

CarStory

with Bill Sherk
The Old Car Detective



Saskatchewan youth buys first car

Calder Hawkesford of Fillmore, Saskatchewan, will never forget his first car, and still wonders what became of it after he sold it: "When I was in Grade Twelve, I persuaded my parents that I really needed a car, and because of my newly acquired part-time job, I could purchase such a beast, but I had to find one that was in decent shape. "The result was that, after much looking, I purchased a 1953 Morris Oxford sedan (you know, one of those !@\$% little English cars) for the prince-

ly sum of \$250. The Morris was not really my idea of 'cool' transportation (I would much rather have had a Ford or a Chev) but Dad reminded me that the car was in pretty good shape. "It was shiny jet-black in colour, had four cylinders and a four-speed manual shift on the column, if you please. The real leather upholstery smelled luxuriously on that warm fall day when I went to pick it up, having bought it a couple of days before. "The two fellows who

had previously owned the car had done a lot of work on it before selling it to me. First, they had cobbled together a continental kit and placed it on the trunk and rear bumper (extended about 8" from normal). It sounds dreadful but it didn't look all that bad. "The front fender chrome strips from a 1952 (or so) Mercury half-ton had been scrounged and placed on the front fenders of my car. These strips didn't look too out of place, but the Ford Motor Company just had to put

'Mercury' on them in great, huge, red letters. At traffic lights, these additions made for some interesting comments from fellow motorists: 'Morris Mercury! Where the hell did you find that - the bottom of Wascana Creek?' or 'Didja make that continental kit out of your Meccano set?' or 'Hey, hot shot, wanna drag?'

"Anyway, I was now a proud member of the motor-ing public. On Saturday afternoons, six of us would pile into it and travel to shoot pool in Pense, a near-by village. Shooting pool in Regina was too expensive - 50 cents! With six guys in the car, the Morris had a top speed of 35 miles per hour, wide open. The springs were fully pressed down. It's a wonder we didn't drag bottom. "Every so often, the filter on the SU electric fuel pump would clog and the car would conk out. I had to



Calder Hawkesford tries to look cool with his 1953 Morris Oxford.

tap the filter with pliers to get the gas flowing again. "I finally sold the Morris for \$190 to a man who planned to take it up to Prince Albert for his father. I never saw the man or the car again. "On late winter nights when the wind is blowing, and it's 40 below outside, I wonder if that old Morris actually made it to Prince Albert. Poor devil that bought it - probably froze to death on No. 6 Highway with a fuel pump filter in his hand..."

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Under 13 Division

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Team #2 (maroon) 5 vs. Team # 3 (red) 1
Team #5 (yellow) 5 vs. Team #4 (ginger) 2

Under 18 Division

Team #5 (yellow) 9 vs. Team #4 (ginger) 4
Team #3 (red) 5 vs. Team #2 (maroon) 3
Team #6 (teal) 6 vs. Team #1 (blue) 6

Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

Kingsville Golf and Country Club

Tuesday, April 24 was a beautiful sunny day for our opening meeting to start the 2007 golf season. Forty-one ladies enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by executive chef Dan Beaulieu and his staff. Jean Page, our president, welcomed everyone and announced that we have three new members, Gloria Smith, Pam Shillings, and Lou Ann Settrington. Also returning is a former member, Cindy Fields. Greg Knox, our golf pro, talked about the new online tee system for booking tee times and entering scores.

Our executive is comprised of: President - Jean Page, Past President - Theresa Flynn, Vice-President - Dorothy McGregor, Secretary - Carole Dywelska, Treasurer - Mary Jones, Captain - Joyce Stewart, and Co-Captain - Fran Wasyliniuk. Convenors are: Handicap - Ollie Nagorsen, Assistant Handicap - Bev Miller, Social - Barb Stevenson, Prizes - Judy Gray and Pat Vickers, Rules - Wali Forster, RingerBoard - Pauline White, Birdies, Chip-ins, Best nets - Gloria

Basinski, Trophies - Betty Congdon, Benevolent - Carol Clark, Publicity - Anne Petch, 50-50 - Annette Grigull, Photographer - Gwen Perry, Classic - Donna Curtis and Ollie Nagorsen, and Match Play - Shirley Morel. Joyce and Fran handed out team ribbons and game schedules. Golf etiquette books were put together by Marguerite Elliot and distributed to all members. Dorothy McGregor announced that guest day will be on July 10, a nice day to share with friends.

The Classic convenors, Ollie and Donna, advised that May 10 will be the opening day for the Classic. Our course is in great shape. Let's enjoy it and have fun in the 2007 season.

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2	MAROON	10	3	2	0	0	6
6	TEAL	22	2	2	0	0	6
3	RED	7	7	1	1	0	3
5	YELLOW	6	15	1	1	0	3
1	BLUE	2	13	0	2	0	0
4	GINGER	3	10	0	2	0	0
UNDER 13							
5	YELLOW	7	3	2	0	0	6
1	BLUE	11	6	1	1	0	3
4	GINGER	5	6	1	1	0	3
2	MAROON	5	8	1	1	0	3
6	TEAL	7	6	1	1	0	3
3	RED	2	8	0	2	0	0
UNDER 18							
3	RED	14	7	2	0	0	6
5	YELLOW	22	9	2	0	0	6
2	MAROON	11	8	1	1	0	3
6	TEAL	11	19	0	1	1	1
1	BLUE	9	14	0	1	1	1
4	GINGER	8	18	0	2	0	0

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