

Le Mans 62 Register

News Bulletin

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Three, yes three LM62's huddle underneath the wing of a Vulcan Bomber.

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How's your season, so far!

So where are we at the moment?

We now have confirmed 43 Registrants and with details of 47 in total from the 80. I will continue to track down the rest and try and confirm the others, any information of course will be very welcome!

Welcome to new Sixtytwoers!

Car 8 - Arthur and Patricia Edge were 'discovered' at the Vulcan Photo Shoot event described later in the Bulletin.



Arthur (right) explaining (as you do!..) what a LeMans62 is..

Car 30 - Horst Wagner of Germany

Car 31 - Dr. Klaus & Brigitte Graba of Germany.

Car 80 - Rudolf Herensperger of Switzerland

Rudolf has had published a very nice article of his travels in Switzerland in the Swiss publication 'Auto Illustrierte' and as you would expect features a beautiful car in a beautiful setting. I am getting an English translation prepared and will send this as a separate email.

Regalia

Peter continues to offer his range of Le Mans 62 Regalia and details are available on the Website. I have now 'Sold Out' of the remaining 'Le Mans 62 Register Badges'. I already have names on a waiting list but I do need to get 10 to make it viable. If you don't have one, please contact me directly and I can add you to the list (maybe you might need another one on the car!) Later in the Bulletin I describe the Centenary Rally Plaques that are available to all on the Register it would be good to see these



being used at other events during the Centenary Year of course.

Website changes

We have now had over 8,000 hits. I have listed the 'Update times' on the Home Page of all the relevant Pages so that it is easier to navigate to changed information.

The contacts that I get through this site is very interesting I have managed to gather further information on TOK 258 and also on owners of later cars that are trying to mimic the 'Le Mans 62' requesting the Le Mans 62 script badge on the rear for example. Again showing the popularity of our cars.

Morganville Register

When I started initially to investigate the possibility of finding other LM62 Owners I consulted the Morganville Register that is managed by Tony McLaughlin from the U.S. He has many Morgan's listed and I was able to trace several and discover Peter Alt through this connection. He has requested that members of the Register may like to send him there details so they can be included in this larger database. I explained that I would ask you to register individually if you wish. Tony has already included a link on the Morganville website to the LeMans62 Website. Go to www.Morganville.org to see this useful resource.

Here is an extract from his email to me...

I have the site <www.morganville.org>, which has the Morgan Registry in it. I enjoyed the recent article about your Le Mans 62 site in the Morgan World recently, and would like to ask you for some mutual help.

Please go to my site and see what you think. If it is ok with you, I would like to ask you to list the cars you have on my Registry. I may even have some of the models that you don't have. Please type in "Le Mans" in the search block and check the ones I have.

In this way, we both may benefit by further completing our lists. I have almost 3700 Morgans from all over the world thus far, and have almost all the Super Sports and the Plus 4 Plus models listed!

Drive Safe and enjoy the longer days!

Keith and Rita Hofgartner
Email: Keith_hofgartner@trimble.com
Or feel free to call me +44(0)1908 524072

'Le Mans 62's on parade by Keith Hofgartner

Q: How many Le Mans 62's can you park under a Vulcan Bomber?

A: Three (if you can spot them!)

We were invited along to an event organised by a local Centre who were organising a 'Flights over the Cotswolds' and Photo Shoot and visit to a Vulcan Bomber at Wellesbourne Airfield near Stratford on Avon in the Cotswolds on the 4th April.

The date was duly fixed in the calendar and we set off on the Friday evening and gave ourselves the luxury of a treat of a night away in a local pub. (The Howard Arms at Ilmington - highly recommended! - www.howardarms.com) We decided to go with 'The Top' on as we were uncertain whether the weather would hold for the Saturday or not.

We were really pleased, not only to meet Steve Green (Car. 44) (who came 'Topless' ☺) but also discover another LM62 owner - Arthur and Patricia Edge (Car . 8). More about them later..

The inevitable photo shoot took place after the live taxi-ways were cleared and the cars were ushered into position and below can be seen the result. Quite a sight under what is truly a remarkable aircraft!

The Vulcan is being lovingly maintained by volunteers and although not certified to fly they do taxi it around the airfield at special events but this costs them over £ 5000 in fuel alone (and I thought our +8 members had thirsty toys!!). The next outing for the Vulcan is on Fathers Day at a 'Wings and Wheels event'. So if you want to hear the wonderful sound of this 'beast of the skies' stick the date in your diary - we may well see you there as well!



A 'Squadron' of Morgans



Yours truly was seen to be 'modelling' a fellow Morganeers fine jacket before entry into the cockpit. (I really must invest in one of these before next years' winter). The cockpit is complete and it is truly amazing that 4 crew would fly for 18 hours per sortie. Whilst looking around I spotted a component that is common with our own 'cockpits', and felt assured that if it was good enough for them I am sure it is good enough for my Morgan!.... (See below..)



Events



Centenary Celebrations

At the moment I have enclosed a list of the Sixtytwoers attending various events but more importantly the 'Centenary Festival' static display for the Le Mans 62 Register. I have suggested to the organisers that we could be 20 now. So if your name is not on the list at the end of the Bulletin and you are planning to attend please let me know as soon as possible. (Please note this list WILL NOT be published on the Web Site version of the Bulletin).

I have now finalised the Rally Plaques and have now ordered 20 of them so that I can deliver them well ahead of the Celebrations. I am very pleased with the results and enclose a photograph of the final sample. Please forward a cheque for £ 8 or if you prefer pay by PayPal at the link on the Regalia page off the www.LeMans62.org.uk/regalia.html website.

Each Plaque will be individually numbered.



Centenary Noggin

We now have a chance to all meet during the Centenary Week. Our latest Registrants, Arthur & Patricia Edge live near Malvern and have arranged a Pig Roast/BBQ on the evening of Monday 27th July from 17:00 hrs. (with cover if it is wet). They have already invited friends from the 'Morgans Over America' group, their neighbour is the Chairman of the 'Three Wheeler Club' so members will be attending as well and it seems there is room for us as well! The event is being generously hosted by Arthur & Patricia and there will be a collection on the night for a local charity to cover the food and drinks that will be available.

Please let me know if you are able to attend and I will coordinate with Arthur directly. I am sure it will be a great evening and start to the Celebrations!

Building a TOK258 Kit Car



As mentioned in the last Bulletin here is my brief story on the construction of a Kit Car. Don't panic, not a full sized fibre glass road going Kit Car but a 1:43

Scale model. The kit was purchased off eBay (as you do..) after I failed to find any models of the great

little TOK. So some keen bidding and I was the winner. I was amazed when it arrived to see that it was Car 54

'of a collection Le Mans winners through the ages'. (I own Car 54, yet another spooky coincidence connected to my Le Mans 62 ownership!!) Once I eagerly opened the package I was somewhat disappointed in seeing the parts that looked very basic and I was beginning to reconsider the challenge ahead of me. After all it has been several decades since I ventured into model making at this scale. Oh well something to do during the winter months... The model was prepared and painted and finally the finished results can be seen. This is as close as I will get to owning TOK 258 but I must say was a great way to spend several (too many - Rita says!) hours.



Le Mans 62 Register – Cheltenham Centenary Celebrations attendance list

As at 5th May 2009



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Car.	Registration	Name	Rally Plaque	Cheltenham Display	Abbey Hotel 24/07	Abbey Hotel 25/07	Abbey Hotel 26/07	Prescott 25/07	Prescott 26/07	Le Mans BBQ 27/07	Factory Tour 28/07	Beaulieu 28/07	Steam Charter 29/07	Castle Combe 29/07	Madresfield 30/07	VSCC Prescott 31/07	Gala Dinner	Camping
6	41-NK-BR	(Louwe) B.M. Louwes		1														
8	V60 MOG	Arthur & Patricia Edge	1	1				1					1		1		1	
9	CP02 MOG	Clifford Pratt	1	1														
18	LM51 MOG	Phill Thomas	1	1	1	1	1		1			1		1		1		1
21	SG 124 340	Achim & Andrea Niemeyer		0				1	1		1			1		1		
38	LE 02 MOG	Patrick J. Ward	1	1														
46		Yvonne & Alistair Skinner		1														
47	WV52 BCX	Nigel & Barbara Johns	1	1						1							1	
51	VO02 FHZ	Keith & Elizabeth Wait		1														
52	S19 MOG	Stephen J. Elsey		1														
54	S4 KRH	Keith & Rita Hofgartner	1	1					1					1	1	1		
58	K9 TOK	Max Archenbold	1	1														
69	J 97229	Keith Ahlers		1														
72	VU52 MYH	Helen Days		1														
75	OF-NR 750	Peter Alt		1												1		