

# 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 Jeremy Palgon

For Sale: Lora Lerner's MG 1100 at Palo Alto

## October 2007

# 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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Your stories, photos, tips, questions, and anything MGOC-related are always welcome in *The Octagon*. Please make your contributions by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [alistaircookie@gmail.com](mailto:alistaircookie@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.

# Forthcoming Events

MGOC Events in **bold**, ARR: Abingdon Rough Riders

- Oct. 6 – **Autumn at Filoli**, Woodside, Jeremy Palgon
- Oct. 12 – **Overseas Visitor Dinner**, Liverpool Lil's in SF, Nina Barton
- Oct. 13 – **Kart Racing**, GoKart Racer in Burlingame, Bob Stine
- Oct. 14 – Jimmy's Old Car Picnic, Golden Gate Park, SF
- Oct. 14 – Remembering Phil Frank-Tour to Bolinas, ARR, Allan Chalmers
- Oct. 20-21 – **Cal Autumn Classic**, San Juan Bautista, MGOC Caravan
- Oct. 28 – Brisbane Marina Festival
- Nov. 18 – MG Parts Exchange, Fullerton, Vintage MG Club
- Dec. 2 – **Holiday Party**, San Francisco, Mike Jacobsen
- Jan. 5 – **Annual Dinner**, The Van's in Belmont

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# From the Editor...

A couple Saturdays ago, I went on the Palo Alto Tour to the Sea. By rights, it should have been an all-around wonderful day: the weather was beautiful, the top was down, and my father came along for the ride. Motoring in the MG with my dad these days always pleasantly reminds me of the years he drove me around in it as a kid. But just when I thought my MGB was running well again, I was confronted by a disturbing lack of power as we climbed over the hills.

A tad disappointed by the car's performance, we nevertheless arrived at Cameron's Pub in Half Moon Bay in decent spirits. We enjoyed viewing the cars and had a leisurely lunch with some friends from the Arcane Auto Society. However, when we returned to the MG, I found my passenger side mirror rather disconcertingly in my passenger seat. I can only presume someone broke it off by accident and then considerately placed it in the car. Needless to say, I wasn't particularly happy. Still, all in all, we had a nice time. I mean, truly, how bad can a drive to the coast in a classic convertible with your father really be?

Jeremy Palgon

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## Autumn at Filoli October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007

The annual [Autumn at Filoli](http://www.filoli.org) Festival is the only time Filoli offers orchard tours and tasting of their cornucopia of heirloom apples, pears, and grapes. They'll have fresh, hand-pressed apple juice and cider—and you can watch them make it on an old wooden press. You can meet Filoli's apiarist and taste some exquisite honey. There will also be nature hikes, hay rides, free popcorn, a tasty BBQ lunch with music and ice cream sundaes, floral and food demonstrations, children's activities, and much more. And, of course, there's always the beauty of the Filoli house and gardens. For more information about Filoli, please go to <http://www.filoli.org>.

There will be a brief tour with the Arcane Auto Society to Filoli.

**Cost:** \$20 for Filoli members, \$25 for non-members, \$5 for children ages 5-17, and free for children under 5. BBQ Lunch: \$15 for adults, \$8 for children.

**When and Where:** 9:30 am at the Park and Ride lot just off I-280 at Woodside Rd.

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# President's Ponderings...

## All-British Field Meet a Great Time; Until...

My wife and I took the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour to the Sea on September 8. The weather cooperated this year and it was a great drive through the backroads, ending up at Cameron's Pub in Half Moon Bay. We met up with Tom Balutis, Joel Johnson, Wayne Veatch, and Andy Preston. We had a wonderful lunch with Tom and Joel, checked out the many British cars in the lot, and returned home.

The next day was the All-British Field Meet at Stanford Park. I went alone and met up with a number of MGOC members at the Sears parking lot on San Antonio Road and El Camino. From there, we caravanned to the event. Unfortunately, Mike Jacobsen ran into a bit of mechanical trouble on the way. He was able to coax his Magnette to the park, but the fuel pump was shot. Greg Paulsen had a spare with him, so Mike was able to replace his and not worry about the return trip home.

I had a great time, taking photos, ogling the many cars, and visiting with friends while meeting new friends. But then it came time to go home. As I was packing my things back into my MGB I suddenly realized that my camera was no longer on the passenger seat, under a newspaper where I had left it. Yes, some low-life had rummaged through my car and stolen my camera! Consequently, I will **not** be able to submit my photos to the Octagon for this event.

## Still Waiting for Volunteers

I know someone in this club is just dying to show us his/her abilities to lead by volunteering to be nominated as President or Vice President. How about the number crunchers out there who'd like to take over the club finances? At the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting a nominating committee will be appointed to determine candidates for these offices for next year. Please let us know now, if you're interested. It will make their job much easier.

Although it takes commitment and work, the gratification of being part of the organization of this club makes it all worthwhile. You can reach me at 650-349-5128 if you'd like to volunteer or if you know someone else who could fill the void.

Incidentally, if there is a group of you who would like to work together in these capacities but you don't want to meet in San Leandro every month, there is always the option of moving the venue to make it more readily accessible. We used to alternate between the East Bay and the Peninsula each month.

## Annual Dinner Scheduled for Jan 5, 2008

The annual dinner will be held on the San Francisco Peninsula in January at "The Van's" in Belmont again. We've been there several times in the past and members have indicated their approval.

Don't sit home and wish you were doing something fun... come on out and join us!

Fraternally,  
Bob Stine  
President, MGOC  
[rastine@rcn.com](mailto:rastine@rcn.com)



# Overseas Visitor Dinner

## October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Come join us for dinner at [Liverpool Lil's](#) with Lindsay Caffin, a friend of Kenji Matsuoka's, visiting from Japan and Australia. Kenji is the [Kobe MG Car Club](#) member that attended one of our wine country tours earlier this year. Liverpool Lil's an authentic English Restaurant and Public House, offering classic continental comfort food as well as traditional English Pub Fare.

**When and Where:** 7 pm at Liverpool Lil's, 2942 Lyon St. (at Lombard St.) in San Francisco. Directions: <http://www.liverpoollils.com/Directions.htm>.

**Please RSVP to:** Nina Barton, 510-845-7212, [ninaba@mindspring.com](mailto:ninaba@mindspring.com)

# Kart Racing

## October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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**When and Where:** 2 pm at Go Kart Racer, 1541 Adrian Rd. in Burlingame.

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There is NOT a Concours d'Elegance. Cars run the gamut from Model T's to Muscle cars, and in every condition from barely legal "projects" to 100 point restorations. Everyone shows up with their barbeque gear and has a big "family reunion", coming from as far as Oregon, Nevada, and L.A. It is free to spectators who wander in, and there are several thousand every year. If you want to bring a car and park it in the meadows, it is \$20, and clubs are encouraged. It is low key and low publicity, but a lot of fun.

I started bringing a car to the show every year about a dozen years ago after Jimmy poked his head into my garage while I was under an old FIAT (please, no "Fix It Again Tony" jokes...), talked to me about my project, and invited me to the gathering in the Park. Now I see a lot of the same people each year, and compare skinned knuckles and automotive horror stories.

**All vehicles must enter Speedway Meadow heading East on JFK Drive. You may enter Golden Gate Park (and turn onto JFK) from either 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. (from Fulton St.) or from the Great Highway at Ocean Beach.**

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# Remembering Phil Frank

## Tour to Bolinas

### October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007

We are saddened by the loss of cartoonist and MG enthusiast Phil Frank. He had been suffering from a brain tumor for months before passing away on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Frank, a longtime resident of Sausalito, was perhaps best known for his comic strip *Farley*, which chronicled the life and times of the characters of the Bay Area through the exploits of a newspaper reporter, and sometime park ranger, named Farley. With bushy hair and a large mustache, Farley resembled, and was oft considered a stand in for, his creator.

Working with Joe Troise, Frank drew five other comic strips: the nationally syndicated *The Elderberries*, *Chateau Defeat*, *Miles to Go*, and both *Nigel Shiftright*, *Automotive Anachronism* and the eponymous *Frank and Troise* for Road & Track magazine. In April of 2006, Road & Track test drove Frank's 1949 MG TC for their April Fools road test.

The Abingdon Rough Riders have been invited for lunch at the Frank's place in Bolinas by Phil's widow, Susan. The Rough Riders have a tradition of touring to the Frank's each August, but couldn't this year because of circumstances. Susan has invited us now to remember Phil.

All MG folks are welcome. Folks should bring their own lunch. There will probably be a grill going.

**When and Where:** Meet at the Spencer Ave. turnoff (to Sausalito) from Hwy 101 at 9:30 am for a run up Highway 1. Spencer Ave. is just North (thru the tunnel) of the Golden Gate Bridge on 101.

**Please RSVP to:** Allan Chalmers at [allanchalmers@yahoo.com](mailto:allanchalmers@yahoo.com) or 415-566-9796 by Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

San Francisco Chronicle Obituary:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/09/14/MN5GQV2IQ.DTL>

Road & Track MG TC Road Test:

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## October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007



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The weekend starts off with an afternoon back roads tour on Saturday at 2 pm. The tour has a rest stop partway through and everyone is treated to complimentary champagne and chilled fresh fruit. After returning, everyone is invited to gather for a welcoming dinner at Jardines restaurant. The car show starts at 9 am on Sunday morning, with awards at 1:30 pm.

All event profits are donated to The Christian Children's Fund, a non-sectarian charity helping children around the world in dire need. Almost \$1,000 is raised each year.

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**Sunday MGOC Caravan:** We'll meet at 8:30 am at Bailey Ave. in San Jose, just off Hwy 101. Exit 101 at Bailey and go West (towards the valley).

# Brisbane Marina Festival

## October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007

The annual Brisbane Marina Festival is a popular community event, offering many activities for the whole family to enjoy. Join us for a vintage car show, live music, fun run/walk, boat rides and tours, art, wine, children's activities, food, beverages, and much more. It's all free, so c'mon along.

**When:** 10 am to 4 pm. Cars should arrive between 9 and 10 am.

**Where:** Brisbane Marina, 400 Sierra Point Parkway, Brisbane

**Directions:** From Hwy 101 North or South, take the Sierra Point Parkway exit and follow the signs to the Brisbane Marina. MGs should park on the Marina Green. For Festival details call 650-583-6975.

**Contact:** Bob Stine, 650-349-5128, [rastine@rcn.com](mailto:rastine@rcn.com)

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## Palo Alto British Meet and Tour to the Sea



An array of cars at Cameron's Pub in Half Moon Bay (above)

Photos by Jeremy Palgon



Interested onlookers examine Lora Lerner's MG 1100 (above)

MGs lined up at El Camino Park (below)



# Mt. Hamilton Tour

By Jim Carlson

It was the best of weather; it was the worst of weather. It's all in your point of view. Saturday, September 22, most of the bay area was in rain showers. In south San Jose, we had misty rain and overcast skies. Good weather for driving an MGB GT, but not much view from the top of Mt. Hamilton. On the other hand, traffic would be light on the road up and down the backside. At 7:30 am, Wayne Veatch called from San Francisco where the rain was falling harder. "What is plan B?" he asked. For me, plan A was 'drive the TD'; plan B was 'drive the BGT'. So we were on plan B as far as I was concerned.

At the meeting point, four MGs and four members, plus one guest, showed up for the tour. We took a quick vote and decided that four was a good number. We had a quorum, so we headed up the hill. I led the group in my black tulip '74 GT. Wayne and his friend, Medford Todd, followed in his green '67 B. Ken Gittings roared up the hill in his green '67 GT; and bringing up the rear was our new member, Cole Lucas, in his white '79 B. It was a great run up the hill with no traffic ahead or behind. I was surprised when we passed some bicyclists near the summit. They looked wet and cold, not my idea of a good time. When we stopped for a break halfway up the hill, Cole complained that we were going too slow—he couldn't get out of 2<sup>nd</sup> gear. I had been mostly in 3<sup>rd</sup> all the way, so I was surprised. I think we must have different rear end ratios; and there is probably a horsepower difference between a '74 and a '79.



Our intrepid touring crew atop Mt. Hamilton Photo by Medford Todd





A clear view down the backside

Photo by Jim Carlson

At the top we took a few photos, took the telescope tour, ate lunch, and headed down the backside. The road down the backside was the best part of the trip because the sky cleared giving us some great scenery on a fine MG type road all the way. We stopped briefly at The Junction just to look at the décor of this funky coffee shop/tavern.

Cole left the group at this point and went home a different way. The rest of us motored to the famous Bronco Billy's Pizza and had a quick snack to compare notes on the trip before we all headed home. We may have had the worst of the weather, but it was the best of tours!



MGs at the Junction Café

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# Inside the Octagon

By John Hunt

In 1995, documentary film maker Gary Watson released a special documentary called "Inside the Octagon". The focus of the film was the birth and development of the MG up to 1945. It contained interviews with John Thornley (Founder of the MG Car Club of England in 1930, later General Manager of the MG Car Company, who was instrumental in the development of the MGB), Jean Cook Kimber (daughter of Cecil Kimber, who was the driving force in developing MG into a world class sports car company) and former factory workers, among others. The film is highly engaging and well done, filled with rare MGs and vintage footage. I have seen it and it is outstanding. Here's what others have said:

"This is the best MG video I have ever seen." ---John Twist, University Motors

"I sat glued to my arm chair for 90 minutes." ---Thoroughbred & Classic Cars magazine

After completing that project, which met with much acclaim, he began work on "Inside the Octagon II", which covers MG history from 1946 to 1980. This is a work in progress; and it appears that he could be in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> inning, depending on funding. The board of the MG Owner's Club recently watched a ten minute clip promoting the second documentary, and voted to contribute to the project. So our club will be listed in the credits of the film.

If you would like to see some clips yourself, order Inside the Octagon, or donate to Inside the Octagon II, please go to: <http://www.insidetheoctagon.net>.

A little background on Gary Watson: his first new car, and daily driver for 23 years, was a 1977 MG Midget. In 1986 he joined the Houston MG Car Club, becoming the club's president in 1992. So, as you can see, this film is produced by a fellow enthusiast.

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# Minutes of the MGOC Business Meeting, September 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Stine at 8:04 pm. Also attending were Eric Baker, Nina Barton, John Hunt, Mike Jacobsen, Darrin Jewell, Joel & Betty Johnson, George Steneberg, and David Wright.

The August minutes were approved as printed in *The Octagon*.

Treasurer's Report: The Annual Picnic was under budget. We are nearly finished with the MG2007 bills – only the make-up regalia order and postage remain to be paid.

Registrar's Report: 43 renewals are still outstanding. The current membership status is: 222 Regular, 56 Auxiliary, 14 Corresponding, 1 Associate for 293 total members. A batch of name badges was mailed with last month's *Octagon*, and another batch is on order.

Secretary's Report: No report; the Secretary was absent.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Received some pre-approved credit cards for MGOC officers and shredded them.

Regalia Report: An updated regalia ad was sent to Bob Trencheny for the MGOC Web site and to Jeremy Palgon for *The Octagon*. We didn't set up the usual sales display at the Palo Alto show due to lack of a table and volunteers. Some items were sold upon request.

The Octagon: The consensus was that Jeremy's first issue was a success. We currently send 116 newsletters to the membership using the USPS, and 121 through email.

Web site: No report; the Webmaster was absent

## Past Events

Annual Picnic: Came in under budget – the total cost of meat and charcoal was only \$96.88.

MG2007: The final accounting is waiting on the final regalia follow-up items order.

Palo Alto All-British Field Meet: Good attendance, but still no idea of where next year's event will be held. Bob Stine's camera was stolen out of his car, and Mike Jacobsen held an impromptu fuel pump tech session after the pump in his car stopped working on the way to the show.

## Upcoming Club Events

Mt. Hamilton Tour: Saturday, September 22, with Jim Carlson leading.

Overseas Visitor Dinner: Friday, October 12, dinner with Lindsay Caffin, a friend of Kenji Matsuoka's, visiting from Japan & Australia. (Kenji is the Kobe, Japan MG club member that attended one of our wine country tours earlier this year). Meet for dinner that Friday night @ 7 at Liverpool Lil's in SF. RSVP to Nina Barton, 510-845-7212, ninaba@mindspring.com.

Kart Racing: Saturday, October 13, 2pm at Go Kart Racer, 1541 Adrian Rd. in Burlingame. Bob Stine is coordinating.

Annual Tea: Sunday, December 2, from 1 to 4, at 115 Pinehurst Way, SF. We will organize another toy drive and ask folks to bring a new, unwrapped toy.

Annual Dinner: Saturday, January 5, 2008 at Van's. No-host bar at 6, dinner at 7. Bob Stine arranging. Motion passed to have the dinner at Van's. Bob to check on alcohol costs, Club possibly to provide two bottles of wine per table, and it's open host bar beyond that. Dinner cost to members will be \$40 and the club will pay the tax and gratuity.

### **Old Business**

All-British plaques: There were no special dash plaques for the last All-British show in Palo Alto this September. Mike was unable to get them in time.

### **New Business**

Folding table: Motion made to purchase a folding table for use at car shows at a cost not to exceed \$60.00 As an example, Home Depot has a 6' unfolded, 3.5' folded table. Motion passed, Bob Stine to follow up.

Autumn Classic donation: We had a request from Bill Meade for sponsorship of the San Juan Bautista car show. We sponsored last year with a \$100 donation The item failed for lack of a motion.

Movie production donation: John Hunt presented a request to donate \$150 to help finance "Inside the Octagon II." John Hunt showed excerpts of the work in progress. Motion passed – John is to send Mike information for the check.

### **Discussion Items**

Storage: We are currently using Sam Gearhart's basement as the Club storage location, with no plans to change at this time.

Nominating committee: The nominating committee for the December elections was selected: David Wright, Nina Barton, and Mike Jacobsen. Contact a committee member if you are interested in running for office, or wish to nominate someone.

Veteran's Day car show: Sunday, November 11, at the Menlo Park VA hospital. This is a charity event – Bob Stine is the contact for the event. There is a car show, radio controlled cars, goodie bags for the Vets, and other activities.

**Next Meeting and Natter**: October 11<sup>th</sup> at The Englander.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Submitted by Mike Jacobsen.

# 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, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120. Members may also email ads to the Editor at [alistaircookie@gmail.com](mailto:alistaircookie@gmail.com).

## Cars:

**1972 MGB** – \$5950 – Mechanically sound 72 MGB with chrome bumpers, improved SU carbs, console, glove box, etc. Car runs great and is mechanically sound. It needs a little TLC. Minimal body work (garaged) and new paint will make it an outstanding classic! Most mechanical work done was by MG service of Kensington ... receipts available. Serious buyers only please as you will not be disappointed. Please contact Member Tom Branca at [tbranca@peralta.edu](mailto:tbranca@peralta.edu) for info and pictures.

**1953 MGTD** Stored 40 years \$2,500.00, very complete, matching numbers, factory original high luggage rack, original jack with handles, radiator grille shell good, fenders need body work. Estate Sale, Jim (510)656-5378.

**Two '59 MGA Racecars** and a big stack of parts. Contact: Member Tom Morgan. Phone: (650)588-4960.

## Parts:

**Aftermarket MGB hardtop:** Flashy. Keep warm & dry! Member Eric Baker, Oakland, (510)531-7032.

**Wanted: MG TD Seat Slider**, Member Walter Kilik (408)996-0385, [wallylk@juno.com](mailto:wallylk@juno.com).

**MGB/GT 5/8" Dia. Sway Bar:** For Sale. Member Ken (510)791-8445.

**For Sale:** Lots of parts for a '67 roadster: engine and non-OD transmission, windshield, exhaust, chrome, windows, electrical. Non-member Chantal (650)570-5350.

**For Sale:** Complete top bows for an MGB. Excellent tonneau cover for an MGB. Two good tires. All for \$350. Member Roger (415)927-4209.

**For Sale:** Rubber bumpers from 1976 MGB roadster, very good condition, must pick up in San Francisco, both front and rear for \$20 OBO. Five steel wheels from 1976 MGB Roadster, 4 with trim rings, \$50 OBO for all five, pick up in San Francisco. SU carbs and manifold for MGB, \$60 OBO, pick up in San Francisco, or will ship for actual postage cost. Contact Member Tom at [thomasknapp@att.net](mailto:thomasknapp@att.net).

**Free: Four Rostyle Wheels**, good condition, must pick up in the East Bay. Member Ken (510)791-8445.

# Club Meeting

## Natter & Noggin

### October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs.), 8 pm

The Englander Sports Pub & Restaurant

101 Parrot Street, San Leandro

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

(510) 357-3571

For the October Natter we will meet at 8 pm at The Englander. The Englander is an enjoyable place where we have our own cozy room. The food is good so bring your appetites.

#### Directions to The Englander:

From Northbound I-880, take the Washington Ave. exit within San Leandro and turn right on Washington St. Travel 2.2 miles until you see Parrott St. Turn right on Parrott Street. You will see The Englander on your right.

From Southbound I-880, take Davis St. exit and turn left on Davis. Travel 1.3 miles, then turn right on E. 14<sup>th</sup> St. Travel 0.3 miles, and then right on Parrott Street.

J.R. Boye works on Mike Jacobsen's faulty fuel pump at the Palo Alto British Meet.



Photo by Jeremy Palgon



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