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Car 21 with Achim Niemeyer participating in the 'Gentleman Driver Cup 2011'

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### Register News

Welcome new Registrants...

Wolfgang Becker - Car 72

Hubert Renault - Car 78

### MOG2011 - Newmarket

It was good to catch up with Steve Elsey (Car 52) at Newmarket at the annual MOG event. Steve was 'On Duty' at the event although he suffered a total relay failure to the fuel pump and ECU that delayed his early start in the morning. (Check those 3 relays in the fuse box as described in earlier Bulletins and ensure you carry spares!) I met with Louwel and Ineke Louwes from Holland (Car 6) and also Alistair and Yvonne Skinner and although they had to sell their car (Car 46) they still follow the Register with interest.

In an attempt to get special parking at the event I decided to enter the Innovation Competition. This was running on after its success last year at Buxton. I had entered three 'Innovations'..the 'Relay assisted Brake Switch' solution, the 'Modified Air Box' and at the last minute decided to include my recent addition of 'Courtesy Lights'.

With great surprise the 'Courtesy Light' Innovation won the award and is detailed further in the Bulletin.

I was also lucky enough to speak with Richard Shepherd-Barron (co-driver with Chris Lawrence of TOK at Le Mans in 1962) and obtained a copy of his DVD "Behind the Pits" that includes some great images and commentary regarding his personal memories of that great race.

### Silverstone Classic - July 22-24

Only this week I finally received my Weekend Tickets to this great event. This year Morgan are taking a very active part in the event and providing 4/4 Sports for the Celebrity Races so that should be interesting in itself. Parking for Morgans has been secured by CranMog and we are in the centre of things around the new 'Village Green' attraction. I hope to see other LM62ers during the weekend.

### 2012 - Le Mans 62 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Remember the new date 13th, 14th and 15th July 2012.

Plans are very much under way with the MSCCH to join them at their anniversary event in Assen and combine this with the LM62 Register's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TOK winning Le Mans!

I have had several tentative enquiries and some definites so if you feel that you may attend then please let me know so I can coordinate our attendance. I have spoken to Machiel Kalf who is arranging the event and promised a good attendance from the LM62 cars as we hope to be featured alongside TOK.

Be aware that already the original hotel in Assen is full and now bookings are being taken at a second hotel close by so do not delay if you want to get in. Bookings need to be made individually direct with MSCCH and application forms are available from their website - [www.mscch.com/mscch40/](http://www.mscch.com/mscch40/)

(Don't forget to also book your social activities and register for the event!)

Currently I am unsure whether we (Rita and I) will stay in Brugge and join the group travelling up from Le Mans Classic or we may go direct to Assen via the longer ferry crossing to Hook of Holland. BUT please let me know your plans so that we can all be aware so that we can make choices accordingly.

Peter Alt has been busy and has prepared suitable clothing for sale for this event so if you want to be well dressed contact him directly - [info@pa-classics.de](mailto:info@pa-classics.de)



All embroidered and personalized with car #

Enjoy the last part of the Summer weather! Keep safe..

Rita and Keith Hofgartner

## Courtesy light 'Innovation'



The idea of including the Courtesy Light modification was a last minute one as originally I thought it would have no significant interest - 'Wrong!' It appears that what drew the judge's attention was the simplicity of the idea and the final solution. I thank them for their interest and what follows is a brief description of this 'Innovation' (if it can truly be called this) in case you too wish to be 'Enlightened'!

I appreciate that we do not expect all the 'Bells and Whistles' that modern production cars may have but I found it surprising that even a courtesy/foot well light was not part of the standard configuration.

So I set to and made one.

Not difficult but effective. This is obviously of advantage when the soft top (or hard top in my case) is up but a useful addition when preparing for a journey at night (and for eating Fish & Chips!)

I did not want to start attacking the doors or door frame so decided that a simple micro switch obtained from Maplin's would be ideal and this could be attached to the body frame.



The arm of the micro switch was bent into a suitable shape and covered in heat shrink to protect the leather face of the inside of the door.



The modified switch is attached to the Ash wood frame using a bracket made from aluminium right angle extrusion (from B & Q).

The light fitting was obtained on-line from Car Builder Solutions and has the added feature that it can be switched 'On' to override the door switches if illumination is required whilst in the car and doors closed. It is mounted under the dash (convenient brackets are already on the Scuttle Bar) and bathes the foot wells in suitable illumination.



Wiring is simple with power taken from the Cigar Lighter feed that is a standard feature in my car and I elected to add an additional 3 amp fuse to protect the circuit.

The circuit is designed so that either door switch earths the circuit and illuminates the light.

Approximate cost - £ 20.00

Time to complete approx 3 hours (including 'head scratching time')

*Below is yours truly (on the right!) with fellow OxMogger Mike Greaves who also won the 'Pride of Ownership' award for his Roadster in the Concourse Judging.*

