



# The Blurb



**Lytle hosted Picnic well attended by MSCCC members and their Mogs**

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**Ken Wightman  
8000 Kms in 39 days**

## PREZ SEZ

By John Roden

This is one of those columns where no theme or key suggested itself. In fact, there are a lot of short items which I would like to comment on, but no story.

It has been a strange summer for weather. Sure ,it's hot and humid, normal for Southern Ontario, but we have also been subject to some severe thunderstorms--even on Sundays, while out in our cars, when it's supposed to be clear and sunny. Who's responsible for scheduling the weather? Let's get it right--no rain on Sundays. I was out last Sunday with the British Sports Car Club, and we ran into a thunderstorm just north of Waterdown. Soaked? Of course, and by the time I got the top up, the rain had stopped. I was driving the MGB, which quit running on the 403, halfway up the hill to Ancaster. Thank goodness for CAA. Problem was the fuel pump, which has been replaced.

Was out yesterday with the Niagara Club on a run to Port Dover, Started out clear and sunny, easy run to Dover, lunch at the Erie Beach, tour of the Museum--came out of the museum to see black clouds to the west and north, and decided to run for home, which is about 50 miles away--about an hour and a quarter. I watched those clouds moving rapidly east and south, travelling in my direction, waiting for the first raindrops to fall, waiting to stop and put up the top. Made it home O.K., Sat on the front porch, watched the lightning, listened to the thunder and waited for the downpour. A few drops for a few minutes, and that was it.

Had a good time in London at the Cruze-in. Lots of cars, mostly North American, but we had 4 Morgans, plus one TR3 and one TR6 from our club, and spotted one DHC which appeared to be in wonderful shape. It had Ontario plates, and someone said it belonged to a couple from Chatham and that their son had driven it to the show. Rob may have more of the story to tell. That show is worth seeing--over 3000 cars on the field.

Glad to hear that the Wightman's completed their odyssey after damage to the Morgan, a scare about Ken's health, and 8000 miles across America and back. Did you notice in Ken's photos that there was no luggage on the luggage rack? Never mind the damage, never mind the health scare--what the heck did they do for clothes?

While on the subject of long distance drives, Ken and Pat Miles headed up MOA V this year. They kept it in the west, so we will read about it in Ken's story.

Picnic at the Lytle's? What a wonderful idea and what a wonderful picnic it was. Lots of cars--on another day that threatened rain, but didn't--lots of food, and good company. Put it on your calendar for next year. Date to be determined, but surely late June. A number of us were dis-



**John Roden making a point at August 2 Meeting**

cussing the latest addition to the Morgan population of Canada--a bright red 1995 +8. Not possible, said we. No Morgans are legal in Canada after 1991 or 1992, when crash tests became mandatory. Even though the car has been plated, we said, when Transport Canada catches up with the paperwork that car will have to leave the country, or it will be crushed. Not true. The owner has done his homework. The Morgan stays--because it is a "classic" Sure, we know that --all Morgans are classics--but a 1995 automobile? Yep. Transport Canada says so, and who are we to argue? So if you are looking for a more recent Morgan to add to your collection, the door is open.

Coming up--a driving tour here in Southern Ontario on July 25th. With our summer, make sure you have a rain suit. In August some of us are off to one of my favourite destinations--Prince Edward County, and the Boot n' Bonnet show in Kingston. September {already?} means Bronte, and the price of admission goes up to \$20:00-- unless we take advantage of a special offer from the Toronto Triumph Club. A topic for discussion at our August Pub lunch.

Our TR3 is on hold for now, but John Fitchie took his +4 out for the first time in decades on July 10. Sure the car is not yet fully assembled, and rode on a trailer, but it went to a car show. Maybe next year.

TVZ's tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's houses was super. What an interesting man was Mr. Wright , and what a way to meet him--through his house designs, through the posted information on the walls at Falling Waters [including a comment from his third wife--but no indication of how many wives he actually had] and through the comments of the well-informed guides who led us through the 3 houses. Wonderful route, great scenery, good company. Thanks Tom--and Trevor.

Enough! I am going to sit on the front porch and wait for this afternoon's thunderstorm.



# Editor's Message

By Rob Fournie

As I prepare to issue this July issue of the BLURB I realize that once again it has settled to a 24 page newsletter. The club has been very active in 2010 and it shows through the fabulous events.

The article contributions are what makes it a club publication versus an editor's publication. A very grateful thank to the contributing authors and photographers

In the previous issue we outlined the itinerary for Ken and Judy Whiteman's big adventure across North America, a trip of 8000 kms. Ken and Judy reported back every day through Ken's blog:

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/blog/6980>

The daily blog featured fabulous photographs, stories of the trip as well as details about their fabulous B&B accommodations along the way. I was shocked to open the June 22 blog to a photo of Ken in a hospital bed. He was covered in wires which were connected to various medical devices. It looked more complicated than a Morgan wiring harness. Ken had suffered a significant V-Tach event but with the help of talented medical professionals Ken was soon out of the hospital. Ken and Judy were able to complete their trip only 1 day behind schedule. Ken's story is inside this issue.

I was unable to attend the Falling Water tour event due to Cataract surgery the day before. The open hood, dust, and sun were not a good prescription for recovery so I was grounded and forced to cancel my hotel reservation.

I also missed the Lytle's BBQ which you will see from the article was a fabulous large Morgan gathering. I was in Florida for a one week vacation. The weather was very hot +90F and extremely humid. The gators did not appear to complain about the heat as they sunned themselves on our patio.



As you read in the previous issue, I had purchased my MGA over the internet based on a few fuzzy photos and in the end it was a fabulous investment. I repeated my internet bravery once again this summer with the purchase of a 1958 old English white MGA from Mr. Doug McDougal in Edmonton. The car was shipped via Mackie enclosed transport and arrived in perfect condition. When the MGA rolled off the truck I found that it was everything Doug said and more. This MGA had just finished a ground up restoration to show standards. I am almost afraid to drive it since it is so pristine. A special thank you to Doug for being completely honest about the MGA. My garage is now overfilled with the Morgan and two (yes two) 1958 MGAs. If anyone is interested, my dove grey MGA is for sale, a good driver which has been to Bronte and back as well as many weekend tours.

This must be the issue for wedding announcements with our former editor John Collins marrying Joy, Leo Basile marrying Jeanette at MOG 40, and the announcement of my engagement to marry Margaret. Margaret and I have not announced our wedding date, but it will be when our MOGs are cozy under their winter blankets and the snow is flying.

## Central Canada Morgan Events

August 13-15	Prince Edward County & British Car Day-Kingston, Don & Cathy Allen
September 11	Rattlesnake Revival, Ross Hamilton and Steve Sherriff
September 19	British Car Day, Bronte Provincial Park, <a href="http://www.britishcarday.com">www.britishcarday.com</a>

## Western Canada Morgan Events

August 15	Filberg car show in Courtney, BC
September 4	Portland ABFM contact Wayne Harris 503 472 1911
September 18	Vancouver to Whistler Run Contact Ken Miles 604 576 8036

## Mystery Question

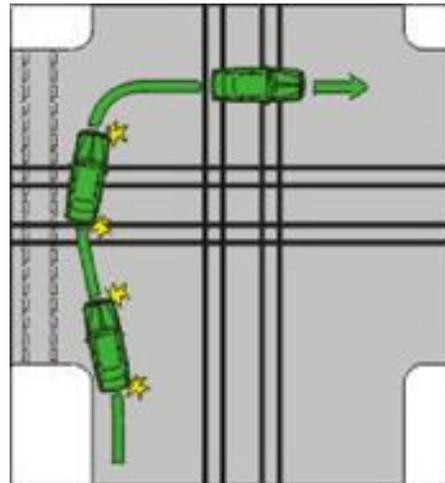
By Rob Fournie

### May Mystery Question Answer

The turn described in the May issue is called a “Hook Turn”. You will find these turns in core area of Melbourne Australia. The hook turns were implemented to maintain traffic flow and not interfere with the Trams. Melbourne has an extremely reliable and effective mass transit system utilizing trams.

In order to make a right turn you pull to the left side of the road aligned with the pedestrian crossing. When the light in the direction you are turning changes to green you make your turn and proceed with the flow of the traffic.

It is not only us BLURB readers that find this turn confusing, reliable sources have stated that many Australians avoid the core of Melbourne to avoid these complex turns.



### July Mystery Question

July we have a new road rule which is found in a country where driving on the left side is found

Turning left at an uncontrolled intersection:

You are in the blue car turning left, the red vehicle is coming towards you and is indicating a right turn, in this situation the red vehicle has the right of way.

Where would you find this rule and what is it commonly referred to as?



# Falling Water Tour

By Tom VanZuiden



Van Zuiden's ready for the road

The group of eight cars met at 8:30 at the Duty Free Shop in Fort Erie under beautiful sunshine. We were 7 couples and Trevor Davies who would couple up later that night. Included were the Sands, Allens, Steve & Jenny Beer, Rodens, Caratins, Van Zuidens, Deborah Wilcox and Steve (Storyteller) Pocock. We promptly arrived at the Darwin Martin House in the Parkside neighbourhood of Buffalo, New York. Frederick Law Olmstead of Central Park fame designed nearby Delaware Park in Buffalo. This area is well worth another visit of discovery as the streets around the park house Buffalo's mansion row and the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.



Darwin Martin House in Buffalo

We had a nice reception from the director of the Darwin Martin House project and she told me that 43 million has been donated to rebuild and restore the Prairie Style gem that was built in 1904- 1905 for Darwin Martin and his family. I snapped a few shots of her in Allan Sands yellow Morgan. The complex consists of the main house, the pergola and conservatory, the carriage house, the gardener's cottage and the George Barton House. The main house is currently being renovated on the inside. The Visitor's Centre provides a modern introduction to Frank Lloyd Wright and Darwin Martin. All of this is situated on 1.5 acres in a gorgeous neighbourhood.



Leo Basile and fiancé Jeanette

# Falling Water Tour

By Tom VanZuiden



**Steve and Jenny at Kentuck Knob**

We roared out of Buffalo with Trevor Davies leading a route to Ellicottville, New York and lunch at Dinas! Lots of laughs and good food and back into the Morgans. Trevor Davies took the lead after lunch leading us through rural Pennsylvania on his favorite route to his girlfriend's home in the southern part of the state. The area through Sinnemahoning State Park provided spectacular scenery and great Morgan roads. Only a few Mountain Laurels were in bloom because we were a week early. The drive to Indiana, PA. was long and hot but we did get there and were a little disappointed that the Holiday Inn had given away some of our reserved

rooms. Trevor Davies met up with Diane and the group was rounded up to 16. The oil and gas industry is drilling like mad into the Marcellus Shale in the area for natural gas and the Halliburton boys got our rooms.

The next morning we revved up and out of Indiana on our way to Mill Run and Kaufman PA. We considered a stop in Armaugh at the Roadster Factory to get a new generator for Steve and Jenny's ailing Super Sport but it was off the beaten path with guarantee of being open early on Saturday morning and we had a tour booked at Fallingwater. We passed through Liognier and should have stopped for a stretch. This little historic town looked like an interesting stop but we pushed on to Fallingwater. We were split into two groups for our informative one hour tours through the Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece of location and architecture. We had a nice lunch in the cafeteria and picked up Leo Basile and his fiancé Jeannette (They were married at Mog 40 a few weeks later) The next tour was at Kentuck Knob that was built in 1955 and lies about 8 miles south of Fallingwater on 80 spectacular acres and was the home of Albert Hagan who owned a dairy in Pittsburgh. Kentuck Knob is still privately owned by a British Lord named Peter Palumbo who at one time owned and restored the famous Mies van der Rohe masterpiece known as the Farnsworth



**Darwin Martin Carriage House Pergola and Conservatory**



**Sculpture Garden at Kentuck Knob**



# Falling Water Tour

By Tom VanZuiden

House in Illinois. A walk through the grounds and sculpture garden and some of our group indulging in ice cream treats competed our day of touring before the drive back to Indiana. A slight detour to save time caught us in several construction detours and in the city of Letrobe that was the birthplace of Arnold Palmer but more importantly, Jackie Mason spent 3 years as a rabbi in Latrobe after his ordination. I thought he was an ordained comic.

Saturday night back at the hotel the heavens open and we got a downpour. We took taxis to a Mexican Restaurant named Cozumel. The food was plenty and the margaritas went down fine and the price was perfect. The next day the Van Zuiden's and Allen's bugged out for a run home on the freeway while the rest of the group went back on Route 219. Steve and Jenny continued to have trouble with the electric bits in the Super Sport so Allen swapped them his battery at the Peace Bridge. Allen has a good story about the rest of his journey home with Steve's battery.



I hope everyone enjoyed our little adventure because Lynda and I had a lot of fun!

How about Frank Lloyd Wright Chicago next????

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## New Rutter Web Site

After a huge amount of work by Speedster-IT ([www.speedster-it.com](http://www.speedster-it.com)) and myself, that started well before Christmas, we have now gone live with our totally new interactive Rutter web site.

Please drop in and have a look here »» [www.melvyn-rutter.co.uk](http://www.melvyn-rutter.co.uk)



# Morgan Spotting

By Colin Bray



Morgans are pretty rare cars in North America - when do you ever see one outside of a club meeting? Every summer I go back to England for 'accent retraining' and on our 2008 trip we spotted no less than seven Morgans in various parts of the country. Unlike here, you have been able to buy new Morgans continuously since 1910, so there are plenty around.

I'm an addict for watching British dramas on TVO, weekdays at 9pm, and one of my wife Barbara's and I's favourites is 'Heartbeat'. It's set in the Yorkshire Moors in the 1960s and mainly in the village of Goathland although in the series it has the 'nom de plume' of Aidsensfield. Growing up in my teens in England in the 60s I can identify every car in the series - which after all is one of the reasons I watch it! Goathland (or Aidsensfield) has now become a HUGE tourist attraction



Aidsensfield Arms - a film set vehicle or a patron's MOG?

because of the popularity of the TV series. We visited the village in the summer of 2008 and blow me what did we see parked outside the 'Aidsensfield Arms' - a 4 seater Morgan!

The real name of the pub is the Goathland Hotel although they also have an Aidsensfield Arms sign on the side to cash in on the series. Aidsensfield Garage and Scripps Funeral Service is right opposite - note the various 'bangers' from the 60s in the car park. I might add that the inside of the garage and the pub are nothing like in the TV series - they are almost certainly sets in the TV studio.



Barbara Bray



Scripps Garage

Need a new grill for your Morgan, you will find one hanging on the wall



# Moggy Buggy run to Mennonite Country

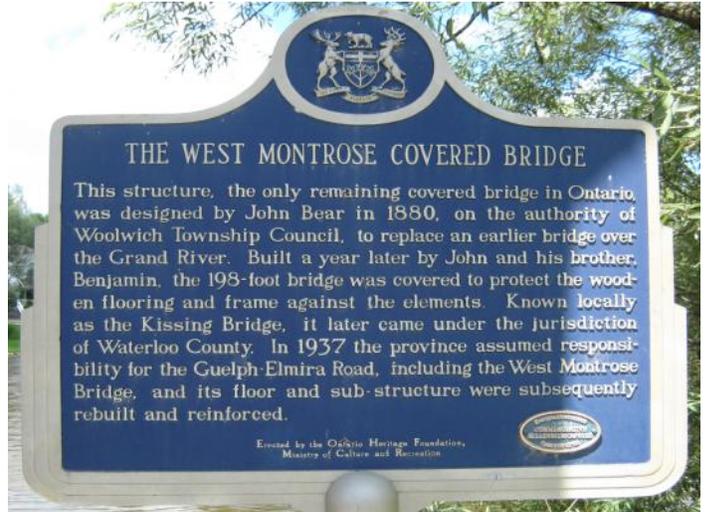
By Rob Fournie

July 26 arrived with the usual sky for MSCCC runs, threatening storm clouds and rain. The July route was issued and a scheduled departure of 10:30 am was set.

The few dedicated set out to discover Mennonite Country. With my new part-time home in New Hamburg, I decided to meet the group at the Petro Can station in Petersburg. Marg and I arrived at the meeting point and patiently waited for the Moggy Buggies to arrive.

The wait was not quiet since as we all know Morgans tend to attract the curious. It was not long before we were being offered water from the locals as they asked questions about my Morgan. As we chatted with the hair-dresser, the biker guy, and the curious cat, the time passed by without any sign of a single Morgan.

After a long wait we assumed that the run was probably cancelled due to dark rain clouds towards Burlington. Since we were already near the mid point of the run, we decided to follow the route ourselves and set off to St Jacobs. The route was very interesting even after a



wrong turn that had us on a dusty rural Mennonite road. Realizing we were slightly misplaced from the route (aka LOST) we pulled out the trusty Garmin and were soon entering St Jacobs from the opposite direction to that of the run instructions.

We parked near the Ice Cream shop and visited a few stores. It was now 1:30 pm so we decided enough waiting and went to a restaurant for lunch. We no sooner sat down and around the corner we spotted Alan and Barbara Lytle in their MOG. With a quick run out of the restaurant, I flagged down Alan.

Alan informed us that the group became divided due to the numerous traffic lights early in the run and it had become an individual run. We hopped in my Morgan and off we set to meet Alan at the covered bridge.

After a few photos we set off, Alan and Barbara to the Royal Coachman final stop, while Marg and I set-off back to New Hamburg with a nice tour of downtown Kitchener.



## Lytle Annual MSCCC Picnic

Photos Malcolm Taylor and Alan Lytle

Alan and Barbara Lytle hosted their annual MOG picnic on June 26th.



With 28 attendees, Alan demonstrated his mastery of the BBQ as he cooked the delicacies of the day.





# Lytle Annual MSCCC Picnic

Photos Malcolm Taylor and Alan Lytle



## Notes from the West

By Ken Miles

Your Western Scribe and his wife Pat have been away since June 4<sup>th</sup> on MOA V, and have just returned in the past week. Unfortunately, we have not been able to catch up on the local Morgan events except for the special one held by the Vancouver Island Pod in celebration of the first MOA to visit the Island. I do know that the Father's day picnic held in Victoria was a great success and that some of the local members including Win Muehling and Mike Powley attended the ABFM in Bellevue Washington on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

MOA V by all accounts was a great success, although small in numbers compared to previous ones. Once again it was international in having two cars from Belgium, four from the UK, one from Canada, one from Washington, DC, one from Colorado and six from California. The route took advantage of the mountainous and hilly terrains as it wandered through the various national parks on its way to the re-enactment of the Battle of the Little Big Horn before returning east to Yellowstone Park and then north to Jasper Alberta where it turned southwest to Tofino and Victoria before heading south along the Oregon and California coast to Cambria, California before returning to Oakland California for the final banquet. Many a night in the parking lot, I was hugged by the Europeans for planning a route that was full of scenery and a challenge to be driven. In fact there were reports of some of the navigators feeling car sick due to the repeated curves (hairpins in some cases) of the roads caused by them not having a steering wheel to hang on to as the car swung from one curve to the next.



Morgans on the Duffy Lake Road 4 countries represented



Morgans in front of the St. George Hotel in Barkerville, BC



Dirty Morgans at the Battle of the Little Big Horn Reenactment



## Notes from the West

By Ken Miles

The party in Victoria was fantastic with about 35 cars in attendance including 4 from Vancouver driven by Ron and Yvonne Theroux, Bob and Judy McDiarmid, Terry and Val Neilson, and Chris Allen and Pam Mahoney. The party lasted a long time with some people departing early to go to the botanical gardens to watch the fireworks

about 9:00 with the remainder leaving about 10:00. Both the members of MOGNW and MOA mixed well with the viewing of each other's cars and enjoying the usual friendship established by owning a Morgan and having a pig roast dinner. Thanks to Kit Raetsen and Joanne Cockshutt for arranging the event.



Morgans on the lawn at the MOGNW party in Victoria

## Former BLURB Editor Marries

By Sharon Roden

I am very honoured to be able to announce the marriage of John & Joy Collins. The wedding took place in the romantic city of Niagara Falls on May 12th.

This is an e-mail from Joy that I received. The wedding was beautiful, the reception very intimate with excellent food and afterwards, the best man & his wife took us to the Falls for pictures to send to N.Z. Even though John kept telling everyone about a campsite he had reserved - with a kerosene lamp so we wouldn't get cold - he had booked a corner suite overlooking the Falls for two nights and also bought a package for a dinner at a great prime rib restaurant, breakfast, as well as wine tasting in Niagara-On-The-Lake for yesterday on our way home. We had a wonderful time.

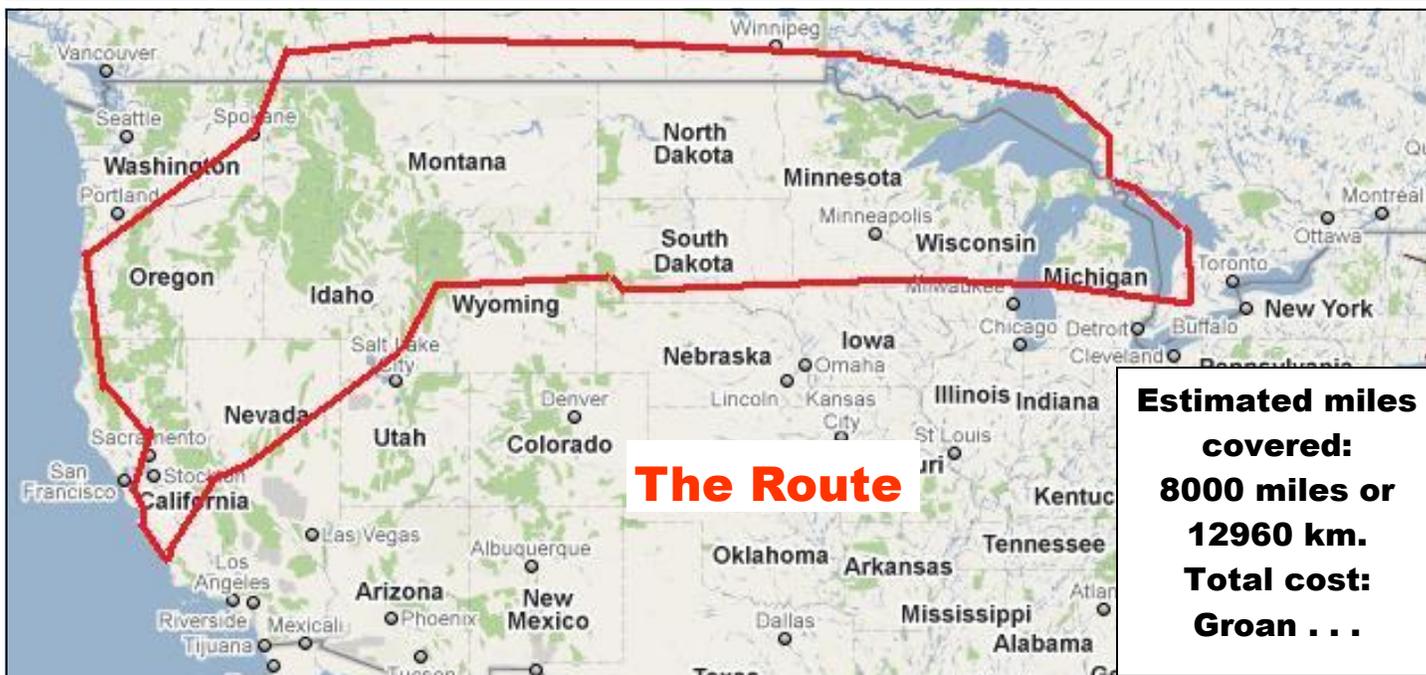
Now it's all about our flight to England with the reception with John's family & friends next Saturday - it's a dinner/dance - and then our cruise on the 24th. We have a selected album of photos to take with us from my friend. Others also took photos, but we haven't seen them yet. However, the best man's wife Chris, took photos and posted them on a website, so if you'd like to go to: <http://gallery.me.com/colner#100008> you'll see those ones. To get in you'll need the user name: jffriends as well as the password: St. Briavels

I don't expect they will make the picnic. The UK won to-day and plays Saturday. You know how John loves his soccer.



# Ken and Judy Wightman's Adventure Concluded

By Ken Wightman



**As** I am sure everyone knows, Judy and I took 'my' Morgan on an almost six week long tour of North America. After 39 days in the little roadster I think Judy may be disowning it temporarily.

Judy found it was a long time to live out of one, large suitcase. And the laundromats were such awful experiences --- Judy had ten bucks lifted by a light-fingered teenage thief in South Dakota and in California she had her clothing destroyed by bleach. She spent the last weeks of the tour washing her cloths in our room at night and hoping all would be dry by morning.

We stayed at a lot of Bed and Breakfasts. These were mostly older heritage homes but a couple were old stage-coach-stop hotels. Many of the B&Bs were so interesting that they made for a great end to a great day.

For instance, the home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was a 9000 square foot, 20 room, mansion. It was located in the Heritage Hill District, across the street from a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home. The staircase alone was worth the price of admission. And in the morning the breakfast was served in the home's grand dining room.

In La Crosse, Wisconsin, the home was great but it was the couple that made the place memorable. The husband loved cars and had a running antique Stewart truck from about 1917, an old motorcycle from the '50s, an MG from the '60s and more. His barn was a veritable car museum. In the morning a friend stopped by in his Model A Ford. And the wife's cooking was so good that Judy came



Clarkston, Michigan

home eager to serve the lady's fruit and yogurt concoction.

In South Dakota we discovered a town, Pipestone, that must have been quite striking a century ago. Almost every building was constructed out of the same red stone. Many the buildings are still intact. In a different location, somewhere a thousand miles from the forgotten reaches of South Dakota, this town might make a great tourist magnet.

The town, Pipestone, takes its name from a nearby rock quarry famous for the stone Native Americans use to

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carve peace pipes. Today only Native Americans are allowed to quarry the material and tourists are encouraged to stop by for a tour of the pipe stone operation.

In Nevada we stayed in an old hotel that had been lovingly restored. In the morning Judy and I discovered that the railroad station, like the hotel, had also been restored. Like so many across North America, it is now run by volunteers for the benefit of tourists. I found myself pulling for the folk in Ely. The train we took carried possibly two dozen passengers. It didn't seem like enough. Too bad.

If you get the idea that our nights were as important as our days, you're right. The Morgan made our days memorable. It is a fine way to travel. Still, at the end of the day, it is important to have a reward. A nice meal, like the one we had in Spokane at Milford's Fish House, or an interesting place to stay like the Hacienda on the Fort Hunter Liggett Military Base.

Judy and I were on the road for almost six weeks. We stopped at Mount Rushmore and had a lunch of Buffalo Burgers under the stone gaze of four presidents; I climbed the nearby Crazy Horse Monument; We were checked out by a curious Buffalo in Yellowstone and we met up with the Morgans Over America group in Yosemite. We rode the tram to the top of Jackson Hole where we found twelve foot high snow drifts. We took the Pacific Coastal Highway where we watched kite-surfers riding the wind and the waves.

We took a tour of San Simeon, the famous Hearst Castle; We strolled through a Red Woods forest near the Golden Gate; We went on a wine sampling binge in the Sonoma Valley and I saw the inner working of an America hospital after suffering a V-tach event that saw my heart surge to 300 beats per minute necessitating emergency defibrillation with 200 joules of electricity.

The V-tach event almost put an end to our vacation. We



talked seriously of abandoning our adventure and taking the first plane home. Judy even started putting out feelers to see if it would be possible to stage a get-the-Morgan-back-to-Ontario relay. She envisioned British sports car clubs right across the U.S. and Canada working together to drive the roadster back to London, one little run after another.

But armed with a bottle of beta-blockers we decided to attempt driving home. Hey, we'd been hit by another vehicle in Gorda-by-the-Sea at a gas station on the PCH in southern California and now we'd lost a day and a half as doctor's checked out my heart. What else could go wrong? We knew our luck would now be good.

And our luck was good, sort of. When our bumper fell off in Brandon, Manitoba, we were slowly turning into a restaurant parking lot for dinner and not belting down the Trans Canada Highway at a 100 kph. We ended the trip with our front bumper tied to our luggage at the back of the car.

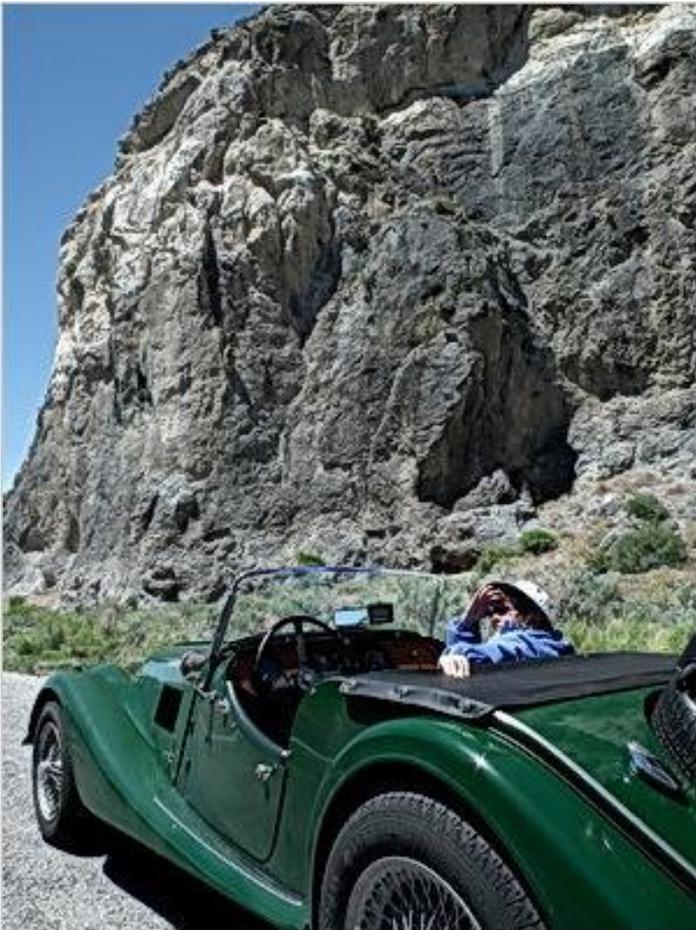
Would we do it again? Well . . . I don't know. But the thought of turning the Morgan loose on a twisty mountain road, following a paved path originally carved out for wagon trains and stage coaches, makes my heart beat faster --- -or is that just arrhythmia? Pass the beta-blockers.





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## Plunketts Fleetwood Cruise-in

By Rob Fournie

**Canadian Premier Car Event,** Plunkett's Fleetwood cruise-in proved once again to be a fantastic event. The threatening rain clouds did not prevent an excellent turnout of over 2,500 cars, trucks, and special interest vehicles plus over 13,000 visitors. The Fleetwood Cruise-in is the largest cruise event in Canada and it is in our neighborhood.



The event is hosted by Steve Plunkett, founder and president of The Plunkett Foundation. His father, Dr. Earl Plunkett, became wealthy as co-inventor of hormone replacement therapy. Steve uses the family wealth for philanthropic pursuits and has become known world wide for his unique way of supporting charities. The 2010 event raised \$345,000 for 27 local charities and has raised \$1,328,000 over the past 6 yrs of the Fleetwood Country Cruise-in.

Steve has a passion for Cadillacs and he owns 66 beauties, thus the Fleetwood name for the event. Steve's love of cars is not limited to Cadillacs; he enjoys all cars and shares his love of the hobby with the backyard restorers. At the cruise-in you will find Steve wandering the grounds admiring the cars and blending in with the crowd. His cruise-ins are not limited to the one weekend in June each year, he also has his place available to the Lions club each Thursday evening for a regular cruise-in which is open to everyone willing to make a charitable donation at the entrance. I have personally seen in excess of 150 cars show up for the Thursday event.

John and Sharon Roden, Wally Smith, Deb Wilcox and Steve Pocock, and I attended with our Morgans. John and Sharon Fitchie also attended but sans Morgan.

Although primarily a North American car event there was a respectable turn-out of British and imported vehicles. The German built Amphicars were there again this year and staged a swim-in. The owners generously offered rides around the pond in exchange for a \$5 charity contribution. Deb and Steve and I went for the ride in the Amphicars. This was quite an experience driving in and out of water several feet deep. Your initial reaction is to expect to see water at your feet, but quickly realize this is a boat.....or is it a car, hmmm.

The event also included "Mel's Diner" copied from the movie American Graffiti. The building was surrounded by replicas of the cars used in the movie, even a copy of the famous yellow 32 Ford coupe from the movie. Inside the building was a reunion of 5 stars who were signing autographs for \$10 charity donation. Do you remember Paul Le Mat (John), Candy Clark (Debbie), Bo Hopkins (Joe), Lynne Stewart (Bobbi), and who would forget Cindy Williams (Laurie) also from the sitcom Laverne and Shirley,



Deb and Steve brave the water

Chuck Barris king of the customizers was there again this year with a display of a few of his famous customized cars. Chuck Barris has become a standard feature at the Fleetwood cruise-in and never disappoints with his fantastic vehicles. For those British purists unfamiliar with the Barris name, you may recall some of Chucks notable customizations; the Batmobile, the Munster coach and casket turned dragster (the Drag-U-La) for [The Munsters](#), an Oldsmobile Toronado turned into a roadster used in the first season of [Mannix](#), a 1921 Oldsmobile touring car turned into a truck for [The Beverly Hillbillies](#), the fictional "1928 Porter" for the NBC comedy [My Mother the Car](#),



# Plunketts Fleetwood Cruise-in

By Rob Fournie

updated KITT's for later seasons of [Knight Rider](#) and replicas of 1914 Stutz Bearcats for [Bearcats](#).

The Cadillac Barn featured Celebrity and custom Cadillacs from 1940 through 1970. The most interesting to me

was the Cadillac "Auto Salon". Steve built an Auto Salon to house 30 pre-1940 Cadillacs. The Auto Salon was built to emulate the Waldorf Astoria grand ballroom and the era of those great 1930's Cadillacs. This building is more impressive than most million dollar homes, and features marble floors, beautiful oak staircase, and an elaborate ceiling. It also has a tunnel which connects the salon to his house so that he does not need to venture outside during our blustery Canadian winters.

Rumour has it that the 2011 event will feature the cast from the sitcom Happy Days including the "Fonz" Henry Winkler.

For those who have not attended, you have no idea what you are missing. Ken Wightman, John Roden and I have been trying to get the message out that this is a must see event. You will not find a larger event in Canada. If we can pull together a significant group of Morgans to attend, they would make a special spot to feature the Morgans. Steve recognizes that Morgan as the oldest surviving private auto company and that each car is hand built.



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## Malvern Holiday Cottage



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The Byre is well equipped and perfectly located for taking advantage of the delightful spa town of Malvern. It is an ideal destination for sightseeing, walking or just relaxing on short or long breaks.

As a fellow Morgan owner and enthusiast I would like to offer you and your fellow members a discount off the normal price of my holiday cottage in Malvern:

[www.thebyremalvern.co.uk](http://www.thebyremalvern.co.uk)

Only a mile from the factory with plenty of off-road, secure parking for Morgans. Come and stay with a Morgan owner in Malvern next time you're visiting the factory!

Regards,  
**Clive Booth**





# Rattlesnake Revival Fun Rally

**Organizers** Ross Hamilton and Steve Sherriff

**When ?**

Saturday September 11, 2010 rain or shine  
9:30 am. Driver's Briefing  
First car away 10:00 am.

**Where ?**

Ned Devine's Irish Pub, north east corner of Derry Road and Highway 25 in Milton.

**Cost ?**

Entry fee is the square root of zero.

**Why ?**

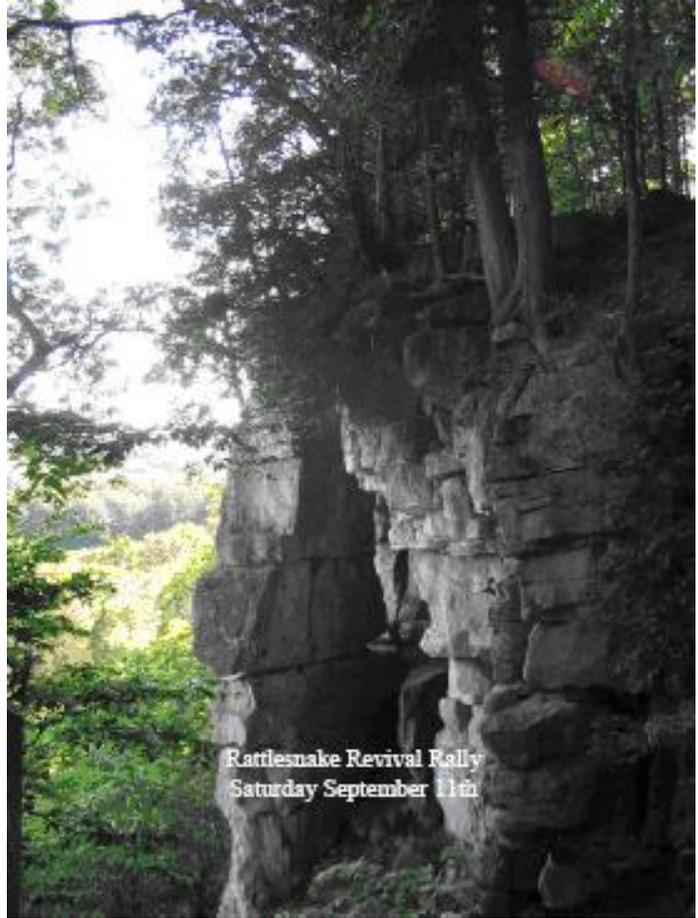
This rally is named after a famous competition hill climb at Rattlesnake Point ( near Ned Devine's Irish Pub ), which started circa 1954 and ran for many years. The historic hill climb road remains intact. It is now paved, and features one of the steepest, if not the steepest, gradient in Ontario with twenty percent inclined switchbacks. We trust you will also find that many of the other roads used in this rally are amongst the most interesting in southern Ontario. Some were used in a recent Morgan Club drive.

**Light-hearted Terrorism Theme**

As you may suspect, this fun rally is not being run on 9/11 by coincidence. We cannot resist injecting a light hearted terrorism theme into the navigational instructions. However, checkpoints will be easy to find, and panic instructions will be provided for those who become navigationally challenged. We don't want anyone to miss the fun we have planned at the checkpoints.

**Lunch**

Lunch to follow at Ned Devine's Irish Pub



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## MSCCC August 2010 Run

We have been planning a weekend in Prince Edward County/Kingston for the August 13/14/15 weekend this summer.

The current plan is to travel on one's own (or self organised groups) to the designated hotel/motel in the county on the Friday evening. Saturday will be a leisurely day, with winery tours, art studio visits, cheese factory visit, visit to the sand banks, Lake on the Mountain, or toddle around the County. We'll firm up some plans for group tours later.

Visit <http://www.pec.on.ca/> to get an idea of things to do and see in the County.

On Sunday morning, we will take the Glenora Ferry to the mainland, and on to Kingston to participate in the Boot'n Bonnet Club British Car Day . Depart for home at your leisure Sunday afternoon.

See Boot'n Bonnet site for registration <http://www.britishcarenthusiast.com/BNB/PDF/BCD2010flyer.pdf>

There are two motels in the area and the county website above has links to all sorts of other accommodations, from B&B's to elegant inns. <http://www.pec.on.ca/visitorsguide09/index.html>

For those that wish, we will have an option to return home via the south shore of Lake Ontario. This will entail an additional night. (accommodations to be decided on at a later date).

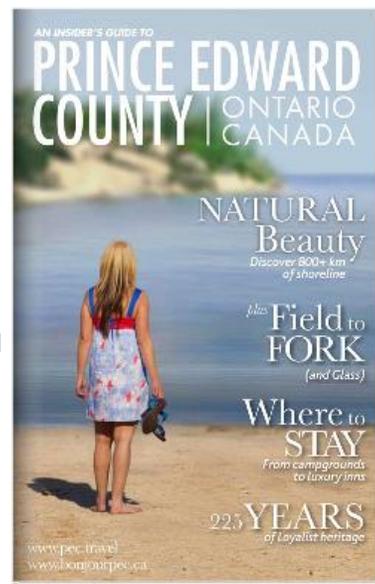


Please RSVP to Cathy or Don by May 31, 2010 and let us know:

- if you are joining us and where you have booked and
- if you would like to go the south shore route and stay the extra night

This will help us to better organize the weekend so that a good time will be had by all!

Happy Mogging!  
Don & Cathy Allen  
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Photos on the web:

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Membership Application / Renewal

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