

SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

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McOmber's Host Fall Meet

By Randy Johnson

Betsy and Gene McOmber were our hosts for MOGSouth's Fall Meet held the weekend of September 29, 30 and October 1 in and around Seneca, South Carolina. And what great hosts they were. More on that later.

As our daughter Amy was in Atlanta for a weekend visit, Dale stayed home to be with her and I attended the meet solo. I met Super Dave and Marilyn Bondon Friday afternoon and we made our way to Seneca via the slow scenic route (no fast four lane highways). It was a pleasant ride and a perfect afternoon for a trip in a Morgan.

As we checked in at the motel we met Lynn and Julie Craig in their bright yellow Morgan and followed them to the McOmber's home on Lake Keowee in Salem, SC. The party was underway when we arrived so we quickly joined in.

In addition to those already mentioned, also attending the meet were Graeme Addie and his daughter Emma from Augusta, GA. Graeme's wife Jenny and Emma's husband Jeff arrived Saturday afternoon. Graeme had planned to have Emma drive a second Morgan but after two

mechanical problems with that car, they came together in Graeme's Flat Rad. He was also prepared for the return trip as he had Jenny tow a U-Haul dolly in case of a breakdown on Sunday. I have not heard if it was needed. Mark and Andrea Braunstein came from nearby Greenville, SC as well as Lee and Trisha Gaskins from Spartanburg, SC. Jack and Monica Claxton came from Gainesville, GA. Jack tells us he is close to having his car home in his new garage where he can complete its restoration. Charlie King also attended solo as Caroline was under the weather. Charlie and Maidie Williams were there in Charlie's new Jaguar sedan. Lance and Connie Lipscomb were there and we understand Lance is making some progress on his engine re-build.

Many of our usual attending members missed the weekend but they all had excused absences.

On Friday night Betsy had made a Taco Salad for all of us to share and we all enjoyed the camaraderie of the evening at their lovely home on Lake Keowee.

We were invited back to the McOmber's for a "surprise" breakfast on

Saturday morning and what a surprise. Betsy and Gene had arranged for John Welter to cook breakfast for all of us. And he cooked omelets to order. All you had to do was put your chosen ingredients in a bowl, hand them to John and he completed the omelet. What a treat and we had a table full of other food to accompany the omelets. No one left hungry!

Attending the breakfast on Saturday in addition to those already mentioned were Peter and Glynis Ritch from Greer, SC and eight of the McOmber's neighbors who we enjoyed visiting with and talking about Morgans. Peter had brought several parts from his parts bin to see if he could identify where they might belong on his restoration and spent a good deal of time comparing them to Graeme Addie's car. It was also good to see Joe and Lois Pearson, former Trike owners and still Morgan lovers.

After breakfast it was off to Ceaser's Head State Park via SC Scenic Highway 11 with a stop at Aunt Sue's on the return for ice cream and sandwiches. It was another beautiful day and a good workout for the Morgans.

As Charlie King and I were the hard-tails for the weekend we shared my Plus Four for the ride. Upon arriving back at the motel in Seneca, Morgan-Fab proprietor Don Simpkins was found wandering the parking lot. Don had come up from Demorest, GA for the dinner that evening. Don and I walked next door to Fatz Café for a beer and the opportunity to catch up with each other.

The McOmber's planned for the group to have dinner in downtown Seneca on Saturday night at the Ram Cat Bistro, a locally owned restaurant. We had the place to ourselves and it was great. Good food, good wine and good company! After dinner we made our way back to the motel and called it a night.

I left at 7:00 AM on Sunday morning for the ride back to Atlanta to be able to spend most of the day with Amy and had a great morning for the drive.

Our thanks to Betsy and Gene for so ably hosting this meet and for all that they gave to insure our enjoyment. They have raised the bar for Saturday morning breakfasts! Their efforts and those of all you other members who work so hard to insure the success of our meets are what make MOGSouth such a great organization.

For those of you that missed this meet, you missed a really good time.

Thanks from The McOmbers

"Thanks so much for your efforts in coming to the Fall Meet. You made it successful! We loved having you! Your cars, congeniality and compliments were greatly appreciated."

Bets & Geno

Ed note: Betsy has several recipes from the dishes she served at the meet. I will have copies of these recipes at the Christmas Party.

Christmas Party

As of this writing only five couples have made reservations for the Christmas Party, the Johnsons, the Cummins, the Chiles, the Gaskins and the Claxtons. **Don't be left out!**

The Christmas Party will be held the first Saturday in December, this year, December 2. But for the first time in a

number of years we have planned to travel to a site other than a member's home.

The site we have chosen is the General Morgan Inn in historic Greeneville, Tennessee, 70 miles north of Knoxville and approximately 90 miles from Asheville, NC. The General Morgan Inn was created from four interconnected "Railroad Hotels" dating from the late 1800s. The Hotel is a wonderful destination and I am sure everyone will enjoy a great time. The roads to Greeneville, especially from Asheville are wonderful for driving a Morgan.

The Hotel is holding 25 rooms for MOGSouth for Saturday night, December 2. The room rate will be \$107.29 inclusive, double occupancy and will include a full hot buffet breakfast on Sunday morning.

On Saturday, we will have a hospitality room where upon arrival you may socialize with other MOGSouth members while enjoying a cold beer or glass of wine (provided by MOGSouth). We will also use this room for our cocktail hour (beer and wine provided by The Club, you may discreetly "brown bag" if you so choose) prior to the buffet dinner on Saturday night. Dinner will cost \$25.54 per person.

Please note the following:

1. **The hotel is holding 25 rooms until November 20, 2000, the last day for reservations OR cancellations.**
2. **The hotel can be reached at 1-800-223-2679 for reservations. Ask for group code Morgn-1662 to make reservations and insure the special room rate (\$107.29 inclusive, double occupancy including hot buffet breakfast on Sunday morning).**
3. **You must also make your reservation for Saturday night's dinner directly with the hotel, cost as mentioned above, \$25.54 per person. As with the rooms, November 20, 2000 is the last**

day for reservations OR cancellations for Saturday night.

4. **The hotel will require a credit card to hold reservations for rooms and dinner and will bill in full for both the room and Saturday night dinner if not cancelled by November 20, 2000.**

Don't wait! Make your reservations now before it is too late! See you there!

Santa's Helper

Lance Lipscomb, (Santa's Helper) Regalia Chairman, has available MOGSouth car badges for \$45.00 per badge, postage and handling included and he has recently received an order of MOGSouth pins that match the car badge. Pins are available for \$8.00 per pin, postage and handling included.

Both the badges and pins are the same as the previous design, blue, yellow and gray, and are quite handsome. They are both available directly from Lance and an order form can be found in this issue. They would make great Christmas presents and stocking stuffers.

Order yours today!

Name Badges

The Club has re-ordered a small quantity of the famous Lance Lipscomb designed name badges. If you would like to order a name badge(s) please complete the order form and return to me along with your check payable to MOGSouth for the appropriate amount. There has been a slight increase in cost per badge (+\$.50) as well as slight increase in the charge for packing and mailing (+\$.50). Badges are \$8.00 per badge plus \$1.00 per badge for packaging and mailing. Obviously if I hand deliver the badge at a meet, etc. the \$1.00 handling charge per badge is waived.

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Dues for the calendar year 2001 are due and payable January 1, 2001 and remain \$25.00.

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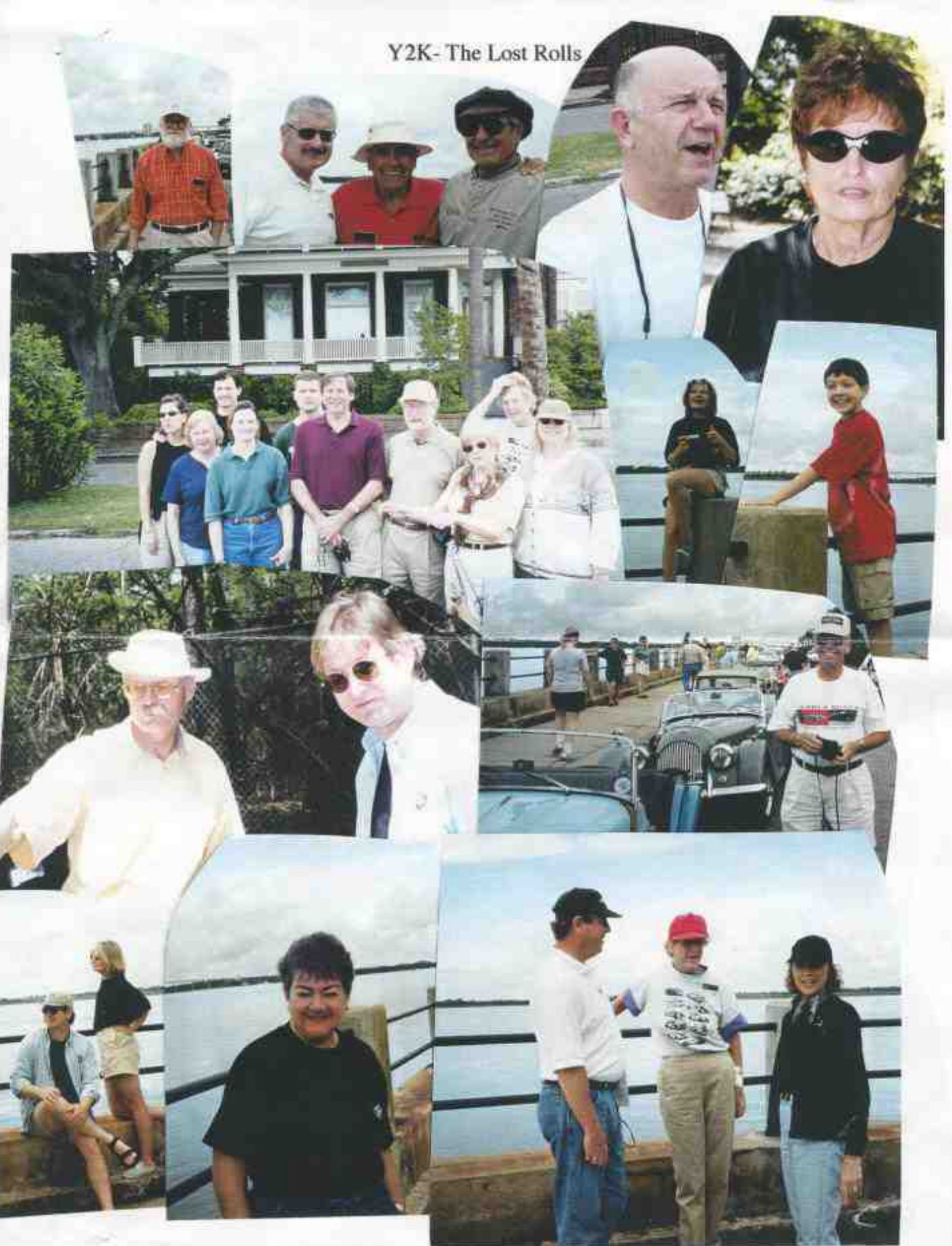
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