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To steal ideas from  
one person is  
plagiarism, to steal  
from many is  
research.

## LAW OF MECHANICAL REPAIR:

After your hands become  
coated with grease, your  
nose will begin to itch and  
you will need to pee.

**LAW OF PROBABILITY:**  
the probability of being  
watched is directly  
proportional to the stupidity  
of your act.

## **RUNNING ON .....**

**WELL, WE HAVE HAD OUR FIRST 3 TEST KITCHENS SO TO SPEAK, OR RESTAURANTS TO REPLACE OUR USUAL THURSDAY EVENING SPOT – SO WHAT IS NEXT.....?**

We did not make the AWAKE CAFÉ, but some did. In July we met at The Red Truck and there were 7 members gathered to sample the food and atmosphere. I thought it was very good and we had a back corner to ourselves to chat as we wished. As a matter of fact we could have added at least 5 or 6 to our tables. The food was good and plenty, the wait staff very attentive, and the location was easy to find and plenty of parking. I hope those of you who came to the other places will join us at the August event and we can discuss our options, or search for new spots to find a meeting place.

This Summer season is zooming across the calendar like a fireball, ha, ha, and Fall is coming soon. The Texas All British Car Show and The Brits in the Ozarks are both coming on the final weekend of September. Hopefully the weather will have lost its fiery temper by then.

Luckily MMCC has an August event planned that will keep us out of the heat for a Saturday. Early lunch at the RODEO GOAT and a revisit to the HAAS MOTO MUSEUM. Oddly we visited the museum in September of 2018 and were amazed at its presentation. Hope you will join us for this visit.

Thanks to Craig and Theresa for the wonderful article about their visit to the Morgan factory.

Check the website, [www.texmog.com](http://www.texmog.com)

**Remember our next NOGGIN' and NATTER is SATURDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> at THE RODEO GOAT..**



*the Prez*



***MORGANS...ROAD CANDY!***



## **MMCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

NOTE: New entries and revisions are in italic type  
Entries in bold type are official MMCC events

**Check the Calendar entries often for changes of dates, events  
and other alterations or updates**

2022 - Help to fill in the blanks, send info to: [secretarytexmog@att.net](mailto:secretarytexmog@att.net)

*Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>*      **RODEO GOAT Noggin and Natter**  
*Sat. 11am*      **RODEO GOAT. 1926 Market Center Blvd. (at Turtle Creek) Dallas**

*Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>*      **Haas Moto Museum & Sculpture Gallery**  
*Sat. 1p m*      **1201 Oak Lawn Ave Suite 110, Dallas, TX**

*Sept. 23-25*      **Texas All British Car Days - Specialty Part Shop**  
*www.specialtypartshop.com › txabcd (for more info see flyer)*

*Sept. 22-24*      **20<sup>th</sup> BRITS in he OZARKS**  
*See flyer for information*

*Oct. ?*

*Nov. ?*

*Have an idea for an event you would like to put on for MMCC, pick a date, a time, a place and send me an email at [secretarytexmog@att.net](mailto:secretarytexmog@att.net). The mail box has plenty of space for your event . This Morgan needs something to do, especially for Fall when the weather is nice. But a shady car show venue would do. MMCC does decorate British.*



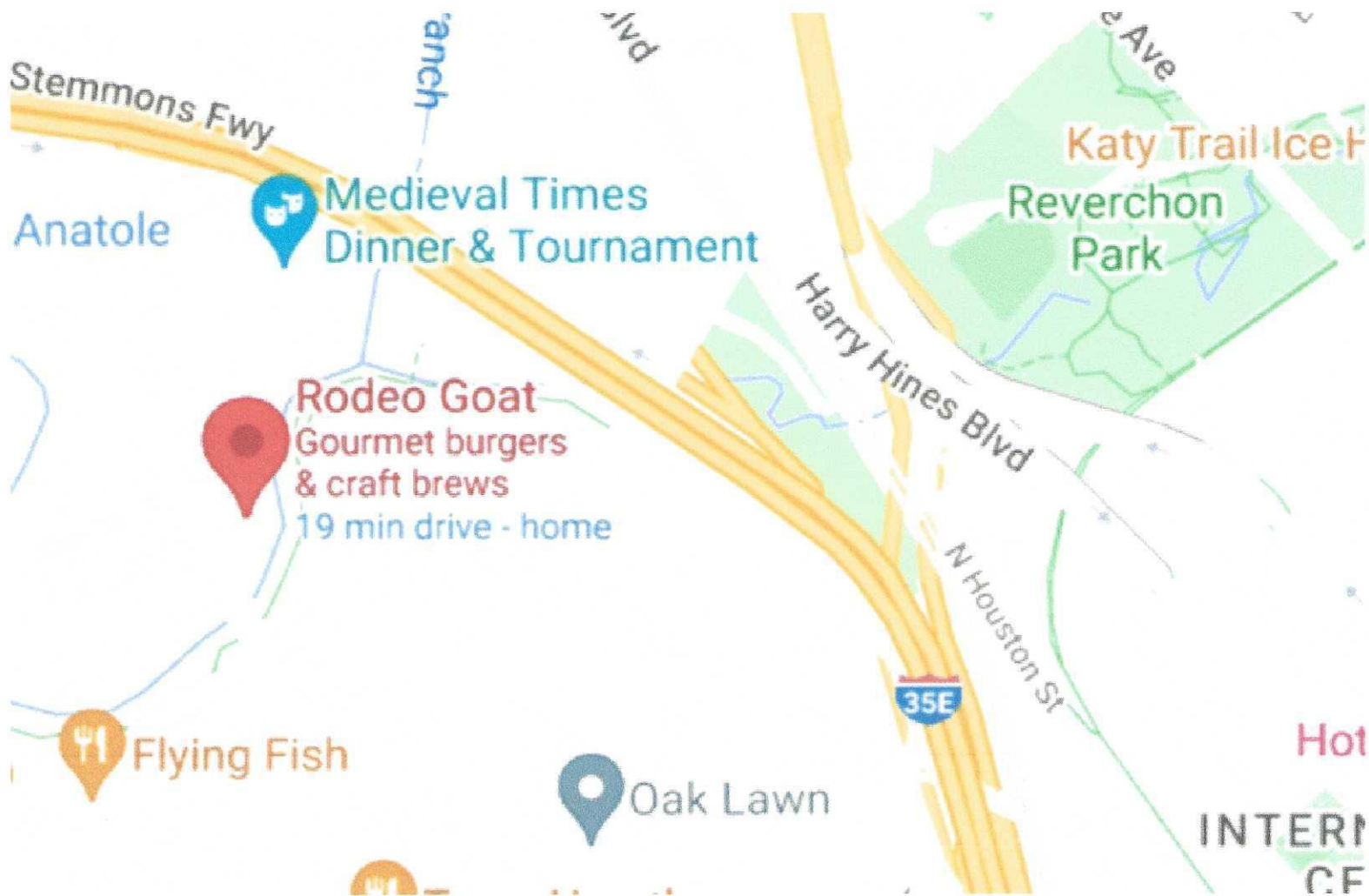
# RODEO GOAT

1926 MARKET CENTER BLVD, (at  
TURTLE CREEK BLVD.)

11:00AM

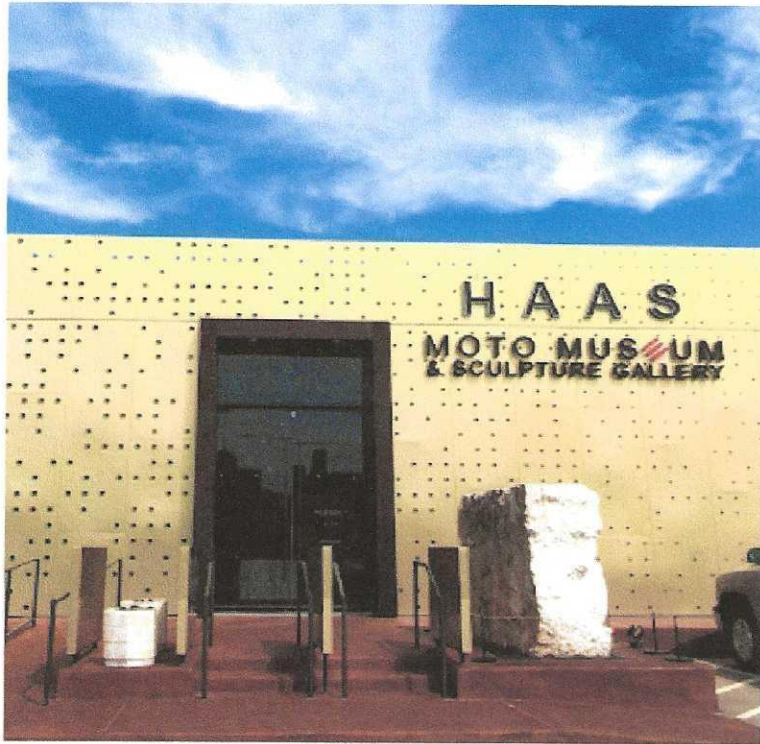
NOGGIN' and NATTER (lunch)

before going to Haas Moto Museum

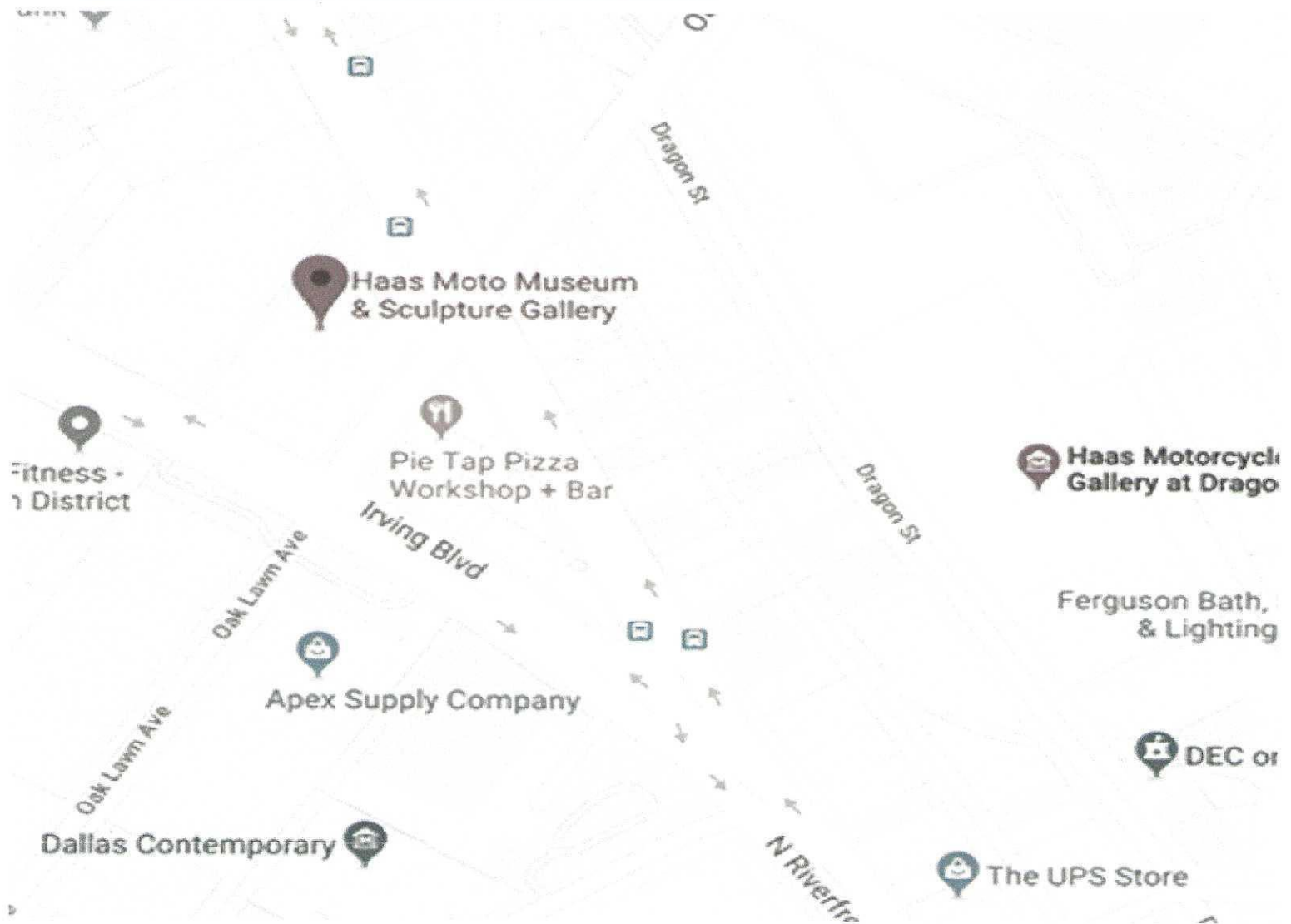




# HAAS MOTO MUSEUM



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# Texas All British Car Days

## THE LARGEST ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW IN TEXAS!

### 2022 Schedule

This schedule may change and will include more detail. Check back regularly for updates.

#### Friday

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Casual Meet and Greet. The Brass Tap in Downtown Round Rock. Wear something British!

Registration room times will be posted soon – Homewood Suites – Hospitality Suite

#### Saturday

7:30 am – 3:00 pm Hospitality – Suite Homewood Suites  
Complimentary beverages and snacks  
Event Registration and Rallye Registration

2:00 pm First Rally Drivers/Navigator's meeting at the host hotel. First cars out after this meeting.

2:30 pm Second Rally Drivers/Navigator's meeting at the host hotel. Remainder of cars out after this meeting.

#### Sunday

Centennial Plaza in Round Rock, Texas

8:00 am	–	11:00 am	Registration on the plaza. Centennial Plaza, Round Rock
8:00 am	–	1:00 am	Door Prize "pick-up" on the plaza (car number is door prize number)
9:00 am	–	1:00 pm	Silent Auction benefiting The Open Door Preschool
9:00 am	–	12:00 pm	Show and Shine – Participants Choice Judging/Voting
9:00 am	–	12:00 pm	Peoples' Choice Voting (Spectators)
10:00 am	–	12:00 pm	Daily Driver & Best Right Hand Drive Award Judging (by pre-selected judges)
1:00 pm	–	1:15 pm	Ragtop Raffle benefiting The Open Door Preschool.
1:15 pm	–	2:15 pm	Awards Presentation
2:15 pm			Fond Farewells

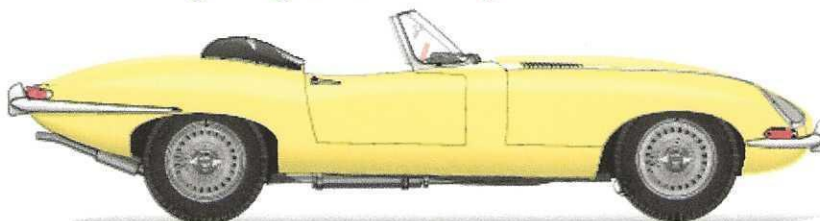






# 20th BRITS *in the* OZARKS

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**September 22 –24, 2022**

Thursday, Sept 22  
Driving Tour

Friday, Sept 23  
Driving Tour  
Parking Lot Party

Saturday, Sept 24  
Car Show  
Banquet

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**Holiday Inn Convention Center of Northwest Arkansas**  
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# Getting New Tires...at HOME!

By Jack Orkin / PeachTree Registry

Are you dreading getting new tires? You make an appointment at your local tire emporium and arrive just before your appointed time. Then, maybe 15 minutes to an hour after you arrive, they get to you. In the meantime, you are sitting in a waiting room with no coffee and listening to someone on their cell phone sharing some personal crisis loud enough that all can hear. Maybe if you are lucky, no one will come in with their crying kid.

Sigh. Wouldn't it be nice if you could just wait in the comfort of your own living room? Now you can! [tirerack.com](http://tirerack.com) - where many of us get our tires due to the difficulty in finding 13" tires, now offers the option of having your tires INSTALLED AT HOME! The price is \$30 a wheel. I thought I would give it a try.

I ordered my tires, opted for mobile installation and set up an appointment online. The installer would bring my new tires take away the old ones.

You are given a 3-hour window. There was a chance of rain that day, so rather than park the MG outside, I left it in my garage so the installer wouldn't have to work in the rain. I put it up on my QuickJack and removed the lug nuts to save some time. Soon - Jarvis (the installer) arrived in a large van with a fully functioning tire installation shop inside. The tire mounting and balancing equipment is custom made by Hunter for this application. Jarvis was a personable young man who seemed to love his job. He's been doing tire work for about ten years and loves driving all over to see some really cool cars. We checked the new tires to make sure the size and date codes were correct and everyone looked good. I showed him where the car was and when I told him all the wheels were off and ready, he said I was spoiling him! He carried the wheels to the truck and began the process of dismounting the old and mounting and balancing the new tires.

One thing I was concerned about was the amount of weights that were used previously on one or two of my wheels. Rather than using an excessive amount of weight, I told him I would rather him try rotating the tire on the wheel to get a better balance. He said he always does that if it needs more than a certain amount (I think it was 2.5 oz.). If it needed more after rotating it, and I was not happy with the balance, they would order a new tire for me. He went about his job efficiently and no wheels were damaged in the process. The tires balanced fine except the last one, which he rotated on the wheel a couple of times and it ended up taking 2.0 oz. He put the wheels back on the car and we were done. All the paperwork is done online so there was nothing else to do.

Jarvis was great - worked carefully and never indicated he needed to rush to get the job done and move on to the next client. I would definitely do this again. Mobile installation is available (sort of) widely around the nation, but since Discount Tire recently purchased Tire Rack, this service may become more widespread in the future. PS - the ride is great! What a difference new and properly balanced tires make! - end-







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## might need some parts



# A Morgan Factory Tour, or A Yankee's Meanderings In Malvern

by Craig Ligon



As we approached our Fourth of July holiday, we wanted to do something different. We decided to travel to the UK and hoped to celebrate American independence with the Queen at Windsor. However, I guess after the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration, the queen was tuckered out, and they didn't have the fireworks display this year. Since our initial plans were thwarted, second on the priority list was the Morgan factory tour. We were delighted to find that Morgan was still hosting tours. Anyone who appreciates Morgans, or craftsmanship in general, will enjoy a tour of the Morgan factory.

The Morgan Experience Centre initially opened during the COVID lockdown, so I don't think it has been fully running until this year. I've never been to the factory before, but could see where they really needed a dedicated visitor's center, entertainment area, and a place to showcase their cars. Of course, I was as giddy as a schoolgirl. I had wanted to visit the factory when my Morgan 3 Wheeler was being built, but COVID and restrictions ensured that didn't happen.

The Morgan Experience building itself is quite contemporary and stylish. They have constant reminders on both craftsmanship and their focus on natural materials: wood, leather, brick, metals, and glass to let in natural light are everywhere. They have the outdoor parking slips for Morgans, the glassed in space for a

presentation car, a small showroom for representation cars and material samples, as well as more cars displayed in the lunchroom space itself. That morning there were Morgans and a couple of MGs out in the lot for a group also enjoying the Centre.

Their showroom had a new, limited edition 24 Hour Le Mans Heritage car, one of the new Super 3 prototypes, a new Plus Four, a Roadster, and a lightly used Aero 8 for sale. Lots of photos, and some selfies with inordinately huge grins. Thanks to Teresa for once again indulging me in my side trips. (Okay, I planned this trip around the Morgan visit, but don't tell my wife!)



Since we were early and still waiting for the tour to start, I decided to venture into the gift shop. Imagine the unplanned coincidence of Morgan attaching a gift shop right there! I certainly considered it a lucky chance. Since I've already spent more than I like to consider on a Morgan, what would it hurt to spend a little more? Morgan had recently released a nice Le Mans 24 hour Heritage jackets a couple of weeks before our trip. With the additional patches on a traditional wax jacket, they had an appealing sporty look. When they first came out, I thought I would be a good boy and wait for our visit. However, I was disappointed to see they



had mostly sold out online in only a few days. The only remaining size remaining online was "small", and I am no horse jockey. When we arrived, I had seen one on a tailor's dummy out in the glassed-in display with the LMP2 Le Mans race car, but I didn't fancy they would appreciate me breaking in to check the tag for sizing. When I got into the gift shop, I scanned the room. They had one more on a display shelf laid out flat, but that was it. No other jackets on any of the racks. I approached with a bit of trepidation but was surprised to see the one display jacket was XL, just my size! It was pricey, but Teresa relented with the promise



A Le Mans LMP2 race care greets visitors to the Morgan Experience Centre.

that I not buy anything else at the shop and I get rid of some more crap at home. Done!

Feeling giddy on my successful purchase, it was time to finish our wait on the tour. The lunchroom housed enough chesterfield tufted leather chairs and couches to remind you that you were in England at a company that really appreciated leather. Teresa said she thought it had a guy cave vibe. Well then, I must be a guy. I liked it. I chose to sit over by the blue Plus Four, and the P101 edition M3W in dazzle pattern paint. Wouldn't you? Teresa mentioned she might want to split a beer. However, the lunch counter didn't sell any alcohol. They mentioned

that I was free to go to the giftshop and buy the limited edition Malvern Morgan bottles of micro-brew, or of course the Morgan Piston gin and drink it in the lunchroom. However, since I was under a further shopping moratorium, and packing a bottle (or bottles) in our bags was probably not good for my health, I decided that the lunchroom was not a bad place for some tea and a scone while we awaited our tour.

Tour groups are kept to about a dozen. Our guide asked a bit about those on the tour. One family had lived in Malvern for years but had never been to the factory; the guide mentioning that many Malvernians don't even know it is there. A couple from Germany said they wanted to buy one. When he asked if anyone owned a Morgan, and I was the only person there who did, he simply pointed to me and said, "If you have any questions about Morgans, ask him."

They first take you out front of the Centre and then around the rear of the factory. Apparently, they have a recall on all the new CX platform car's brake system, since the field behind the factory was filled with more Morgans than I've ever seen in one place. Lots of eye candy. So many colors: gloss and matte, standard and two toned paint. Too bad they were just parked in a field awaiting recall resolution.

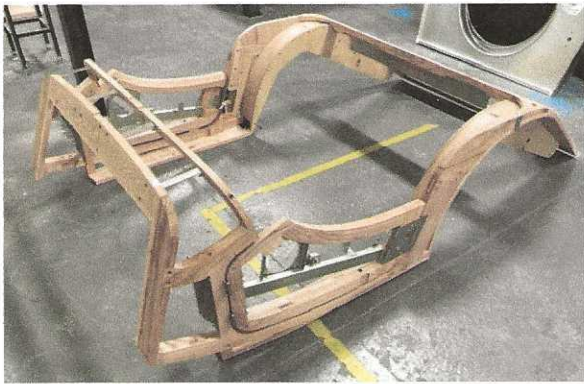
Behind the first factory building we approached they had a new Super 3 monocoque chassis. It



New CX platform Morgans lined up outside for brake replacement recall work.



gave a good chance to see how they redesigned the entire shell. A nice bit of engineering, but I still like the ash wood frame on the originals.



At the top of the hill, the original Admin building still houses a small collection of historical Morgans. A couple of original Three Wheelers. A 4/4 owned by Peter Morgan's wife; apparently the only automatic produced at the time since the Mrs. couldn't drive a stick. The benefits of your husband being the boss. A very nice Plus 4 Plus (I know someone who also owns one of those). They also had Car number 51 of 50 of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plus 8 cars. The guide reported that they sold all the original 50 and then realized they didn't keep one for themselves. The benefits of being the factory.



Cars from the Morgan Collection: 51/50 Plus 8, Mrs. Morgan's car, a Plus 4 Plus and a Three Wheeler.

The receiving area for the engines was busy modifying the engine layout. The BMW engines are too tall to fit under a Morgan bonnet. They need to move a number of components around to get the engines to fit.

The wood shop smelled delightful. I had read that the new CX chassis had reduced the amount of ash wood used in the frames, but was surprised on how much was still included. When I asked, our guide mentioned that they had eliminated 18 wood components, which cut down the manufacturing time as well. Our guide mentioned that James May had come out to film a short series and had helped glue and form one of the fenders. I guess James had done it wrong and thus the fender component wasn't structurally sound and it promptly popped apart when James flexed it. He didn't have a good opinion of James. Actually, he had opinions on number of people, but that kept things entertaining.

One other fact I hadn't heard was that Morgan used to source ash wood from Belgium. However, the ash lumber tended to ruin a lot of tools. Much of the wood was taken from the Arden Forest. Some of you may



have heard of that little WWII conflict called the "Battle of the Bulge" and those trees apparently contain a lot of bullet fragments. They had an example there to see. I wondered if it was an Axis or Allied bullet? Perhaps that tree caught a bullet that saved some G.I.'s life. It was just another reminder of a horrible conflict that still leaves scars today.

Our guide also had another interesting story. As you many have read, Morgan created the offroad Morgan CXT last year. You may have heard that this was originally just a design study done for fun and pinned up on the wall, which the investors happened to see and green lit for limited production. Apparently, the investors decided to pay a bunch of money to ship two of



the CXT cars to Iceland where they planned to have a bit of fun with them. Well, apparently they didn't check into personal driving license requirements, or foreign car import requirements, so it was only after they got there that they realized they couldn't drive them at all. The trip continued but the cars were never used. He said those two cars still sit



Evidence that Morgan believes in the design aesthetic that you should park your cars in the living room, or at least the lunchroom. A belief more spouses should support.

in Iceland to this day.

The tour winds through all the buildings. The paint shop was a bright reminder of the fact you can have your car painted in any color you like, as long as you are willing to pay for it. Along with many standard Morgan panels, they were already churning out many panels painted for the Super 3s.

Finishing was a flurry of activity. From leather panel cutting, to stitching, to final assembly. There were lots of things to watch and many nice cars to look at in various stages of completion. The finishing bay had several cars, including a few Super 3s prepping to be shipped somewhere. However, overall Morgan production had reportedly slowed since they had refocused on recall work on those CX cars with brake replacement work. One bit of good news for me is that I discovered that Teresa's favorite car color was a midnight blue. Really good for future reference when I run across one in

that color. "But honey, I thought you wanted one in midnight blue?"

After we had traipsed through all of the factory buildings, it was time to return to the Experience Centre where the tour ended in the Archive room. More photos, tools, cars, including a reproduction of H.F.S. Morgan's

1909 three wheeled Runabout, a current cutaway of a CX car (I couldn't tell if it had good or bad brakes), and the never released electric three wheeler, the EV3. They had a large number of models and toys of Morgans, photos, memorabilia, all of which my wife was very keen that I never try to find for my own collection. They also had a small collection of Morgan badges, with a familiar American club's badge in the back.

After our fill in the Archive room, you were dumped back into the gift shop.

Those crazy marketing people at Morgan were really hoping I'd get that bottle of gin. Alas, I will have to save something for the next trip. Plus, I still haven't checked off that box for seeing my car being built on the assembly line. Maybe one in midnight blue!

*Morgan*



A collection of Morgan club badges. A recognizable shape peers at the viewer from the top shelf.



## Membership Application Form



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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THE PERSONAL DATA SECTION AND ANY OTHER PORTIONS, WHICH HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED OR WHICH MAY HAVE CHANGED.

### PERSONAL DATA

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

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### CAR DATA

MODEL: (+8, +4, 4/4, +4+, 3 wheeler, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ LHD \_\_\_\_\_

BODY STYLE: (DHC, RDSTR, 4 STR, SS, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ RHD \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ CHASSIS NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ENGINE TYPE: (TR4, FORD, FIAT, ROVER, JAP, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL DATA

HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED YOUR MORGAN? \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER MMCC MEMBERS THAT YOU KNOW, IF ANY? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU LEARN OF MMCC? \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY OTHER MORGAN CAR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY OTHER NON-MORGAN CAR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS \_\_\_\_\_

FROM WHOM DID YOU ACQUIRE YOUR MORGAN? \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WANT ANY OF THIS INFORMATION DELETED FROM ANY DIRECTORY)

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