

THE OCTAGON

Newsletter of the M.G. Owners Club & the Peninsula T Register
The Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club



Photo by Wayne Veatch

Mike Jacobsen drives through Arches National Park

August 2009

About *The Octagon* and MGOC...

The M.G. Owners Club, formed in 1957, is the Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club, formed in England in 1930. The Peninsula T Register was formed in 1973 and is now an informal sub-group of the MGOC. We receive a copy of the MGCC's *Safety Fast*, available to members on loan from the corresponding secretary. The Club is also associated with the North American MGB Register, the North American MGA Register, and the New England MG T Register. The MGOC holds a business meeting on the second Thursday of each month at an event known as the "Natter and Noggin" in the style of English clubs. *The Octagon*, our newsletter, is published monthly by the M.G. Owners Club. Opinions expressed in *The Octagon* are not necessarily those of the MGOC, its members, or Board of Directors.

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Information on the MGOC finances is available upon request from the treasurer.

MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO *THE OCTAGON*

Your stories, photos, tips, questions, and anything MGOC-related are always welcome in *The Octagon*. Please make your contributions by the 20th of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to mgowners@gmail.com or send them to: MGOC, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120.

RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? Bob Stine is in charge of new member recruitment and can send you flyers. The Club roster is available to members from Mike Jacobsen upon request.

MGOC.ORG

Upcoming events, MGOC history, photos, membership forms, *The Octagon*, and helpful links are posted on the Club Web site at <http://mgoc.org>.

Forthcoming Events

MGOC Events in bold

- Aug. 8-9 – Monterey Pre-Historic Races, Laguna Seca
- Aug. 11 – [Carmel Concours on the Avenue](#)
- Aug. 14-16 – [Monterey Historic Races](#), Laguna Seca
- Aug. 15 – [Concours d'LeMons](#), Toro Park, Monterey
- Aug. 16 – [Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance](#)
- Aug. 29 – **Annual Picnic**, China Camp State Park, San Rafael
- Sept. 12-13 – British Car Day and Tour, Brisbane (formerly Palo Alto)
- Sept. 27 – [Danville d'Elegance](#)
- Oct. 1-4 – [NAMGAR West 2009](#), Rhonert Park
- Oct. 11 – [Jimmy's Old Car Picnic](#), Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
- Oct. 18 – [Cal Autumn Classic](#), Morgan Hill (formerly San Juan Bautista)

From the Editor...

Many of my things are broken right now. The loss of use of my camera and MGB affect this job the most. The last few months I've assembled *The Octagon* with a sigh, unable to drive on tours or even photograph them. Fortunately, I have wonderful friends to help me out now and again.

I attended Bill Hiland's second annual South Valley Wine Tour and BBQ on August 1, hoping to see a cricket test again this year. Since my MG was not an option, I figured maybe I could still come in something British...well sort of British-esque anyway. So I phoned my good friend David, and we went together in his modern Mini Cooper S.

At the event, Sam noticed me wandering about camera-less (probably looking as though I was composing photos in my mind) and offered me his Nikon D60 for the day. I was pleased just to have any camera in hand, let alone the very model I'd been hoping to buy for some time. What luck!

Off we went on the tour, and boy was I glad I was there. It was a beautiful day and the wind was blowing through the Mini almost like a convertible. I got a chance to catch up with my friend and take some wonderful pictures on the cricket pitch at Kirgin Cellars.

I even had the opportunity to help some friends myself. Walt and Carole Kilik's TD befell a total brake failure near the second winery. But, with only four gears of stop and a handbrake, they bravely (foolhardily?) opted to continue on. Not wanting to leave them behind, David and I fell back of the touring group and escorted the Kilik's TD slowly around the hilly tour route. We eventually caught up with the group at the third winery. Back at On the Road Again, amidst much friendly conversation over lunch, I learned how two Canadians had come to be longtime Bay Area residents.

It was a wonderful day, made all the better by my many friends.

Jeremy Palgon

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President's Ponderings...

Fun, Celebration, and Disappointment, Oh My!

After a few years of participating in North Bay and East Bay events, this past weekend I finally made it to a South Bay ride; and, wow, what fun it was! The occasion was the South Valley Wine Tour hosted by Bill Hiland. We all met at On the Road Again and, with almost 20 members and their cars, off we went to beautiful vineyards along great winding roads, past farms and lakes. It was exhilarating and, having left the chill and clouds of Oakland, it was wonderfully sunny and warm. Our first stop, Kirigin Cellars in Gilroy, was great fun, with a cricket match being played on the winery's pitch. At the owner's strong suggestion and invitation, we all parked on a second beautifully green, bent-grass field, out of the line of fire (so to speak) of a well struck ball.

Off we went on more fun roads to Sarah's Vineyard, at the foot of Mount Madonna, to taste its offerings and share light snacks of cheese and crackers, relaxing and meeting each other. Then, readying to leave and starting my car, I got nothing more than a horrifying grinding noise. Thankfully I was able to start it by coasting down a small grade. Oops! With my starter gone bad, coupled with an exhaust leak that worsened throughout the day, I decided to head back home and get the car to my mechanic. Although I missed the remainder of the ride and the barbeque Bill hosted back at On the Road Again, I had a great time (despite my premature departure). Thanks Bill!

Now you ask, "okay, so what about the celebration and disappointment, Sam?"

Well, a few of you know my oldest son Thomas, a Captain in the U. S. Army, recently returned from Afghanistan just in time for his wedding this Saturday (that was scheduled before his deployment last year). Talk about cutting it close! With family and friends traveling from near and far to be here and celebrate, everyone is anticipating a great time.

On to the disappointment: You see, I moved to California 23 years ago and my younger sister from Pennsylvania last visited California 2 years after I arrived, which was a year before I bought my first MGB. For 20 years now she has looked forward to, and I have promised her, the "ride of her life" when she visited. It has taken a wedding to get her here again, and she arrived yesterday to get in a couple days of sight-seeing before the weekend. She came to visit me upon her arrival and oh the disappointment on her face (and my niece's) when I broke the news that my roadster was in the shop. Sadly, even if I get my car out of the shop this week, schedules and other activities have seemingly conspired to prevent that long planned for and promised ride. Now I can only hope it will not be another 21 years until my sister visits again and I can finally fulfill my promise.

Be safe, stay well, and thank you for allowing me a couple of personal notes this month.

Regards,
Sam Gearhart

Monterey Peninsula Classic Car Events

For ten days in August, the Monterey Peninsula plays host to a prestigious group of automotive events. Here are some highlights:

Monterey Pre-Historic Races at Laguna Seca, August 8-9

It all starts with the Pre-Historics. A lot of the cars that run the Historics use the Pre-Historics as a tune-up session and to learn the track. Despite widespread rumor that this event is closed to spectators, you can definitely watch. Even if the paddock ends up being totally closed off, you can still enter the Laguna Seca Recreation Area (a Monterey County Park) and watch the races from the track and grandstands.

Carmel Concours on the Avenue, August 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea's world famous Ocean Avenue will be closed to traffic and sixteen blocks of downtown will be filled with collector cars and related motorized fun. A fascinating mix of cars will be showcased in front of a backdrop of charming shops, critically acclaimed restaurants, and numerous galleries. The third annual Carmel Concours will be presenting a variety of marques dating from 1940 to 1973, and Porsches and Ferraris through 1989.

Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races, August 14-16

The Monterey Historic Races at Laguna Seca are the largest event held during the renowned classic car festival in Monterey California. The Historics are a tribute to motor racing history, historic automobiles, and the people who made them. Each year more than 400 of the finest historic race and sports cars are entered in 14 race groups that span nearly every era of motor sports history.

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, August 16

Once each year, on a Sunday in August, 175 of the most prized collector cars in the world roll onto what is often called the best finishing hole in golf – the famed eighteenth fairway at Pebble Beach. First conducted in 1950, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is often said to be the world's premier celebration of the automobile. Only the most beautiful and rare automobiles are invited to appear each year. The 2009 Concours d'Elegance will feature Bentley and Bugatti, and it celebrates the centennials of Audi and Morgan and the style of Zagato. There will also be some very special Ferrari and Packard classes.

Guide to Monterey Car Week: <http://www.montereycarweek.com/>

More Information:

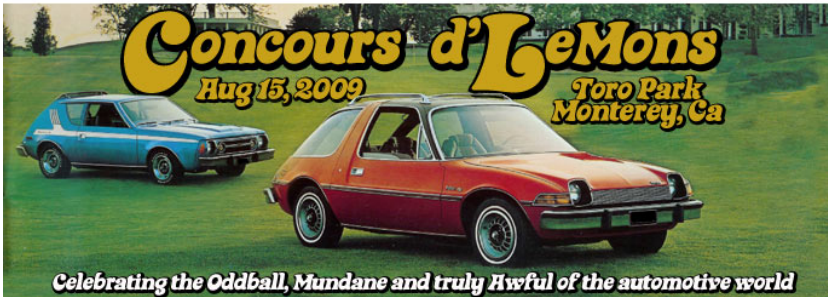
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Monterey Historic Races: <http://montereyhistoric.com/>

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance: <http://pebblebeachconcours.com/>



Brought to you by the same miscreants behind the [24 Hours of LeMons](#) and [Billetproof](#), Concours d'LeMons lowers the tone for the Monterey Weekend. Tired of paying \$150 to see 150 identical Ferraris? Concours d'LeMons costs 20 bucks and has 20 Pacers and Pintos. Bored with the same old collector-car canon? Our Warsaw Pact Class should be *shot* from a cannon.

From mint-condition shag vans to Honey Bees, Bricklins, Skodas, and Edsels, Concours d'LeMons is all about stuff that you haven't seen every damn August! The fact that we actually *know* our cars suck is just gravy. Lots of free parking means no shuttles out to East Jabib. Optional "Small-Wiener Corral" so your Maybach won't have to sit near a Yugo. Easy back-road directions to bypass Laguna's grand Cluster-F.

Monterey County-Mandated Warning: *No wine, cheese, straw boaters, silicone-augmented cougars, or watercolors of pre-war Grand Prix races are sold at this venue.*

Wanna be part of the show? Take this simple test:

1. Do you take yourself painfully seriously?
2. Do you think only expensive cars can be interesting?
3. Are your shoes, sunglasses or jockstrap embossed with a marque logo?

If you answered "no" to all three questions, you're eligible to enter the Concours d'LeMons. Pick a class from the list below, or we'll make one up for you. You might get an award, and you might not. No whining allowed either way. If your rolling wreck is accepted for the show, we'll send you a confirmation slip, a map and a schedule. At the show you'll get entry for your car, yourself and one passenger, and a goodie bag full of sweatshop-made trinkets.

Judges are guaranteed to be unprofessional, inattentive, capricious, and subject to bribery. (Liquor and food seem to be favorites.) Satisfactory bribes will earn the "Ribbon of Dishonor", to be placed on the car's windshield. Don't like their decisions? Check your ticket – you're at the wrong car show.

Classes include: Rust Belt American Junk, Unmitigated Gaul, Rueful Britannia, Needlessly Complex Italian, Der Self-SatisfiedKrauttenWagen, Soul-Sucking Japanese Appliance, Swedish Meatballs, Warsaw Pact.

More Information: <http://www.concoursdlemons.com/>

Annual Picnic

China Camp SP, San Rafael

Saturday, August 29

This year we're headed to the Buckeye Point picnic site at China Camp State Park, four miles east of San Rafael on San Pablo Bay. Expect a great day and great fun.

The Club will provide charcoal for barbecuing and members should bring their favorite food and drink. Arrive around noon and leave when the food is gone and the charcoal is cold. Some people like to show up early and get a good parking spot!

And as it just so happens, our picnic coincides with the Heritage Day Celebration at China Camp Village. The Alma, a historic scow schooner, and The Grace Quan, a reproduction Chinese junk, will be on display. There will also be lion dancers, tai chi, folk music, village tours, crafts for children, and local art for sale.

Directions:

From Highway 101: Take the North San Pedro Road/Civic Center exit from 101 in San Rafael (in the Terra Linda district, actually) and follow the road east for four miles into the Park and along the Bay. The site will be to the left, and if you reach the China Camp Village you've gone too far.

China Camp State Park: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=466

China Camp Brochure and Map:

<http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/466/files/ChinaCampBrochure.pdf>

Danville d'Elegance

Sunday, September 27

Picturesque downtown Danville provides the perfect backdrop for the 5th Annual Danville d'Elegance. Enjoy the afternoon tasting some of Northern California's premier wines or eating at Danville's finest restaurants, while raising money to benefit The Parkinson's Institute.

In 2008 we proudly presented over 200 exotic marques, historic vintage races cars and classic motorcycles displayed along Hartz Avenue and surrounding streets. Plan to be here for another great event.

Members Craig and Kim Kuenzinger have attended this show a number of times and love it. If you're interested in going, contact them at mrcraig@aol.com.

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British Car Meet and Tour

Saturday & Sunday, September 12 & 13

Sierra Point Marina, Brisbane

Join your British car friends for a smashing weekend at the Brisbane Marina. Over 200 quirky, classic, and lovable British cars will once again gather in the Bay Area for our 32nd Annual British Car Meet. We've been presenting this event on the same weekend for over three decades and because the times, they are a-changin', we will be a-changin' with the times.

After careful consideration of the present economy, fading sponsorship, and smaller attendance, combined with the decentralization of the hobby and a number of new competing Northern California events, we have decided to try something that is quite like the very first British Car Meet held in Palo Alto in 1978: a one day FREE event. That's right, FREE.

Tour to the Sea – Saturday, September 12

The British Car Tour starts at the Sierra Point Marina boathouse (the same place as the Sunday Car Show) and winds through the hills to the sea. People will be able to leave on the tour route anytime between 9:00 and 10:30 am. There will be two optional routes. One direct, yet still quite scenic, and another with a backroad component. The shorter route should take less than an hour and the backroads route will take a bit more than an hour. Maps will be provided. The tour ends at Cameron's Pub in Half Moon Bay where we will be kicking tyres and telling tall tales in the car park well into the afternoon.

Car Show – Sunday, September 13

This will be a simple, no fees, no frills, no awards gathering of British and Arcane car enthusiasts. We have made arrangements with the good folks at the Sierra Point Yacht Club to set up in the parking lots around the club. The Yacht Club will be offering an optional Sunday brunch and coffee. It all starts Sunday morning at 8:30 am and goes on into the afternoon.

Contact: Rick Feibusch at 310-392-6605 or britishcarnetwork@gmail.com.

Directions:

The Brisbane Marina is located just east of the Bayshore Freeway (101) between San Francisco and the SF Airport/Highway 380. Just take the Sierra Point Exit and follow the signs to the Marina.

MGOC Caravan:

The MGOC has traditionally gathered for a brief tour on the morning of the car show (Sunday). This year we'll meet at BJ's Brewery at Tanforan shopping center at 9:30 am. Take 101 or 280 to 380, exit at El Camino Real, go north and enter the shopping center at the signal light at its entrance. (If you reach Sneath Lane you've gone too far.) BJ's is at the end of the entrance road. Park in the area to the right. Tanforan shopping center's address is 1150 El Camino Real, San Bruno, CA 94066.

Adventures in California's Wine Country



October 1-4

The nation's premier Wine Country, the Sonoma and Napa Valleys, offers a fantastic blend of scenery, climate, quiet winding roads, hills and mountainsides, coastline and coastal mountains, redwood forests and historic sites. With a large and beautiful hotel placed in a location central to all this wonder, NAMGAR and the MG Owners Club are excited to offer you the next great MG adventure.

Home base is the DoubleTree Sonoma Wine Country Hotel located in Rohnert Park. This recently renovated, Mission-style hotel with 245 guest rooms has hosted numerous national and local car club gatherings over the years (and is home for the major NASCAR teams for their race at the nearby Infineon Raceway at Sears Point). We have arranged a great room rate (\$120 per night base rate) for this area during the wine grape harvest, the prime tourist season. The hotel has extended the room rate to the days immediately preceding and following the event for those of you who want to enjoy the area longer.

Rohnert Park is strategically located with lightly traveled back roads to the coast, to the redwood forests, and to the Sonoma and Napa Wine Country. Special tours and events tied into the uniqueness of the area have been arranged. One of the group banquets will be at the historic Union Hotel in the tiny coastal town of Occidental. Driving tours will take in many of the sights along "sports car country" roads, and include an organized drive to nearby wineries for wine tasting. There will also be the car show, event awards, and raffle prizes.

Registration form on page 22.

The Road to Breckenridge



Waiting for a cattle drive in Nevada

Photos by Wayne Veatch



The loneliest road in America (above), the car show at Breckenridge (below)



Coming Back from MG2009



Highway 50

Photo by Andy Preston



At Arches National Park

Photo Courtesy of Wayne Veatch

MGOC Conquers Highways 50 and I 70 Scores at NAMGBR 2009 in Breckenridge, Colorado

By Wayne Veatch

The MGOC was ably represented at the National MGB Register meet in Breckenridge, June 24-28. Conquering the heat and wide open spaces of Highway 50 (“The Loneliest Road in America”) across Nevada and thrilling to the amazing scenery and challenge of 10,000 foot Vail Pass in Colorado, Andy Preston and his son John (in Andy’s ‘67 roadster), Dennis O’Dea and Sheryl King (in their ‘76 roadsters), Ken Gittings (in his ‘67 GT), and I (in my ‘67 roadster) made the journey east in three days. We stopped overnight and ate (Elk Burgers with \$3 draft beers at the International Cafe) in the ghost town of Austin, Nevada and “famous for Mom’s Cafe but not much else” Salina, Utah. Going over, we were delayed in Nevada, waiting for a cattle drive to move past us on the highway. Fresh cow pies soiled our clean cars!

On the return, we picked up three additional cars and four people: Mike Jacobsen with his award-winning ‘74 1/2 GT and three Canadians from Vancouver, B.C. – Jennifer Orum in her ‘70 roadster and Tony and Carole Cohen in their ‘68 Canadian B roadster. (This beautiful Canadian ‘68 is identical to a ‘67 USA model, without the emission and dashboard mods of the USA ‘68.) We returned through Moab, Utah with a run through Arches National Park for the amazing scenery. We overnighted first at Moab (yes, we did find beer at the local brew pub, albeit 3.2%), then at the Hotel Nevada Casino in Ely, Nevada (after a lunch stop in Salina for a feed at Mom’s Cafe). Ask Wayne, Jennifer, and Mike about the climb to Delicate Arch in the Park. Andy and John can’t tell you, as they bailed out for the brew pub after the switchbacks (some say they were the smart ones enjoying a pint instead of sweating one). Tony and Carole left us in Ely to take Highway 6 down to Mono Lake (thence via Yosemite, Rohnert Park, and the California coast up to Vancouver), while the rest of us pushed west along 50 to Reno. Dennis and Sheryl overnighted in Reno for a visit to the Harrah’s car collection. The rest of us made a bee-line back “over the hill” to the Bay Area in the cool of the evening, avoiding Sacramento and San Francisco traffic. Jennifer made a stop in San Francisco, then went back to Vancouver via the coast.

Noteworthy at Breckenridge: The Silver Dollar drive on Thursday, over 11,000 feet to Leadville, was a great tour. Mike and Jennifer won the Question and Answer contest on that tour, with a perfect score and Mike’s correct answers to the MG history tie-breaking questions! Andy’s wife Marla and their daughter Ariana arrived by air - Marla joined Andy for all the events and as the navigator for Andy on the Gold Rush TSD rally, which went over the Continental Divide at 12,000 feet and through the Eisenhower tunnel at more than 11,000 feet. Good fun at the brew pub BBQ in Frisco, the gold mine feed and tour, and the John Twist tech sessions.

What a great time we had! Good company and a very fun drive, both ways. The weather was mild and we were all very pleased at how well our Bs ran over the high passes and long, desert runs of Highway 50. Our mechanical issues were minor: Andy's car lost its clutch 40 miles outside Breckenridge (which was cured with a late night clutch bleeding). Andy's car also registered unreal numbers on the temp gage a few times (like 230 at a stop in Arches Park!), but did not falter. (Mine rarely exceeded 200.) I was really bummed at how badly my car ran at 10,000 feet at Breckenridge, but recovered when I was taught the trick of leaning the SUs: two flats leaner at 5000', two more at 10,000' then do the same to the rich side as you come back to 5000' and again at sea level. Tony's '68 was using too much oil, cured by implementing a fix recommended by John Twist at the meet: plugging the line to the PCV valve with a used spark plug and venting the crankcase naturally with a piece of 1/2" tubing acquired from the local Napa parts house. Sheryl's car was absolutely drinking oil and belching oil smoke on the way up, but was happy and using little oil on the return, after Dennis implemented that same fix on her car. Dennis had to stop and tighten his carburettor once, which was trying to fall off, Jennifer's car required a late-night carb re-tune after dinner and drinks in Ely, and Mike had to reset his points in Auburn, after the rubbing block had virtually disappeared. Once they got used to the rare air, all of the cars ran right up over the high passes in and out of Breckenridge and over the Continental Divide. The Colorado clubs sponsoring the event were great hosts, very helpful with tuning advice and very proud of their great scenery and backroads drives.

There were about 250 MGBs on display at the show, with several cars coming from as far away as Maine, New Jersey, Florida, and other points east of the Mississippi. Each of us brought home a Road Warrior Certificate, for driving more than 1000 miles. Mike Jacobsen won people's choice first place in his class in the show for his GT, Jennifer won an Honorable Mention in the Concours for her roadster, and Wayne won a Certificate of Merit in the Concours (thanks for entering - sorry you didn't win anything on points) for his venerable, 240,000 mile Driver. The next meet will be in Toronto, Ontario. We're thinking that may be a bit far to drive our Bs.



Photo by Wayne Veatch

Ye Olde English Automotive Cemetery

Can you guess where these photos were taken?

Photographer Emil “Del” Dell’Aquila challenges you to guess where in his travels he encountered this graveyard. There will be an MG themed prize for the first correct response. Send your guess to mgowners@gmail.com.



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MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Gearhart at 7:07 pm. Also attending were Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen, George Steneberg, Bob Stine, and David Wright.

The June minutes were approved as printed in *The Octagon*, with a correction to the spelling of Mike's name (should be "Jacobsen") throughout.

Treasurer's Report: The bank account is high right now, due to the annual membership renewals and to receipt of the first NAMGAR West 09 registrations.

Registrar's Report: Most of the membership has renewed for the coming year. We have 283 members total, with 210 Regular, 60 Auxiliary, 0 Associate, and 13 Corresponding.

Secretary's Report: Absent.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Received the Community Information Program form from San Mateo County for the peninsula library system. The form noted that if there were no changes (and there aren't) no action needed to be taken.

The Octagon: The July issue was posted and mailed earlier this week.

Regalia: David Wright sold two MGOC grille badges and took inventory (19 new MGOC badges, 2 old style; 2 XL club jackets – David has details). Sam Gearhart suggested running a new ad in *The Octagon* for jackets, plus mention that we have some remaining. Sam will order the jackets instead of us asking John Milsap. Bob Stine moved that Sam research the cost of jackets to make them available to the members. Passed.

David noted that MGCC regalia items are being phased out and so will slowly become unavailable, except for grille badges. We could make MGOC items to replace the MGCC items. Bob wants an MGOC teapot, for example. We need to improve our inventory controls to better determine regalia sales. Discussion about various methods to try, and summaries of things we have done in the past. Bob moved that we establish a policy that we keep a running inventory of regalia, and that the inventory be updated after each event when regalia is sold. Passed, but no implementation plan for the policy was specified.

Web site: The site needs to have the picture gallery repaired, and the home page is still about MGs by the Bay. Ken Gittings suggested cropping the MGs by the Bay image for a home page image.

Past Events

NAMGBR MG2009 – Breckenridge, CO: Nice pictures posted by Wayne Veatch. Some stories recounted by Ken and Mike. The event needed a hospitality suite; everything else was great.

GoF West 2009 – Squaw Valley, CA: Report by George Steneberg. Nice event and well-organized. Scenic tour to Donner Summit and other sites in the area.

Upcoming Club Events

South Valley Wine Tour and BBQ: Saturday, August 1. Last year's tour was great so this year's should be too.

MGOC Annual Picnic: Saturday, August 29, China Camp State Park in San Rafael. Mike or Sam will get directions to Jeremy for the August *Octagon* and the Web site.

Old Business

Donation in memory of Leona Martin: Mike passed around the cover letter sent with the \$50 donation to the Kaiser Permanente Hospice Program. This was the Martin family's request in lieu of flowers.

Visit to JLS: Sam, Bob, and George need to set up a meeting with Brian Lee at Jack London Square to review their proposal for once again hosting MGs by the Bay.

New Business

John Hunt Reimbursement: On his own initiative, John sent John Twist a one pound box of See's candy on behalf of the MGOC to say "thank-you." Bob moved that we thank John for doing this on his own. Passed unanimously; Sam will reply to John.

MGOC Life Memberships: David Sarasua suggested that we create a Life Membership category. Discussion on how to plan for future costs for life members and other types of memberships. Motion made to add a life membership category but it failed for lack of a second.

Next Meeting and Natter: 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at The Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott Street, San Leandro, CA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Submitted by Mike Jacobsen.

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Cars for Sale:

1948 MG TC. Total frame off original restoration completed end of 2006, 2k miles since. Regency red lacquer with tan hood, interior, and spare tire cover. Winner of numerous concours (3 firsts and one 2nd at Hillsborough, Palo Alto, and MGs by the Bay). Installed Shorrock late 1940s supercharger last year. Stainless steel exhaust, 4 new Dunlop tires and tubes. Car is perfect in every way. Asking \$39k. Can be seen as it is garaged at my home in Woodside. Contact Member Dick Gronet at (650) 529-1716 or dgronet@netzero.com.



1957 Magnette complete car with many extras. Garaged for 18 years and recently restored, all it requires is reassembly. The engine is excellent. Spares include a good set of carburetors, windshield wiper motor, red pre-cut (in England) upholstery, a full set of MG hubcaps, and many other things. \$6,000. Contact Member Judith at (510) 232-3859 or wulfwoman2003@yahoo.com.

1949 MGTC British racing green, right hand drive in excellent condition. \$35,000. Contact Member Larry at (415) 999-2362.

1979 MGB with overdrive. Brooklands Green with gold LE type lower body stripe. In original unrestored condition. Just 34k miles! Has won more than two dozen 1st and 2nd place awards at West Coast car shows. Always garaged and never driven in winter. Drives as good as it looks. \$7,500. I also have a 1980 Triumph TR8 in similar condition. Platinum Silver. 86k miles. \$12,000. If purchased together I will sell both cars for \$20,000 and include an open four wheel car hauling trailer. Contact Member Frank Oglesby at (775) 322-5179 or flogles@sbcglobal.net.



1975 MGB, 50th Anniversary Edition, 44,000 miles. White with Autumn Leaf interior, wire wheels, hardtop, original soft top (needs replacement), both tonneaus (as new), and tools. Running when parked in 1996. Interior has some sun damage. \$2,800 OBO. For basic info, contact Sam at SWG3@comcast.net. To arrange to see the car, contact Stephanie at BS2464@netzero.com.



1977 MGB with 54,000 original miles, overdrive transmission, original "Sandglow" paint and autumn leaf interior. Well maintained by third owner. Price \$5,900. Contact Member Ellis at Bovet177@gmail.com.



Parts for Sale:

MG TD parts: complete working **transmission** with rubber remote cover and metal transmission cover, **drive shaft** with u-joints, **rear end** with axles, **front and rear shocks**, and miscellaneous transmission parts that I picked up in case I needed to do a rebuild. I'm selling these items because I've upgraded my 1953 TD to a Moss Motors 5-speed transmission, MGA rear end, brakes, and rear springs. \$2200 OBO for all. Contact Member Bob Luebbert at (510) 276-0365 or r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net.

MGB-RD 1.8 Engine with associated parts, 1969, Engine number 18V890AEL006643. Odometer reads 73,000, but I don't know when it stopped working. I'm including the carbs, distributor, plugs, air pump, alternator, radiator, oil radiator, etc. Four speed transmission (no overdrive) also available. There is no hint of smoke or leaks. Car was driven daily before August 2008. \$900 OBO. Contact Member Mike at (408) 431-1728 or mikesdocuments@yahoo.com.

Electric Hoist suitable for attaching to a sturdy rafter in a garage and lifting an engine out of a car. \$150. Contact Member Viggo Riddersholm at (650) 341-9064.



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What car(s) are you bringing?

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Registration, postmarked by August 15, 2009 \$40

Registration after August 15, 2009 \$60

Additional cars (Please note car info above) \$10

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Spaghetti & meatballs _____ Roasted chicken _____ Veggie _____ Ravioli _____ Total \$35

Awards Banquet (Saturday – per person) Beef _____ Chicken _____ Veggie _____ Fish _____ Total \$45

Regalia (Indicate quantity)

Man's embroidered golf shirt, short sleeve, stone Small Medium Large XL XXL Each Subtotal \$28

Lady's embroidered golf shirt, short sleeve, stone \$28

Man's embroidered denim shirt, long sleeve, blue \$27

Lady's embroidered denim shirt, long sleeve, blue \$27

Sweatshirt, zipper, fleece-lined w/ hood & pockets, royal blue \$44

Ball cap, khaki \$15

Event pin \$5

Please note that there will be limited regalia for sale at the event. **Grand Total** _____

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