

MSCC Affiliated Overseas Clubs

PART 3: 1989 TO 2022

'A brief of history of time'



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Now on to the final of the three articles looking at our Affiliated Overseas Clubs, this part continues with the 1989 to 2022 period which saw another 12 clubs form, and/or gain affiliated status with the MSCC.

The **Morgan Sports Car Club Deutschland** was started on 3rd October 1989 in Hameln, and the first President was Dr. Rudolf Linke. It is a small club that was founded by members of the Morgan Club Deutschland (MCD) e.V. with the aim of becoming more active in motorsport. From the beginning, membership in the club was deliberately not limited to Morgan drivers and many members own / race other cars. They state that “promotion of road safety is just as much a statutory purpose as the perception and promotion of motorsport, in which we ourselves carry out motorsport events or enable our members to participate in motorsport events - of course within the framework of international motorsport rules”.

Mousquetaire Morgan Club - 1989: How it all began. Once upon a time there were four friends, Morgan owners since 1977, and 1/3 adventurers, 1/3 bitumen devourers, 1/3 Morgan enthusiasts, and 1/3 soaked in Schnapps. I know that makes four thirds but that depends on the size of the bottle, gathered around a table in the basement of a restaurant in Vienna, on the occasion of MOG Austria at 2am, May 1989. Four friends, all from the South of France - Alexandre Dumas wake up!

Un per tots, tots per un
(All for one, one for all)

And if we invent a club to simply testify through our travels that everything a modern car (or Tupperware!) does, a Morgan can do it with all the incomparable charm of old England from Malvern Link. As soon as said, the Musketeer Morgan Club was created by Athos (Jean), Portos (Jean-Pierre), Aramis (Robert) and D'Artagnan (Jean-Louis). The club had a full company of 35 Musketeers of all nationalities who gathered for an annual MOG.

Until the day where Athos went alone to a MOG in Italy; as usual, excellent reception, table

and Chianti. During lunch, a local Morganist called out "Le Mousquetaire Morgan Club, very nice, but he doesn't organize much!", Athos not being one for unnecessary words, remained silent. In the evening, at the gala dinner where everyone thanked the organizers, it was up to him to speak:

"It seems the Musketeers aren't doing much!

So we are going to go east; you go west and we shake hands on the Chinese wall. A challenge to all the other Morgan clubs in the world". Back in Corsica, Jean called me. "D'Artagnan, we have to go around the world in a Morgan". Of course, my dear Watson; and why not in 80 days, dear Phileas!

This is how the preparation for the 'Round the World in a Morgan', without assistance, was launched in 1992. Charles Morgan and Jacques Savoye (French importer) reserved warm support for this project; the cars were 1985 4/4 4 seaters and prepared at Malvern. The cars were christened by their drivers as 'Elliot' (yellow paint), 'Kalliste' and 'Diou di Ban' (both red). The 1994 Tour was completed in 79 days. The choice of the route was quite easy: departure from Castelmore, the historic castle of D'Artagnan, heading north, Paris-Brussels-Hamburg-Copenhagen-Stockholm-Helsinki to

return to Russia, a magical country, unknown as much as disturbing.

Viborg - St Petersburg - Moscow, then straight east in the footsteps of Michel Strogoff, Novosibirsk - Ulan Ude-Irkutsk then Lake Baikal; heading south to mysterious Mongolia and the Gobi desert then the Middle Empire, Beijing-Manchuria, finally arriving in Vladivostok (the city which means "seeing the East" and it is true). The necessary sea crossing

required to arrive in Japan, Hawaii and finally the great star-spangled banner to travel from North to South and West to East. Back to Malvern of course! Magical memories and a thousand anecdotes to tell! Our thanks to HFS Morgan, Peter and his son Charles; to the factory and in particular to Mark Baldwin for allowing us to have such a great adventure. (This impressive journey was described in full across several issues of



CAPTIONS:

1. MSCC Deutschland at Anglesey Circuit in 2018
2. A gathering of the Mousquetaires with the three Round The World Morgans
3. The 4S Morgan Drivers' events in Tuscany in 2012
4. Morgan Club of Finland's summer weekend in 2017, their 20th anniversary.



Miscellany in 1994).

NOTE: The yellow car 'Elliot' mentioned above is currently available for sale. It remains in it's 'Round the World' form; is in very good condition and still has all the Tour de Monde preparation modifications made by the Morgan factory. If there is a Morgan enthusiast or collector that is interested in this car, please send an email to Jean-Louis at jl.clavere@wanado.fr.

Formed by four friends in April of 1990 in Santa Margherita Ligure who chose the 'provocative' initial name of their club as Sun, Sex, Sea and Sound Morgans; they wanted to create a Club under the banner of Good Mood and Cheerfulness. Two years later (1992) a decision was taken to adjust the name to **4S Morgan Drivers**. Paolo Lazzari, one of the founders, was named as President and held the post for 24 years, while today's President is Franco Merli. They have organized, in addition to the international rallies in which the 4S has participated, several trips abroad in Portugal, Spain, France and Corsica, Holland, Switzerland, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Greece and Morocco. This club owns a Morgan 3w which they have raced each year. They have also participated in many British MOGs, including at "MOG 2009" in Cheltenham for the great celebrations of the centenary of the foundation of the MORGAN company.

The **Norsk Morgan Klubb (Norway)** was founded February 20th 1993 after two Norwegian

Morgans completed the Monte Carlo Challenge. One even achieved fourth place. Per Lund, Knut Christian Hallan, Morten Jakhelln, Morten Wedén, Monty Karlan and Fred Ljone held an informal foundation meeting at a port café in Monaco on the basis of their efforts. Today the Club has more than 300 members all over Norway. Their activity is very high during the summer season, however they also arrange a MOG in February named IceMOG that takes place on a frozen lake in the mountains. The Morgans move around on winter tyres with ice-spikes. Hilarious! Mr Knut Fjerdingsstad is the Club President since 2019.

Established in August 1997, the **Morgan Club of Finland** was started by Arto Peltonen who was the club chairman until 1997. Arlo owns the "Peking to Paris" 4/4 once owned by Chas Smith, our MSCC Vice President. Finland has nearly 24 hours of sunlight in the summer, and this provides countless miles of forests and roads that are deserted and perfect for Morgan driving. Their main event every year is their Summer Meeting held somewhere in Finland, and in 2021 they had 15 Morgans and crews competing. The current chairman is Pekka Vitikainen and they have a very active calendar. In 2022 the club will celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

The **Morgan Club de MONACO** was created in 1997 by Dani Carew, who is also the current president of the club. They have organized many meetings in Monaco, driving into France and Italy,





CAPTIONS:

5. Norsk Morgan Klubb members having fun on the ice with Morgans, March 2022. Youngest driver 19, oldest 85!

6. Morgan Club de Monaco on display in the famous Casino Square

7. Morgan Enthusiasts Club Japan's Spring touring event in Kiyosato Village

8. Morgan Club Romania's three founders Aldo Sforza, Eugen Postolache and Haydn Deane, at the Kronstadt Classic Rally in 2009

9. Morgan Club Nippon's first annual event, with Mount Fuji in the background

and have parked their Morgans around Monte Carlo Casino Square several times during their Annual meetings. They also celebrated a Concours D'Elegance and rewarded drivers who attended the meetings with prizes for each competition organized. Charles Morgan attended one of the meetings with the New Aero 8.

Windy City MOG (USA): 2002. There was a Morgan club in the Chicago area in the 60's, 70's and 80's but it fell by the wayside due to a lack of volunteers. However Dan Ehrmann bought a Plus 8 from Isis Imports (run by the late Bill Fink) in November 1999, and it was delivered to him in May 2000. He looked for a club but didn't find one. However, he was in contact with Norb Bries of Northshore Sportscars in Lake Bluff, IL, who had just been named as a Morgan Authorized Dealer, and had a list of names of Morgan owners. He also put Dan in contact with Bob "Kermit" Wilson, a well-known local collector and restorer, who had a separate list of names from the original club. Invitations were sent out and the Windy City Morgan Owners Group had its launch meeting at Northshore Sportscars in April 2002. Being in the US snow belt, their cars are generally in storage from November through March, so one or two Noggins are held during the winter months without Morgans. They typically hold a spring rally in April, 1 or 2 summer rallies, and a fall rally in October to see the leaves change; plus attending other events.

Mr. Satoru Araki first established this club in October 2005 under the name Morgan Club

Japan, and he was the founding President. In 2006, following the suggestion of the MSCC the club's name was changed from the Morgan Club of Japan to the **Morgan Enthusiasts Club of Japan (MECJ)**. Because of his close relationship with Morgan in the UK, Charles Morgan became the club's Honorary President. Mr. Araki was such a great Morgan enthusiast that in 2009 he shipped his beloved Plus 8 to the UK for Morgan's 100th Anniversary. His participation in the celebrations with his car became a hot topic among Morgan fans from around the world. To further the friendship amongst Morgan owners, the MECJ holds events every year in spring and autumn and actively participates in other club's events to deepen exchanges. Then they post information on Facebook and other social media to convey the joy and love of Morgans to as many people as possible throughout Japan. Following natural disasters in Japan, such as the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami of 2011, the MECJ holds charity events to raise funds for reconstruction efforts. The MECJ naturally has an emphasis on Morgans but retains a free and open atmosphere where all car enthusiasts, including members of other Morgan clubs can gather. At its events, local MECJ members strive to provide the best driving routes and accommodation. Evening parties are enjoyable affairs and include entertainment, such as games and auctions. The principle MECJ members are:- Mr. Satoru Araki, a founder of the MECJ. Mr. Takashi Sakurai succeeded Mr. Araki as the 2nd Chairman of the MECJ. Mr. Koichi Hirai became

the 3rd President. Mr. Kuniaki Okamoto. Mr. Satoshi Horiike is Secretary General of the MECJ, and Mr. Noboru Imagawa, MECJ Treasurer.

Morgan Club Romania was born in April 2007 and applied for affiliation to the MSCC on 15th of May; the six founding members were Eugen Postolache, Aldo Sforza, Haydn Deane, and their lovely companions Miruna, Irina and Alina; they all remain current club members. Peter Johnson was MSCC chairman at that time and he gave them enthusiastic support. They of course received the 'DraculaMOG' nickname very quickly and will celebrate their 15th Anniversary this year. They plan to celebrate their 15th Anniversary with a meeting in August in Transylvania....of course!

Morgan Club Nippon (abbreviated as MCN) started their club by encouraging Morgan sports car enthusiasts in Japan. It was established in January 2007; now in 2022, they have about 60 club members. The original founders were - Scotty K. Uenoyama, Hiroo Tanahashi, Tetsuya Kurosaki, Shoki Uenoyama, Takashi Kanno; they adhere to the motto 'One for all, all for Morgan'. They have deepened their mutual friendship through club activities in the last 15 years and hold four major events. The New Year Rally in mid-January, the East Nippon Grand Touring (two days of long-distance touring) in the late Spring, the annual meeting every June, and the National Morgan Day (two-day events) in November. They occasionally get together for a short day trip and Christmas Party. The Club operation is based upon a small number of pure volunteers who run the club for more than 60 Morgan enthusiasts.

This group started out in the 1990's as a casual association of like minded Morgan Owners living in South East Queensland who came together to 'Share the Passion of their Morgans'. A tradition was built on regular annual events such as Michael Moore's infamous Hot Chilli Run, the Christmas in July weekend, All British Day and Macleans Bridge. The first official meeting of **Morgan Owners Queensland** was 25th May 2008 at the home of Brian Hollins and Helen Stephens, with the club incorporating on 6th June 2008. Membership increased and now ranges from 45 to 50 spread from New South Wales to far North Queensland. Our intention is to maintain a calendar of exiting and varied Morgan related events throughout Queensland and interstate.

The **Pacific Morgan Owners Group (PACMOG)** is for enthusiasts based out of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The idea for the club came from Steve Blake and Ken Miles while on a Morgan drive. The idea was discussed at lunch with other Morgan members, all were in favour so the club was started. They held a first meeting at the Muehlings' residence on November 15th 2015. Twenty three people were in attendance and 41 Morgan owners were interested in joining this new club. The club became legal and registered with the Province of British Columbia in January of 2016. Our newsletter is the Morgan Link magazine published 12 times per year. PACMOG now has



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CAPTIONS:

10. PACMOG at the 1909 Burr House, at Deas Island Park in the Fraser River

104 memberships with 111 Morgans covering all models. The majority of our cars are from the 1960s and 1970s as that was the time when cars were available new from GB Sterne's Morgan dealership in BC. Several owners have imported their cars from the USA. The membership is mostly

based in the Vancouver lower mainland with 23 members on Vancouver Island, 17 elsewhere in BC, 16 from other Canadian provinces, 11 from the USA, and 2 from Australia.

SUGGESTION - If you are visiting another country, do make contact with the local club; they will be very happy to meet you and probably there will be an event you can join.and finally: can I urge all overseas clubs to document their club history whilst that information is still within the membership; then if you do have a dedicated club web site, please consider placing that history there for all to enjoy. Thank you for reading this 3 part article, I hope you have found it interesting.

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Note #1: The majority of the overseas clubs have well populated web sites, and much enjoyment can be gained from reading about their activities and cars. It should be noted that these clubs may have been operating months or years before gaining 4/4 Club or MSCC affiliated status. A full list of the affiliated clubs and their contact details can be found in Miscellany and on the MSCC web site.

Note #2: Where countries cover a large area (USA, Australia etc.), some overseas clubs may have several regional groups (Chapters) operating very much like the MSCC Centres. Some these regional groups have 'Affiliated status' with the MSCC and thus show in our Overseas Club listing. Of the 44 overseas clubs listed with the MSCC, just 1 was found to be inactive but it does show in the Time Line.

If readers identify errors or are able to provide more clarity to the data given, then please do contact me by email (mscc70@morgansportscarclub.com). **Likewise, if you would like to read the original 1994 Mousquetaire Morgan Club Miscellany article from 7 Miscellany issues; drop me an email and I will send you either a PDF or a web link to download the file.**

MORGAN 4/4 CLUB / MSCC TIME LINE
OVERSEAS AFFILIATED CLUB CREATION



MORGAN SPORTS CAR CLUB (FROM 1971)	1989	MSCC Deutschland. Mousquetaire Morgan Club.
	1990	4S Morgan Drivers (originally Sun, Sex, Sea & Sound Morgan Drivers).
	1991	
	1992	
	1993	Norsk Morgan Klubb (Norway).
	1994	Mousquetaire Club drive around the world in 79 days
	1995	
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	1997	Morgan Club of Finland. Morgan Club de Monaco.
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	2002	Windy City Morgan Owners Group (USA).
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	2005	Morgan Enthusiasts Club Japan.
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	2007	Morgan Club Romania - Dracula MOG. Morgan Club Nippon (Japan).
	2008	Morgan Owners Queensland.
	2009	Morgan Factory Centenary Celebrations @Cheltenham UK
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2016	Pacific Morgan Owners Group.	
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2022	Overseas members of MSCC - 493 (Feb)	