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# **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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## 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 each month, after a Saturday Tour or 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.

#### MGOC OFFICERS FOR 2015

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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.

MGB 1962-1974 Marty Ray, 831-475-6204, martyray@cruzio.com

MGB 1974-1980: Ed Adams, 510-483-6821

MGB V8 Conversion: Tony Bates, 408-666-6174, Tony@BatesFamily.net

MGC: Kent Leech, 925-253-9757, kent@kentleech.com

MG Midget: Craig Kuenzinger, 925-234-3313, mrcraigk@aol.com MGA/Coupe/Twin Cam 1955-62: George Steneberg, 510-525-9125 **Z-Magnette Saloon:** Eric Baker, 510-531-7032, mgpb36@yahoo.com **T-types:** George Steneberg, 510-525-9125, *j2george@pacbell.net* 

Pre-war Midgets-Magnas-Magnettes: GeorgeSteneberg, 510-525-9125, j2george@pacbell.net

**PA/PB Midget 1934–36:** Eric Baker, 510-531-7032, mgpb36@yahoo.com S.U. Carburetors: Marty Ray, 831-475-6204, martyray@cruzio.com

## **COVER PHOTO:**

Near MG'nifico METS, 4th Annual British Fall Classic in Morgan Hill, Samantha Lee

## **Club Meeting**

November 14, 2015

## Continental Natter and Noggin' San Francisco Fall Tech Session

Time: 9:30 a.m.: Continental Breakfast 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.: Meeting 11:00 a.m.: Tech Session Installing Windows in the MGB/GT

doors

**Location: Mikes Museum** 

320 Monterey Blvd, San Francisco (cross street is Congo)

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg by October 1st at or "enroll" for the event online at www/mgocsf.org





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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]

**Chrome Wheels:** Five chrome, spline-type 15x4.5 wheels with Dunlop tires. Wheels have 48 spokes. 14,000 actual miles. Two wheels need a couple of spokes each. They were on a TF with MGA front and rear axles. Asking \$950. Contact member Elliott Sopkin: *elliottsopkin@gmail.com*. Posted 05/15]

## **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



## COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING IN THE OCTAGON

Direct all questions about advertising to Mike Jacobsen at 415-333-9699 or *MikesMuseum@yahoo.com*. 2015 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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? The Club roster is available to members from Steve Kellogg upon request.

## MGOCSF.ORG

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

## **Forthcoming Events**

MGOC Events in bold

November 1 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk

November 7 – Veteran's Day Tour, Judy Guidry

November 14 – **Fall Tech Session** in San Francisco, Mike Jacobsen

November 20 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland

December 6 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk

December 11 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland

December 12 – MGOC Holiday Tea and Election, Los Gatos, Steve and Vicky Kellogg

December 13 – MG EX 127 achieves 120.6 mph (12/13/32)

December 22 – MG EX 127 Magic Midget achieves 114.77 mph at Montlhery (12/22/31)

December 26 – NAC (MG Rover) merges with SAIC (12/26/07)

December 31 – MG EX 120 achieves 87.3 mph at Montlhery (12/31/30)

## From the Editor...

2015 Mets were nearly MG'nifico

As a native Queens, New York resident and avid New York Mets fan, going back as far as I can remember, tonight's game 5 Mets' loss, despite a 2-0 lead going into the 9th inning with our ace Matt Harvey on the mound, is going to sting for a long, long time. Was Mets' manager, Terry Collins, wrong for leaving Mets' ace Matt Harvey in the 9th, when he had already decided to go with our closer, Jeurys Familia, whose 43 saves during the season tied a Mets record? But then got talked out of it by a 2nd year, emotional pitcher, coming back from 1.5 years of rehabbing from Tommy John surgery, who is already way beyond any reasonable medical expert's opinion regarding an "innings limit" following surgery? Are professional \$million closers supposed to be able to deal with being called in to take over with inherited runners, as opposed to always starting a "clean" inning with no runners on? Could our first baseman, Lucas Duda have made a better throw home where Kansas City's Hosmer would have been dead to rights, forcing a game 6 return to Kansas City? Could the Mets have managed more than 4 hits, the majority of which occurred in the first third of the game, against Kansas City's no-name pitchers when they already beat 4 National League Cy Young contenders in succession two weeks prior? Could the Mets have played better fundamental infield defense, without the serial errors by Captain David Wright at third and Post-Season MVP, recently anointed the new "Mr. October," Daniel Murphy, at second, that cost the Mets game 1 in extra innings, game 4 late in the game, and once again, tonight's game 5, late in the game? Because without these "freakish" errors, the Mets would be celebrating a 4 games to 1 game World Series win over the Kansas City Royals. And to top it off, I'll give you one guess regarding what city the Mets will be playing their first game in next year's 2016 season? (Ahem, Kansas City ...) These and many other second guessing questions will be preoccupying my thoughts for, as mentioned, a long, long time.

## MG

TC-TD-TF-MGA-MGB-C-Midget

SHOCK ABSORBERS:	Front	Rear
MGTC	185.00	185.00
MGTD & TF	.185.00	85.00
MGA, MGB, MGC, Midget	108-125	75.00
HEAVY DUTY UPGRADE	10.00	10.00
SHOCK LINK (New or Rebuilt)	\$0	all

#### BRAKES: sleeved and rebuilt

MGB, Midget caliper	\$85.00
MGA, MGC caliper	.\$115-155.00
MGA, Midget twin master 1956-67.	\$195.00
MGB, Midget master 1968-80	\$95-145.00
MGB brake booster servo	\$175.00
MGC booster servo	\$445.00
Cylinder sleeved only, brass or SS	\$50-\$95
Kingpin swivel axle rebushed	\$60-\$108
Front end A-arm (Midget)	\$95.00

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season.

But, if you asked me earlier in March, during Spring

Training, if I would be happy with a Wild Card finish? I

most definitely would have answered "heck yeah!" The

Mets went as far as they could, without winning it all, and

for that, I am beyond ecstatic. These 2015 Mets were nearly

MG'nifico. In fact, during the months of August and

September, when the Mets were playing .720 baseball, I took

great pride in driving all around town in my MG TF1500,

proudly displaying two large Mets logo magnets on the

doors, all summer long. And for a magical 5 months, from

June through October, instead of the usual compliments

about my MG, during drives, the majority of complements

regarded how well the Mets were doing this season. And so,

on many levels, this was a fantastic 2015 season which

displayed a world-class young core of 5 pitchers (one returning from Tommy John surgery for next year) and a number of young position players that are under contract for

years to come, making me even more eager for the

upcoming 2016 Miraculous Magical MG'nifico METS

Safety Fast! Felix Lee - looking forward to Spring Training 2016 in 107 days



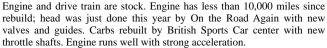
1967 MGB GT. This is pretty much an all original, (except for the first two years) a one owner car. Purchased new in San Rafael, CA, from the local British Car Dealer. I purchased this car about a year ago, and have receipts for about \$6,500 of various items repaired by my mechanic, including a rebuilt transmission. The car had not been driven much for the past several years. I bought the car as a gift for my Brother, but, due to his extremely bad tennis hips, he has extreme difficulty getting in and out. Price \$8,375.00\* Contact Robert chevaili@gmail.com (415) 441-7699 [Posted 09/14]



1970 MGB GT for restoration or parts. Overdrive transmission, 5 powder -coated wire wheels, new rear leaf springs, approximately 50K miles on complete engine rebuild (block rebored only onc). Car was driven regularly through 2006, maintained by R. H. Reddy at MG Service in Kensington. Needs body work. \$3K or best offer. Contact Glenn Fieldman at glenn@sfsu.edu 415-570-1738 [Posted 06/15]

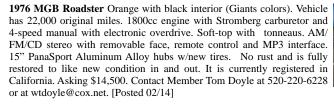


1974 MGB GT Chrome Bumper California car restored 10 years ago and always garaged since. Body is a modified Black Tulip (very deep purple) color with navy blue interior. It has been customized to create a "late model" car look with chrome pieces powder-coated black except for the bumpers. Car features custom wheels with low profile oversized tires. (205/45V16).



Restoration included many new parts and pieces. All quarter panels were replaced and rust removed from internal structural panels. new bumpers front and rear; door and window seals replaced; Brakes rebuilt with new master cylinder, wheel cylinders and calipers; new navy blue interior panels, headliner, carpets, dashboard, wood steering wheel, windshield, and seatbelts. Hatchback and Hood lifters replaced with gas strut versions. Seats are deep blue from a 1990 Honda Prelude.

Asking \$10.000. Contact member Jim Carlson carlsonconsulting@comcast.net 408 802 0599 [Posted 09/14]





#### Wanted:

MGA Mk II and MGB Mk I, also interested in purchasing parts for MGA and early metal-sash MGB. Don Scott; 707 942 0546; don@napanet.net. [Posted 05/15]

## **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]





## **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. For sale at \$26,500. Contact Member Larry Matthews at 415-999-2362 [Posted 03/15]







1953 MG TD, Collector owned for 30+ years, original 1250 cc rebuilt motor with 57 hp and a top speed of 80 mph. New MG 5 speed transmission, new front disc brakes, 4.1 rear end, original MG wire wheels, early MGB suspension, side windows, original gauges, refinished dash, new paint and interior finished in the original color Kaki with Agate Brown fenders, almost new Tan top. There are a ton of extra parts that go with the car. This car runs great, no rattles, dependable and a great investment. Zero rust and rust repair. #228019. Asking \$24,900. Contact Myles Taketa at *m\_taketa@yahoo.com* or 408-221-1702.



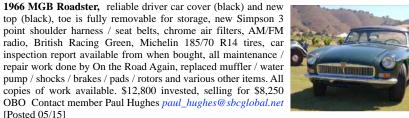
1953 MG TD, Matching numbers. Red with red interior. Older body-off restoration, still in excellent condition. Runs and drives great. Soft top with side curtains, tonneau cover, luggage rack. fog light, \$19,250. Contact member Philip Steward philip9235@gmail.com or 408-741-5956 [Posted 08/15]



**1961 MGA1600.** runs great and has new paint and interior. Black exterior and tan interior. I have the hardtop repainted also, but the soft top is not restored. I have records of all improvements over the lat 10 years. Stored in Berkeley, Price \$14.500.



Contact member Josh Oliver joshholiver@gmail.com or 510-710-7883 [Posted 04/15]





## President's Ponderings ...

Hello Fellow Little British Car Lovers,

It's that time of year where we regretfully get away from our little British cars because of all the other seasonal activities going on. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Christmas Parades, Christmas, and of course, the annual MGOC Holiday Tea, which will be held on Saturday, December 12, at noon, at our home in Los Gatos.

At that time, we will also have our elections. So if you aspire to holding any of the board positions in the Club, let us me know and we'll put your name on the ballot.

On another topic, is your car ready for the winter. I'm making sure our MG TF1500 is going to be nice and dry this winter as I have rented a space dedicated to vehicle storage for about 6 months for

I'll visit her every couple of weeks to fire her up and take a little cruise just to stay in practice. Here's a question – When parking a classic car for awhile, what is the best way to do so?

- Hand Brake on and left in gear? Hand Brake off and left in gear?
- 3 Hand Brake on and left in Neutral?
  - Hand Brake off and left in Neutral?
  - With or without wheel chocks?

(Assuming you are on flat ground)





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## **British Car Repair**

Brunch and Tech

## **By Bud Alderson**

Pier-15, on Harbor Street, along San Rafael's grand canal harbor, was our breakfast location for the Natter & Noggin meeting in October, followed by a tech session at nearby British Car Repair.

Attending were: Steve Kellogg, Andy Preston, Mike Jacobsen, George Steneberg, Marcia Crawford, Jennifer Orum, Michael Linbeck, Jim Stone, Bud Alderson, Marty Rayman and our tech guest, Clint Wright.

Weighty matters were discussed after breakfast, going through the business agenda, and then the short walk over the Clint Wright's shop, British Car Repair, served to relax us and restore mental vigor.

Clint's father, Ed, founded the shop in the late 1960s and ultimately Clint took over the business, and now assisting Clint are two other specialists in British car repair. Many MG owners in the North Bay have learned over the years that Clint's shop is a great "go to" place whenever the little car needs help or the do-it-your-self owner is sinking over his head.

Always a delight to explore, this quiet Saturday the shop had some resting Morgans, a TR-6, a bright orange MGB and a nondescript Range Rover. The basics about

the MG engine's cylinder head was the subject of Clint's demonstration, which was highly informative, and entailed his removal of a valve assembly as the talked through engine head design basics.

Showing how a head is rebuilt, the valve that Clint removed from the head was set into a valve grinding machine and the steps to resurfacing a valve and the seating area were shown.

Many owners send all this out to good automotive machine shops when they drop off a head to be rebuilt, and never get to see the steps that are followed to rebuild each valve and get it right.

Along the way in his talk, Clint touched on interesting history in British car development, and we learned, for example, that British engines are typically "over-square," or have a piston stroke that is longer that the piston's width, as a way of gaining power while minimizing auto tax fees (based on cylinder width) — fun to learn about and great training for the coming British car edition of Trivial Pursuit.

This was a nice way to spend a Saturday morning and waiting for the Cubs vs. Mets NLCS game to start later.





Photo by Marty Rayman

#### OLD BUSINESS

MGs by the Bay: Committee members for MGsBTBay 2016 to be set up by November 2015.

NAMGAR GT-42: Mike Jacobsen – Working on developing an event logo and securing the local mission as the show site.

NEW BUSINESS – Mike has some MGA books that were donated to the club by Bill Weissberg – Would be good to have at Annual Brunch for raffle items.

#### BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

Proposal to donate \$200 to the Red Cross for fire relief – Failed with 2 Yes votes, 2 No votes, and 2
 Abstentions

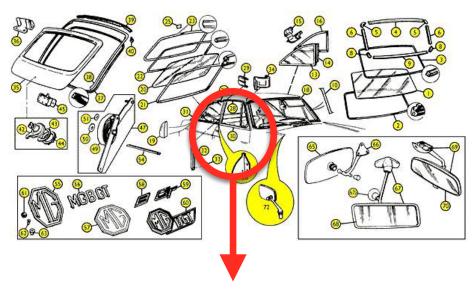
#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

NEXT MEETING - Saturday, November 14, Mike's Museum - 320 B Monterey Blvd. San Francisco

- 9:30 Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 Meeting
- 11:00 pm Tech Session to put windows in the MGB/GT doors

Meeting adjourned at: 11:15 am

Submitted by: Steve Kellogg



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# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

## Pier 15 Restaurant October 17, 2015

Call to Order: 10:56 am by President Steve Kellogg

Attending: Bud Alderson, Marcia Crawford, Mike Jacobsen, Steven Kellogg, Michael Lindbeck, Jennifer Orum, Andy Preston, Marty Rayman, Don Scott, George Steneberg, Jim Stone, and Clint Wright.

October Mileage Winner: Steve Kellogg – Drove 70 miles in an MGB from Los Gatos.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting, September 26: Approved

REPORTS

President's Report: Steve Kellogg - Has been a good summer.

<u>Vice President's Report:</u> Andy Preston – MGOC and SSTS went to Pacific Grove, and he encourages the two clubs to do more overnight trips.

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston

Account	October 2015	September 2015
Checking	10,069.77	9,851.47
Savings	3,463.12	3,463.03
GT-42 2017	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	14,532.89	14,314.50

We had six more renewals and some Octagon mailing charges since the last Treasurer's Report.

**Registrar's Report:** Steve Kellogg

	October 2015	September 2015
Regular Members	165	164
Regular Family Members	56	56
Total Regular Members	221	220
Corresponding Members	13	13
Corresponding Family Members	5	5
Total Corresponding Members	18	18
Total Members	239	238

We've had one new member join since 9/26.

Secretary's Report: Jing Chai - None.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George Steneberg - Nothing to report.

Regalia: Andy Preston – Took over from David Wright at the last meeting and has since taken an inventory of items. Will get together with Felix to place an ad in the *Octagon*. Suggests giving some items away at the Annual Brunch.

The Octagon: Felix Lee - On call and absent, but sure he would say "Go Mets!"

Website: Steve Kellogg - Nothing to report.

#### PAST EVENTS

Sure Fit, NIMBY, and San Leandro Meeting went well – Thanks to Mark McGothigan and Jim Silva with Sure Fit.

The Levi's Stadium event had eight in attendance. Spent six hours there and had a good time.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

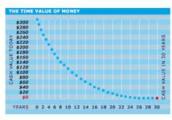
- Saturday October 17 Jimmy's Old Time Car show in Golden Gate Park contact Wayne Veatch if you'd like to attend
- Saturday November 14 Natter n Noggin meeting for November at Mike's home in SF
- Saturday, December 12 Holiday Tea –Natter n Noggin Meeting and 2016 Board Position Elections -Kellogg house
- Saturday, January 9, 2016 Planning Meeting Marcia Crawford's house in Kensington for its



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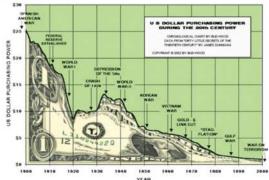
## WHAT CAN YOU POSSIBLY DO WITH \$20 IN THE BAY AREA?



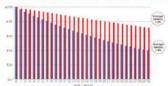




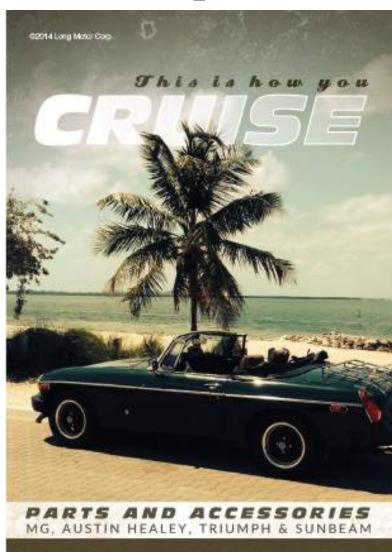




Effect of Inflation on Time Value of Money



Recall that  $FV_n = PV (1+k)^n$  $\therefore PV = \frac{FV_n}{(1+k)^n}$ or  $PV = FV_n \times \frac{1}{(1+k)^n}$ However,  $\frac{1}{(1+k)^n} = PVIF_{k^n,n}$   $\therefore PV = FV_n(PVIF_{k^n,n})$ 





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## WHAT IF THIS IS WHAT YOU COULD DO WITH \$20?



## MGOC Annual Awards Banquet

January 23, 2016 Saturday 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Hs Lordships Restaurant 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710

**\$ 20 / person** 

RSVP by January 15th 2016: Marcia at 510-526-8951 or George at j2george@pacbell.net





## **MGOC** Fashionista



Kim Kuenzinger displaying an MG shirt of her own design and fabrication

She'll be happy to take orders!









## **MG Love**



Start collecting your photos and writing your 2 paragraph blurb for the official MGOC **MG** Love glossy coffee table book

## We will need your: year of manufacture engine number

engine number chassis number color interior color any modifications

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## Start Planning for the rest of 2015 ...





Date: Saturday, December 12, 2015

Time:

12-1 p.m.: MGOC Meeting 1-4 p.m.: Holiday Tea

## **Location:**

Casa de Kellogg

107 Wilder Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95030

**Event:** This year"s holiday party is in Los Gatos. Come on over for some holiday cheer, join us in telling MG stories, and celebrate the season with Club friends.

The Club is again sponsoring a toy drive. Please bring a new unwrapped toy, which we will deliver to a local firehouse.

Please also bring a dessert or hors d"oeuvres to share. If you have a favorite tea, please bring that too. The Club will provide other beverages

**Please RSVP:** to Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 / *president@mgocsf.org* or "enroll" for the event online at www.mgocsf.org by October 14th

We look forward to seeing you.

## **MGOC Fill in the Caption**

Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon



Photo by Samantha Lee

- "This would make a nice backyard planter box"
- Steve Kellogg
- "Comes with a rare zip-out windshield"
- "I can't begin restoring it until the caterpillars on the plant growing through the bumper have spun their cocoons, emerged as butterflies, and flown away"
- Mike Jacobsen
- "Just ignore the "Parts Car" painted on the side"
- Felix Lee

- "One Owner, ran when parked"
  "Well, I have one in your price range out
- back!"
- "The Parade Car from the last time the Mets won the World Series"
- Jim Lucas
- "Isn't it a pretty red?"
- Samantha Lee
- "Its environmentally native!"
- Clueless Californian

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Photo by Kirk Prentiss

## MG LOVE

SAMPLE TWO PAGE SPREAD WE ARE PLANNING TO PUT TOGETHER A COFFEE TABLE SIZED GLOSSY MGOC COLLECTION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR MGS

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## JIM STONE AND LINDA JACKSON

As a teenager, I fell in love with British Sports Cars, when the Quarterback to my High School Football Team

drove up to practice in an "Iris Blue" 1968 MGB Roadster. I had never seen anything like that before. The closest town of any size was Shreveport, Louisiana, and after saving-up my money, I went across the State Line, where they had a British sports car dealership. I couldn't afford an MGB, so I put \$200 dollars down on an "Inca Yellow" Triumph Spitfire. I handed all my money over to a tall, slim, slick dealer, dressed in herringbone slacks, white patent leather shoes and belt, tan sports coat, and a coffee colored fedora complete with green and red feather stuffed in the brim band. I proudly returned home and announced my purchase to my Father (a MOPAR Man), who promptly erupted, "Like Hell you did. You go right back there and get that money back"! The car shark kept my \$200 dollars, but I was hooked on British cars.

Over the years I have owned various British cars, including MGB, MGA, Jaguar XK and currently, our "red on red" 1959 MGA Twin Cam Roadster. My wife Linda and I love this meticulous frame-off restoration MGA for its comfortable driving posture, expansive windscreen view, free and open cockpit with close proximity to the road, responsive rack and pinion steering, not to mention its beautiful flowing lines. After searching through many cars, this energetic Twin Cam provides the power, torque and comfort that we were looking for all those years. We love this car, especially Sunday mornings on the backroads of the North Bay!









Photos by Jim Stone



MGA Twin Cam Roadster

- year of manufacture: 1959

16GB/U1964 - engine number: YD3/1973 - chassis number: - color: Red

- interior color: Red - modifications: None

- British Motor Industry Heritage Trust Certificate

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