

THE OCTAGON

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



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BRG MGB FOR ST. PADDY'S

April 2014

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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CLUB ADVISOR PROGRAM

Feel free to call these members, who have volunteered to help with purchase, repair, and restoration of various MG models.

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COVER PHOTO:

Sheryl King and her British Racing Green MGB during the St. Paddy's Tour, Mark Darley

Club Meeting

Natter & Noggin

April 5, 2014

9:30 am - 11:00 am

A new process will be tried out this year will be to have all the Natter 'n Noggin Meetings to be held on Saturday Mornings in hopes of better attendance. As in last year, the venues will be changed throughout the Bay Area, North, South, East and West.

This meeting will be held at [Red's Java House](#) on Pier 30 on the Embarcadero and hosted by Wayne Veatch and Mike Jacobsen.

No-host breakfast starts at 9:30 AM. As always, the member who drives their MG the furthest (to the meeting) gets a free meal, so be sure to record your mileage. The meeting will run from 9:30 AM to 11 AM, after which, we will leave for a 2 hour historic tour of San Francisco, finishing in the Presidio.



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Four painted wire wheels. Ran true and smoothly when last on my '61 A (in '2004) – stored since then. A couple will need some touch-up paint, otherwise fine. Michelin radials, functional with good tread, minor sidewall cracks. \$350 or best offer. Please contact: Mark Lange, mark@marklange.org or 415-297-3456. [Posted 05/13]

MGA transmission from a '61. Operated perfectly when I took it out of the car in 2002 (converted to a 5-speed). \$250 or best offer. Please contact: Mark Lange, mark@marklange.org or 415-297-3456. [Posted 05/13]

For All Items Below: Please contact member: Dave Loader at loader.dave@gmail.com [Posted 09/13]
 - MGB late overdrive transmission with gear lever and switch. This unit has been rebuilt by Quantum Mechanics and never used. \$500 ono
 - MGB PARTS. 5BRG crank, 4 pistons/rods, engine/trans plate, trans mount/stay rod, sump, engine block +.040 rebore, new pistons +.040, inlet manifold, pulley. Make offer.
 - MGA PARTS. 1600 camshaft, flywheel, generator, inlet manifold, front engine plate. Make offer.

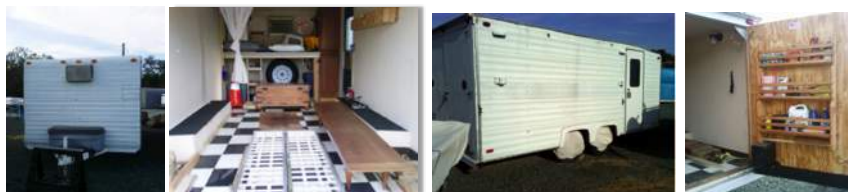
For All Items Below: Member Bob Luebbert at r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net [Posted 07/13]
MG TD Head Light Tie Bracket attaches to radiator, Moss Part # 451-100, used -- great shape!
 Price \$20 OBO
Two Headlight Stone Guard for MG T-Series, come with attachments, Moss part #222-150 \$30 obo
Gas Cap for 1975 MG/Sprite, never used, \$15 obo (thought it would fit on my 69 MGB - but will not)
MG TD chromed radiator shell, false nose, slates and medallion- total for sale at \$1000 USD obo



For All Items Below: Please contact member: Ken Gittings at aracingfan1@aim.com [Posted 10/13]
 - **Tourist Trophy 14" Black Leather Rim Wheel W/3 Matte, Drilled Spokes.** Moss Part# 489-030, \$180.00. Use Tourist Trophy/Moto-Lita adapter hub sold by Moss
 - **Free to a good home** - 1 MGB seat frame off a 1967 or 1965 MGB

Announcements:

Enclosed Trailer for Rent: Enclosed car trailer for rent (16' x 8'). Trailer has integrated braking system and lights with the tow vehicle, and a 12 volt 2,000 lb. Electric Winch. Electrical outlets in and outside the trailer and air conditioning. Rental rates are very reasonable with a discount for rentals of three or more days. Contact either Randy Grossman (415-518-5210) or Eric Baker (510-517-2165) for more information. [posted 06/13]



New and Used Parts Swap Meet / Bone Yard Sale: 2nd Saturday of the month starting January 11, 2013
 - at Union Jack 13555 Depot Street, San Martin, CA 95046
 - call Marcello or John @ 408-686-1101 with any questions

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Direct all questions about advertising to Mike Jacobsen at 415-333-9699 or MikesMuseum@yahoo.com. 2013 rates are: *monthly* (yearly): full page \$25 (\$240), half page \$18 (\$175), third page \$12 (\$120), business card \$8 (\$75). All ads expire on January 1, and fees for a partial year will be pro-rated to that date. Deadline for ad materials is the 10th of the preceding month. The MGOC makes no claims as to the reputation or quality of work performed by businesses advertising in *The Octagon*.

MGOC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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 15th of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to octagoneditor@mgocsf.org or send them to: Felix Lee, 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

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 Steve Kellogg upon request.

MGOCSE.ORG

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

Forthcoming Events

MGOC Events in bold

- April 5 – **MGOC Club Meeting**, Natter & Noggin, Red's Java House / San Francisco Tour, Wayne Veatch and Mike Jacobsen
- April 6 – Blackhawk Cars and Coffee, Danville
- April 12 – Cecil Kimber's 126th Birthday
- April 18 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland
- April 19 – **Private Collection Tour with the Porsche Group**, Los Gatos, John Bertolotti
- April 27 – Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay
- May 2-4 – **North Meets South**, Pismo Beach, Andy Preston
- May 3 – Merced Cinco de Mayo Car Show, Merced
- May 4 – Blackhawk Cars and Coffee, Danville
- May 17 – **MGOC Club Meeting**, Natter & Noggin, NorthBay, Tim Polidoroff
- May 18 – Friendship Day 2014, Pacific Shores Center, Redwood City, MPOTAC
- May 18 – UBSCC All British Motor Vehicle Show and Swap Meet, Dixon Fairgrounds, Dixon, CA
- May 31 – **MGs by the Bay Prep Day**, El Cerrito, George Steneberg
- June 1 – **MGs by the Bay 2014**, Danville, CA, Tim Polidoroff

From the Editor...

The Affordable Classic British Car Act ... C'mon Now, You Know You Want One

The U.S. government has just passed a new law called: "The Affordable Classic British Car Act," declaring that every citizen MUST purchase a new classic British car, by April 2015, C'mon now, you know you want one. These "affordable" classic British cars will cost, on average, \$54,000-\$155,000 each. This does not include title, taxes, trailers, towing fees, licensing and registration fees, fuel, storage fees, maintenance or repair costs.

This law has been passed, because until now, typically, only wealthy and financially responsible people, have been able to purchase classic British cars. This new law ensures that every American can now have an "affordable" classic British car of their own, because everyone is "entitled," to a new classic British car. If you purchase your classic British car before the end of the year, you will receive 4 "free" aftermarket seat belts; not including monthly usage fees.

In order to make sure everyone purchases an affordable classic British car as soon as possible, the costs of owning a classic British car will increase, on average, 250-400% per year. This way, wealthy people will ultimately pay more, for something that other people either don't want or can't afford to maintain. But to be fair, people who can't afford to maintain a classic British car, under the age 26, will be able to use their parent's classic British cars, to party on, until they turn 27; then they must purchase their own, classic British car.

If you already own a classic British car, and you like it, you can keep it, (just kidding; no, you can't). Your current classic British car will be taken from you and you WILL be required to purchase a new classic British car. If you don't want or don't need a classic British car, you will be required to buy one anyway. If you refuse to buy a classic British car or can not afford one, you will be regularly fined \$800 yearly, until you either purchase a classic British car or face imprisonment. In fact,

it would be considered irresponsible of you, not own your own classic British car, when everyone else around you will be contributing their fair share, by owning their own classic British car.

Failure to use your classic British car, will also, result in fines. People living in apartments, of large overcrowded cities, with no additional parking, will not be exempt. Age, motion sickness, experience, knowledge, and lack of desire are not acceptable excuses for not owning, or using your classic British car.

A 15 member independent government advisory review board, appointed by the President of the United States, that doesn't know the difference between the bonnet or boot of a classic British car, will decide everything, including: when, where, how often, and for what purposes you can use your classic British car. Along with how many people can ride in your classic British car, and determine if one is too old or not healthy enough to be able to use their classic British car. They will also decide if you must purchase specific accessories, like a \$500 classic British oil can (oil not included), or if you have simply outlived your classic British car owner usefulness. National classic British car owner Hospice programs will be set up, throughout the country, to take in people deemed "no longer" fit, to continue their classic British car ownership.

As usual, Government officials and their staff, are exempt from this new *Affordable Classic British Car* law. Unions, bankers, and mega companies with large political affiliations are also exempt. But, if they should so desire to own a classic British car, they and their families can obtain classic British cars free, at the expense of tariff payers.

Safety Fast!

*Felix Lee
- April Fools!
Gotcha Again!
Really?, Really??*



1971 MGB GT New paint (red) and all body work done by a pro. Runs very well with an overdrive transmission. Overall condition is very good. Asking \$6,000. Contact Robert Manino at 408-772-4354 or at ssbedlam@sbcglobal.net [Posted 04/14]



1974 MGB Tourer Rust-Free California car ready for the road. Very straight, glacier white, chrome bumpers, custom dark gray carpets, original excellent black upholstery, dashboard top replacement, all instruments operational, Craig radio/cassette, aluminum "minilite" wheels, tires new (2011, 500 miles), new black vinyl top (Moss, professionally installed, tonneau (1 new, 1 original), car jack and equipment in original bags, mileage: 102,000, new calipers / pads / bushings / bearings / steering boots / alignment / fuel gauge sender / instrument voltage stabilizer / rear wheel bearings / belts / hoses / etc. No clear history on engine work. Compression average 136 lbs/cylinder. Runs great. Asking \$12,450. Contact member Jack Ford at jackrada@att.net.



1976 MGB Roadster Orange with black interior (Giants colors). Vehicle has 22,000 original miles. 1800cc engine with Stromberg carburetor and 4-speed manual with electronic overdrive. Soft-top with tonneaus. AM/FM/CD stereo with removable face, remote control and MP3 interface. 15" PanaSport Aluminum Alloy hubs w/new tires. No rust and is fully restored to like new condition in and out. It is currently registered in California. Asking \$14,500. Contact Member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at wtdoyle@cox.net. [Posted 02/14]



Wanted:

Pre-1968 MGB roadster: Long-time MG nut seeking early B roadster. My preference is one that is a preserved original or one redone to original specifications; but I will consider most any steel-dash car, depending on its price and its needs. Contact Member Don Scott at 707-942-0546 or don@napanet.net. [Posted 05/13]

Parts for Sale:

MGB Parts: Autopower Roll Bar, SCCA Race Approved, 1.75" DOM. Roll bar has diagonal brace, horizontal seat back brace, and small restraint bar behind driver's seat. Asking \$150. Two Chrome Luggage Racks, trunk lid mounted. \$50 each. Contact Member David Wright at 510-653-3831. [Posted 05/13]

MG Midget Rolling Chassis Body Shell. No VIN. No Title. No engine, transmission, differential, front bumper, or windscreen. Not crashed but rough. Rubber bumper car. Make Offer. Contact Member Nick Becker at 925-932-9778 or becker2226@astound.net. [Posted 05/13]

Classified Ads

Ads are free to MGOC members and \$6.00 per month for non-members. Please send copy (and check made payable to MGOC if a non-member) to MGOC, 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Members may also email ads to the editor at octagoneditor@mgocsf.org.

Cars for Sale:

1949 MGTC has a rebuilt engine with very few miles on it. The car has also been rewired with a new wiring harness. The car has been painted to the original color. The car has a new top and side curtains and original tool kit. The wood in the doors is in good condition. The compression in the engine is about 120 in each cylinder. I have been told that if it is driven more that number will come up higher. As to the value of the car depending on who you talk to, the price range is from \$25,000 to \$35,000. I will accept \$25,000 or more. Contact Member Larry Matthews at 415-999-2362 [Posted 08/13]



'64/'65 MGB Roadster Project Car. Up on blocks for 8 years and in DNO status. It doesn't look bad, but does have issues. Other photos are available and we welcome inquiries. In Livermore, CA Contact Wes Nelson at 925-447-4393 or WESNEL@ATT.NET. [posted 06/13]



1969 MGB Roadster owned for over 40 years. Mileage 69,200 (original). Overhauled in 2004: rebuilt drive train, engine, transmission, rear end, starter, wires, etc. New British Racing Green paint. New top. New seats. New tires. Runs great. Asking \$7,000. Contact member Jim Burgelin at joburgelin@yahoo.com [Posted 12/13]

1967 MG MGB Mark 1 Roadster (VIN: G-HN3-U / 138261-G) Built on September 22, 1967, this car features factory Laycock de Normanville overdrive, heater, packaway hood, wire wheels, and dealer optional BMC radio. From 2001 to 2002 this MGB underwent a rotisserie restoration at the hands of noted MG restoration specialist Mike Goodman of Mike Goodman's Sports Car Service Ltd in Van Nuys, CA. The car was stripped to its component parts, and every parts of the car was restored or replaced. Every mechanical component including the engine, transmission, Laycock de Normanville overdrive unit, hydraulics, suspension, fuel system, cooling system, differential, and axles were inspected, tested, rebuilt or replaced with NOS or UK sourced parts. Each nut and bolt was removed and correctly plated. The car was painted Tartan Red and fitted with a black fold down top. All new glass was installed. The interior was done in hand sewn black Connolly leather with correct red piping. The leather was hand picked and sourced from the UK, as was the correct Wilton wool carpeting. All the gauges and knobs were restored to new condition, and the original BMC radio was restored to perfect working order. To finish off the interior a very rare and beautiful period Les Leston wood steering wheel was fitted. The electrical system was completely rebuilt and restored including the generator, voltage regulator, starter, windshield wiper motor, and overdrive electrical switches. A new wiring harness from British Wiring was installed, and each circuit checked and bullet connectors soldered just as original. Every attempt was made to keep the car period correct down to the use of original Lucas headlamps and original Champion NY9 sparkplugs. When the car was complete it was kept primarily as a show car, and over the next decade it would go on to win multiple show. It graced the cover and interior of Classic Motorsports magazine in 2004 for the "MGB: The best sports car ever?" story. The car comes with complete documentation of its restoration both with receipts and photographs. For price and more information call Canepa (4900 Scotts Valley Drive Scotts Valley, CA. 95066) 831-430-9940



President's Ponderings ...

Hello! Once again, I'd like to start with some thanks and kudos, to Felix Lee and Steve Kellogg for organizing our March 8th monthly meeting at the Grinds, Vines, and Automobilia Cafe and our post-meeting Tech Session in Morgan Hill. To Bill Hiland for allowing us to use his On the Road Again Classics' garage for our Tech Session venue. To Keith Foote, of Faith Bumper (San Jose), and to "Master Mechanic" Craig Kuenzinger, for volunteering to be our Tech Session leader. And, finally, to Bud Alderson who organized our very successful March 17th St. Patrick's Day Tour in Marin.

I'd like to extend a big "MGOC Welcome," to our newest members Rob and Nicole Freedman, Josh Oliver, Steve Johnson, and Jesse Markham.

A reminder that we need more questions for our resident mechanic - Clint Wright (Owner/Sr. Mechanic at British Car Repair in San Rafael) - to answer for his "Ask Clint" Tech Q&A column in the Octagon. To add your question(s) to Clint's queue send it to me at polidoroff@comcast.net. If you've already submitted a question(s) in response to my earlier request thanks for doing so.

For those who haven't heard, NAMGAR has declared Saturday May 3rd as "Drive your MGA Day". If you own one be sure to take your car out for a neighborhood spin that day. Better yet, join Andy Preston's tour that weekend to Pismo Beach for the "North meets South" event.

FYI, Steve continues to add new and interesting information to our MGOC website. Most recently, a section on "Recommended MG Reading." To find it click on the "Links" tab at the top of the website's home page. The section lists teen or adult "classic car related" fiction. Most of the current suggestions are from Secretary Dan Shockey, an avid book collector who in an earlier life owned a bookstore. And, most are out of print, however, used copies are available from Amazon, eBay, etc. If you have some related fiction (or non-fiction) book favorites you'd like to share please forward them to Steve Kellogg at webmaster@mgocsf.org so that he can add them to the list. FYI, after checking the list I just bought a copy of "The Last Open Road" by Burt Levy which I can't wait to start reading.

Our next General Meeting, organized by Wayne Veatch and Mike Jacobsen will be held at the Red's Java House located at Pier 30 on the Embarcadero. The meeting will be followed by a historic tour of San Francisco. As always, breakfast will start at 9:30 AM followed by the meeting at 10 AM. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Regards,
Tim Polidoroff



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MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Grinds, Vines, and Automobilia Café in Morgan Hill
March 8, 2014

Call to Order: President Tim Polidoroff* called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. Also attending were Eric Baker, Susan Burnett, John Bertolotti, Jing Chai, Marcia Crawford, Ken Gittings, Paul Hughes, Diane Hughes, Nick Jenkins, Steve Kellogg*, Craig Kuenzinger*, Felix Lee*, Samantha Lee, Bob Luebert, Jennifer Orum, Marty Ray, Dan Shockey*, Don Smith, George Steneberg*, Myles Taketa and David Wright (* denotes Board Member).

March Mileage Winner

Eric Baker was this month's winner driving his early MGB from Oakland, 61 miles. (Honorable mention should go to Andy Preston who began to drive his 1966 MGB from Rohnert Park but aborted in San Rafael due to a coolant leak onto his distributor – from the strategically placed heater valve. His intended round trip was to be 240 miles.)

Previous Minutes

Minutes from the meeting Feb. 8 in Hayward, by Mike Jacobsen, were approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston reported in absentia:

Account	March 2014	February 2014
Checking	10,425.50	10,385.31
Savings	3,416.32	3,461.32
Total	13,841.82	13,846.63

We had a couple of renewals, payment for 2 commercial ads and \$100.00 for website expenses.

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg. Gained eight members! Total 282 members.

Secretary's Report: Dan Shockey. Present for once.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George Steneberg. No news.

Regalia: David Wright. Will offer regalia for sale at On the Road Again today. (He later sold a grill badge, pins, and club banner-flags.)

The Octagon: Felix Lee. Looking for more odometer photos. Need more tech questions for Clint to answer. Always needs articles and photos. The "centerfold" is for the SF road trip in early April.

Website: Steve Kellogg. The calendar now has events color-coded by club. We can apply for MGs by the Bay on-line and pay either using Pay Pal or by mailing a check to Steve. We are commemorating 90 years of MG. A question was raised by members about why 1924 was chosen as the beginning of MG. The true beginning year for MG has often been debated. The MG Car Club (UK) justification is that 1924 was when the MG octagon logo was registered as a trademark.

Past Events

East Bay Hills Tour February 8: Jing Chai reported that no one else came for the tour following the club meeting. It was raining. The club asked Jing to rerun the tour later in the year.

Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Day Ride March 17 (Monday): To Novato and the Pelican Inn. Being organized by Bud Alderson. Five MGs that we know of have signed up so far.

Pub Nights March 21, April 18: At On the Road Again in Morgan Hill.

April General Meeting April 5: Red's Java House / San Francisco Tour, Wayne Veatch and Mike Jacobsen

Private Collection Tour, April 19: with the Porsche Group (356 & 912), Los Gatos, John Bertolotti. John described the tour and the collection we will get to see.

Bay Area to Victoria Tour, June 30 to July 4: Jennifer Orum will lead hardy souls from San Francisco to her home in British Columbia, then on to Ottawa for NAMGAR's GT-39. Jennifer described her planned route and invited us to join her in this adventure.

Old Business

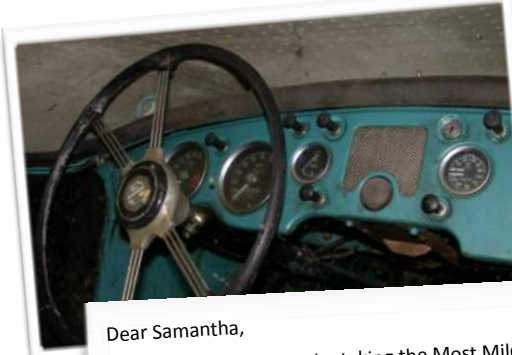
MGs by the Bay (June 1): Craig Kuenzinger, Steve Kellogg, Mike Jacobsen, others. No news. The event is on "autopilot" right now. The application is on the site and in the Octagon. We have some sponsors signed up.

GT-42: Mike Jacobsen, Dan Shockey, Dave McCann, Randy Grossman. This is the annual Get-Together for the North American MGA Register. The San Diego club has decided they are unable to host the event. We are looking at the central coast somewhere between Santa Barbara and Monterey. Inputs and participation welcomed. We hope to share the duties among several local clubs.

Meet Our Newest Member

Dear Samantha ...

By Charles "Mike" Sullivan



Dear Samantha,

I'm afraid that I will not be taking the Most Miles Driven award this year. But thought I might be in the running for the Least Mileage over the last decade. <chuckling> Let me explain and a couple of pics might help.

On April of 2002, I acquired my ex-brother in law's MGA. It was in his San Diego back yard jungle. (There is a 4 beer story to explain it all.) Suffice to say, the beast has not run under it's own power for an indeterminate time before '02. It has been in warm, dry storage since it moved North. The date stamp on the pics confirm the miles on the odometer. The last pic taken, was to document the CHP VIN Verification & Correction of data at the DMV level. Everything has been corrected and my 'project' is officially correct on paper.

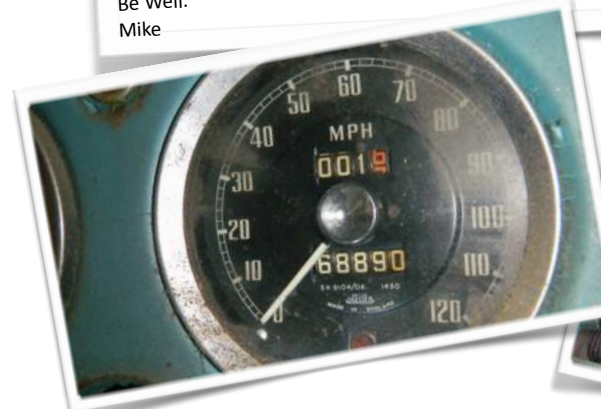
Long story short, the miles driven is zero for a minimum of 12 years, probably 15+. :-)

Thanks for all your effort.

Oh ... the MGA (now known as 'Terrible'), VIN HDL43/21130 has been documented & corrected to 1956 Yr Model. The now correct CA 1956 plate number is ATX606, and the mileage is 68,890. If you can correct the club records, I would appreciate it. Let me know if you need further info or documentation.

Be Well.

Mike



Photos by Charles "Mike" Sullivan

BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD

WAITING TO START
NATTER & NOGGIN
AT GRINDS, VINES
AND AUTOMOBILIA
CAFE ...



ANY
REASON WHY
WE CAN'T EAT
UNTIL THE BSPA
HOLDER
ARRIVES?

TRADITION?

I HEAR THERE'S
TROUBLE BETWEEN
ROHNERT PARK AND SAN
RAFAEL ...

PLEASE
START
WITHOUT US,
COOLANT LEAK
FROM THE
HEATER
VALVE ... NOT
GOOD, YEAH,
YOU'LL READ
ALL ABOUT IT
NEXT
MONTH!

HEY MARLA, DID YOU
REACH AAA?

YES
DEAR ...

IT'S OFFICIAL, NO
ANDY, BRING ON THE
FOOD!!

FINALLY! BACON
AND EGGS!

HOLY MOLY!, LOOKS
LIKE I MADE SOME MONEY WITH
THIS EVENT ...

MGOC NEW RULES
IF CURRENT BSPA HOLDER IS UNABLE
TO MAKE THE MEETING, THE PRIOR BSPA
HOLDER MUST PAY FOR THE MEAL ...
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY "AYE!"

AYE!!

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Photos by Samantha Lee and Marla Preston



"Keep'em On The Road"

Parts & Accessories for MGA, MGB, MGC & Midget

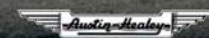


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MGs by the Bay

Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of MG!

Sunday June 1, 2014 at The Livery in Danville

400 Sycamore Valley Road, Danville, 94526 - One block west off I-680

All MGs are welcome, from daily drivers to complete restorations. The \$25 entry fee includes a dash plaque, an event T-shirt, and special items from our sponsors. Additional cars registered to the same owner are \$10 each, which includes a dash plaque only. The show starts at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine, and awards are presented at 2 p.m.



Popular vote judging, with awards for People's Choice, Best Daily Driver, Most Customized, and others. The number of cars registered determines the class awards.

Return the registration form below with the entry fee. Photocopies of this form are acceptable. One form is required for each MG.

Mail before May 21, 2014 to:

MGs by the Bay
107 Wilder Ave.
Los Gatos, CA 95030-5923

For information call
408-335-5899
or visit www.MGOCFSF.org

Make checks payable to **MGOC**

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Please print:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip code: _____

MG model: _____ Year: _____
Body style: ☐ Coupe ☐ Roadster
☐ Saloon ☐ Race car
☐ Other: _____

Email address: _____
Daytime phone: (_____) _____

Car color: _____
T-shirt size: ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

Short description of your car: _____

Has this car ever won First in Class at *MGs by the Bay*? Yes ☐ No ☐

Release: Neither my heirs nor I will hold the MG Owners Club or The Danville Livery Shopping Center liable for any loss, damage, or injury done to me, or my party, while engaged in this event or traveling to and from this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Where in the World is BSPA?



Andy and Marla
Preston
and BSPA
in Yosemite with
El Capitan and Half
Dome
in the background

Photo by an Anonymous
Frenchman visiting
Yosemite National Park



Since the 1970's British car enthusiasts have met on the California Central Coast every other year to enjoy a special "North Meets South" weekend. The Paradise British Car Club invites you to join us for our "British Invasion" themed event, May 2-3, 2014, in beautiful Pismo Beach, California.

Pismo Beach is readily accessible from either the San Francisco or Los Angeles areas, or from California's Central Valley, with only a half day drive to enjoy fresh ocean air, scenic roads, wineries, and a gathering of British car friends.



After registering for the event please contact our host hotel, The SeaCrest, situated on the bluff overlooking the beach and Pacific Ocean. Please check the hotel web site at www.seacrestpismo.com for photos and additional hotel information. We have 65 rooms reserved, at a discounted rate, which includes a continental breakfast. Call early to select your preferred room option. Be sure to state that you want the NORTH MEETS SOUTH discount price. So, register with us and book your room early to guarantee your room choice. Call the SeaCrest at (888) 686-7103 or (805) 773-4608.

Join us for the registration and hospitality party on Friday night, held on the open air roof top patio at the hotel. Enjoy beer, wine, soft drinks, etc., and a variety of food when you obtain your registration packet. Dash plaques will be given to the first 140 registrants.



Saturday morning will offer a late registration opportunity before the start of the car show for those who have previously contacted our registrar. Same day late registrations are discouraged.



Just a short drive away from the hotel lies a scenic 25 acre sycamore woods park, with a beautiful multi-acre grass show field, seating for 225 for our catered lunch, and a gazebo bandstand where we will feature the music of the 60's "British Invasion". Hear your favorite music from the era from groups like The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Kinks, Herman's Hermits, etc.

Lunch consists of either a beef or turkey croissant sandwich, green salad, fruit, drink and cookie. Dust off your best 60's outfit for the 1960's Costume Contest, to be held during the lunch period. Awards will be given for the best costumes!

After the car show enjoy our car rally on the scenic rural roads of San Luis Obispo County. Plan a stop at one of the award winning wineries along the route. The rally will end at the SeaCrest, with time for a walk on the beach, a swim, a little shopping at the Pismo Outlet Mall, or a nap before dinner.

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Joint Car Tour and Drive w/the 356 Porsche Club Saturday, April 19th

What:

The MGOC has been invited to join the 356 Porsche Club for a scenic drive and a private car collection tour. For security reasons we can't give you any details about the car collection, however, we can say that the cars (and the grounds) are sure to please so why not join us.

When:

Breakfast - 9:00 AM to 10 AM

(Coffee, pastries, etc. are available for sale)

Drive - 10 AM to 11 AM (to the collection site)

Collection Tour - 11 AM to about noon



Where:

Meet at the Heartbeat Café at 14392 Union Ave, San Jose, CA 95124, 408-369-9078 (the café is in the Cambrian Plaza Center on the corner of Union Ave. and Camden Ave). For more information see <http://www.heartbeatcafe.com/>

At the café you'll be provided driving instruction to the car collection site.

Directions (to the Heartbeat Café)

From points North of San Jose: Take US-101 South

- At exit 398B, take ramp right for CA-85 South toward Santa Cruz / Cupertino (13.3 mi 11 min)
- Take ramp right for CA-17 North toward San Jose 1.6 mi
- Take ramp right 0.2 mi
- Bear left onto White Oaks Rd, and then immediately turn right onto Camden Ave 0.4 mi
- Turn left onto S Bascom Ave (Union 76 on the corner 0.5 mi)
- Bear right onto Curtner Ave (Quik Stop on the corner)
- Turn right onto Union Ave (Union 76 on the corner)
- Arrive at Union Ave, San Jose, CA 95124

RSVP

E-mail John Bertolotti at john@berto-bearcat.com

MGOC Fashionista



**Paul Hughes
showing off his
MG inspired
Cap and Oxford Shirt
Collection**

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SPRING

SAN FRANCISCO TOUR, 4/5
PRIVATE COLLECTION TOUR, 4/19
PACIFIC COAST DREAM MACHINE, 4/27
NORTH MEETS SOUTH AT PISMO, 5/2-4
NORTH BAY TOUR, 5/17
CLINT WRIGHT TECH SESSION, 5/17
FRIENDSHIP DAY, 5/18



SUMMER

PALO ALTO CONCOURS, TBA
MGS BY THE BAY, DANVILLE, 6/1
NAMGBR AT FRENCH LICK, IN, 6/15-19
SF 49 MILE TOUR, 6/22
BAY AREA TO VICTORIA, BC, 6/30-7/4
MID PENINSULA TOUR, 7/12
VICTORIA, BC TO OTTAWA, ON, 07/4-7/14
NAMGAR GT-39, OTTAWA, CANADA, 7/14-18
HILLSBOROUGH CONCOURS, 7/20
OAKLAND AIR MUSEUM TOUR, 7/27
MGOC ANNUAL PICNIC, 8/9
GoF WEST, SAN DIEGO, 8/25-29
SCOTTISH GAMES, 8/31



FALL

SANTA CRUZ TOUR, 9/6
BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 9/13-14
DANVILLE D'ELEGANCE, 9/21-22
NIELLO CONCOURS AT SERRANO, 10/5
SONOMA TOUR, 10/18
TOUR D'OAKLAND, 10/19
SAN FRANCISCO TECH SESSION, 11/8
MGOC HOLIDAY TEA, SAN FRANCISCO, 12/13

MG

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MGTC.....	185.00	185.00
MGTD & TF.....	185.00	85.00
MGA, MGB, MGC, Midget.....	108-125	75.00
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NORTH MEETS SOUTH



May 2-3, 2014

Pismo Beach, CA



EVENT REGISTRATION

This is a North American MGB Register Regional Event

Driver Name:	1st Entry: Marque & Model		Year
Co-Driver Name:	2nd Entry: Marque & Model		Year
Address:	Phone No: Club Affiliation		
City:	State:	ZIP:	Email Address: (Please print legibly)

Registration for event:	\$35.00	First Car	
Additional British Car:	\$15.00	Each Car	ov
Saturday Lunch:	\$14.00	Each x	ov
Awards Banquet:	\$34.00	Each x	ov
Total Enclosed:			

Please note:
The car show and luncheon will be held at a rural location; there are no restaurants in the area.
Please take advantage of our catered box lunch. Seating for 225.

The Saturday night Awards Banquet will be held at the world famous Madonna Inn, and feature BBQ Tri-tip and chicken BBQ buffet, green salad, potato salad, garlic bread, chili beans, drink and dessert, with seating for 225.

Box Lunch at the Car Show. You have a choice of either Roast Beef or Turkey Croissant Sandwiches and a choice of salad. Please indicate quantity of each:
Roast Beef ☐ Green Salad ☐
Turkey ☐ Pasta Salad ☐

Make check payable to Paradise British Car Club. Print form, fill out, and mail to:
Cheryl and Keith Smith, Registrars
1638 Woodland Court
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

For further event information, check our updated web site at: Paradisecarclubhome.com
If you have registration questions, or for further registration information contact our registrars at paradise2014nms@yahoo.com

Wanted

Submissions of articles / photos / anecdotes / repairs are always welcome

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY TOUR

BY BUD ALDERSON

We had a great day for the St. Patrick's Day trip on Monday, March 17th. Sixteen cars showed up and for the first time in several years the weather in West Marin cooperated, allowing a dry scenic drive on backroads from Novato over to Hwy. 1, along Tomales Bay, and from there south through Pt. Reyes Station and Stinson Beach to the Pelican Inn at Muir Beach.



Chileno Valley Rd. is a relatively lightly travelled road that goes through dairy country and pasture, and gives a view into traditional agriculture in West Marin, and most members enjoyed the route, which was about one third of the drive. This is the traditional route for this trip - anyway, that's the collective memory of the group. Driving through West Marin is especially pleasant on a weekday - many fewer bicyclists to worry about and very light traffic.



The Pelican Inn lunch capped off the tour, and lots of car-fixing lore was exchanged over ale, bangers & mash, etc. The MGOC member traveling the furthest to participate was Don Livingood, from Medford, but before leaving Oregon, his MGA was acting up and he had to come in his back-up car, a beautiful silver 1957 Austin Healey 3000.

Don was encouraged to come see us again, maybe returning for this year's MGs-By-The-Bay. A fine time was had by all, including, we hope, St. Paddy. Wouldn't it be nice if we could celebrate St. Patrick's Day more than once a year?