



The Blurb



4/4 70th Anniversary



Prez Sez

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Happy New Year to all. The Morgan world has lost an Icon this month. A Gentleman known internationally in Trike circles. January 17 Mr. Clarrie Coombes passed away in I believe his 93rd year. Clarrie was the Guru of 3 wheeled Morgan's, provided a wealth of knowledge, skill & friendship. Author of "The Best of Clarrie" a Trike owners guide to survival with these fussy forms of transport. Clarrie was meeting with like enthusiasts every other Monday at his workshop to fabricate spares & do what he loved. He will be missed dearly. My condolences to his Family.

Alan & Kathy Lytle have graciously offered their home for a Club gathering on Saturday June 24, details will follow in future Blurbs.

As mentioned previously the +8 was to be re-painted this Winter. Situation normal, the November start date was delayed until post Christmas festivities had been completed. In a very short time frame all wings, bonnet, doors, rad cowl were removed along with some trim bits. Then I became my worst Client! The owner from Hell. Seeing as we've come this far, why

not go a little farther? The valances have rust on them! Can't leave that alone! Oh, the front suspension is right there in the open, might as well take that apart. What's this, the finish on the chassis frame is peeling if I pick at it with a scraper! Might as well re-paint it. The exhaust manifolds have rust on them, wouldn't they look good in Jet Coat. OK! Oh I forgot about the small oil leak under the intake manifold. Better look after that. Do I have a wife & Child? I think so but can't remember what they look like. Jeremy seems taller than yesterday?

I think February Pub lunch, I will bring bits & pieces off of the +8 & try to have a competition of who can clean & polish there assigned piece first.

Vern DJ is also working on his +8. Last news was he twisted his back laying in a contorted position trying to re-wire the dash. Perhaps there is a future for Vern in the restoration business now that he is retired? Events for the coming Summer are starting to come together.

Happy Motoring

Martin Beer





Blurb Editor

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I have been out in my Morgan twice in January!
I knew there was a reason not to winterize it!

I spent part of December riding my horse Aromo around Costa Rica! Poor guy needed a chiropractor after I jumped off his back. Horses are far superior to Morgans in this country because the roads are so crummy.

I want to thank club members for choosing Lynda and me for the Doug Price Award for 2005. Lynda deserves the honour because she puts up with my rants and frequent blue language while I edit the "The Blurb". I got a blistering headache before the club Christmas Party and so Martin couldn't make his Doug Price presentation. I wish I had felt better and attended the party.

Morgan events are starting to shape up for 2006 so it should be a good year for us in Southern Ontario. Our friends in B.C. look very active as well!

Keep the articles coming! Thomas Van Zuiden



Past Prez Sez

Vern Dale-Johnson (dale_johnson@rogers.com)

What's with this weather? January 21 is supposed to start what is normally the coldest week in Toronto's weather... instead of -10°C we're seeing +10°C! I wonder how many Mogs have braved the salted roads for a quick spin? With 3 Mogs living around our temporary Hobbit House I'd expect to see one out and about... not yet... perhaps after a week of rain.

We missed the December Central Canada Morgan Christmas event at Martin & Donna Beer's. Not a lot of juicy gossip at the January pub so I guess most everyone enjoyed and behaved themselves. Announcements included awarding of the Doug Price Award – to Tom and Lynda Van Zuiden for their efforts in organizing runs over the past several years and taking on tasks for the club (most notably the editorship of The Blurb and a move, with the help of Chris Pattenden, to electronic distribution). Well deserved, Tom & Lynda.

Speaking of awards, I'd mentioned back in November, the BCCI Long Distance Awards and since then have chased down several members who I know have covered substantial distance in their Mogs during 2005. The following plaques have been requested and should be available in March. If you feel





you've been overlooked (or haven't received or responded to my email pleas), please get an email to me with details asap and I'll try to squeeze you onto the list.

2005 BCCI Long Distance Awards

Ken & Pat Miles
1969 Morgan 4/4
15,123 miles

**Many miles on
Miles Morgan**

John Collins
1968 Morgan 4/4
12,177 miles

Alan Marsh
2005 Morgan +8
11,321 miles

Ken & Judy Wightman
1969 Morgan +4
11,200 miles

Jeremy Harrison
1990 Morgan +8
9043 miles

**Malcolm &
Brenda Taylor
adding mileage!**

Vern Dale-Johnson
1966 Morgan +4
7129 miles

Malcolm & Brenda Taylor
1960 Triumph TR3A
5112 miles

Ken & Pat Miles
1969 Morgan Plus 8
3002 miles



With this Blurb should be a page giving the details of the award and an application form for 2006. This does bring up the opportunity for a MSCCC Toronto based member to replace me as the BCCI representative. Please contact Martin or Vern if you have this interest. Time commitment is small – 2 or three meetings each year usually in January, May, and October. Meetings have been held in Milton (401 and Hwy 25 area) over the past few years.

If you are a follower of the Morgan artwork done by Valentin Tanase you'll want to check out the new Mog Belgium website where there is a page of his artwork and an opportunity to download screensavers. Site can be found at <http://www.morganownersgroup.be> Jacques Gallien has indicated you can get temporary access by logging in as 8714 with the password GIET. Enjoy!

Finally for me an update... Our +8 is having her wiring refurbished in preparation for a new life "down under". We expect a rather busy 2006 prior to putting her in the container in mid July – including attendance at the June 8-10 Auburn Indiana Mog. Those April showers can't arrive soon enough!



Central Canada Morgan Events

- Feb 5/06 Pub Lunch, 12:00PM, Queenshead Pub, Burlington, Ontario
March 5/06 Pub Lunch, 12:00PM, Queenshead Pub, Burlington, Ontario
April 2/06 Pub Lunch 12:00PM, Queenshead Pub, Burlington, Ontario
April 16 Ancaster Fairgrounds, Flea Market
June 24 Club Picnic, Alan and Kathleen Lytle, Mississauga, Ontario
June 8/06 Auburn Indiana, Club, 10 rooms held at the Auburn Inn, to reserve 1-800-953-6287
June 17/18 Classics for Cancer, Georgetown, 905-873-8278
June 21 Grid Day Sessions, VARAC, Mosport Track (see add) srodger@direcway.com
Sept 8/9/10 Finger Lakes Run, Sharon Roden and Desi Benet
Sept 17 British Car Day, Bronte Provincial Park

West Coast Events for MSCCC and MOG NW

- Feb 20 Hearts and Tarts, Steve and Liz Blake, 604-943-6416
March 19 St. Patty's Day Spring Fling, Ron Theroux, 604-590-1770
April 9th Easter Run, Michael Guluch, 604-929-9194
May 20 Van Dusen ABFM, Win Muehling, 604-299-2425
May 27-8th Mission Vintage Car Race, Win Muehling, 604-299-2425
June 16th Father's Day Picnic, Victoria, Kit Raelson, 250-544-2020
July 22nd Bellevue, ABFM, Mike Amos, 425-881-2054
Aug 20th Northern Run, Hugh Dickson, 604-985-8665
Sept 16th All British Run, Whistler, Win Muehling, 604-299-2425
Sept. 22-25th Rogue River Run with the California Club

Notes From The East

Steve & Martin,

I don't know if Richard told you but I am organizing a Morgan Pub Crawl for July 2007 in conjunction with the British Car meet on PEI which is making the Morgan the marquee for the show. We are meeting in Syracuse, NY on July 8th and going across New England and meeting up with more Morgans in Saint John, NB. We proceed then to PEI for the show. If interested in continuing with us, we go to into NS and then proceed to Maine where we pick up the New England Morgan Club. I made this information quite short but I am calling it the Morgan Pub Crawl because each night, with our lodging, we will go to a brewpub. If you might be interested in going with us for part or all the way, let me know and I will put you on the email list and keep you up to date of the schedule. I would like to get as many Morgans to the PEI British show as possible since our cars will be featured and since you are the only Canadian Morgan dealer, it might be a good event for you to attend. Remember, this is not until July 2007 so you have time to plan.

Charles Miller

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Christmas Party

Martin and Donna Beer hosted the Christmas Party on December 10th at their home in Bolton. Those attending were Trevor Davies & Kathy Jackson, John Collins, Steve, Jenny, & Trevor Beer, Stu & Rita Harvey, Fred & Oti Hendrickson, Alan & Kathleen Lytle, Brian & Brenda Morgan, John & Sharon Roden, Ray & Elizabeth Stevens, Ray & Elizabeth Stevens, Malcolm Taylor, George Watson, Desi & Bill Benet, Reg Beer & Ness, Luch & Lilliana Ghislanzoni, and Donna, Jeremy and Martin Beer. The Annual Meeting took place along with discussions about the origins of our club.

January 7 Pub Lunch

Those in attendance were Chris Pattenden and his girlfriend Amy, Ted Zurbrigg and navigator/brother-in-law Ray, Desi and Bill Benet, Nick Murphy, John and Sharon Roden, Alan and Marlies Sands, Alan Lytle, Ray and Mary Shier, Vern Dale-Johnson, Thomas Van Zuiden, Martin and Reg Beer and Malcolm and Brenda Taylor.

Martin Beer was able to present me with the **Doug Price Award**

Desi and Sharon Roden are putting together a run in the **Finger Lakes** for September 8-9&10 to coincide with the **Gran Prix Festival in Watkins Glen** (www.grandprixfestival.com). Desi has held 10 rooms at Chalet Leon (page 18) which is 5 minutes from Watkins Glen. <http://www.angelfire.com/biz/directoryweb/>. The plan is to take in some of the Vintages Race, tour several of the 106 wineries in the area and to tour the **Glen Curtis Aviation Museum in Hammondsport** (www.glennhcurtissmuseum.org), New York. **Go to the website above and book your event tickets.**



Alan & Kathleen Lytle have graciously agreed to host a picnic on June 21st at their home in Mississauga.

The club event to **Auburn, Indiana** is taking shape with 5 of 10 rooms now booked at the Auburn Inn. The plan is to leave the Hamilton area at 8:00 AM on Thursday June 8 and take the 403 west to the 401 with a stop and tour at the RM facility just outside Chatham, Ontario. The group will then depart for Windsor for a lunch stop prior to the border crossing at Detroit. The group should arrive in Auburn around 5:00PM.

Events will include a tour of the **Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum** (www.acdmuseum.org), a lovely country drive into Amish country and the town of **Grabill** (www.grabill.net) and the **NATMUS Museum** (www.natmus.com).



The group will be staying at the **Auburn Inn** (www.auburninn.com). Rooms are held at \$89 U.S. per night and include breakfast and 2 complimentary drink tickets. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. There is ample parking and a hose to wash the cars. The Ohio Morgan Owners Group are advertising our event in their newsletter so we may have some company!

Call **1-800-953-6287** to book your room in Auburn.



Morgan Memorabilia For Sale

Regalia

Desi Benet is taking over Regalia from Vern. Thanks to Vern who always seemed to travel with a cache of Morgan items just ready to remove \$20 - \$40 from your wallet.

Small “golf” style towels with embroidered Morgan Wings with Canadian flag motif. Available in dark green, black, or deep burgundy (these colors tend to hide dirt or grime!). C\$15 (US\$12) to MSCCC members (plus shipping). Place order with Desi Benet...

Self adhesive, die-cut “Morgan” vinyl waterproof labels in two styles –Geoff William's race script (right) and Morgan classic script (left). These are black, white, yellow, and dark green (indicate second color choice as some are running out). Each is about 5 inches (13 cm) in length. Price is C\$3 (US\$2) per label (add return letter postage to any order up to 4 labels). Ideal for those “special” items you want identified like... decoration on the daily driver, dressing up helmets, “morganizing” regalia items, etc...

Our club currently has no badges. We are discussing ordering new club badges for our 40th Anniversary?

MSCCC pins and crests available from Vern DJ. We've a new supply of pins with “safety pin” closure are 4-color epoxy (yellow Morgan), 1 inch across, new price is C\$10 each. Crests are the MSCCC “badge” on a variety of background colors – black, red, green, blue, white – C\$12 each.

We can embroider your clothing with the MSCCC crest or the new “Morgan Canada” motif incorporating Geoff's race script – send items to Desi. Cost is now C\$12 / embroidery. Many members have had the MSCCC “crest” added to shirts with a second club already in place, allows you to advertise your support for two groups at once!

**Morgan Canada Wings - priced at \$12 / embroidery
We've used our “Morgan Canada Race Script” motif on zippered sports bags (with zippered side pocket) for C\$25/US\$17 – dark green, dark blue, and black are available. Please include \$5 for shipping.**



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Full top and side screens**

\$39,000.00 Canadian

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From Steve and Martin Beer

“We have a limited supply of the Morgan Motor Company limited edition 2006 Calendar. \$54.23 + GST.”

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The Lotus Club of Canada, in association with VARAC, presents the second Annual

Grid Day Sessions

**Mosport International Raceway
Thursday June 21, 2006**

Last year's Grid Day was such a success, the Lotus Club of Canada is pleased to announce the turn of this fun-filled lapping day at the challenging Mosport track. Fees will be between \$175 and \$200 per car.

Lapping will be drive-at-your-own-pace with designated passing zones. In an attempt to keep the spirit of VARAC, we hope to field cars that could be described as vintage or unique. As this is the VARAC Festival Test Day, we will have the opportunity to view vintage racing machines at rest and at full tilt. We will not be sharing the track with them. There will be track marshals, medical support teams and sweep trucks at our disposal. We are arranging for licensed instructors to be available for in-car training. If you are interested enough to put your name on the provisional grid or have questions, please feel free to contact us.

**Greater Toronto Area – Stephen Rodger – srodger@direcway.com
Ottawa / Montreal – Claude Gagner - v8elite@sympatico.ca**



**British Car Council Inc
Bayview Village, P.O. Box 91135
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Long Distance Award, 2006

The purpose of this “award” is to encourage British Automobile drivers to participate in an awareness campaign for their fellow enthusiasts, their clubs, their personal pride, and for the general public. By driving our Classic Cars* as much as possible we are consistently bringing to mind the love of the British Classic Car.

*** Classics do not include British Cars considered “daily drivers” – however, club executives should use discretion, final judgment is up to the BCCI executive.**

To help and encourage all participants, the British Car Council Incorporated offers a “Long Distance Award”. The award, a specially struck plaque with the participant’s name and vehicle particulars, is presented to those who have traveled the pre-requisite mileage (kilometerage) during the season of April 1 through October 31.

The logistics, rules and regulations are as follows:

1. Vehicles participating will not be “daily drivers” (that is, only classic cars used for appropriate events and pleasure during the season are eligible).
2. Timing will be April 1 through October 31. Recording of mileage will not begin prior to April 1 or end after October 31. Anyone in violation of these dates will be disqualified.
3. The award is available to all members of BCCI participating clubs regardless of residence.
4. Each participating automobile will have the odometer read by a respected member of their club’s executive at the start and end of the time period.
5. The club’s executive will be responsible for recording the starting odometer reading and the ending odometer reading on the attached form (need not be the same executive member for both readings).
6. Any and all defective mileage/kilometerage instruments are the responsibility of the car’s driver/owner to repair (no verbal estimates of distance traveled will be accepted).
7. Dash plaques will be awarded to every driver successfully completing 3000 miles or 5000 kilometers during the period being measured.
8. Dash plaques will be given to each club’s BCCI representative and distributed to the appropriate club members by that representative.

Let’s get out and drive those cars! Good luck and remember... have fun and drive safely.



Contest runs from April 1 through October 31

Please copy and distribute this form to your club members.

CONTEST COMMENCEMENT

Club Name (Please Print)	Car Make, Model, and Year (please print)
Principle Driver's Name (please print)	Mileage / Kilos reading as at April 1st 2006
Odometer gauges in working order?	Name & Signature of Club Executive Member Date

CONTEST CONCLUSION

Name (s) to appear on award (please print)	Mileage / Kilos reading as at October 31, 2006
Distance Travelled	Name & Signature of Club Executive Member Date

Submit this completed form to British Car Council Inc no later than December 1. Awards will be presented to your BCCI representative as soon as possible. All enquiries should be directed to the BCCI at the above address. Illegible or incomplete forms may be rejected.



Notes From The West

Ken Miles (kengmiles@shaw.ca)



Win Muehling eats last but gets the cup!

The year 2005 ended with two great parties, one our annual Christmas party hosted by Win and Christine Muehling and the other the annual Boxing Day run hosted by Mike and Rosemary Powley. Approximately 15 couples attended the Christmas Party sans Morgans, which was excusable as it was held at night and there was snow. It was a great time with lots of good appies and a main course with dessert supplied by MognW. The Boxing day run only had the Morgans of Theroux, Powley, Miles (4/4 driven by a junior Miles and DHC driven by Ken), and Harmen with the remaining six couples driving their tin tops. Again the food was great and Mike and Rosemary did a great job.

The Morgan calendar of events for 2006 commenced Jan 22nd with our annual Robbie Burns run led by Mike Powley. We met at Clan McDonald (a clan in Scotland) in North Delta for a coffee to warm and quench our thirsts and allow us time to catch up with each other since our last event in 2005 on Boxing Day. The Morgans of Collis, Muehling, Powley, Marshall, Miles, Theroux, and Hutchens were in attendance along with the tin tops of Blakes and Burkholder. After suitable

chatter we took off for the watering hole known as the Rusty Anchor in Ladner a distance of about 30 miles.

The drive took us along Scot Road (Note the association with Robbie Burns) until river road where we turned south along Hwy 99. This hilly country provided an ample test for our steeds until we reached the flat areas associated with Hwy 10. We backtracked to the east and then headed south crossing Hwy 99 and connecting us with other back roads which led us past Boundary Bay airport and eventually into Ladner. Crossing River Road again we picked up Ferry Road, which led us to our destination where we would find liquid and solid refreshment for our bodies.

Before we sat down Mike introduced a new award for each run. It is a cup suitably engraved with in honour of Al Allinson who no matter where we ate was served last irrespective of his position in the ordering sequence. Each navigator and driver threw two bits in the cup and the last one served was presented with the money. Win Muehling was the winner and he received 17 two bit pieces. Win as Northern rep presented Dave Collis with a certificate in appreciation for him arranging the international run to Concrete Washington in September of 2005. After a suitable repast we all departed content and happy.

The next event will be the "Hearts and Tarts" run being hosted by Steve and Liz Blake on Feb 12th. Meeting place will be Fantasy Gardens at 10:00 AM.

Yvonne Theroux advises us that Ron will be back speed clutching following his successful hip replacement operation. Ron has 6-8 weeks of recovery and physiotherapy but should be able to double-clutch by the summer. Spare hip parts will fit in the trailer!



HogMog News



Why is Ray Shier Facing the Other Way?

Tech Talk

Paint. What colour to paint the +8? Easy question, not such an easy answer. Grey leather with burgundy piping. Ok, limited choices really. Kinda a black cherry. Have to keep the maroon aspect to it. Maybe a Merlot colour. Perusing the thousands of colour samples I believe I have found it! Great that was easy. Order a gallon of this stuff & let's go. What do you mean 3 different colours, special hardener & reducer? I just want to paint my Morgan. Ok I'll go the extra bit, after all you only want to do this one time. Technique? A different painting technique is required for this stuff? You no longer start at the top & work your way down & around til you reach the floor. Two different colour coats, 2 to 3 coats of each, sprayed in opposing directions. Followed by a tinted, clear top coat, in a combined cross pattern. HOLY CRA_! What's going on?

Gone are the days of 2 coats of enamel sprayed from a suction feed high pressure gun. VOC's (volatile organic compounds) must be kept to a minimum. Current spray equipment must be HVLP (high volume, Low pressure) units to minimize overspray & waste. We only have one planet to live on so I think we should do our best. Morgan's are the perfect example of environmentally friendly vehicles. How many are in land fill sites? Paints are becoming increasingly more complex & sophisticated. Maybe I should buy a new paint brush? Virtually no waists, no overspray at all, cross pattern application is a given for maximum smoothness. Just a thought.

Cheers Martin



Howard Laramy's Florida Flat Rad



December 2005



PRESS RELEASE

Jack Knight Developments are proud to announce that a new Electronic Power Assisted Steering is now available for immediate installation for the classic Morgan range of cars. This is the first ever electronic steering in the history of the Morgan Motor Co, bringing new technology to a classic design.

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From the Web

4/4 70th ANNIVERSARY

A RECORD BREAKER FROM MORGAN



There are many motor manufacturers who can claim 70 years of continuous production, but it is only the Morgan Motor Company who can make this claim with the same model!

Launched back in 1936 the Morgan 4/4 remains in full production today. To celebrate this unique achievement, the Morgan Motor Company has unveiled a special model.

Appropriately named "70th Anniversary", just 142 cars will be built - two cars for every year of its production life since launch. Each car individually marked with the year it honours, and finished in period style.

With the specification subtly changing through the decades with period colours, trims and hood styles, the standard specification of fold flat windscreen, vintage dashboard, sheepskin bonnet strap and drilled steel wheels with chrome hub caps, all add highly visual links to the past.

A strong galvanised steel chassis carries coachbuilt bodywork of aluminium panels over an ash frame, built to the same tradition as the 1930s.

The 70th Anniversary limited edition cars have been fully tested and developed to meet all of the latest crash and emission standards with the latest 4/4s being powered by the super efficient 1.8 litre 125 bhp Ford Duractec engine.

Charles Morgan, Director and Grandson of the Company's founder said "we are really proud to celebrate this anniversary. We have made nearly 10,000 4/4s over the years. The fact that we have kept the essence and character of the car, whilst keeping the functionality and safety totally current is a testament to the original design, and the skills and ingenuity of our engineers at the factory in Malvern."

The 142 Anniversary cars will be priced at £27,950 including VAT, production runs from January to November 2006. Further details can be found on the Morgan Motor Company web site.

Monday, January 30, 2006

James Bond's Aston Martin tops \$2 million at auction

By Richard A. Wright / Special to The Detroit News

PHOENIX, Ariz. -- RM Auctions held a one-day auction at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa here which included the sale of three extraordinary "celebrity" automobiles.

Headlining the Seventh Annual Vintage Motor Cars in Arizona sale was the "James Bond" 1965 Aston Martin DB5, widely considered the most famous car in the world, which sold for \$2,090,000.

The Aston Martin entered the auction hall with machine guns blasting, setting off bidding by \$50,000 increments, quickly moving the sale price to \$2,090,000.

"We have been overwhelmed by the worldwide attention for the James Bond Aston Martin," said RM Auctions co-founder Rob Myers. "The winning bidder now owns the most famous car in the world."



This 1965 Aston Martin DB5 Coupe, one of four James Bond movie cars made, was sold for \$2,090,000, the biggest transaction of the one-day auction. The famed Aston Martin is complete with such spy gadgets as front-firing machine guns, rotating license plates, wheel-mounted tire slasher and retractable rear bullet-proof shield, all designed by Oscar winning SPX master John Stears.



Infamous Chicago gangster Al Capone's bulletproof 1928 Cadillac Town Car was sold for \$621,500.

Also sold were the infamous gangster Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac Town Car that sold for \$621,500 and country music star Hank Williams Jr.'s 1964 "Silver Dollar" Pontiac Bonneville Convertible that was sold for \$214,500.

A total of nine cars sold for \$1 Million or more, highlighted by the auction's top seller, a \$3.2 Million 1934 Packard Twelve Runabout Speedster. Other highlights included: a 1955 Maserati 300 S Sports Racing Car, \$1,925,000; a 1962 Shelby 189 Cobra Roadster, \$1,815,000; a 1967 Ferrari 212 E Montagna, \$1,650,000; a 1953 Jaguar C-Type Sports Racing Car, \$1,512,500; a 1941 Chrysler Thunderbolt, \$1,210,000; a 1938 Bugatti T57C Aravis Drophead Coupe, \$1,045,000; and a 1930 Duesenberg Model J Dual Cowl Phaeton, \$1,001,000

James Bond's 1965 Aston Martin DB5 was featured in the James Bond movies "Thunderball" and "Goldfinger". It was equipped with front-firing machine guns, rotating license plates, wheel-mounted tire slasher and retractable rear bullet-proof shield, designed by Oscar-winning special effects master John Stears.

Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan was used for Capone's personal transportation around his Illinois crime empire. The car was painted in the same colors as the Chicago police cars of the era to allow Capone's associates to confuse pursuers. It was said to have been used by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt after it was confiscated by the U.S. Treasury Department in 1932, because of its advanced security installations.

Hank Williams Jr.'s 1964 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible, "The Silver Dollar Pontiac" is adorned with hundreds of authentic silver dollars, silver horseshoes, pistols, rifles and silver horse heads. RM Auctions sold 108 of the 112 cars offered for bid (a 96 percent sales rate) and total automobile sales of \$31,335,100 were announced, a record for a one-day auction.



This flamboyant "Silver Dollar Pontiac," a one-off custom 1964 Pontiac Bonneville once owned by Country Music Star Hank Williams Jr., was sold for \$214,500.

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CHALET LEON MOTEL is a small, family owned motel, located on the eastern shore of Seneca Lake along side Hector Falls. Our central location allows you to make many day trips to points of historical interest and natural beauty. During the spring, summer, and fall the Finger Lakes Region hosts many [SPECIAL EVENTS](#) for your enjoyment.

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- Free use of canoe
- Spectacular view of sunset across Seneca Lake
- Picnic areas with outdoor grills

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All rooms come with private bath, and cable color TV. All cabins have bathrooms with stall showers (no bath tub), and no TV. All rooms and cabins have small refrigerators. Full maid service daily

Y2K Rates:

Rates are based on a single night occupancy. Rates are higher on race weekends and for single Saturday night reservations. Also certain mid week discount specials may apply. *There is no charge for children staying in the same room!*

Per night for two adults (tax not included):

Cabins:

Small cabin with one double bed: \$55.00/\$65.00
Medium cabin one double bed, one single bed: \$65.00/\$75.00
Large cabin two double beds and one cot: \$75.00/\$85.00

Rooms:

Side: \$65.00/\$75.00
Corner (view of lake): \$75.00/\$85.00



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