

Time once again to come to the aid of your party, the 2018 Autumn MOG Auction Party

Do you remember the last Autumn MOG Auction you were involved in? If you're one of the great contributors to that event (or not), it's time to do it again! Search the attic, dig through the garage, send a search party into barn and basement, trundle through your book collection, scour the local flea markets, peruse eBay and Craig's List, visit your favorite mechanic and auto recycler, and review recent catalogs you've been collecting. For what? To find donations to the Auction that will help defray club costs, hold down dues, ensure everyone at the auction has the best time ever, and, if you're not able to make the event (please do try to do so) you'll be able to feel like you've participated in both goods and good spirits in contributing so that, next year, maybe you'll be able to benefit from the Auction contributions of others.

Last year was a banner year for the Auction. Now, it's our chance to do it again, even better. Pledge now— what will you bring or send to generate good will and spirited bidding?

Morganalia (and automobilia) not required. Last year (for the second year in a row), a 3-day weekend on Block Island seemed the most attractive item offered.

Last year, I cautioned: "Most people won't get motivated by a matched set of used spark plugs. Also, don't pledge wine and motor oil (or liquor and motor oil.) They don't mix well! Too much of either ruins the digestion (but a special vintage wine or liquor might do very well — hold the oil.)" And, surprise, no one offered used spark plugs or motor oil! Let's use that rule again.

Spend some time thinking about all the significant others at Autumn MOG. Not your other British car but the other people in your life. What might really get them engaged (or at least laughing uncontrollably) during the bidding?

Do you have any prize items you won at an earlier Auction? Might it be time to recycle that Citroen 2CV sweater that never fit any better than the 2CV you road tested years ago, eh?

Know someone with a waterfront house in Chatham, Rockport, Kittery or Lake George that would like to offer a weekend's use for us to auction off? Know of any underused ski chalets? Boats and deep sea fishing are always a draw. Maybe a pledge of a day's fishing at no cost (except for providing beer for the crew and the price of the winning auction bid)?

Sports memorabilia or coveted tickets to sporting or entertainment events? Chat up friends with a corporate box or season tickets to get them to contribute some tickets. Because, of course, they really like you.

Mutual benefit arrangements? Offer to show your car at their restaurant, bar, gaming center, bowling alley, fraternal organization for, say, half a day, in exchange for them pledging maybe a week's worth of breakfasts to be auctioned at our event. Resort owners, inn keepers or hoteliers could pledge free or steeply discounted rooms. Offer to park your Morgan out front of their

property on some promotional weekend to help attract passing traffic.

Spend enough time at local vineyards and breweries? Go there (again) to convince them to promote their product by pledging (and giving you) some auction-worthy bottle(s) of their product. Work your network of friends and non-Morgan-owning friends as well. What do they have they could contribute to an auction that would get you out of the neighborhood for a solid three-day weekend?

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