't have to pay for hotels. It turned out to be a great event and had all the elements to make this enjoyable - Morgan parking right in the middle of the trade stands and raised plenty of interest in our cars, evening entertainment (again right by our parking), varied classes of racing throughout the three days of the event (including Morgans of course). Based on the success of this event I would like to make this an opportunity for the Register to meet as it might be central for quite a few of you and the racing and events would make it attractive weekend/day visit.

I would be happy to recommend hotels, bed & breakfast if this of interest.

So, please let me know if you would be interested in attending and I will ensure that we get our cars together in the 'Morgan Camp' and coordinate with CranMog. We are also hoping to organise a 'Parade Lap' this year.

We now have the Cranmog car club code for discounted tickets. The code is C11026 and we have authority to use it for the Register. **The specially discounted tickets are available only until 31st March 2011** and they are still 2 for the price of 1. You can book online direct via the Silverstone Classic website www.silverstoneclassic.com and enter the code which then gives the discounted ticket prices. You can also book the camping at the same time at £10 per person per night.

2012 - Le Mans 62 10th Anniversary

Last bulletin I gave some initial information regarding the idea of us celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Register by joining in with the joint celebrations being organised by the MSCC of Holland. I received quite a bit of interest and it has inspired me to continue to develop this further. **The first important piece of information is that the date has changed!** It seems that the organisers of the Le Mans Classic decided to 'steal' the dates and use the chosen weekend for the 'Classic' meeting so plans have now changed so that the event will be the weekend **AFTER** Le Mans as opposed to originally before it (so you can still do both!).

New Date: 13th, 14th and 15th July 2012.

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.

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 routes allocated for the six runs have already been finalized, as well as one to challenge those who think they can read maps!

Reception

Brought to you by the Morgan Motor Company and the Dutch Morgan Importer NIMAG. This warm welcome will be the kick-off event for the whole weekend and will take place at the TT-Circuit Paddock on Friday 13th July.

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.

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 concourse event. We will be using the Old North Loop for Gymkhana, sprint and slalom activities.

Programme:

Friday 13th July:

Scenic runs in your LM62: Six flavours to choose from!

These runs will meander through the countryside of the three northern provinces of Holland.

Starting point: The TT-Circuit Paddock. These runs can be enjoyed whenever you wish during the whole weekend, but try to be back on time for the...

Friday Afternoon:

MMC Reception in the marquee on the TT-Circuit Paddock

Friday evening: Buffet Meal in the Assen Hotel

Racing competitors will be training on the circuit most of the afternoon.

Saturday 14th July:

Morgan Concourse d'Elegance 8.30 hours, (promptly):

If this is not your cup of tea, then why not try another fresh, morning scenic run with some new-found Morgan friends.

Historic Races.

These will start at 10.00 hours and the programme will include races with three-wheelers, 4-cylinder Morgans and the Aero Challenge.

To spice things up a bit, a swarm of angry 50cc racing bikes from the sixties and seventies will be let loose on the circuit, the so-called 'Golden Fifties' race. The HARC has also added the NK HTGT as well as races for the so-called 'Young Timers' (cars from 1966 - 1981)

Sprint and Slalom Competitions:

These will take place at the north end of the original TT-circuit from 13.00 hours: The Sports Orientation Run. Leaves from the paddock of the TT-circuit. Driving teams will be issued with a book full of maps, arrows and squiggly lines. Good luck!

Racing Pauses: Morgan drivers may, if they so wish, drive their cars on the circuit for a small fee. If you take a VIP passenger with you, then there will be no charge. (We know your mum is a VIP in your eyes, but only the circuit officials are authorized to decide who is a VIP. Sorry!)

Saturday Evening: This is the Big One.. It's Party Time.

This will be a knees-up with a 1962- 1972 theme, so there is still plenty of time to grow some fuzzy sideburns and find yourself a Sgt. Pepper suit. The music and the decor will reflect this era. An effort to wear appropriate sixties clothing would enhance the atmosphere and 'tickle' the organizing committee pink. During the course of the evening, the prizes for the slalom, sprint and concourse competitions will be given out.

Sunday 15th July:

Sunday morning: After a hearty Dutch breakfast, perhaps even with chocolate sprinkles on white bread, there are still more scenic runs to try in the bracing morning air.

Gymkhana from 11.00

Historic races with, once again, the chance to drive your car, for a small fee, on the circuit between events.

High Tea at 16.00 hours with prize giving and farewells.

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. I have enclosed a Hotel Booking Form to allow you to make advance bookings (no commitment on payment until the deposit payment terms apply).

So please let me know if you are attending and we can ensure that we are given the treatment we deserve with a lap of the circuit (at least) and preferential parking!

If you are planning on attending the Le Mans Classic or if you have more time available then why not add a few more days with the 'Morgan Promotional Tour'...

This is a special 3-day tour that has been set out for those wishing to add a Le Mans Classic experience to precede the Assen event:

Tuesday 10th July: Le Mans to the north border of France escorted by the French Morgan Club

Wednesday 11th July: A new escort: the Belgian Morgan Club will take us through Belgium to the Hotel Brugge Oost

Thursday 12th July: The home run led by the Dutch Morgan Club, with a special stop at the Louwman Car Museum, before driving up to Assen. This amazing museum is well worth a quick Google search.

Information about hotels en route will be given at a later stage.

Simmonds Dashboard modification

In January's Miscellany I saw an advert by 'Simmonds' for an 'Engine Turned' Aluminium Dashboard insert. Strangely I had been searching everywhere to source a similar material to make exactly the same but without success. When I contacted Steve it seems that this was at a prototype stage and offered me one to try. Very soon one appeared in the post and I set about to fit it as the dashboard was still off after fixing the Audicator (and a modification to add a relay into the Brake Light Switch circuit that I will cover in a further bulletin!). The panel



is extremely well made and is a metallic foil covered in an acrylic material to protect it and give it some substance. It is relatively simple to fit (when you already have the dashboard off!!) and requires removal of the switches and removal of the plate from the dash.

Personally, I think it sets the dashboard off a treat. I am waiting for the confirmation of cost and hope I can secure a discount for the Register, so if anyone is interested please let me know, the more the merrier! Also Steve tells me he is selling two of his 'cherished' number plates..

M12 TOK (MR TOK) and B16 TOK (BIG TOK)
Each available for £ 800 (+VAT and transfer fee).

Enjoy the Spring weather! Keep safe..

*Keith Hofgartner
Le Mans 62 Registrar*