



The Terminal Post

Newsletter of the Positive Earth Driver's Club

"It's not just a Club, it's an attitude"

Drive to Laurita Winery

By Carol Kyle

Kurt and Altha Morton planned a great afternoon for us on Saturday, August 20th. It was a picture-perfect summer day as five cars gathered at Woody's, our monthly meeting place in Farmingdale. With Kurt and Altha leading the pack in their primrose yellow Jaguar XKE, we moved out smartly, taking a leisurely drive along the back roads west to New Egypt.



Gathering at Woody's Tavern prior to the drive to New Egypt.

through the vineyard trails. Tables are strategically placed for those who want to stop for a break, read a book, or just take in the beautiful vistas. Food and beverages are not permitted in those areas, however, so don't plan to pack a picnic lunch. Back inside the main building we sampled some of the wines in their tasting rooms and enjoyed live entertainment. Some PEDCers even got a brief tour of the wine rooms below, which were closed to the public that day. Laurita Winery boasts 40 acres of 35,000 grape vines, each of which yields about 4 bottles of wine a year. If you do the math, that's 140,000 bottles of wine or roughly 11,666 cases of wine a year. Incidentally, the winery is environmentally conscious, having installed several solar panels right out in the vineyards to supply clean energy for heating and cooling, and the woodlands and meadows that surround the winery have been preserved to attract wildlife. The main building is quite beautiful, constructed from salvaged materials, including parts of two 150-year-old barns that were about to be destroyed.

Many of us agreed that Laurita Winery might be a great venue for a future PEDC outing. Here is their website for more information about wine-tasting events, winery tours, Sunday brunch, and much more:

<http://www.lauritawinery.com/>

We arrived at the Laurita Winery in grand style, meeting up with five more cars. You may notice a gold Avanti in the lineup, proof positive that you don't need a British car to belong to the Positive Earth Driver's Club. Of course if you do own one and it isn't road worthy at the moment, you can still join us on the drives. After all, it's about the camaraderie as well as the cars.

We had lunch inside Laurita Winery's main building and then headed outside for a wagon tour of the vineyards. Our guide explained that anyone can visit the property and walk or bike



Kurt and Altha, leading the pack on the back roads in their primrose yellow Jaguar XKE.

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Minutes of the PEDC General Meeting (August 3, 2011)



Submitted by Secretary Wayne Simpson



The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM with 44 members in attendance. Rodney noted that the August newsletter was running late, but was in process and would be released shortly.

Treasurer's Report

There is no report this month as Peter Richardson was out of town and could not attend the meeting. He submitted a report to the Secretary by e-mail, but unfortunately this was lost in a computer malfunction.

Old Business

John Kozstyo reported that his proposed **Bucks County overnight** drew little response. The event may still go on in one form or another, with details to follow.

Ocean Grove Show: Volunteers will be canvassing the shops in Ocean Grove to solicit door prizes and other sponsorships for the show. Preparations for the show are on schedule. As of 8/3, there were approximately 70 cars registered.

New Business

Jeanne Miller reported that the **Holiday Party** will be Saturday December 3rd at Jack Baker's Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant. She took a poll as to whether a buffet or sit down dinner is preferred. Details will follow.

A **Bowling outing** will take place 8/11, sponsored by the Albertallis.

Altha Morton's **Laurita Winery Tour** (New Egypt) will take place 8/20. The drive will begin at Woody's.

The **August Ice Cream Run** will take place 8/24 at the Carousel on Hooper Ave in Toms River. Hosts are Ed and Joan Kinney.

The usual survey of **upcoming events** was taken. Highlights are the Windward Beach show in Brick on 8/4, the West End Cruise in Long Branch on the evening of 8/20 and the Wall Stadium Cruise Night on 8/26.

Bill Miller reports that his **MGB is for sale** to make room for other acquisitions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

MORE VINEYARD

PHOTOS... (for the next few pages)

By Carol Kyle

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PEDC members enjoying a wagon tour of the vineyards.



Participating cars beginning their journey home after a fun filled afternoon. Hey that gold car in front doesn't look particularly British!

FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT...

Rodney Ford, President



I was quite surprised at our recent drive to the Laurita Winery. Several years ago, we had a drive that stopped at the winery in Cream Ridge and it was not up to my expectations. It was with great trepidation that Kathy and I went on the drive. I was proved wrong, the Laurita Winery is impressive. It is a destination with ample parking, vast vineyards and a large building that housed

“As I passed the Cheesequake Rest Area, I could see the ominous cloud of smoke rising up and drifting out to the Atlantic Ocean..”

a gift shop and tasting room, a separate area with a nice selection of sandwiches and a spacious gathering room which can be used for private functions. Thank you, Altha and Curt Morton for taking us there.

Thanks also go out to Joan and Ed Kinney for organizing the ice cream run to the Yellow Brick Road Ice Cream Carrousel in Toms River. Some fans of ice cream should try the Phillies Graham Slam! (Editor's note: named after the team with the best record in the MLB.)

A show reminder, don't fret if you have not signed up to help on show day, just be there and we will find something for you to do. And we will have the goodie stuffing party at our house on Wednesday, September 14th. A semi-formal announcement will be sent out soon.

Ten years ago I was living in the north Jersey town of Gillette. Kathy and I had already set our wedding date. My normal workday morning routine was to drive to Dorsi's Store in Stirling four miles away to pick up the newspapers and a bagel. On the one morning I will never forget, I notice a group of people stare at the TV on the wall as I was paying for my purchases. I could hear the TV commentators saying something about the World Trade Center. I was wondering why they were discussing the bombing attack that happened years before. I looked at the screen and saw smoke billowing from the north tower unable to comprehend what was happening. Like everyone else in the store, I had no idea how long any of us stood there. And then the second aircraft hit the south tower! After I regained my composure, I sped home and sat in front of own TV and watched in shock and horror as the south tower and then the other tower collapsed. The scenes of devastation were almost too much to watch. At last, I left the house and headed to Brick to see Kathy, there was nothing else I could do. The drive down the Parkway seemed interminable. As I passed the Cheesequake Rest Area, I could see the ominous cloud of smoke rising up and drifting out to the Atlantic Ocean. As Kathy and I sat in front of the TV, we heard about the attack on the Pentagon and crash of the hi-jacked plane in Pennsylvania. We said little, but comforted each other as we contemplated the great loss of life. I cannot understand how a person or persons could be so callous to cause such wanton death and destruction. As the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy approaches, I will not be able to watch any TV specials about the event.



The main building at Laurita Vineyards in West New Egypt was constructed of salvaged materials from two 150-year old barns. It is also solar powered.



Here's just a portion of the picturesque 40-acre Laurita Vineyard. The approximately 35,000 vines here produce 140,000 bottles of wine every year.

FROM THE NAVIGATOR'S SEAT...

Mike Browne, Vice President



From the time when I first joined PEDC until I became an officer of the club, I knew that running our annual show took a lot of planning, organizing, phoning, a lot of work online, etc, but looking back, I HAD NO IDEA OF JUST HOW MUCH WORK IT TOOK TO PUT ON THIS ONE-DAY EVENT!! *It is a lot of work!!* I think the show has turned into one of the premier all British car shows in our area, so I guess all the effort is worth it.

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Just to give you an idea of the types of things that have to be done, I will try to list them. Please forgive me if I leave something out. I am trying to remember all that needed to be done, but it wouldn't surprise me if there are things that I have forgotten. 1) The first thing is to meet with the Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce and set a date for the show. This year, we chose Saturday, September 17th. 2) Then we advertise the show by listing it on around 75 websites. That takes time. 3) Design and print up flyers to distribute to British cars at other shows during the season. 4) Arrange with local police to barricade the street and clear "regular" cars from the show field the day of the show. 5) Update website with show pics, info, and registration forms. 6) Notify other British car clubs in the region about our show. 7) Contact all last year's participants about the show so that they may save the date. 8) Collect pre-registrations, tally them so that we have an idea of how many cars in each class we should expect (this is used to determine how big an area we will need to measure out and mark the street for the show spacing). 9) Shop around for trophies and/or plaques for awards...and order them. 10) Solicit for trophy sponsorship. 11) Solicit for door prizes. 12) Organize the door prizes. 13) Solicit for goodie bag stuffers. 14) Arrange for music/entertainment. 15) Solicit for sponsorship of the music/entertainment. 16) Arrange, and schedule a goodie bag stuffing "party" to get the bags ready for registration the day of the show. 17) Lay out the show field on paper (then go a day before the show and measure and mark off the street for each class based on the pre-registration numbers. 18) Arrange for the delivery of tables, signs, tents, banners, flags, etc to and from Ocean Grove. 19) Print up programs for the registration packets giving credit to all sponsors of trophies, goodie bag donors, door prize donors, and off course the volunteers. 20) Determine what classes and how many classes will be needed based on the pre-registration numbers. ..then make up ballots. 21) Last but not least...Ask for volunteers for the day of the show for parking, registration, transporting tables, signs, etc to and from Ocean Grove, parking, vote tallying, and almost every other imaginable job that has to be done on that day.

Obviously, the show wouldn't be the successful event that it is WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION!! A lot of you bring your cars as well as volunteer to help throughout the process of planning for the show, and the day of the show. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who helped in ANY way to make our show a success.

I just thought that everyone should have some idea of how much goes into making our one-day show the nice event that it has been.

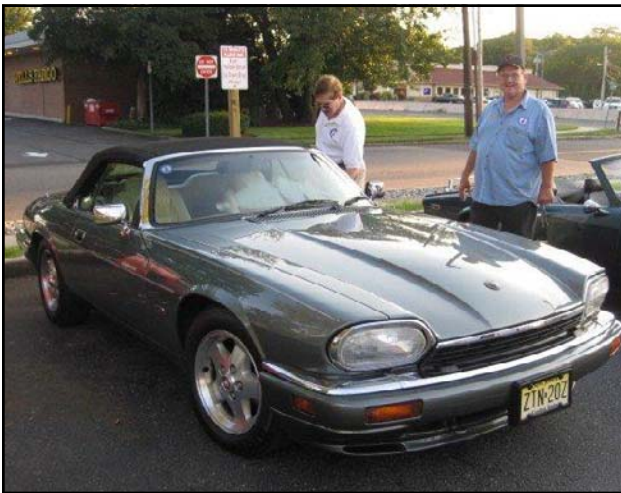
By the way, I believe at the time of the writing of this column, we had close to 100 cars pre-registered. We only have about 30 spaces left!! SO...**IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED FOR THE SHOW....PLEASE DO SONOW!!**



The line up of participating PEDC vehicles at Laurita Winery. Note the variety of British cars... yet the gold one in the background of the picture on the left doesn't look particularly British.

ICE CREAM RUN...

Ed and Joan Kinney hosted the August ice cream run at the Carousel/Yellow Brick Road Ice cream shop on Hooper Ave. in Toms River. Our club photographer and soon to be newsletter editor, Carol Kyle took these photographs.



From left to right: Ken Kyle, Andy Ribaudo, Rodney Ford, Mike Browne, and Ed Kinney. Now who's that peeking out from behind Ken's right shoulder? Joe Laudisi maybe?



SECRETARY'S NOTES...

Wayne Simpson, Secretary

**POSTCARDS FROM BRECKENRIDGE ...**

This past month I was fortunate to attend the 2011 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention in Breckenridge, Colorado. "What," I hear you say; "you traveled 2000 miles for a car show?" I realize many of you don't understand the concept of such a gathering, so let me explain. It ain't just a car show, although a judged concours is at the heart of any VTR National. Breckenridge was a four-day event, with an autocross, TSD rally, road tours, a Funkhana, walking tours, cocktail party, tech sessions, barbeque, and to wrap it all up, an awards banquet. In short, there was something to do virtually every minute of the four days I was there, and even then I couldn't do it all. A VTR National isn't your everyday "park & polish" cruise-in with 70 year old women in saddle shoes, poodle skirts and doo-wop music playing in the background.

I was there by the grace of my good friend Jim TenCate, who lives and works in Los Alamos, NM. I wouldn't normally consider such a long journey, but owing to Jim's generosity, I didn't have to. Jim is a long time TR8 owner and friend. He's owned his 1980 Platinum silver California EFI car since 1988, but recently came into a second, nearly identical car. He couldn't drive two cars to CO by himself, so he invited me to fly out, borrow one of his cars and attend the convention with him. How could I refuse?

Jim has established a web log (blog) of our adventures with a photo gallery at <http://homepage.mac.com/tencate/VTR2011> if you want all the details, but be advised the page works best with Internet Explorer. Here, then, are a few post cards to whet your appetite.



Former PEDC member turned Arizona resident Chris Hansel's Cavalry Blue TR8 couldn't handle the 10,000 foot altitude and gave up at Wolf Creek Pass just west of South Fork. Jim is a self taught expert in the Bosch/Lucas electronic fuel injection system bespoke to the TR8, and took on the task of making Chris' car run again. I took on the task of leading Chris' wife, Anne Marie, with their two dogs in her Saab support vehicle the rest of the way to Breckenridge, so we could get checked in at the hotel and registered in time for the Welcome Party. Jim, Chris and the now repaired blue car showed up a couple of hours later.



One of Jim's "twins" at the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in Antonito, a historic narrow gauge steam line owned by the states of CO and NM. We stopped for a photo op but received a distress call from a friend and embarked from here on a rescue mission 50 miles to the west.



The Panoramic Photo is a VTR tradition. This one took place at Lake Dillon a few miles north of the host hotel. This was also the starting point for the TSD Rally. I was standing on a Jersey barrier to take this shot, and wrenched my knee stepping back to get down



The TSD Rally took us over Loveland Pass at the Continental Divide, the place where the Atlantic and Pacific continental plates meet. Both the cars and the people struggled in the thin air at 12000 feet. You could say the view was breathtaking in more ways than one. This photo was taken at a lower elevation. Note the girl reflected in the raised hood of the Stag. That's my navigator for the day, Susie Clancy.



I felt right at home behind the wheel of Jim's TR8, and snuck in a 2nd in class at the Autocross. Jim TenCate took this image, all others are by the author.



The Concours d'Elegance at VTR 2011. Close to 200 Triumphs of all eras assembled in one place. From the Glorias of the 30's to the Mayflowers of the 50's and the last TRs of the 80's, all were represented.



One final photo op of the twins; this time at the 11,500 foot Hoosier Pass on the Continental Divide. This was taken on our way back to Los Alamos after the close of festivities on Sunday.



Duncan Wood's 1935 Gloria Southern Cross at the autocross. As beautiful and rare as this car is, Duncan still drives it enthusiastically and did well in his class. He brought the car all the way from Texas to participate.



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Show/Event Schedule for 2011

September

- 9/10: Flying W Annual Car Show.** Flying W Airport, Medford, NJ, details still forthcoming, call Heather at (609) 217-6262 and/or check their website at <http://www.flyingwairport.com/calendar.dws>
- 9/10: Fallfest,** Duke Island Park, Old York Road, Bridgewater Township, Somerset County, NJ, Hosted by: NJ Triumph Association, Eastern NY MGA Club, and the Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club, for additional info contact Allen Rosenberg, phone: (732)742-4642, bigalnj@aol.com. Show flyer: http://www.njtriumphs.org/fallfest2011edit_1-3.pdf
- 9/24: Howell Day Annual Car Show,** Oak Glen Park, Howell, NJ, Noon to 5PM, All vehicles eligible, trophies awarded.

October

- 10/1: British Motor Club of Southern NJ Annual Show,** NJ Motorsports Park, info: www.bmcnsj.org, for additional info, contact show coordinator Ted Lane, lanead@comcast.net, 856-691-6631
- 10/1: Out of the Woodwork,** Hosted by TVR Car Club NA, Mercer Co Park NJ 9AM—3PM, all foreign marques welcome, cost is \$20, for a registration form go to http://www.tvrcna.org/userfiles/WOODWORK_FLYER_2011.pdf, for additional info call Tony Hess 610-346-9026 aghbop@aol.com.
- 10/1: Monmouth County Concours D'Elegance,** Hopbrook Farm, 953 Holmdel Road, Holmdel, NJ, 10AM - 4PM (awards at 3PM), Free Admission and Parking, For more info: <http://www.monmouthcountyclub.com/>
- 10/8: Brits at the Village,** Peddler's Village, Routes 202 & 263, Lahaska, PA, Hosted by: Philadelphia MG Club, Field opens: 9AM, Dash plaques to first 150 pre-registered, Special award to the club with most pre-registrations. Featured marque: MG Midget. Schedule: Voting from 10AM to 1PM, Awards at 2:30PM. Advance Registration: \$15 by Sept. 26. Day of Show: \$20 at the gate. Registration Form: <http://www.phillymgclub.com/Brits11CarShowReg.pdf>. Club/, Event Website: <http://www.phillymgclub.com>, Venue information: <http://www.peddlersvillage.com>

November

- 11/5: 16th Annual Pumpkin Run,** Flemings Auto Parts, 353 Zion Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ, 8AM—4PM, rain date: 11/12, registration at gate: \$15, no pets, website: <http://www.flemingshows.com/PUMPKINRUN.html>, for general information call Harry @ (609) 927-9541 or Barbara @ (609) 381-7686


NEW HOPE AUTOMOBILE SHOW...

By John Kosztyo

On August 13, 2011, John Kosztyo's 1959 Morris Minor truck represented the Positive Earth Driver's Club in the New Hope Auto Show's Concours event of the Antique Truck class, where it took third place amongst some serious competition. Apparently, "uniqueness" was a factor in the judges' decision. First and second places were awarded to a '59 Chevy pick up truck and a 70's era Toyota Land Cruiser, respectively. Both vehicles were restored to 90 to 100 point condition. John says, as usual, it was fun to sit behind the Morris and hear visitors' comments....still a crowd pleaser. Unfortunately, lots of rain on Sunday forced cancellation of the second day of the show where there are classes for most British cars, so John was not able to show his '67 MGB. John claims **NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS RAIN EVENT**



September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Meeting @ Woody's 7:30PM	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Final ice cream run of the 2011 season	16	17 3rd Annual Brits on the Beach
18	19	20	21	22	23 	24 Howell Day Car Show
25	26	27	28	29	30	

2011 PEDC Schedule of Events:

September

9/7 Membership Meeting
9/15 Final Ice Cream Run TBA
9/17 Ocean Grove Show

October

10/5 Membership Meeting
10/? Fall Foliage Drive (?)

November

11/2 Membership Meeting

December

12/3 Holiday party



PEDC Holiday Party



When? Dec. 3rd

Where? The Lobster Shanty," 82 Channel Drive. Point Pleasant Beach, NJ



Jeanne Miller is the party planner



Details to follow...



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Cars for Sale



5/11

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07/11

1967 Austin Mini Moke: Production Trace Certificate #94/5642, detailed maintenance record from new car until now, two sets of wheels & tires, original ones & a set of magnesium wheels & radial tires, some new parts including complete exhaust from engine to rear bumper, indoor & outdoor car covers, steering & brake locking system with no change to any parts of original car, paint is Ditzler #82027 National Safety Yellow (Firetruck), call Bob Burnett @ (978) 774-3285 (Wenham, MA)



8/11

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9/10

1985 TVR 280i, V-6, 2.8 Bosch injected, four wheel disk, power brakes, windows, antenna. Red convertible with black top, tan seats, signed by Trevor Williams, new tires & exhaust, owned by current owner for 12 years--garaged. 62,000 miles. \$9400, negotiable. Call Andy 732-278-9125



07/11

1976 TR6: Beautiful specimen, located in Summit, NJ, hard top included, almost everything on the car is repaired, replaced or repainted, great driver; shows well, asking \$11500.00. Call Joe@ home-908-277-6857, office- 908-464-3636, cell- 908-812-1176.

Parts for Sale

Many MG B Parts For Sale. These are used parts, mostly from Rubber Parts Cars that I have accumulated. A partial list includes; 2 four speed transmissions, 3 intake/exhaust manifolds, 3 zenith/stromberg carbs, 2 windshields, both door windows, both window actuators, 1 complete front suspension, 1 rear axle, 2 front suspension cross members, 1 transmission cross member, 1 set of beautifully refinished rubber bumpers, 2 starters, 2 alternators, 2 passenger doors, 2 front sway bars, 1 rear sway bar, 1 set of tail lamps & lenses, 1 refinished early stow away top frame, 1 late top frame, 1 windshield wiper motor with rack & wheel boxes, 1 radiator, 1 radiator over-flow tank, 1 valve cover, 1 complete set of gauges, 1 heater box, 1 pedal box, 2 pairs of rebuildable front brake calipers, 2 pairs of leaf springs, 2 pairs of front coil springs. Plus many other small parts and pieces. Please call or email me for reasonable prices and detailed descriptions of the parts you need. Thanks, Bill Miller, 732-778-3274, bmillerreoinnj@comcast.net.



Tools for Lending



If you have any unique, seldom used specialty tools that you'd be willing to share with other club members, let me know, and I'll post it here. This is an opportunity for members to help members.

Manual Tire Changer. Contact **Scott Erichsen** at [josco@optonline.net](mailto:jusco@optonline.net)

Triumph Spitfire Spring Compressor. **Rich Kohlhepp** has manufactured a specialty tool to replace the coil over shocks on a Spitfire, and he's willing to lend it to PEDC members. Contact Rich via e-mail at krak1804@hotmail.com if you're in need.

Bob Canfield has offered to loan the following tools to other members. Contact him at joisuzu@optonline.net if you're interested.

Valve spring compressor

Small tubing bender

Piston ring compressor

Torque wrench



Photo of a KC-10A "Extender" on approach to McGuire Field at Joint Base—McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst. PEDC photographer, Carol Kyle took this shot while on tour at Laurita Winery. For the record, your editor was not flying this plane, though I would have rather been flying than dealing with the administrative requirements during a unit training assembly.



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THE ORIGINS OF MoWoG

FIRSTLY WHAT AN EARTH AM I TALKING ABOUT?

By John Sims

'MoWoG' was molded in to many castings used in MG, Austin and Morris engines over many years. And speculation, not to say argument, is rife amongst MG aficionados as to what it means.

Some say 'MoWoG' is the name of a god that has to be appeased with many offerings of fluids and expensive new parts, otherwise 'he' (or more probably 'she') will cause breakdowns at most inopportune moments.

Others say it was a joke by a foreman in the casting shop many years ago, knowing that it would plague owners for years to come.

The truth is a little more prosaic - it probably represents the merger of MG and Wolseley into Morris Motors and the use of common parts from that point.

Most agree that the 'Mo' stands for 'Morris' and the 'Wo' for 'Wolseley'. But that still leaves plenty of room for argument as to what the 'G' stands for.

Clausager, in his essential bible on the MGB - Original MGB - mentions in passing that it stands for 'MG'. A spokesman for BMIHT in the first issue of their magazine answered the specific question by categorically stating that it stood for 'Group'. However he then went on to say 'But why would anyone want to know?' which in my opinion casts immediate doubt on his credentials, and even his right to be part of BMIHT!

For my part, I am now firmly in the 'MG' camp. Not because of a loyal desire for it to be so, but through a study of the evidence. The source of the greater part of this evidence is David Knowles incredibly detailed book - MG The Untold Story. David relates how Wolseley and MG were owned personally by Lord Nuffield until he was convinced to merge it with Morris Motors in 1935.

He also states that, once part of Morris Motors and all design was being carried out at Cowley, the chassis and engine number prefixes and suffixes for Wolseley variants were 'W' and for MG were 'G'. It doesn't take much of a leap of faith to assume that 'M' was already being used by Morris (hence the 'G' for MG since there wasn't much choice for anything else). I would also say it would be extremely unlikely for someone to go to the bother of devising a 'logo' to mark the merger of Wolseley and Morris but to ignore MG which was merged at the same time. Finally, there never was a 'Morris Wolseley Group' as an organization, just 'Morris Motors Ltd'.

I rest my case, M'Lud.



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