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'Pretty Maids all in a row...'

Thanks to Phill Thomas for this lovely picture taken at Cheltenham with TOK.

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It's all over!

Centenary Celebrations

This Bulletin is filled with our personal anecdotes and photos of the Centenary Celebrations so apologies to those that were not able to attend but hope that you are interested to see how the Register was presented to all the attendees of the Cheltenham activities over the weekend of 1st and 2nd August. I have tried to only include highlights that are specific to the Register. I am sure that Miscellany will have a wider feature for general interest and I have already sent a brief report with photos for possible inclusion to the Editor...we will see. **Who's new to the Register?**

We now have confirmed 46 Registrants and with details of 56 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 3 Jenny & Nico Zonneveld Netherlands
Car 61 Brian Lawnsdowne England

And back after selling his former LM! (This is his third!)

Car 11 Frank Manclark Scotland

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' even after 'regaining 2 from Mervyn Rutter and definitely have no more. I already have 1 name on a fresh 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!)



Website changes

The site continues to be updated with new images in the Gallery and of course details of new Registrants.

Drive Safe and we look forward to meeting some of you again and some others for the first time!

Keith and Rita Hofgartner

Limited Prints of TOK at Le Mans..

As an early birthday present Rita has bought me a great picture of TOK. It is a local artist and he specializes in Auto Art and he has a great website to see other examples of his work. *David Purvis - www.olneyart.co.uk*



I have discussed with David the possibility of creating limited edition signed prints to be available to the Register. He has agreed to create 40 of these and make them available to the Register exclusively for £ 27. These will be a 40 x 50 cm print with a white border and title, signed, with a certificate of authenticity in a postal tube. Contact me directly if you would like one.

(apologies to Frank Manclark our very own artist within the Register but you had already left us when Rita made the purchase.....you can still find details of Franks' art featured in Bulletin 15)

Hard top fix..

After many months of deliberating over a solution for the rear clip to the hard top. I have now resolved a simple solution to the problem of the catch flying off as it slides left to right of the bracket. Simply use the plastic nuts from registration plate bolts and longer screws, and crimp the bracket slightly. The clamp is now retained after a week of 'Centenary Motoring'!



Centenary Celebrations



Welcome Reception

Phill and Janette Thomas (Car 18) were present at the Welcome Reception were I understand the champagne 'trickled' at the new Visitors Centre and it appears that Janette has her eyes on a more eco-friendly Morgan!

Prescott Garden Party

Our own start for the week was joining the Garden Party at the Prescott Hill Climb course with so many other Morgans. Among them we were able to meet for the first time, Achim and Andrea Niemeyer



with family and friends in there 'support vehicle' a 4/4 4 seater and Car 21, Elizabeth and Keith Wait in Car 51. A great atmosphere but a shame about the weather.

The 'cream on the cake' was the fly past (three!) of the Lancaster Bomber. It's sound put the +8's to shame!! (But not Achim's!)



Centenary Noggin

Our thanks go to Patricia and Arthur Edge for inviting us to their Hog-Roast on the Monday evening. It really started the week off, a beautiful summers evening, food, drink, jazz band and great company. We were rubbing shoulders with 'Morgans Over America' group and the Three Wheelers Club and was great to see their cars and chat. Rita and I were able to meet up for the first time with Nigel and Barbara Johns (Car 47), Ineke and Louwew Louwes (Car 6) from the Netherlands, Dennis and Pamela Glavis from California (understandably without Car 1) and to meet again Keith and Elizabeth Wait.



Stoke Lacy

One of the highlights for Rita and I was the visit to the village of Stoke Lacy, the original home of the 'Morgan Family'. Considering it was a very wet day the welcome we received was as warm as you could have hoped.

Just as we were about to leave the church we were told to go across to the 'Old Rectory' as they were doing Cream Teas in the old Morgan Family home. A true treat and made even better when we met up with Ineke and Louwew again enjoying 'a good British Tea!'. It is a shame that the weather was not kinder as the Croquet Lawn looked very inviting.



In the church are the memorial windows to Peter Morgan and the Morgan Family graves. We had just missed a lunch time concert in the church, sadly.

It was a shame that the Stoke Lacy events had not been widely publicised by the Factory. They had laid on a Hog Roast and musical concerts during the week which few knew about.

Castle Combe Track Day

Whilst we were enjoying our tea at Stoke Lacy, other Sixtytwoers were 'thrashing' around Castle Combe circuit...

Both Achim and Phill braved the weather in their cars and had a good time despite it I understand. Here is Phill in action! (Either he is giving it the 'extreme' or his instructor is VERY heavy!!).

Also a very good advert for Michelin Primacy HP tyres but not sure about the Simmonds Hood though!



Morgans at Madresfield

The weather improved on Thursday for the Autotests at Madresfield. Arthur Edge (Car 8) showed the way in how to turn a beautiful LM62 +8 (several turns actually) into something that looked better suited to a wet forest stage on the RAC Rally. AND the course was on tarmac (almost)!



VSCC Hillclimb at Prescott Hill



A fine day for a picnic so off to Prescott for the second time but this time to see the glorious VSCC cars 'Take the Hill'! We managed to find an empty space and low and behold right next to Keith and Elizabeth's car and one row behind a VERY clean Car 18. (Compare this with the shot of it at Castle Combe!!). Well done Phill.

Unfortunately there was a nice three wheeler Morgan having problems though...



Centenary Festival Weekend

So, to what it was all about, the opportunity to form up as many of the Register cars as possible in Cheltenham and fulfil a personal ambition that I set out last year when I took over the Register. The result, a total of 13 cars were displayed throughout the Weekend.

The night before we left our accommodation in Hanley Swan nr. Malvern we mounted the hard top in the rain and decided that the storm cover was not necessary.....mistake! Now I know that the hard top leaks more than the soft top!!



It was great to be met by fellow Sixtytwoers when we arrived at the designated parking area for our Register right by the main entrance to the Event that we had not already met during the week. Frank Manclark (Car 11), Phill Thomas (Car 18), Yvonne and Alistair Skinner (Car 46), Stephen Elsey (Car 52), Max Archenhold (Car 58) and Brian Lawnsdowne (Car 61). Unfortunately I was not around but Helen Days came to visit, but was unable to bring Car 72.

As to be expected the cars looked great and raised a lot of interest to all entering the Event. On returning to the display in the afternoon it was disappointing that a few stray

'cuckoo' Morgans had filled the spaces that were left.

Car 52 with Stephen Elsey took pride of place in the Static Display area. It generated a lot of interest not only from other LM62 owners but the general public to. Well done Steve for making it look so attractive for the weekend. I understand it also gave him the excuse to spend a good couple of days 'giving it a treat in preparation'.



Thankfully the repeat of 'strangers in the camp' were addressed for the Sunday and we had a 'cleaner' display of LM's, thanks to improved general car park marshalling and of course by Phill and Janette Thomas being there earlier than ourselves and marshalling the spaces.



Also on the Sunday we were pleased to embrace 'TOK' into the fold when Keith Ahlers arrived. Unfortunately he was unable to bring the LM62 (Car 69) along as he had a fuel pump problem. After all, he had also brought another Supersport as well so I really appreciate his attendance and gracing the Register with the display of TOK. The downside is that as soon as it arrived I was unable to get a good picture of it in the group but I am pleased to say that Phill Thomas was far more successful and has provided some cracking photos.



Anyone who had seen the display would have been proud to have been an owner of our fine cars and I am sure has enhanced the knowledge about the Le Mans 62. I appreciate the effort that everyone went to in preparing their cars and driving around with hard tops in the pouring rain but the result was indeed worth it!

Everyone left with smiles and handshakes (Alistair Skinner's smile was broader as he clutched a litre of 'liquid gold' better identified as Le Mans Green paint to take back to France...I prefer something I can drink to be honest!!)

I am sure that there will be more photos and stories to come out of this event and I will be happy to create another Bulletin if I receive sufficient information of course, so that no-one feels left out.

Thank you all for your support!

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