



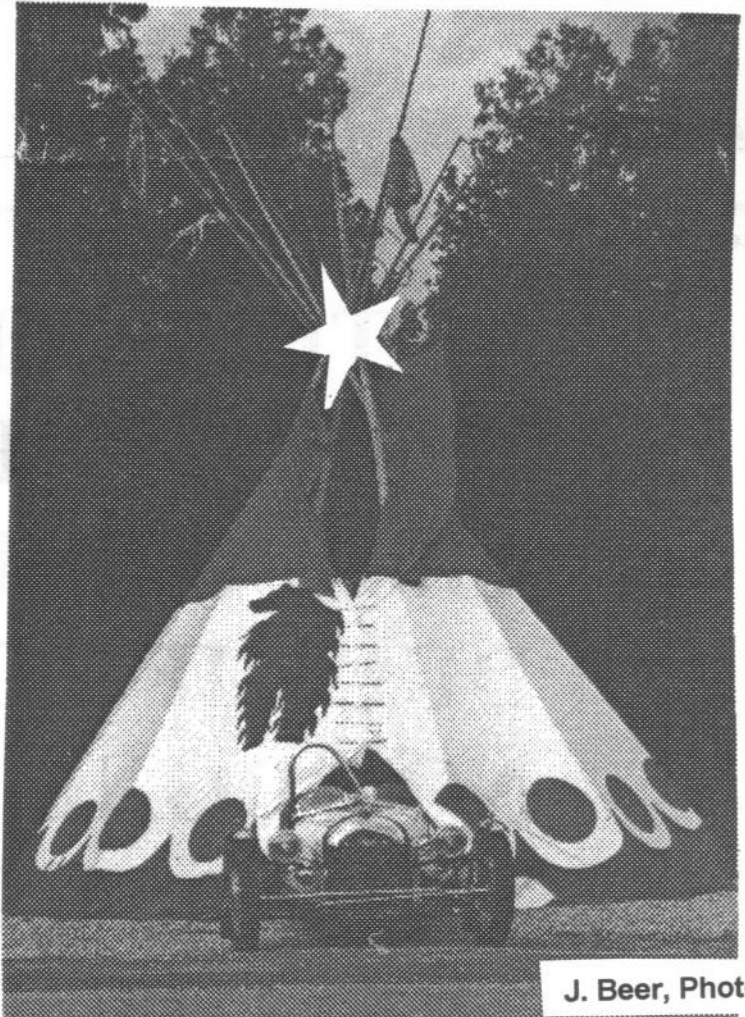
# THE BLURB

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THE MORGAN SPORTS CAR CLUB OF CANADA NEWSLETTER



*Happy Holidays to one & all!*



J. Beer, Photo

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The above listing contains events that may be of interest to you. All those in **bold** print are either our own club events, or ones that as a Club we will try to support with our attendance. Some dates and events are tentative. If you would like more information than what is provided within this publication, please contact the editor.

Cover photo: Martin Beer's F-Type at Trading Post on the Bruce Peninsula

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CMC Enterprises have a number of Janet Hill Ventures' tea towels showing the history of Morgan available for sale.

They have also unearthed a limited supply of Morgan pewterware. (They have scouts everywhere) Please call for details for both.

**AS THIS IS THE END OF  
THE 1995 YEAR, IT'S  
TIME TO RENEW YOUR  
DUES, IF YOU HAVE  
NOT DONE SO WITHIN  
THE LAST COUPLE OF  
MONTHS. THANKS.**

## THE CO-PREZ SEZ

Car season is at an end for most Morgan enthusiasts but it did not go out without a bang. The Morgan sponsored 1st British Car Toy Run was a huge success for a first time event. There were approximately eighty (80) cars in attendance despite the iffy weather. Jimmy Lomax was very pleased with the quality of the toys and the generosity of the participants. The Toronto Triumph Club made an extremely generous unexpected donation of \$100.00 to Operation Santa Claus and have volunteered to help with next year's run. Next year's event will be held earlier in hope the weather will be better. So mark your calendars for Sunday September 29, 1996 for the 2nd British Car Toy Run. PLEASE NOTE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

The last official run was the Polar Bear Run held on Sunday Nov. 5, 1995 to the Mono Cliffs Inn with only a handful of merry Morganeers & a guest Triumph in attendance. As usual Audrey & Reg Beer in the Rolls, Ann Fort Menares in her +8, Fred & Lynn Kuzyk top up 4/4 & Chris Walker top down Triumph Spitfire. (see report further on in the Blurb).

It has been brought to our attention that a number of our members are in possession of defective badges. Please return these to us immediately as we are sending all damaged badges back to Mr. Baker. This reflects badly on our club and we want to make every effort to rectify this situation. (PLEASE SEE BADGE UPDATE FURTHER ON IN THE BLURB).

We are in the midst of compiling a Morgan Events Calendar for the first Blurb for 1996. If you wish to hold an event or help organize a meet please get your dates in pronto so we can promote all local events all year long. Maybe if we keep repeating them we will get a better turnout of the Morgan faithful.

Christmas is almost upon us and Fred and I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing you at next year's events. We would like to sincerely thank a number of wonderful people for their contributions to the club this year: Nyal Wilson for his wonderful Spring Fling, Ray & Mary Shier for the Summer Rally (and BBQ) thru the Forks of the Credit that was extremely challenging - just ask Al Sands! Vern Dale-Johnson for his tireless efforts to expand our membership and for saving the club money by printing The Blurb and to Amanda for the paper supply, and Audrey Beer for her support, direction and encouragement. We could not have made the year the success it has been without you all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lynn & Fred

P.S. If you haven't been good Santa only leaves coal.



## MOST COMMON QUESTION:

Hey, is that a kit car?

**Day 1 - August 12** Fill up the car on this rainy Saturday morning and hit the road. Smooth Border Crossing. The Temperature is well over 90F as we bomb through Michigan.

**#1 X#\*** John is almost side-swiped, but all OK. Then we smell gas. We have run out of gas on a full tank. As we swelter by the roadside, I notice some oily stuff flowing down the side of the car. It turns out the sudden move disconnected the gas line. Funny, all these years that little worm thingy never moved out of place. But it did today. Quick fix and we're on the way.

**Total on Day:** We stop in Benton Harbor, on the wrong side of town. After dinner we drive through this part of town, and stop to gas up at a spot that welcomes food stamps. We smile at everyone who shows an interest.

468 mi.  
Drove through Michigan and Illinois.

**Day 2, August 13** Country flat, boring and mostly farms. I am getting sick of smelling the manure. There is a storm coming from the south and the wind is howling through the car. Since the prevalent direction is from my side, I get the worst of it. It was like sitting in a hurricane, couldn't keep my seat out! By the end of the day, the left side of my face is numb.

**#1 X#\*** Screaming along the highway, John notices that the battery is not charging. We pull over, and he jiggles the little wire a bit, and we continue.

**Total on Day:** We stay in Council Bluffs. When we stopped at a store, a scruffy guy bringing pop bottles back for the refund asks me "Hey, Is that a Morgan or a kit car?" You can never tell who knows about these cars. Trust me, Morgans are rare in this neck of the woods.

Traveled through Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

**Day 3, August 14** We are in South Dakota now. We stop in Mitchell to buy some famous "Black Hills Gold". The discovery of this metal, ended Native dominance in the region as the prospectors moved in. Another "World Famous" spot in town is the Corn Museum. This bizarre building is covered in motifs made of corn. Apparently, it is the only thing of value in the structure. The town also sports a Doll and a Hot Air Balloon Museum. Mitchell looks like Niagara Falls on a bad drug trip.

As we careen through the country side, we stop in Chamberlain to lunch at 'Al's Oasis'. It is the biggest restaurant in 200 miles. Small wonder, there are probably more cows than people in this neck of the woods. Naturally, we eat beef and buffalo meat. Our waitress is fascinated with Canadian history. Knows who Louis Riel is! She can't wait to visit Toronto. She thinks Canada has had some interesting folks in our history.

**Total on Day:** Drive through the Badlands. They are fascinating. We took a brief Helicopter ride over the area (a first for me). As we drive through the Badlands, John spots a yellow Lamborghini. We stop up the road to adjust things, and he screams up behind us. When he gets out of his car he asks "Hey, can I check out your Morgan?" Naturally we reply "They can we check out your Lamborghini?" It is a 1995 V8 Diablo. Turns out the Driver is Peter Egan "Editor at Large" for Road & Track. We took pictures of these two technologically unique vehicles. We might be in Road & Track sometime between Dec. & Feb. He is driving the car

for the manufacturer and has driven from Jackson Fla. To Niagara (Can) and is on the way to California. Has been traveling 100 mi./hr regularly, but got it up to 140. As we gab, some bikers arrive, so we take more pictures of this motley crew. John promises to send Peter a list of Morgans on sale in the US. He is smitten by the Morgan. By the way, we have more luggage space than he has! So much for modern improvements.

We keep seeing these groups of bikers. And they are mostly in their 40's and up. It was the annual Harley convention at Sturgis, over 250,000 show up from around the world. In the eyes of most bikers, we are honorary bikers, because our car is as unusual as their bikes are (and some of these are loaded). At the end of our time in Badlands, we chatted with one. He is re-building an MG. He is from Florida, was planning to get to DC, but admitted that he sleeps on the ground and night and "it gets cold". John and I try not to smile as this scary looking guy admits the ravages of age have not passed him by.

These tough bikers have simply never grown up. They are scary looking, but the nicest people! Standard biker uniform: studded belts, cut-off gloves, boots (often with toe caps), bandannas, beards, tattoos and of course, their "momma" comes along. But it is funny to see bikes with carry-baggers attached - you know you are middle aged when you can't leave that stuff at home! Also, quite a few have cute stuffed bunnies and such. Some have brought their kids.

Stopped at Wall, home of a famous drug store. The whole town is decked out Western Style and it's fun. Too bad we can't linger. Stop at Rapid City. It is so late, we get beer from the Casino and take out from Taco Bell and flake out for the day. We are getting tired as we keep gaining an hour passing through the time zones. Just as well, we are not keeping our original schedule and often start later than we expect to. We are in Mountain Time now.

**Day 4, August 15,** We're in Montana now. We drove through charming cowboy towns like Deadwood. Yes, Wild Bill Hickock died here. He is buried near Calamity Jane, but rumour suggests she wasn't his kind of girl. She, a slovenly, drunken prostitute (not too pretty either), and he the dapper well turned out gentleman of sorts. This area of the Black Hills is home to Canada's Homestake Mine. Elevation about 3,850'. Next stop, Devil's Tower. Although we will see this type of rock formation again, we liked the Native's story explaining all those vertical ridges in the rock formation. Many years ago, several little girls were cornered by a big bear. One of the Gods arranged for the rock to grow and keep the children safe. As the rock grew, the bear clawed at it attempting to reach these tasty treats. That is why the rock continues to have these marks. Actually, it is volcanic rock left over from centuries ago. There is quite a bit of this in the area.

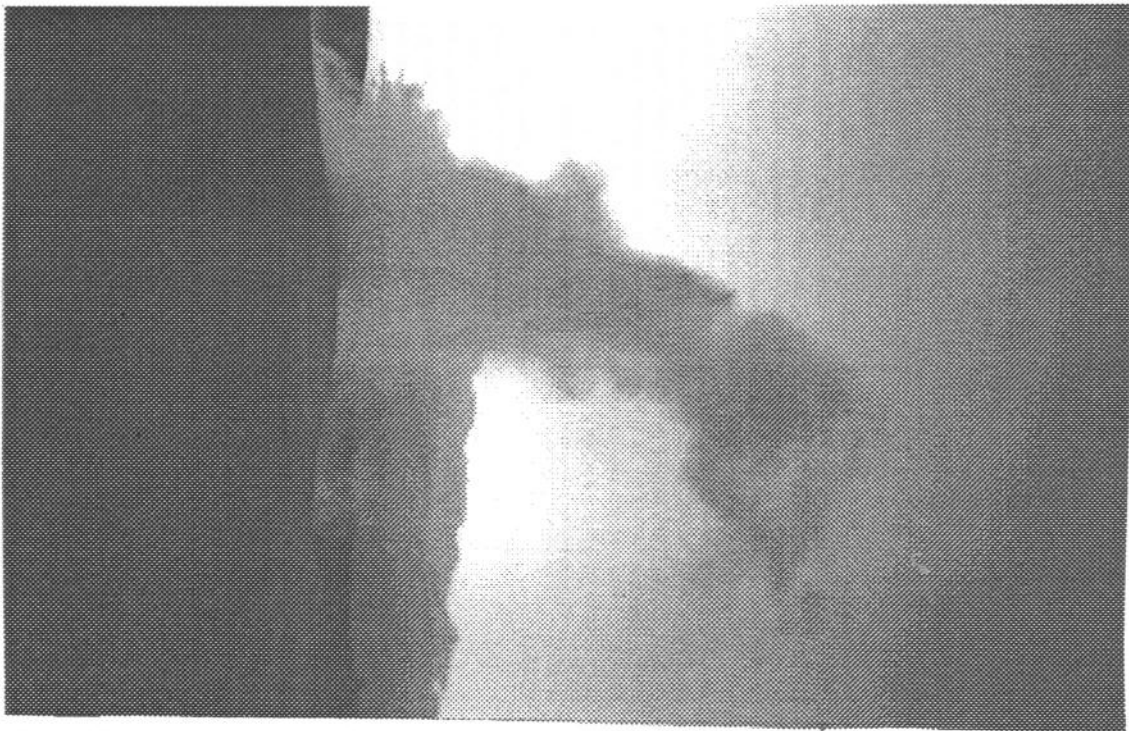
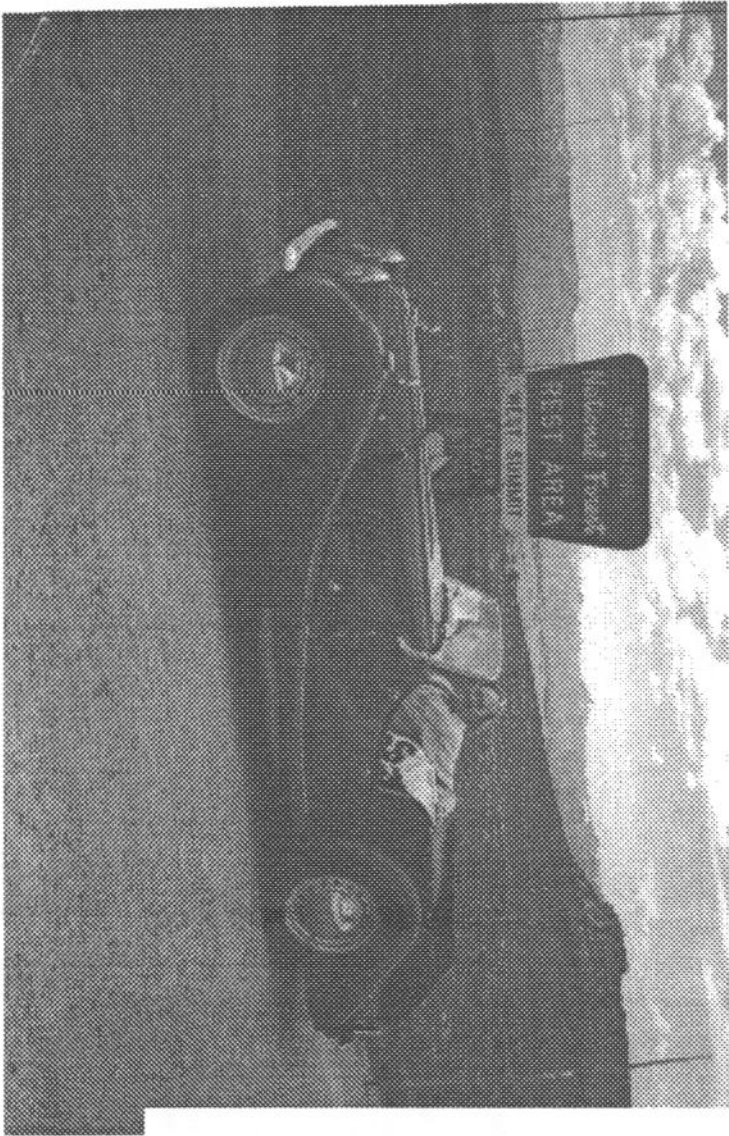
At the base of the Rock (big enough for thousands of climbers per annum), is a field with Prairie Dogs. They are very tame and will eat out of your hand. They also make holes everywhere. Devil's Tower is also the rock where "Close Encounters of a Third Kind" met up with the alien spaceship. Montana does go on forever and there are many panoramic scenes that are difficult to photo. Just made it in time to see Little Big Horn, where Custer had his Last Stand. Park then closed, so we did not have the opportunity to hear the full story. We often see in Movies those nasty Injuns coming over a hill unseen. The landscape is truly like that - rolling hills. It is not some Hollywood creation, but a depiction of the actual land formations. Must have been a big surprise to Custer. We ar-

**Day 4, August 15,**

**Temp:** 90°+

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**Total on Day:** 456 mi.



rive at Billings, Mo. At 9:30; ate at 10:30 p.m. Another long, hot, dusty day. The throttle cable seems to be sticking, the engine is revving. A dab of oil from Mr. Fixit solves the problem.  
 #1X#\*  
 Travelled through South Dakota.

Day 5  
 August 16,  
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 We have breakfast in the Town of Red Lodge (elevation 5,555'), just outside Yellowstone Park. The town is ready for us tourists. The main drag is quaint, and International Flags are hung everywhere. As a matter of fact, they have a Slovenian flag too!  
 Yellowstone was far larger than we expected. On the way in we see a female moose. We drove over 100 miles and did not budget the time for this spectacular park. The internal roads are winding and full of folks like us. The park is very neatly maintained. It is full of gorgeous canyons, bubbling mudholes and waterfalls. There was a major fire in 1988, so the park contains new and old forests.

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 We see a herd of bison in the park and marmites at the geyser. These marmites are cute, tame and will give a nasty bite if provoked. Mostly they want food. Our journey through the park takes us over the continental divide at least twice. There is very little development allowed in the park. Very nice. We have driven through elevations of 5 - 11,000'. We manage to make it to the geyser viewing area in time for the last visible (by natural light) 'blow' at 8:30 p.m. There are tourists from all over the world here. We leave the park as night falls. We see a spectacular lightning show and many stars in the clear air. Arrive at our hotel at 3:00 a.m. They did not have a room but found us another Motel. It is raining very heavily.

On the way to Helena, it was cold and clammy. Guess what? Heater does not work. Practically froze to death.  
 #1X#\*  
 Travelled in Montana, Wyoming and back through Montana again.

Day 6  
 August 17  
 ↗→  
 At breakfast our waitress is fascinated by me. She thinks we Canadians have 'nice' accents. This is a first. Most folks are fascinated with John's accent, not mine. Off we go, across the rolling prairie hills.  
 Saw a deer grazing by the road.

This is an empty land. And it seems to go on forever. We stop at a little town, Choctaw for coffee. John goes to the library to look up family names for a friend. I'm standing on the road, when the children at the local swimming pool go racing by me. Next thing I knew, there was a huge dust storm, preceding a rain storm. Suddenly, I realize the back window is open in the Morgan. I race out to close it, but the car is already full of dust. It is now raining, so we get a little wet as well. These storms just blow right in.  
 Stopped for gas. There is a reservation nearby, so the town look like a set from Northern Exposure. A little kid asks us questions about the car. After John explains, he asks if he may touch the car. OK. So he very gingerly touches it and says "Didn't know if it is alarmed!" Hmmm...

Our destination for the day is Glacier National Park. Lovely mountain vistas. Also very cold and wet. The low cloud cover ruins the stunning views. We could have stayed much longer, and John would have taken many more pictures, but the weather shortens our stay. This park is the US side, in Canada, it is known as Waterton. It straggles the Alberta border. We had dinner in a

Total miles  
 on day: 301

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 lovely restaurant in the park. Had the local Whitefish. Arrived in Kalispell at 10:30. And just in the nick of time - our reservations had not been confirmed. She was about to give it away, but had held it so long because "You Canadians always keep your reservations". Don't forget those bikers, there were 3,000 of them in town, so reservations were imperative. No other space available. We stay in a quaint little cottage, with warm blankets. Thank heavens, I am freezing.

Saw a llama guarding sheep. Also saw osprey nest in the park.  
 Travelled in Montana today.

Day 7  
 August 18

Total on day:  
 490 mi.

This morning we see our breath. It is only 45° F. Naturally, I did not bring warm clothes - it is a summer vacation after all. Silly of me. Mountain weather is always unpredictable. We stop at a duvet shop with the 'best' prices around. Some are for \$600. Buy Canadian, it is cheaper.  
 Drove through a National Forest. More rolling hills. Nice views, but not as spectacular as the Rockies we are about to see. Had Lunch in 'Big Sky Country' (Montana), Dinner in Oregon, on our way to nearby town of Ontario. Local kids confused by our "Ontario" license plates. Big steaks - about 1 1/2", very good, for about \$10.00. These will be our best steaks on the trip. We stay in Ontario, Oregon.

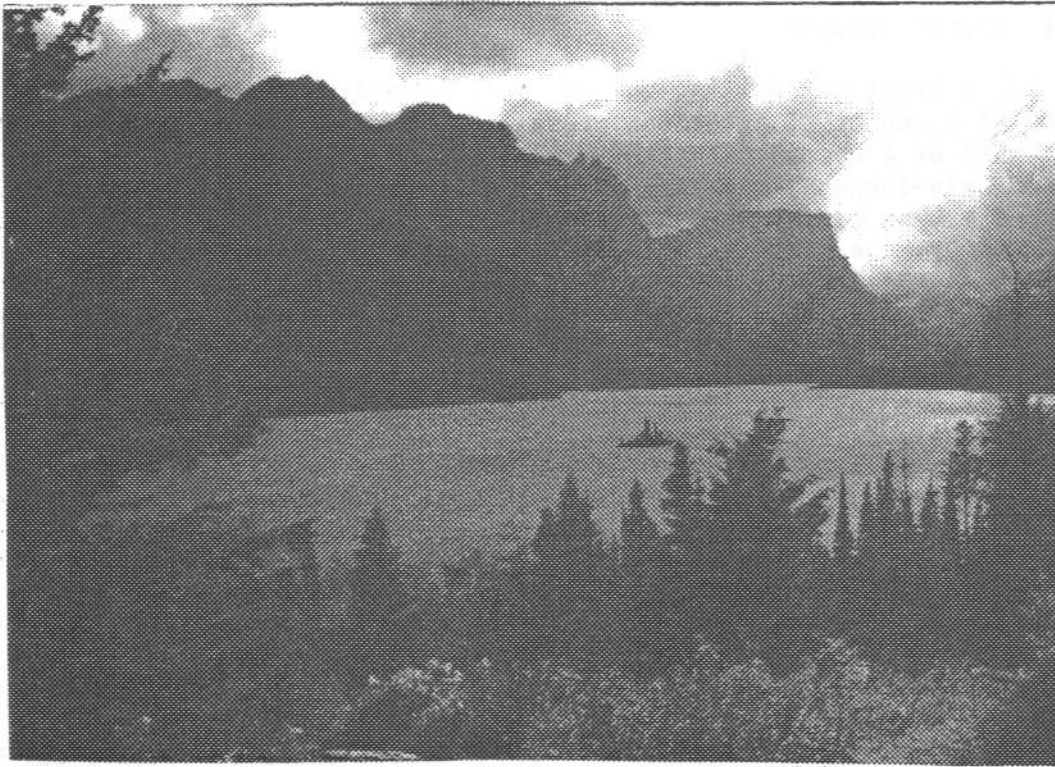
Bought glue, fixed backlight.  
 Travelled through Montana, Idaho and Oregon.

Day 8  
 August 19

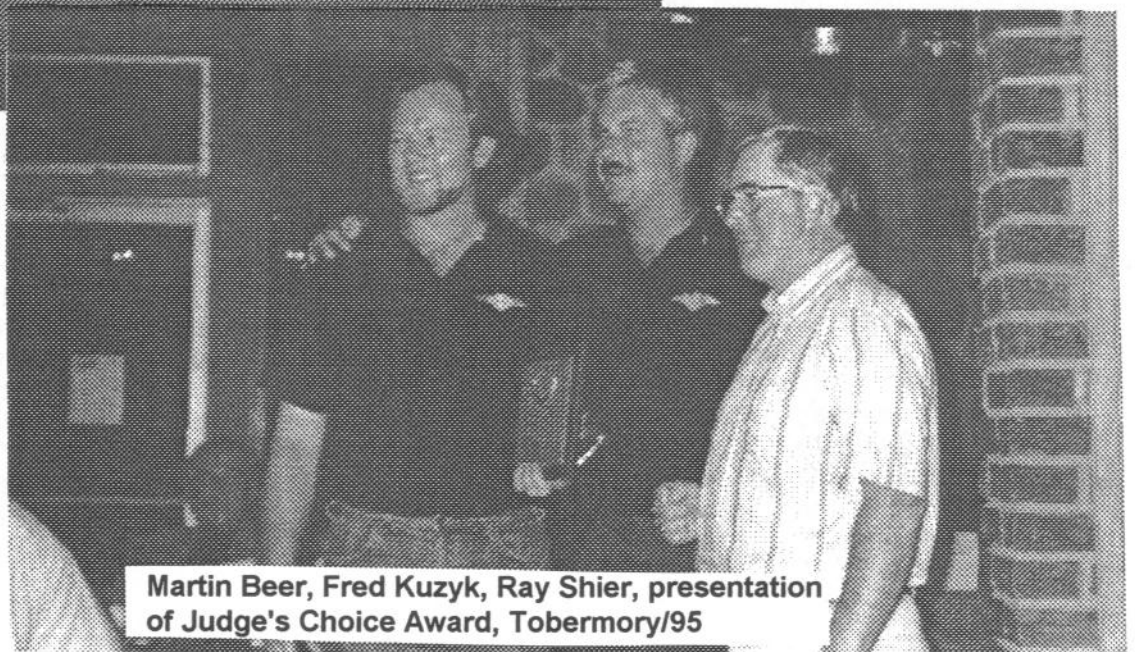
Total on day:  
 470 mi.

Traveling through outer Oregon. Vast, desert like land. Can go for miles without seeing activity. We fill up in Riley, population 4 and met 1/4 of the population. Good thing, few other gas stations around. As we approach Fort Rock (another volcanic leftover, in the middle of nowhere), we start seeing irrigated farmland again. These are the only green spots around. Lots of cattle. John climbs up the rock and tempts the many eagles and buzzards circling about. We decide to take a local road, it is about 18 miles of dirt road. Now we know where dust can settle - absolutely everywhere! Stopped for dinner and found charming Cowboy Short Story books. Bought some for John's Mom, who will love them (she is a closet cowgirl / prospector). Stayed in Weed, California. Tomorrow, we will join our group for the journey up the west coast.  
 Travelled in Oregon and California.

Miles to Date: 3,849



The group at Lion's Head, Bruce Peninsula  
Fall Getaway/95 A. Beer, photo



Martin Beer, Fred Kuzyk, Ray Shier, presentation  
of Judge's Choice Award, Tobermory/95

*B. Harmer  
photo*

## BRITISH CAR DAY

Sunday, Sept. 17, a first for British Car Day - it rained! Mud on the road in but things dried out & a wonderful afternoon prevailed. About 14 Morgans took the field, including one owned by a Morgan Malone of London. Among the club faithful: Tom LeSeelleur, Vern Dale-Johnson, Ray Shier, Gib & Lila Speight, Rick & Wendy Andrews, Martin Beer, Fred & Lynn Kuzyk, Gary McFarlane, Hendrick Rens, & George Lafford. Other Morganeers dropped by. The Birch's, Ghizlanzoni's, Steve & Jenny Beer, & Brian Morgan came sans Morgan. Jeremy Hinchcliffe was on the field but in a rare Marcos! New members Chappy & Sue Robinson were there checking out the cars. BSC member Peter Toma was showing his recent +8 aquisition for the first time. Bob Tescione of WNY MOG came for his first time to Bronte, via alternate mode of transport, and was impressed with the show. Perhaps we'll see more cars from "across the river" next year. Martin Beer took first in class with his trike. As for 2nd & 3rd, I heard the +8's were successful but this is un-confirmed. Despite the rainy start, there were still several hundred cars on hand. Castrol appears to be the major sponsor of this 12th edition of BCD, as their logo was on the dash plaques, trophies, etc. Congratulations to Chris Walker of the Toronto Triumph Club for yet another great event. They'll have to change their slogan for next year: "Just like in England... It DOES Rain On British Car Day"!

## CLOSET CAR CLUB FALL COLOURS TOUR

Lynn & Fred Kuzyk were asked to organize the CCC's Colour Tour, on October 22. What is the Closet Car Club? Nobody knows! Actually, they are a group of British car DRIVING & social enthusiasts. There are no dues, no Officers, no newsletter, no politics - in short, this is pure no hassle fun! Despite having no responsible parties, they have staged nine driving events this season & even have created their own regalia - which even sells - all by word of mouth (or hushed whispers). The way it works is that someone decides to a run, which usually is a mystery tour ending at a pub for food & beverage. A rather mysterious flyer is sent to interested parties on the mailing list, about a week before the date. No one is pressured to come or RSVP, they merely show up. Members belong to several established British Clubs and a variety of marques are represented. Lynn & Fred have supported previous impromptu gatherings, which have included runs to the Niagara area, St. George, Cambridge, & other locales. On this occasion, the convoy of 25 people were led via back-roads to the Georgetown area, where we linked up with CCC member Ray Shier, who took over & led the group through scenic Forks Of The Credit, Cataract, Caledon, and other vistas. The two hour trek ended at the George & Dragon in Georgetown for lunch. Three Morgans were there. This is noteworthy, as three Mogs is sometimes more than we get at our legitimate, organized Club functions! Our own Short Notice Impulse Drive List failed for lack of interest. The philosophy of the CCC's success is this: if it takes more than 15 minutes to put-together, it aint worth doing! If anyone would like to get on the CCC mailing list & "Come Into The Closet", contact the Prez's & we'll send your name to the people who do it. They like anonymity! Words getting out though. The CCC has caught the attention of the British Car Council. Seems they too like the idea of a Non-Club.

## MSCCC POLAR BEAR RUN

Blimey, it was cold & we did shiver! "Alternative conveyances" simply were not employed by the two Morgans, Rolls-Royce, & Spitfire that came for the 1PM lunch to the Mono Cliffs Inn, on November 5. Audrey & Reg Beer were joined by new member Anne Fort Menares, Lynn & Fred Kuzyk, and guest Chris Walker. There was wonder at why Innkeeper Mike Hall was wearing a train engineer's garb. The answer was revealed when we saw Mike's outdoor miniature railway. This was the last afternoon, the "end of the line", for his trains and he sadly put them away for the season. Chris Walker played the part of "stoker" firing the pub's basement hearth. The time flew for it was after dark when we returned home.



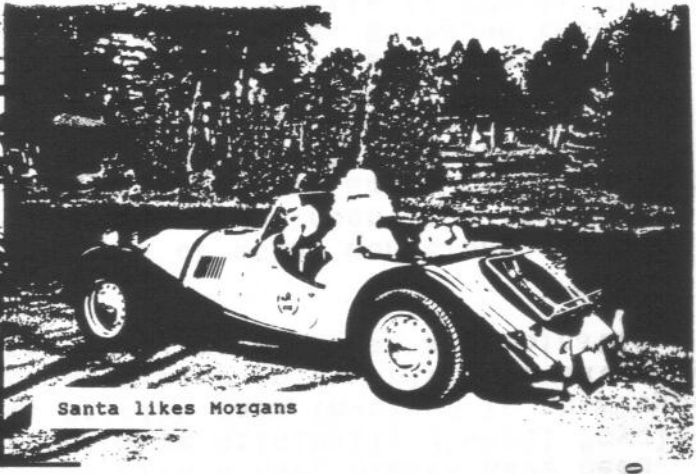
1st BRITISH CAR TOY RUN for "Operation Santa Claus" Oct. 15/95

A Christmas Story by S. Claus.

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. While we know there is only one true Santa, for many in the Hamilton, Ontario region, there is another Santa that has been active since 1958 spreading Christmas cheer to those that need a visit from "Old St. Nick". His name is Jimmy Lomax and he heads a volunteer organization known as "Operation Santa Claus". Every year, Jimmy & his wife Susan collect donations at their "Santa's Warehouse" on the Hamilton Beach and then "Santa" distributes the articles to area shut-ins at hospitals, nursing homes, half-way houses, shelters, and other venues where a gift from Santa can help create a Christmas miracle. This touches children of all ages, for Jimmy's kids range from the age of 1 to 101. As a child, Jimmy spent many a Christmas in hospital, where he was visited by his own Santa. When he became old enough, and well enough, this steelworker decided that he would be a Santa for others. Thus, with a donated bag of candy "Operation Santa Claus" was born and has continued for 37 years. There have been triumphs & tragedies along the way. In 1976, they received gifts from Empress Farah, the wife of the late Shah of Iran. On Canada Day in 1981, Jimmy was awarded with the Ontario Medal for Outstanding Citizenship, the same year that Canadian Living Magazine voted him "Most Christmassy Canadian of the year". Then in 1983, Jimmy was appointed a Member of the Order Of Canada, for his dedication. Then tragedy struck when they lost their 14 year old son Ryan, to cancer in 1987. Jimmy missed his son, for Ryan was his most enthusiastic supporter and would most likely have succeeded Jimmy in carrying on his vision. Jimmy has carried on though. There have been more recognitions: The Canadian Mental Health Association, The Ad & Sales Club, Rotary International, McDonald's Canada, The City of Brantford, and many others have honoured Jimmy through the years. In 1992, Jimmy & Susan received the Canada 125 Medal. Perhaps Santa's best gift was the donation of his "workshop" in 1989. All the materials & labour were donated by local business and trades people. Your author has seen this facility at the rear of the Lomax home. While it cannot compare to my vast facility at the north pole, it is very impressive. Built with the same spirit that I represent. 9

It was with Jimmy in mind that the Morgan Sports Car Club of Canada decided to hold its first British Car Toy Run on October 15. They liked the idea of a charitable car show with a Christmas theme - Christmas in October. Besides "Classics Against Cancer" in Georgetown, or the "Wheels Fresh Air Fund Cruise" in Toronto, there are few charitable automotive events and even fewer for those in the British car segment of the "old car hobby". While toy runs aren't new, bikers have been doing them for years and since Morgans were originally 3 wheel "cycle-cars", it seemed appropriate to get British cars involved in this type of venture. Many British car enthusiasts also enjoy driving events (be it rallies, gymkannas, driving tours, etc.) so this was a combination scenic driving tour & show.

Participants were requested to bring toys or other donations and to gather at the Mohawk Inn in Campbellville around noon. The Inn had a charity casino going on the same day but there was ample parking, food & refreshments. Approximately sixty or so cars were marshalled & registered. Driving tour directions, dash plaques, and the extensive goody bags were then handed out. Since this event high-lighted the spirit of giving, the organizers felt that they too should give, and this was accomplished with the aid of the sponsors. Everyone received a free litre of oil (courtesy of Noco Canada), a bottle of "Super Clean"



Santa likes Morgans

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Santa also likes Bugattis



Presentation of tricycles to Jimmy from "Trikes For Tykes"

& pen knife from Castrol, Jaquar lapel pin, Tilley catalog, Sunoco & other discount coupons, etc. At 1:30, Santa Claus appeared (my stand-in, Hamilton Firefighter Larry Rees) and boarded his 1960 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud (provided by Reg Beer Coachbuilders of Bolton) and the procession was ready to begin an hour long drive. Jimmy & Susan Lomax were also in attendance and received a ride in a 1969 Rolls-Royce Phantom IV, courtesy of the Guild Of Automotive Restorers. Through some occasional light rain, the convoy wound its way along the Niagara Escarpment, past the villages of Kelso, Lowville, Watford, and into the City of Burlington. The Cars began arriving at Maplevue Centre at about 2:30, in the sun! There an area had been reserved & the arrivals were greeted by the marshalls, the media, & the sounds of KRUIZ Radio DJ, Bob McKerron, who played Christmas Carols, "British Invasion" music and other festive tunes.

Maplevue Shopping Centre is no stranger to automotive events. During the summer the Burlington Central Lions Club holds successful Cruise Nights here on Wednesdays that draw in excess of 225 cars. Once he arrived, Santa Claus dis-embarked & began handing out candy canes & McDonald-land toy cars to the children, while Jimmy began receiving toys. As Jimmy's work also involves adults & the elderly, Santa's list also includes items such as: books, gift certificates, jewellery, cosmetics, toiletries, candy, clothing or monetary contributions. Spectators were also encouraged to donate as well and many contributed. Chris Walker of the Toronto Triumph Club made a presentation to Jimmy of a cheque, as did the Hamilton Firefighters Association. In addition, Bernie Willemssen of the Hamilton Firefighters "Trikes For Tykes" Program, presented Jimmy with a number of tricycles, as well as a commitment for an on-going supply. Bernie's Program is unique & one of my favourites. Since its inception, "Trikes For Tykes" has refurbished 150 or so discarded tricycles and donated them to organizations such as Ronald McDonald House, and others like "Operation Santa Claus".

Besides Morgans & Rolls, many other marques were also represented, including: Jaquar, Triumph, MG, Lotus, Land Rover, Austin Healey, and a quest Bugatti. Door prizes were distributed after 4PM. A 50/50 draw was held and the winner of \$100 was Vern Dale-Johnson of the Morgan Club. While this was not intended to be a trophy show, there were a couple of awards. A donated "Santa's Choice" trophy was presented to Paul Whittaker of the Ontario Handcrafted Vehicle Club, the owner of the 1927 Bugatti. This car is a one-off replica. There were many fine British cars present, but Santa took a liking to this unique vehicle, the only non-British car present. Jimmy Lomax also had a "Santa's Choice" trophy, which he presented to the Guild's 1969 Rolls, all 28 feet of it! Jimmy also presented plaques to Lynn & Fred Kuzyk, Presidents of the Morgan Club, and one to the Morgan Sports Car Club, in appreciation for organizing this event. Things wound-up at Maplevue just in time, as it started to hail! Santa's glad he parked the reindeer. They dislike being pelted!

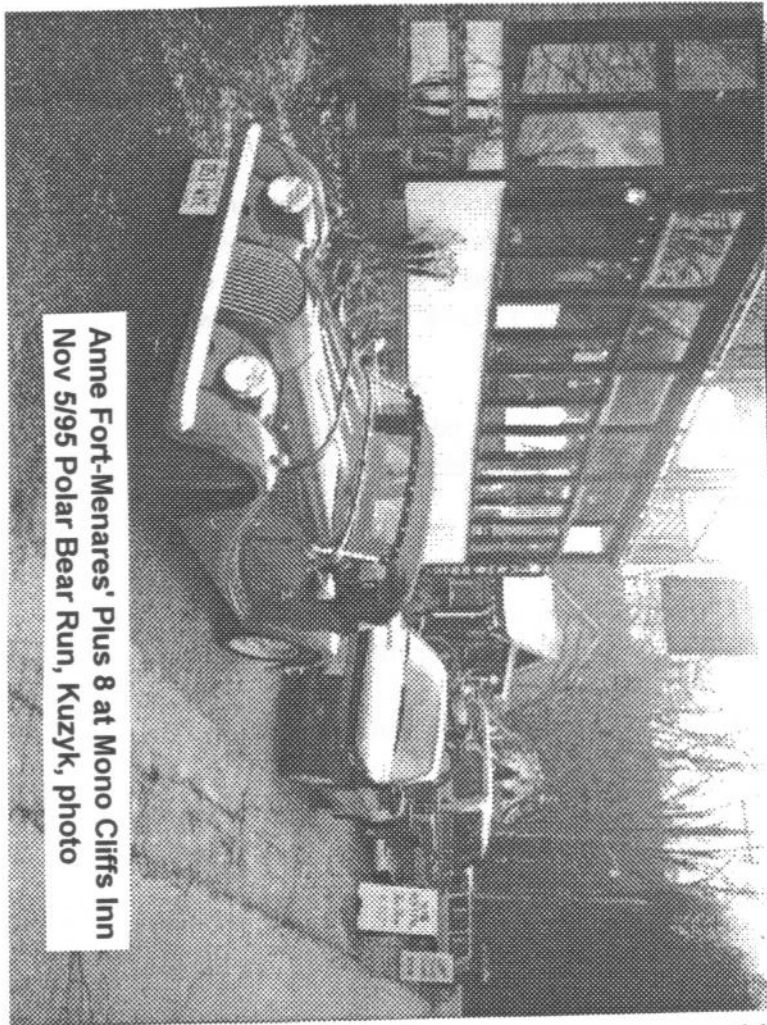
After 5PM, many of the participants moved to the Lions Club Hall for a Chili Bash. Many needed to warm-up but not I. I did enjoy the desserts & milk! In keeping with the spirit of giving, there was no charge for the supper, however, donations were accepted. People enjoyed the post-event Christmas Party, so Santa is pleased that it will be repeated next year. I'm told the organizers are planning to stage the 2nd BRITISH CAR TOY RUN on Sunday, September 29, 1996. The earlier date could provide better temperatures. In honour of the Toronto Triumph Club's offer of assistance, Triumph will be the feature marque. The decoration of cars in a Christmas motif will be encouraged next year. An award for "Most Christmassy Car" is possible. I understand an appropriate non-British quest club is being sought. If your club would

like to "Cruise For The Claus Cause" next year, contact the Morgan Sports Car Club: 1305 Ester Drive, Burlington, ON, L7P 1L2 (905) 336-0251.

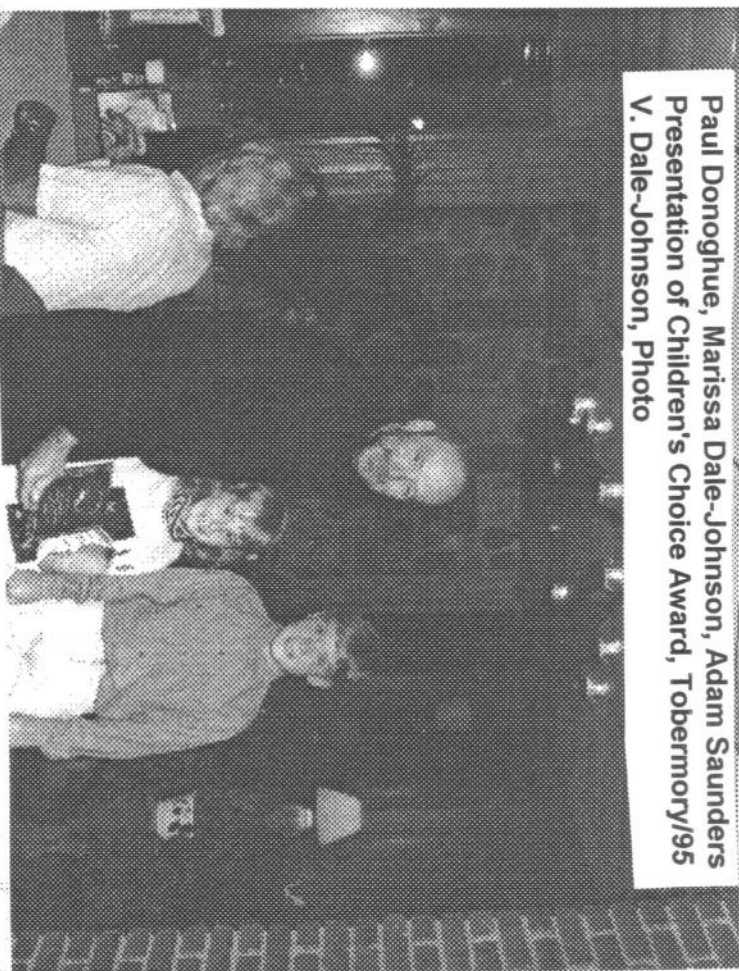
If anyone in the old car hobby would like to donate to "Operation Santa Claus", Jimmy Lomax can be reached at: (905) 545-3554, or write: 231 Beach Blvd., Hamilton, ON L8H 6V8. "Trikes For Tykes" also seeks: paint, sanding materials, tools, hardware & cycle accessories - to continue their work of refurbishing trikes for needy kids. If you can help out, please contact: Bernie Willemsen, Hamilton Fire Department, Station 1-A, 55 King William Street, Hamilton, Ontario L8R 1A2. I join with Jimmy & Susan Lomax in their wishes for peace, goodwill, and cheer to everyone this holiday season!

Thanks to everyone who came out: owners, clubs, spectators, & the media. Hope to see you next year!

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Anne Fort-Menares' Plus 8 at Mono Cliffs Inn  
Nov 5/95 Polar Bear Run, Kuzyk, photo



Paul Donoghue, Marissa Dale-Johnson, Adam Saunders  
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Dr Hellen Hogmog  
The Blurb Magazine  
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Dear Hellen (I may, I trust, call you Hellen),

Let me assure you that I always read your contributions to that epitome of literary excellence, 'The Blurb'. My pleasure reached new peaks at your honesty and publish-and-be-damned policy which was expressed so sweetly in the opening paragraph of your contribution to the #5 edition.


Some members of the club, sadly indeed one of whom at least lives in Burlington, have impugned my affection for, and generosity towards, my dearly loved female spouse. That you should have the perspicacity for the truth is a tribute to your profession.

I might say, in fact, that you understate my selflessness and affection for my closest female relatives. This is no fault of yours since natural modesty has prevented my drawing the true facts to your attention. My Morgan remains in England so that it may give pleasure to my female child, complementing the pleasure obtained from a 'Hawk' aeroplane. I miss both car and child, though for slightly differing reasons.

In order that all may be assured of my kindness and sincerity, may I take this opportunity of saying that I have never made remarks about female drivers nor referred to she-who-must-be-obeyed as a fictional fire-breathing reptile.

If you are curious as to the award of a higher degree, Honoris Causa, from the University of Lower Almondsbury, I will reveal all at the Christmas Party when I give you the promised lesson in 'Krek Brisl'. Afterwards I will tell you the reason for the degree.

May I wish you and all your readers the compliments of the season and much happy Morganeering.

  
Nigel Birch

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## Scuttlebutt Corner

A funny thing happened to Jeremy Hinchcliffe while at the British Car Toy Run. The car alarm on the Land Rover kept going off, so much so that no-one would go near the vehicle. Seems Jeremy didn't know how to disable the device, as this was "Arlene's car. I don't know anything about it"!

While talking about the Toy Run, it seems that Marlies Sands had left a bunch of fine toys for Al to take to the event. These were found later exactly where she had left them. For those that don't know Al, he has so many collector cars that by the time he decided which one to drive, the event was over! Ms. Hogmog suspects that Al Sands was in fact present. I believe he is Santa Claus. Well, you never see the two of them together, right? Correct me if I'm wrong but there is a resemblance!

I hear that Marlies had broken her collar bone while in Germany, recently. I hear she is mending, thankfully. I guess she won't be engaging in dangerous activities for awhile, such as riding her motorcycle or shopping in Germany, for a bit! Get well soon!



By I.M. Famished

At last & in time for Christmas, the "Morganeering Gourmet" has a practical recipe guaranteed to satisfy the culinary palate of even the most demanding Morgan gastronome! Bon Appetite!

**TRY THIS ONE!**

Even if you think you've left your Christmas cake baking too late, take heart - all is not lost.

Here's a neat little recipe that should really get you in the festive mood.

We can't guarantee the results but we have it on the best authority that those who have tried the method have had a jolly good time! Cheers!

**Best Fruitcake Ever**

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| 1 cup butter             | 1 cup sugar            |
| 4 large eggs             | 1 cup dried fruit      |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1 teaspoon salt          | lemon juice            |
| 1 cup brown sugar        | nuts                   |
| 1 or 2 quarts whisky     |                        |

Before you start, sample the whisky to check for quality. Good, isn't it? Now go ahead.

Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check the whisky again as it must be just right. To be sure the whisky is of the highest quality, pour one level cup into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat.

With an electric mixer, beat the butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of thugar and beat again.

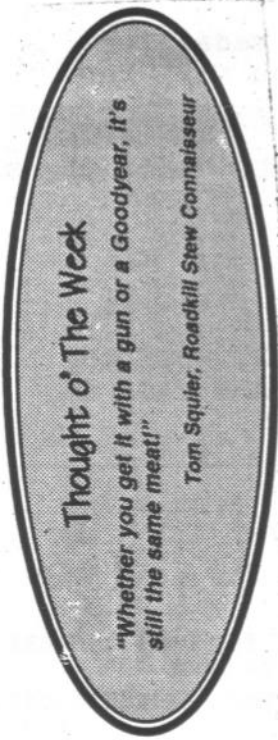
Meanwhile, make sure the whisky is of the finest quality. Cry another tup. Open second quart if necessary.

Add 2 argo leggs 2 cups fried druit and beat 'til high. If druit gets struck in beaters, just pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the whisky again, checking for tonscisticity.

Next, sift 3 cups of salt or anything, it really doesn't matter. Sample the wisky.

Sift half a pint of lemon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown sugar or whatever colour you can find and wix mol. Grease oven and turn cake pan to 350 gredees. Now pour the whole mces into the coven and aks. Check the whisky again and bo to god.

Best of luck. Hope you sober up in time for Christmas!



## BADGE PROBLEMS?

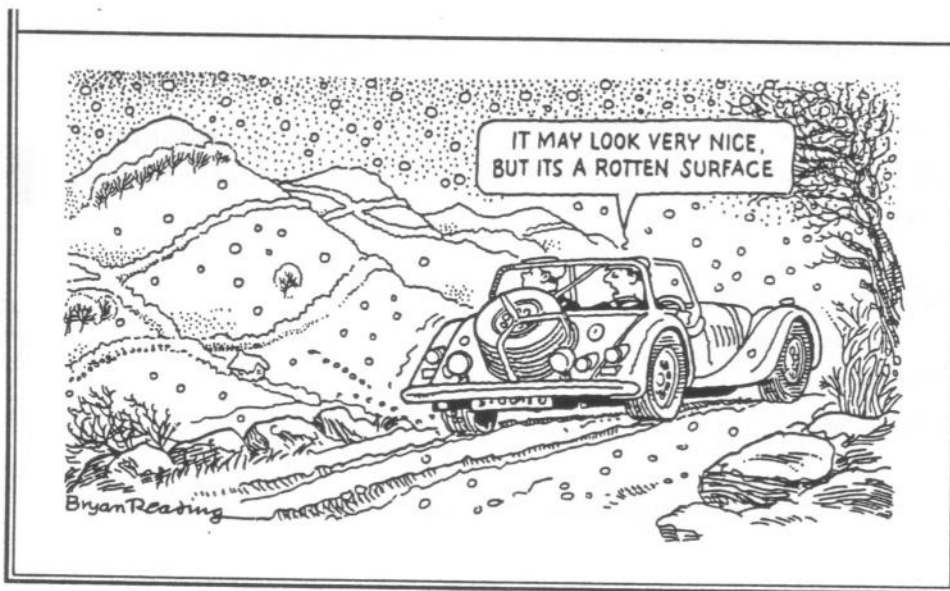
The Morgan Sports Car Club of Canada regrets to inform that some of our club's new car badges are defective. These badges may have the coloured resin lift away from the metal. This problem has been identified by the manufacturer, Colmet Limited of Lincoln England, as attributed to the use of a cleaning product by his plater that has created a non-stick surface on some of these badges. The club is un-happy about this situation & wishes to correct it immediately. We apologize to any purchasers for the inconvenience.

Mister James Baker of Colmet will repair any badges that should exhibit this problem. Colmet informs us that the problem has been corrected with the plater.

We ask that our North American customers to contact us immediately if you have one of these faulty badges, as we intend to return them for repair or replacement. We need to know how many of the badges are suffering from this un-foreseen problem. Please contact:

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Once again, the MSCCC apologizes to all customers for this unfortunate situation, which was beyond our control. Letters will be forth-coming to all Morgan clubs.





## A Note from Santa



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*Thank you for sharing in the true meaning and spirit of Christmas.*

*Because you cared enough to support Operation Santa Claus, many people will have a more meaningful Christmas. Santa appreciates your participation and support.*



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*Without your help, my dream of a better Christmas for the less fortunate could not be fulfilled.*

*As you may know, Operation Santa Claus was established in 1958. Your continued support is what makes this organization a success year after year.*



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*You have enriched your own life as well, by giving.*

*Santa, Mrs. Claus, the Elves and our team of volunteers extend to you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year.*

*Thank you so much,*  
*Jimmy*  
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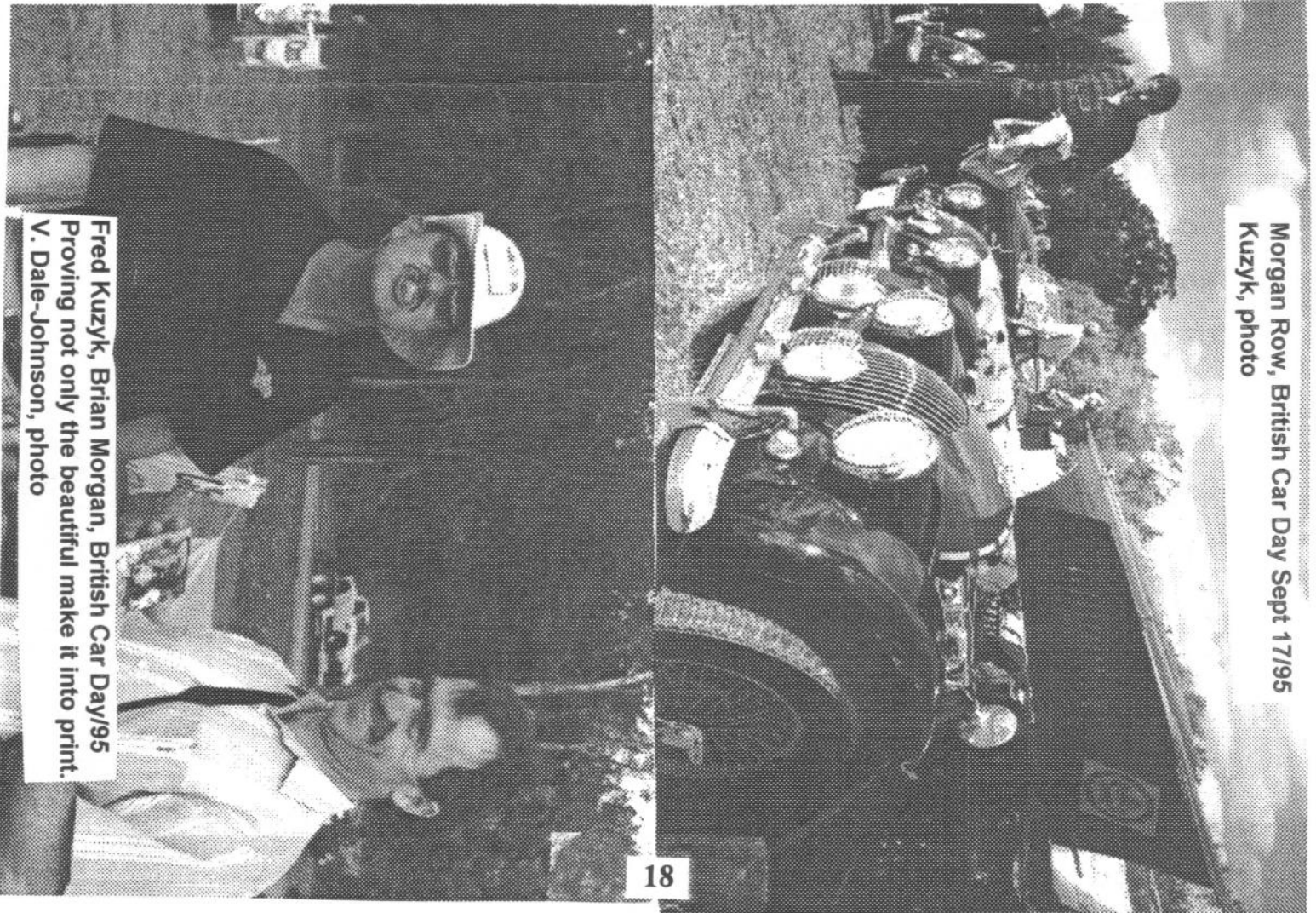
NOTES, NOTES, NOTES...

In the last few months, the Morgan Marque has been receiving a lot of press around these parts. Two articles in Old Autos have had photos of them at various events, as well as full reports. The trikes of Dave Elcomb, Dave Smith & Martin Beer receiving the most coverage. The Burlington Post had great coverage of the Toy Run both before and after, and CFTO (among others?) had coverage on their evening news programs. Congratulations to both Lynn & Fred Kuzyk for the organizing of the event, from the coverage received I would say it was a great success, and certainly a great cause! There are many notes of thanks from the various groups involved being sent to Lynn & Fred. Well Done!

Three cheers are also due to Martin Beer for his efforts on his Three Wheeler. It seems wherever it goes it demands attention, and gets it. Over the summer the car saw lots of action, being towed to various venues, & participating in many events - prestigious car shows to vintage racing, and everything in between. The F-Type is certainly a car to be proud of. It's latest venture wasn't quite as successful. It was shown at the Hamilton car show recently, and on it's return sustained some paint damage as the car on the transporter above Martin's had a brake fluid leak. We all know what that does to paint, don't we? So, a little bit more work will be done over the winter. It was due to appear at the Toronto Auto Show, no word yet on whether it will.

I apologize for there not being any captions for the photos accompanying Sonja's article on Morgans Across America 1995 - some are obvious, some are left for you to dream over. We will endeavour to get some for the next instalment.

Have a great Holiday season, and we will see you next year!



Morgan Row, British Car Day Sept 17/95  
Kuzyk, photo

Fred Kuzyk, Brian Morgan, British Car Day/95  
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