

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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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.

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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:

The T's, GOF West 2016, Eagle Crest, Central Oregon, Andy Preston

Club Meeting

Natter & Noggin' at the 2016 Annual MGOC Picnic

Date: Saturday, August 6, 2016

Time:

11 a.m.: Meeting
12 p.m.: Picnic

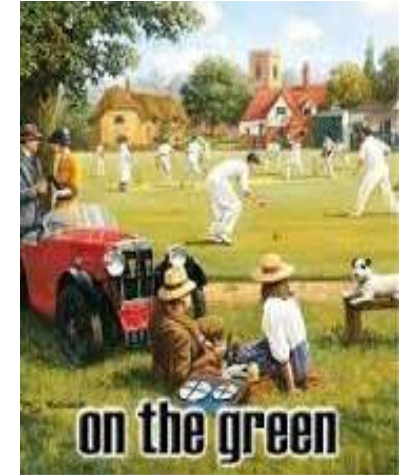
Location:

Kennedy Grove Regional Park
Hitching Post Picnic Site

Event: Club Meeting / Annual Picnic

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 /
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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? The Club roster is available to members from Steve Kellogg upon request.

MGOC.SF.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

- August 6 – **MGOC Annual Picnic**, [Kennedy Grove Regional Park](#), Hitching Post Site, El Sobrante, Kellogg
- August 7 – Blackhawk, Cars and Coffee
- August 15-21 – Monterey Motoring Classic Car Week
- August 19-21 – 47th Annual Heritage Classic Weekend, Vancouver, BC
- August 21 – Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance, Monterey
- August 22 – William Morris' Death (08/22/63)
- September 1 – MG Car Company transfers to Abingdon-on-Thames (09/29)
MG TB introduced (09/39)
- September 3-4 – Scottish Games, Pleasanton
- September 4 – Cecil Kimber marries Irene "Rene" Hunt (09/04/15)
Blackhawk, Cars and Coffee
- September 10 – **Natter & Noggin'**, Club Meeting, Nations's Giant Hamburgers, El Cerrito, Kellogg
- September 17-18 – **5th Annual British Fall Classic**, Morgan Hill, Hiland
Danville d' Elegance, Danville, MG Marque
- September 25 – MG EX 127 Magic Midget achieves 101.1 mph at Montlher (09/25/31)

From the Editor...

the evolution of the MGOC Pique Nique

Picnics are as traditional as traditions come. The idea of a meal eaten outdoors, in the open air (al fresco), in a scenic landscape, such as a park or beside the road (see page 14), with an interesting view, with either family members, that special "someone", or friends, and typically, in the summer, probably dates as far back to our need to eat. In fact, romanticized notions of middle age picnics, typically invoked a meal during a "hunt" or a sporting event. (see page 23)

The first usage in print of the word "pique-nique" traces back to a 1692 edition of Tony Willis' French work, *Origins de la Langue Francaise*, when it was used to describe a group, dining in a restaurant, but having brought their own wine. The word "picnic" first appeared in the English literature in a letter from Lord Chesterfield in 1748, who described a meal with associated card-playing, drinking, and conversation. Clearly, the precursor to our "Natter & Noggin", but outdoors, as opposed to Nation's Giant Hamburgers (see page 23).

But the English did not stop there. The seemingly evolution of "picnic," has come to connote a shared meal to which everyone contributes something. A sort of modern day "pot luck," but outdoors, and a thin piece of linen, representing your table / chair / side table combination. (see page 14) In time, the English introduced wicker baskets, as the "carry-all," for all things related to this outdoor dining experience. And when horses became passe', MG of Abingdon, added the option of a "picnic / luggage rack," to their ever popular classic T-series. (see page 10) In time, fine china, polished silverware utensils, crystal wine

glasses, and folded cloth napkins, came to be common place, as well. (see page 19) Before long, even sitting on the ground in the sweltering sun also became too common and lowly, prompting the introduction of the folding chair and "sunbrella." (see page 5)

Although the MGOC began in 1957, the ultimate marriage of the club and an annual picnic did not begin until the '70s. But things didn't really rock, until the introduction of "door prizes" in the '90s.

Fast-forward to August 6, 2016's version of the most up-to-date culmination of the evolution of the MGOC Pique Nique, featuring all of your all-time favorites: wicker baskets > modern day Igloo ice chests, blankets > hardwood picnic tables and benches, fire pits > raised BBQ grills, meat from "the hunt" > meat from the Safeway, traditional hand squeezed lemonade > whatever is on sale at BevMo, old classic MGs that leak oil > well ... old classic MGs that leak oil ...



Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- See you at **Kennedy Grove Regional Park!** where we will be unveiling the latest MGOC Picnic Tradition with MGOC Pokemon Go!!



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 one). 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]



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:

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]

MGA MKII Gearbox, this is the late model MGA gearbox with the ribbed housing (not to be confused with the, almost identical, early model MGB housing). Needed for my MGA MKII restoration project where I am trying to keep things as original as possible. Please contact member Mark Cox at 415-341-4169 or at mark_cox@sbcglobal.net [Posted 02/16]

Parts for Sale:

MGA Parts: Pair of SUH4 carburetors with linkage, need to be rebuilt. \$50

MGA Parts: Four 15"x48" spoke wire wheels with tires, \$200 for all four

Contact member Dave Loader at 408-910-4022. [Posted 12/15]

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]

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]

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MGA, MGB, MGC, Midget.....	108-125	75.00
HEAVY DUTY UPGRADE.....	10.00	10.00
SHOCK LINK (New or Rebuilt)	\$call	

BRAKES: sleeved and rebuilt

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MGA, MGC caliper.....	\$115-155.00
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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]



1954 TF 1250, British Racing Green with Tan Upholstery, Mileage 28,600, Fully rebuilt from frame up. Excellent condition inside and out. 5 speed transmission. New tires and spare. Original service manual. Call (714) 469-7077 stewharvey@cox.net [Posted 07/16]



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 last 10 years. Stored in Berkeley. Price \$12,500.

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



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]



President's Ponderings ...

Hello, Fellow MG'ers,

Well, Vicky and I have made the big decision to move from Los Gatos to Pebble Beach. We'll be located in the Northern part in the Del Monte Forest about 1 mile from the Highway 1 Gate.

I will finally be getting a 2 car garage to put our MGs into and I can't tell you how excited I am about that! Back in the '50s, MGs used to race along the forest roads, not far from our new home, and I intend to drive them too, just not as fast.

The weather will be cooler and we'll also be closer to the ocean. I will still be a part of the MGOC through as with today's technology, I can be in places and complete items on line quite easily. I had a great time at the GoF this year and look forward to the one next year along with the MGOC co-sponsored NAMGAR GT-42.

The MGOC Picnic is an event not to be missed! Saturday – August 6 at Kennedy Park just north of Richmond!

Drive your cars and Safety Fast!

Steve Kellogg



MG with a Picnic

Oil Painting by Mark Cox

<http://carmarthenartist.blogspot.com/2011/06/mg-with-picnic.html>

GOF West 2016

... the same age as themselves ..

By Andy Preston



George Steneberg wins first place in the Pre-War class at this year's GOF West in a very competitive class with his 1932 J2 MG. When they announced the awards George was more surprised than anyone and smiling from ear to ear. George bought the car in England over 50 years ago and restored it to stock original condition in the factory racing colors of Cream and Crackers. It deserved to win and, BTW, how many people do you know, own a car, the same age, as themselves?

This year's GOF (Gathering Of the Faithful) was held at the Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, which is located in Central Oregon, in high desert country. MGOC was well represented by Marcia Crawford and George Steneberg (1932 J2), Randy Grossman and Eric Baker (1962 MGA), Marla and myself (1974 MGB GT), Ken Gittings (1967 MGB GT), Tom Doyle (1976 MGB), and our President, Steve Kellogg (1973 MGB). We were joined by several members from our sister club SSTS. Don and Maris Cowgill (52 MG TD), Bob and Sue Engelhart (52 TD), and Bobbie Taforo (76 MGB).

This was a fun packed 4 days which included the car show, funkhana, car less funkhana, tech sessions, a creative car rally and 2 fabulous banquets.

The funkhana, as the name suggests, was a test of your slow speed driving skills, and singing abilities. (I don't ever want to hear Randy and Eric sing again!) The carless funkhana was a test of your MG and general auto knowledge, and congratulations to Marcia, who won first place in the Ladies division.

The car rally was a gimmick type rally where you had to answer questions along the way and also included a scavenger hunt and poker run. The scavenger hunt was interesting and required you to find the following items: a pine cone, a yellow flower, an item made from Alpaca wool, a toothpick, a silver dollar, an Oregon quarter, and a Titleist golf ball. Believe it, not many people found all the items. We sure didn't!

The highlight of the rally was a visit to an Alpaca ranch. WOW, are these animals cute or what? Everyone loved them, especially Marcia, who was trying to feed one. Alpacas are native to Peru and live in the high mountain regions but have adapted well to the high desert and hot summers in this area. They are similar to Llamas, but very friendly and have soft coats, similar to wool. If I remember correctly I think there were 700 Alpacas at this ranch. It was a great visit.

Overall MGOC faired well in the event picking the following awards:

Pre-war MG	1st Place George Steneberg 1932 J2
Post 55 MG	1st Place Randy Grossman 1962 MGA
Post 55 MG	2nd Place Marla and Andy Preston 1974 MGB GT
Carless Funkhana	1st Place Marcia Crawford (Ladies Division)
Rally	1st Place Tom Doyle

Most of us drove our cars there and part of the fun is getting there and back especially in 90°F temperatures. These cars never cease to surprise me and I'd encourage anyone to participate, as much as you can, in these type of events.

Next year we have 3 events in our own backyard so you should try and make at least one of them. You won't regret it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/6 – Annual picnic at Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area, Hitching Post picnic area, off of San Pablo Dam Rd., starting at 11AM. MGOC will pay the \$5/car fee and provide hot coals in the BBQ along with water & soda. Bring a dish for a potluck.

Dave Marsh plans to organize a Corralitos Run later this year, including a stop at the famous Corralitos Market.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Linke said that Jack London Square is under new management now, and he volunteered to check if they'd be willing to host MGs by the Bay next year.

BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

Online vote to approve \$200 to be spent on door prizes for the Picnic in August. Passed with five Yes votes and two abstentions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, August 6, at 11am in [Kennedy Grove's Hitching Post](#) picnic area.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.



BTW, Did I Mention there was going to be an MGOC 2016 Annual Picnic ?

Saturday, August 6, 2016

11am-12pm: Meeting

12-4pm: Picnic

[Kennedy Grove Regional Park](#)

Hitching Post Picnic Site

Come enjoy a day in a lovely park with old and new friends who share a love of MGs. Bring your favorite meats for grilling or sharing. MGOC will supply ice, drinks and cups

RSVP: to Marcia Crawford at
marciacrawford7@gmail.com

MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Nation's Burgers – El Cerrito
July 9, 2016

Call to Order: By Steve Kellogg at 9:58am.

Attending: Stephen Born, Bill Brooke, Marcia Crawford, Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen, Brian Linke, Andy & Marla Preston, Suzy Savage, and George Steneberg.

Mileage Winner (and recipient of a free breakfast): Andy & Marla. They declined the award.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: June 4, 2016: Approved

REPORTS

President's Report: Steve Kellogg: Great GoF in Redmond, OR. Next year's west coast GoF will be in Santa Maria, CA July 10-14. Steve & Vicky are moving to Pebble Beach but will stay active in the Club.

Vice President's Report: Andy Preston: Also attended the GoF plus the Alameda Concours, and going to the Hillsborough Concours.

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston:

Account	July 2016	June 2016
Checking	9,469.29	8,772.67
Savings	3,463.92	3,463.81
Total	12,933.21	12,236.48

Since the last Treasurer's Report we have had *Octagon* mailing and printing charges. MGs by the Bay was a huge success and we only lost \$127.43!

Secretary's Report: Wayne Veatch: Submitted his resignation due to health issues. Mike Jacobsen will cover the Secretary's role for the remainder of the year.

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg:

Number of Regular members	185
Number of Regular Family members	58
Total Regular and Family members	243
Number of Corresponding members	13
Number of Corresponding Family members	5
Total Corresponding and Family members	18
Total	261

PayPal Membership renewal going well. 26 members have paid via PayPal. Will send out renewal letters week of 7/18. Self addressed return envelopes will be posted with Marla's Rohnert Park address.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George Steneberg: Received some event flyers and one MGOC renewal.

Regalia Report: Andy Preston: No changes.

The Octagon Report: Felix Lee: Absent, but the July *Octagon* went out on time. Felix still needs articles for the newsletter.

Website Report: Steve Kellogg: The site was down for a few days. Steve will check with our vendor to learn why.

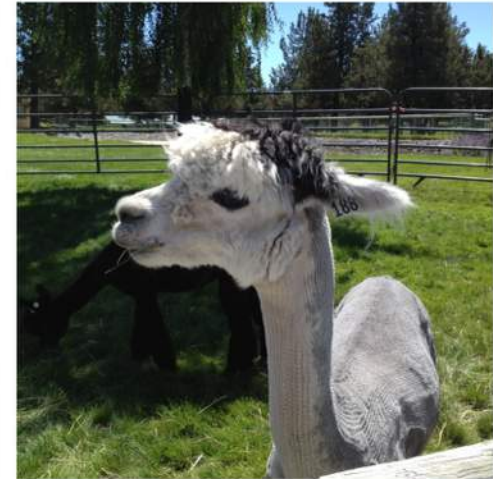
PAST EVENTS

GoF – Well-attended by Bay Area folks with seven from the MGOC and five from the SSTs. The activities were good and several members won awards in the car show. Also see earlier comments by Steve & Andy. And Marla wants an alpaca.

GT-41/MG2016 Report: Mike Jacobsen: Since it was the every-five-years All-Register event, there were about 800 cars and a couple thousand people attending. Three cars drove out from the West Coast: my MGA and the MGBs of Jennifer Orum and Carl & Dian Brown.



George Steneberg
Pre-War 1932 J2



Photos by Andy Preston

Taking the Backroads to GOF West 2016

traversing the beautiful highways and byways of the Northwest

By Tom Doyle

I got up early, on the 25th of June, in anticipation of a long drive to Redmond, Oregon, to attend GOF West 2016. My 1976 MGB was packed the night prior, so I loaded up on some coffee, fired up the MG, and headed north from Lake Tahoe. I got on CA-89 going north to explore the back roads of Northern California. My goal that day was to transit through Lassen National Park, which is about 190 miles from Tahoe. That mission was accomplished by lunchtime where I stopped at the south Visitor's Center for some useful information and a bite to eat.

Continuing on CA-89 which winds through the park I was amazed at the amount of snow still on the ground. Visitors were riding down the hills on anything they could find and could care less that it was the last weekend in June.

After transiting the Park, I headed northeast on CA-299, then on to CA-136 to Klamath Fall, where I had planned to spend the night. After a good night's rest I continued north on OR-97, and in about 30 miles, I veered off to the west to enter Crater Lake National Park from the southern entrance. After transiting the southern entrance, I continued up the lodge which sits adjacent to the rim of the lake (or crater). I parked the MG right out front and went into the lodge to a cup of coffee with my Nikon strung on my shoulder. I enjoyed the coffee and took a number of photographs of the lake and with the Cascades reflecting in the distance.

I fired up the MG and head north to exit the park with a short stop for some final photographs looking south with my MG in the foreground and Crater Lake in the background. After about an hour, I reconnected with OR-97 and again headed north. It was about 130 miles from the cut off from Crater Lake to Bend, OR and then another 20 miles, or so, to the Eagle Crest Resort, where GOF West 2016 would be held.

In the early afternoon, I checked in to the resort and unpacked my MG. The folks planning this event have to be given credit for picking a perfect venue. The resort had ample parking space for all of our MGs; a nice convention center for meeting and dinner meals; ample space for trailers and RV parking; a nice swimming pool; and championship golf course. The staff at the resort were most friendly and helpful with all our needs. There were some nice eateries within walking distance so there was no need to fire up the MG to head to Redmond or Bend for a meal.



On Monday I got up and headed to Redmond to wash the bugs and dirt off my MG from the +500 mile trip. I found a coin operated car wash and took my time cleaning the MG inside and out to get ready for the car show.

On Tuesday I moved the MG to the main parking area for the static car show and found a nice spot, under some pine trees, that were casting shadows onto the parking lot, which kept me cool, under the northwest sun. There were approximately 80 MGs in attendance and we were divided up into MG subgroups. There were TDs, TFs, TCs, vintages, variants, and post 1955 models. We would keep these grouping throughout the week for the Funkhana and Rally event to be held later in the week.

The static car show began at 9am and lasted until noon. After the car show, we were on our own and I took advantage and explored the area.

On Wednesday morning the parking lot was set up for the Funkhana event. I grabbed my camera and took pictures as a TD made its way through all the obstacles. The theme of the Funkhana was the "Oregon Trail" and drivers and navigators wore cowboy hats or bonnets as they progress through the obstacle course. It was fortunate that I captured a TD as it passed through all the stations along the way, because I knew what to expect when it became time for me to enter the course. I befriended an attendee by the name of Barry Engstrom who trailered his TD from Salt Lake City, Utah. Unfortunately, he was having mechanical issues so he volunteered to be my navigator for the Funkhana. In between taking pictures of folks transiting the Funkhana, I headed back to my room and grabbed my Mandolin, and put in the trunk of my MG. It would become quite useful for the last event of the Funkhana. While waiting my turn to go through the Funkhana I visited the flea market table which was setup adjacent to the Funkhana. I was very fortunate the flea market was going on because my gear shift knob broke and I was lucky enough to find a spare for sale at one the tables. At about 11am, I entered the first event of the Funkhana, and finished about 30 minutes later.

There were events that tested parking skills, steering, turning, puzzle solving, quizzes, and singing. The final event was singing a camp fire song and when it was our turn I got out my trusty mandolin from the trunk and accompanied Barry on a couple



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of verses of Oh-Susana. Folks watching seemed to liked our rendition as we got a nice round of applause when we were done. Again in the afternoon we had free to explore the area of just take a nap (which I did).

Thursday was the rally, which began and ended at the convention center. The rally consisted of a scavenger hunt as well as 4 checkpoints. We were given a list of items to collect for the scavenger hunt which I had a couple of in my room. The rally was advertised as untimed, but in reality it was because it took all of four hours to complete and you had to be done by 1pm. Again my navigator was Barry and we took off from the starting gate at around 9:15am. We traveled through the backroads of Redmond/Bend collecting answers to prepared questions given each entrant. I guessed the course was around 37 miles but it could have been as much as 52 miles, as I did not set my trip odometer when we started (but should have).

The highlight of the Rally was a visit to an alpaca breeding farm. The farm had 100s of alpacas all of which had recently been shaved for their wool. There was a couple new born to see clinging onto the mothers. The farm had a nice gift store and the owners were very accommodating to all the MGs that passed by – even those that leaked a little oil.

Barry and I finished the Rally and ended up in downtown Redmond, looking for the last remaining scavenger items which consisted of an Oregon State quarter and a silver dollar. I stopped at a Wells Fargo and bought a roll of quarters to search through for the Oregon State Quarter and Barry visited some local antique dealer and found an Eisenhower silver dollar.

We headed back to Eagle Crest Resort and finished the Rally, in the nick of time, at 1pm. We had one final quiz sheet to fill out and once that was done, we were finished with the Rally. Once again, we were on our own, for the rest of the afternoon. It just so happens that the factory, which made my mandolin, was in Bend, so I decided to head down to to see if I could get a tour. Unfortunately, they don't give tours but they have a nice show room with instruments, ranging from a hundred dollars, to ten of thousands dollars. I spent my time fooling around on an octave mandolin. When I ask the sales lady the price, she said she had to check so I continue to play. She returned and informed me it was only \$9,500 and I immediately put the instrument away for fear of damaging it.

In the evening the awards banquet was held and a number of the members from the MG Owners club won awards. George Steneberg/Marcia Crawford won their class for his 1933 MG J2, Randy Grossman and Eric Baker won with their MGA in the Post 55 class. In the same class, Andy and Maria Preston came

in second with their 1967 MGB/GT. Then it was onto the Funkhana and Rally awards. Again we competed in our vehicle classes and I came in second (as the driver) in the Post 55 class in the Funkhana (it must have been my mandolin playing that put us over the top).

I also won second in the Post '55 class in the Rally (as the driver) and I am sure the stop to find an Oregon State quarter and a silver dollar paid off. The NORCAL MGOC were all sitting at the same table and as the presentation concluded, we congratulated one another and headed off to bed to get ready for the trip long ahead.

On Friday, I got up early, grabbed some coffee, and began to pack my MG. I departed Redmond at about 10:30am, heading down OR-97 and arrived in Klamath Falls in the early afternoon. I got some lunch and checked into the hotel and rested up for the next day's drive back to Lake Tahoe.

I departed Klamath Falls around 8am on Saturday and again stayed on OR-97, CA-136, and CA-89 going south. The weather was very nice, but bordered on hot. Just as I crossed the Oregon/California border I hit a bump and my gas gauge, tachometer, fuel gauge, and turn signals all stopped working. I suspected a blown fuse and I was correct. I had a couple of spares and put them in my fuse box but they blew as well. I figured once I got home I would sort things out. My speedometer and odometer still worked and I knew what my fuel mileage was, so I knew I could get home without any trouble.

So I ended up with one minor mishap on my journey which I think was pretty good for a 40 year old MG. I arrived home around 4pm after driving around 1,000 miles I am proud to say I had not driven a single mile on an interstate. Truly a wonderful road trip traversing the beautiful highways and byways of the northwest.



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MGOC Annual Picnic 2016

Saturday, August 6, 2016
 11am-12pm: Meeting
 12-4pm: Picnic
 Kennedy Grove Regional Park
 Hitching Post Picnic Site

Come enjoy a day in a lovely park with old and new friends who share a love of MGs. Bring your favorite meats for grilling or sharing. MGOC will supply ice, drinks and cups

RSVP: to Marcia Crawford at marciacrawford7@gmail.com

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Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon



"This Virtual MG Car Show just isn't the same."
 - Dan Shockey

"Whoever thought that bloody mouse could be a steering wheel! Stupid car racing video game!"
 - Jim Carlson

"Damn it, I knew I should have bought a MAC!"
 - Kirk Prentiss

"Who would have thought that anyone could be such a gearhead and still be a total geek?!"
 - Bob Stine

"Something new, something old, working together"
 - Richard Butler

"Your computer has a virus, its called Windows ..."
 - Keith Schukait

"Need Poké Balls to capture Pokémon, now where's that Pikachu?"
 - Samantha Lee

"Whoops, there goes that all BLUE screen again!"
 "Now I see why Felix and Kirk use Macs ONLY!"
 - Felix Lee

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You, the reader, submit your caption to flee@hancmg.com.

The MGOC Board will chose the top finalists, which will then be revealed in the following month's Octagon

Photo by Sheryl King



MG LOVE

SAMPLE TWO PAGE SPREAD

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

DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION ON PAGE 15

SHERYL KING



My MG was my first car and my daily driver for nearly 20 years. I bought my MGB in Idaho when I was 16 and paid for it with my own money. My dad taught me how to check the fluids, change oil, check battery and do basic maintenance. I moved to Santa Rosa in 1980. I drove back to Idaho Falls to visit my parents six times. I remember the sun coming up in Winnemucca and the colors of the Nevada desert. Driving the 'B' is my 'happy place'.

I bought a yellow 1976 MGB for Dennis. We drive separately together. That was the second MG.

My first MG meet ever was MG 2007 in Rohnert Park. I had never seen so many MG's in one place at the same time. Dennis, myself and other MGOC members drove to Breckenridge Colorado for MG 2009, Reno for MG 2011 and Corvallis Oregon for MG 2013.

When I was 16, I said "I want a fleet of MG's." Somehow that fantasy has become real. Dennis and I also own a 1959 MGA Roadster, a 1961 MGA Coupe, and a 1979 MGB along with our two 1976 MGBs.



MGB
 - year of manufacture: 1976
 - engine number: replaced
 - chassis number: GHN5UG406681
 - color: Brooklands Green
 - interior color: Autumn Leaf
 - modifications: none

MGB
 - year of manufacture: 1976
 - engine number: original
 - chassis number: GHN5UG404230
 - color: Citron
 - interior color: Black
 - modifications: none

Photos by Sheryl King and Dennis O'Dea

DENNIS O'DEA

