



# *Le Mans 62 Register*

## *News Bulletin*

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Car 54 at the Silverstone Classic



### Register News

#### Welcome new Registrants...

I have been informed of new owners of LM62's but still waiting for details to add them to the Register.

Michael Krebs, Germany - Car 30  
Leif Gustafsson, Sweden - Car 60

I was pleased to meet up with Robert Merker (Car 34) and his son during the summer as they were on a 'whirlwind' tour of all things 'Morgan' it seemed. Visiting dealers and the factory on the way it is was great to meet with him and share the enthusiasm he has for his car.

#### 2012 - the year of celebration!

Little did I realise when I took up the role as Registrar of the Le Mans 62 Register that the time would fly so quickly. The year after I purchased my car I had the pleasure of meeting with so many of you at the Centenary Event in Cheltenham and we proudly displayed over 20 cars at the entrance to the event. The thought of repeating this for the tenth anniversary seemed so far off but here we are only just over six months away!

We have every opportunity of meeting again and trying to better the attendance at the Centenary and with the Register stronger than ever I am sure we can do it. We have three possibilities to do this - the Le Mans Classic, the Assen Celebrations and the Silverstone Classic.

Unfortunately I will not be able to join the Le Mans Classic but Robert Merker (Car 30) will be in attendance and has 'volunteered' to be a point of contact and coordinate any meetings of fellow 'Sixtytwoers' who are attending the event. I will circulate his contact details to those that are attending.

So what follows are the two events that I will personally be involved with.

#### Assen - MSCCH Celebrations

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

Plans are very much under way with the Morgan Sport Car Club Holland (MSCCH) to join them at their anniversary event in Assen, Northern Netherlands, 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 definite so if you feel that you will 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 in the paddocks.

Be aware that already the original hotel in Assen is full and now bookings are being taken at another 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.msccch.com/msccch40/](http://www.msccch.com/msccch40/) (Don't forget to also book your social activities and register for the event!)

Rita and I have now confirmed travel and we will take a more direct route via the ferry from Harwich to the Hool of Holland on Wednesday night and drive direct to Assen on the Thursday. We hope to 'merge' with the group travelling up from Le Mans Classic but we will be there for the whole weekend. PLEASE let me know your plans so that we can all be aware so that we can make arrangements to meet up at some point over the weekend to have a true LM62 Celebration!

Peter Alt has been busy and has prepared suitable clothing for sale for this year's events 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 #

#### Silverstone Classic - July 2012

For those not attending the Le Mans Classic or Assen do not despair!! The 'Factory' are ensuring that they have a good presence at next year's Silverstone Classic building on the success of this year's event. CranMog did a splendid job on organising a display area for many cars and next year their efforts will be supported by the MSCC as well. Unfortunately due to miscommunication this year the chance of a lap of the circuit was missed and it is

planned to be better prepared for next year. To that end I am already discussing with the organisers to ensure that the LM62 Register are given the opportunity to form part of the parade in celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and of course the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Le Mans win. I am hoping that Keith Ahlers will have TOK in attendance but we will wait and see what the possibilities are during this busy year.

Please make every effort to attend to make a great show of our cars to the public. You won't be disappointed as it is a great event for all.

### *Spotlight Brackets*

Since I have owned my car I have wanted to fit some classic Cibie Spotlights. Easy, one would first think but as always, not so...

First to find some... The particular model I wanted was the smaller (5¼") Cibie Tango units, manufacture stopped some time ago and some of the last chrome ones were going for £ 130 each! I was lucky and found some on eBay (as you do) and got a pair for £ 30 (although they were the black variant).

Next the fitting... It seems that the only offering for the cars with over riders (ours) is from Librand and these require drilling of the front wing to fit. Not too keen on this idea I decided to think of another plan. I had seen some that had been fitted to a later +4 by drilling the number plate box but again felt that this was too drastic and not sure that these would put the spot lights in the best position. So I was forced to solve the problem myself.

Inspiration came when I removed the over riders and saw that the bracket where they were mounted on was begging to be drilled with a lower hole allowing the over rider to be dropped (this also allowed the over riders to align better with the already lowered position when I adjusted the front cowl/number plate mount in an earlier project).



The original mounting hole (slot) is on the top and the new hole is 50mm lower. It was not that simple but a good drill with a sharp bit (and file) did the job on this strong alloy

Next I fabricated a cardboard template to create a part hidden bracket mounted directly behind the over rider and using the original mounting hole to fix it to the



bracket.

A local work shop cut the plates, formed the bend and sprayed them as a mock up and these fitted first time. The original plan was to fabricate these from stainless steel and may yet do this if anyone is interested





I am particularly pleased with the result and it was easy to wire them in as wiring is already installed to the underside of each wing and will allow the lights to be operated on Main Beam. (If anyone is interested I can get more made!)

*Christmas is coming...*

If Santa Claus decides that you have been a good boy and gives you some Lego as a present for Christmas then perhaps you can recreate this model that was listed on a website for Lego fans! It was titled Le Mans 62.



It's amazing what Google will find when you enter "Le Mans 62" into its search engine!

*Early Christmas present*

It was a long wait before Christmas so I decided to treat myself when the excellent 1:18 scale model of TOK was announced by Kyosho models.

This is truly a magnificent piece of modelling (and no it isn't a toy I keep telling Rita!) I panicked and purchased on-line but it appears that Morgan are now stocking these at a slightly more realistic price!

The detail is superb and it certainly does the car justice. This is the nearest I will ever get to owning a historic +4 Super Sport!



So, all that is left for me to say is Merry Christmas to you and your families and we wish you a healthy New Year and hope to share some of it with you all.

Keith & Rita Hofgartner

Le Mans 62 Registrar.