

# 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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## April 2013

# About *The Octagon* and MGOC...

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

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

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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 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](mailto: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 Mike Jacobsen 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>.

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# Forthcoming Events

MGOC Events in bold

April 6 – **MGOC Club Meeting**, Natter & Noggin, The Original Hick'ry Pit, Walnut Creek, Craig Kuenzinger

April 14 – Point Reyes Tour, Lynn Bryant and Fred Meredith

April 26 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland

April 27-28 – **MGOC Tech Session with John Twist**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Tim Polidoroff (SOLD OUT)

May 9 – **MGOC Club Meeting**, Natter & Noggin, TBD, Tim Polidoroff

May 11 – **Mount Hamilton Tour**, Ken Kittings

May 17 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland

May 18-19 – **Forestiery Garden / Fresno Tour**, Rod and Sue Schweiger / Michael and Mary Sindicic

May 19 – Dixon All British, On the Road Again, Lee Sheldon

June 1 – **MGs by the Bay Packet Stuffing Meeting**, El Cerrito, George Steneberg

June 2 – **MGs by the Bay**, The Livery, Danville, Tim Polidoroff



# From the Editor...

*... the tables between  
China and the United Kingdom  
will be turned in 2105 and MG Enthusiasts,  
the world over, will have reason to rejoice ...*

The transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong from the United Kingdom to China, referred to as the “the Handover,” on July 1, 1997, marked the end of British rule over Hong Kong. The United Kingdom had acquired control over Hong Kong and its territories, from a series of treaties between 1842 - 1898. The treaties’ specification for 99 years of control, was designed after historic common law, as the “longest possible lease term of real property,” without actually conceding ownership, in order to not insult the relinquishing country’s native right of land ownership. Similar historic examples include the U.S. Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba, the British Gander International Airport in Newfoundland, and a private consortium’s Highway 407 in Toronto, to name a few.

This “perpetual” finite period of 99 years has allowed Hong Kong to thrive under “minimal” government intervention and develop into a leading international financial center for the United Kingdom, which is in contradistinction from how China has traditionally run its country. Hong Kong’s major capitalist service economy is characterized by low taxes, free trade and a high degree of autonomy, free from many of the regulatory restrictions, all too common in business today. Hong Kong has one of the highest per capita income in the world and the Hong Kong dollar is the eighth most traded currency in the world. In addition, its residents in 2012, according to the UN and WHO, enjoy the longest life expectancy of any country or special administrative region in the world. As such, despite the “Handover” to China, under China’s current principle of “one country, two systems,” Hong Kong has continued to thrive with full autonomy, financially and politically.

In 2005, the MG Rover division was on its last breath financially, after filing for bankruptcy. Nanjing Automotive (NA), the oldest Chinese automaker founded in 1947, successfully outbid Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC) and British businessman David James to purchase MG Rover. Two years later, NA merged into SAIC and under the combined ownership,

the MG marque was reborn. As it turns out, the complex international three-way negotiations for the Chinese buyout of MG, which lasted 2 years, was similarly fashioned after old historic common law 99-year lease term arrangements.

Under the current contract stipulations, SAIC has taken over MG Rover assets. The design and engineering teams for MG remain in Birmingham, Wallace. Although three quarters of the cars will be built in China, they are then shipped back to Birmingham, where the final assembly and finishing will be performed by the 40 or so manufacturing workers at MG Birmingham. And this will go on for the ensuing 99-year contract period. After which, the tables between China and the United Kingdom will be turned in 2105 and MG enthusiasts, the world over, will have reason to rejoice, as MG will once again become “All British.” In fact, there are websites the

world over eagerly waiting for this other “Handover,” such as, [www.whenMGbecomesallBritishagain.com](http://www.whenMGbecomesallBritishagain.com). For only \$.99, the App Store even has an MG Handover app, which counts down the exact number of days left until the official MG “Handover” takes place.



The MG A Coupe, introduced in 1956 (top) and the new MG6 fastback. Photograph: Rex Features



Oops, I did it again. Happy April’s Fools Day! Almost had you again, didn’t I? Come on, you know you almost fell for it again. It’s OK. Really. I won’t think any less of you. Just admit it, I fooled you ...

## Safety Fast

Felix Lee

- looking forward to the day when Samantha and Stephanie may witness the *MG Handover* in 2105, when they are 104 and 100 years old, respectively



# President's Ponderings...



Hello again. Lots to talk about this month. First, I wanted to get the word out that we have four new MGOC members. Tobin Dougherty, who is the second owner of a green 1967 MGB which he purchased in late 1984. Mike Sullivan, who owns a Glacier Blue 1956 MGA 1500 Roadster. Mike's MGA has been in the family since the mid 60's courtesy of his late brother in law. Robert Freitas who has rejoined the MGOC. And, Jing Chai who just purchased a 1970 Midget. Join me in extending each of them a warm MGOC welcome.

Second, a quick "heads up" regarding a number of calendar changes. The June General meeting will now be consolidated with the planned "MGs by the Bay Packet Stuffing" event held on Saturday, 6/1, at George Steneberg's home in El Cerrito. The North Bay "Breakfast" General meeting (being organized by Andy Preston and Bud Alderson) that was originally scheduled for Saturday, 6/8, has been re-scheduled to Saturday, 7/6 - venue TBD. Finally, the 7/11 "Evening" meeting at the Englander has been cancelled. All these changes are reflected on the Events page of the MGOC website.

Third, I wanted to announce that the John Twist Tech Session scheduled for the weekend of April 27th and the "Evening with John Twist" dinner scheduled for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> are both sold out. Thanks everyone for your support!

Fourth, while this month's mid-week St. Patrick's Day Tour organized by Steve Lilves had to unfortunately be cancelled at the last minute due to poor weather, the combined MGOC and SSTs sponsored Mt. Tamalpais Tour - which many MGOC'ers attended - enjoyed some wonderful weather and some great scenic vistas ... Hell, I even heard that the food was good! Kudos to tour leader Andy Preston. (Anyone recognize that happy couple in the TF?) For more Mt. Tamalpais Tour photos, please follow this link: <http://sstsmg.com/zenphoto/2013/>



Fifth, this is to encourage everyone to attend the MGOC's "MGs by the Bay" car show coming up on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year's event should be especially exciting one as we've invited members from all 8 of our sister California clubs and the Reno British Car Club in Nevada to join us. Likewise, we're fortunate to have the strong support of our MG vendor community including Tom Collin's Collins Classics, Bill Hiland's On the Road Again Classics, Dave Pelton's Foreign Auto Service, Victoria British, Apple Hydraulics, Moss Motors, and the Little British Car Company. And, don't forget to check out our website to see (and consider purchasing) copies of the "20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary MG's by the Bay Poster Book ... [http://www.mgocsf.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=zg1jMBd\\_8TY%3d&tabid=40](http://www.mgocsf.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=zg1jMBd_8TY%3d&tabid=40). Special thanks to Randy Grossman for putting this book together for us. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Tim Polidoroff

Photos by Tim Polidoroff and Ken Gittings



# A Trip to the MGA Candy Store

By Randy Grossman

Well it was late November, and ostensibly Melissa and I were flying to Providence Rhode Island to attend my brother's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party in Narragansett, Rhode Island. That's when I began thinking, "Hum, Rhode Island is such a small state, maybe I can take a few hours for a side trip and visit Cecelia Bruce at Scarborough Faire in nearby Pawtucket." As Melissa and I were going to be with our family for a few days at this party, this little adventure for your Captain-of-Fun seemed a real possibility. So I called Cecelia and asked her if I could meet her on Saturday for a tour of her shop. And the Adventure was on.

For those of you not familiar with Cecelia, well let's just put it this way. She is the female counterpart to the master mechanic John Twist, knowing more about MGAs, then anyone I have ever met, with the possible exception of John Twist, himself. She is a delightful chatterbox, with MG stories galore, and a remarkable data bank of MG knowledge, including which parts are truly "correct" and how to solve a myriad of problems that can and do

occur when restoring or repairing any MG, especially an MGA. Her shop, Scarborough Faire, is more than just a parts supplier like Moss. Not only do they have all the parts that Moss or Victoria British have, but they will fabricate new parts for you if the part you need is not standard. Additionally, her staff is well trained and knowledgeable. They even have lathes in their basement for making new gaskets, and they also have all kinds of metal fabricating equipment.

Cecelia and her husband Ken started Scarborough Faire years ago, the story germinating from when they were both students at the Rhode Island School of Design. Ken had come to school in a 1958 MGA coupe that he had owned since high school. On the way to Rhode Island from New York, the car lost 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> gear. The car sat for two years and the engine seized up. Then Ken and Cecelia bought another MGA roadster from another student, but the car's clutch was bad so

they used the clutch from Ken's car for the roadster,. As such, they always had at least had one running MGA. I don't know if they ever repaired Ken's original Coupe, but one thing led to another, and pretty soon they had 20 parts cars and were gaining a reputation as the people to see if you wanted to repair your MG. And so Scarborough Faire was created, and has since blossomed into a family business. I first met Cecelia in 2003, at the NAMGAR GT 28 in Welches, Oregon. A group of us, including Andy and Marla Preston, John and

Esther Milsap, Dan Shockey, Melissa, and myself, among others, took a memorable trip up there for the GT, and there was Cecelia in the vendors hall with Scarborough Faire's famous "parts board". For every GT, Scarborough Faire creates a display board with 32 obscure MGA parts and attendees try to guess what each part is; the one who gets the most correct answers, wins a gift certificate to Scarborough Faire. There is a lock plate, fender washer, a

bleeder screw for the slave cylinder, a chrome cup for the steering column, and other items, all of which are "Greek to me." When I tested my knowledge, well let's put it this way, your "club wrench" could only identify one item, the medal socket that is in the top bow of the wind screen where the top is secured for an MGA roadster.

Well enough of my mechanical prowess and back to that snowy Saturday morning in Pawtucket where I was greeted by a smiling Cecelia who took me into her labyrinth of parts. There, I see once again the famous parts board. After a painful laugh, Cecelia showed me something else that brought out a chuckle and demonstrated her knowledge of our club. She showed me her photo book of customer projects for which Scarborough Faire has supplied parts, and there, low and behold, is a picture of Mike Jacobsen's handsome pale blue MGA roadster



Here we are at the NAMGAR GT 28

me some aspect of the part's originality. For example, I purchased a new MG plate for the valve cover, and its lettering should be red not black. Cecelia explained that for the MK II red is the correct color, because that is the way they were manufactured for the MK II at the factory in Abingdon-on-Thames. Who Knew? I also got a kick out of replacing my plastic filler cap (the kind Moss sells) for the hydraulic system with the correct original metal cap. They manufacture this cap right there at Scarborough Faire.

Well it was time to go, so I thanked Cecelia for my own private tech session and I went off into the blustery New England afternoon with another MG memory.





# BLUNT SPARK PLUG AWARD



HEY STEVE, NOTICED YOU CAME IN THE TF TODAY ... IS THE GREEN B ON THE FRITZ?

YES, MASTER JEDI CRAIG, HOW'D YOU GUESS, I'LL BRING IT TO THE TECH SESSION NEXT WEEK ...

JUST REMEMBER, PADAWAN, WIRES HAVE TO CONNECT TO SOMETHING ...

MEANWHILE, AT THE TECH SESSION

SON OF A GUN, HE'S RIGHT, JUST LOOK AT ALL THESE WIRES IN RED B ... CONNECTING TO THINGS ...

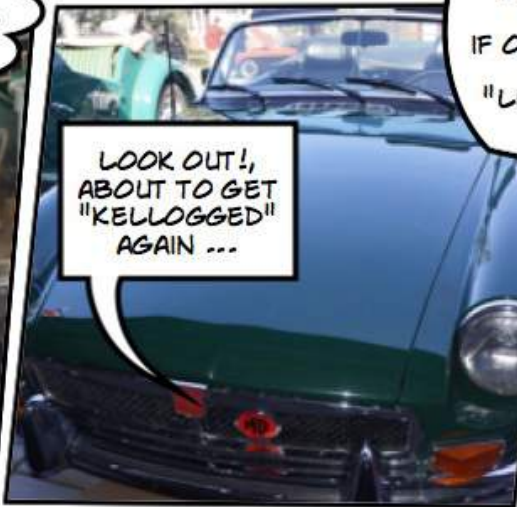
YOU SURE ARE LUCKY RED B, I'D TAKE YOU HOME IN A HEARTBEAT!

LOOK HERE, MORE WIRES ... AND THEY ALL CONNECT TO SOMETHING!

CONCENTRATE, RED TO WHITE, NO BLUE, NO BLACK ... UM WHICH WAS THAT AGAIN?

"YOUR EYES, CLOSE THEY MUST, PADAWAN, KNOWLEDGE FLOWS FROM THE FORCE ... IF ONCE YOU START DOWN THE DARK SIDE, YOUR NAME WILL BE "LUCAS, PRINCE OF DARKNESS!!""

LOOK OUT!, ABOUT TO GET "KELLOGGED" AGAIN ...



..... TO BE CONTINUED

Photos by Felix Lee



# MGOC St. Patrick's Day 2013

## MG St. Patrick's Day Submission by Wayne Veatch

**When:** March 16, 2013

**What:** Participated in SF St. Patrick's Day Parade as one of 4 cars representing Jimmy's Old Car Picnic

**Who:** Wayne Veatch with his friend Paul Rosenberg in the car.

**Where:** San Francisco: Market St. from 2d Street to the Civic Center Reviewing Stand

**Why:** At the request of Jimmy O'Keefe and his daughter, Jamie O'Keefe



## MG St. Patrick's Day Submission by Marty Lear

**When:** March 17, 2013

**What:** Took his green '77 Midget Wine Tasting

**Who:** Marty Lear

**Where:** Livermore, CA

**Why:** It was his birthday

## MG Tech Session / **SOLD OUT**

**John Twist**

April 27-28, 2013

On the Road Again Classics

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# MGs by the Bay

Sunday June 2, 2013 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, **plus many new classes**. The class awards are determined by the number of cars registered.

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 15, 2013 to:

*MGs by the Bay*  
320 B Monterey Blvd.  
San Francisco, CA 94131

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Short description of your car: \_\_\_\_\_

MG model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Body style: ☐ Coupe ☐ Roadster

☐ Saloon ☐ Race car

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Car color: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

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

**Release:** Neither I nor my heirs 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## On the Road Again

7 Customers took Awards at the  
2012 MGs by the Bay

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*Jaguar*  
*MG*  
*Triumph*  
*Rolls/Bentley*  
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## St. Patrick's Day Pub Night @ On the Road Again

April 26, 2013  
6 pm - 9 pm

Free evening of darts, air hockey,  
music, and vintage racing movies

Munchie bits will be provided as well  
as mixers and ice

Please bring your own beverage of  
choice

Significant others are welcome to  
attend, but please leave the young  
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## CONQUERING MOUNT TAM

BY ANDY PRESTON

Cries of "This is Spectacular!" echoed through the valleys and hills of Golden Gate State Park and Marin County as we ascended and descended Mount Tam. If you don't believe me just ask Marcia who said it was her first time driving up Mount Tam and she, like most of us, was in awe of the majestic views and spectacular scenery.

23 cars and 37 members of MGOC and SSTS met on a foggy March morning in Mill Valley for the Mt. Tam tour. As we ascended the mountain the fog/low clouds cleared and we were bathed in glorious sunshine. Driving above the clouds was a strange and surreal feeling. We arrived at the East Peak, which is about 2300 feet above San Francisco and could see the tip of Sutro tower peaking through the clouds and the expanse of San Francisco Bay.

We spent some time kicking tires, talking to old friends, and meeting new ones, which is what this is all about. One of the ladies said to me, "We are surrounded by these beautiful views and all the guys want to do is look at other guys cars and engines, and they can do anywhere!" How true is that?

As we left the East Peak much the cloud cover had cleared and most of the City was now visible. We descended the mountain along West Ridgcrest which is probably one of my favorite drives in Marin County. The weather was sunny and clear and rewarded us with amazing views of Bolinas Bay, the Pacific to the west, and the rolling hills of Golden Gate Park and Marin County to the east. Absolutely breathtaking!

We met up with Highway I in Bolinas and travelled north to Point Reyes Station for lunch at the Station House Café. The owners here are really great as they were able to accommodate all of us in their private dining room and with an open menu. The food was great and it was the perfect ending to a wonderful day.



Photos by Ken Gittings, Marty Rayman, Andy Preston



# Start Planning for 2013 ...



## SPRING

PT REYES TOUR, 4/14  
 TWIST AT ON THE ROAD AGAIN, 4/27-28  
 MT. HAMILTON, 5/11  
 FORESTIER GARDEN / FRESNO TOUR, 5/18-19  
 DIXON ALL-BRITISH, 5/19



## SUMMER

MGS BY THE BAY, DANVILLE, 6/2  
 NAMGAR GT-38, 6/10-14  
 TUNE & SPOON, 6/22  
 PALO ALTO CONCOURS, 6/30  
 SWANTON TOUR, 7/13  
 PET & PICNIC TOUR, 7/13  
 NAMGBR, CORVALIS, OR, 7/17-21  
 RENDEZVOUS, SILVERTON, OR, 7/31-8/4  
 MGOc ANNUAL PICNIC, 8/10  
 SCOTTISH GAMES, 8/31-9/1



## FALL

BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 9/14-15  
 WINE TOUR, 9/28  
 DANVILLE D'ELEGANCE, 9/21-22  
 SONOMA TOUR, 10/19  
 GOF WEST, CAREFREE, AZ, 10/28-11/1  
 PIGDEON PT. LIGHTHOUSE TOUR, 11/16  
 TURKEY TROT, 11/16  
 MGOc HOLIDAY TEA, SAN FRANCISCO, 12/14

# MGOC Fashionistas



Suzy Savage and Brian Linke  
showing their love of all things  
Octagon

If you have any outlandish MG  
Attire, send in a photo and be our  
MGOC Fashionistas for the month



*Sorry Safari Touring Society, LTD*

*Invites MG Owners Club to join us on an overnight to:*

***Forestiery Underground Gardens (1906-1946)***

*Meeting: Jack In The Box 6020 Industrial Way, Livermore*

*Time: Gather at 8:30 am ; .Depart at 9:00 am*

*Dates: Saturday, May 18, 2013- Sunday, May 19, 2013*

*Hotel: Garden Inn & Suites*

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www.gardeninnandsuites.com](http://www.gardeninnandsuites.com)

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not stopping to EAT while driving to Fresno.*

*Forestiery Tour \$12.00/per person please send check for tour to Rod &  
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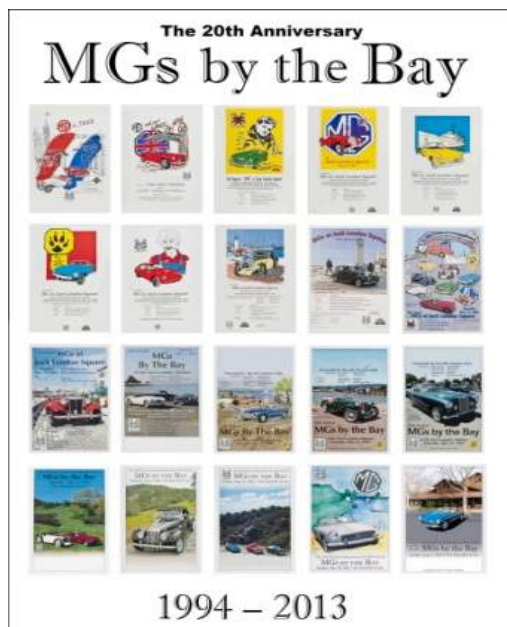
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# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

## March 14, 2013

President Tim Polidoroff called the meeting to order at 7pm. Also attending were Stephen Born, Marcia Crawford, Ken Gittings, Randy Grossman, Mike Jacobsen, Steve Kellogg, Craig Kuenzinger, Molly Polidoroff, George Steneberg, Rich Upton, and David Wright.

### Previous Minutes

The Saturday, February 9 minutes were approved as printed in the March *Octagon* with one change: The minutes were amended to reflect that Bob Shaheen was the 2012 recipient of the "Beer Stein" award.

### Reports

Treasurer's Report: Bank balances reviewed.

Registrar's Report: The MGOC membership stands at a total of 261 members.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Letter received from Roseanne Terrazado needing advice on 1948 TC. George gave this item to Tim to handle. Jeff McNiven has a 1953 TD and wants to advertise it. Tim has handled this.

Regalia: David Wright had one old-style grille badge, and Craig Kuenzinger bought it.

The Octagon: Felix Lee is working to address problems some folks have had in downloading copies of the March *Octagon*.

Website: Steve Kellogg said nothing new to report. Website is operating well.

### Past Events

Tech Session: Saturday, February 23 – Craig Kuenzinger reported the event was well attended (approx. 25 people) and enjoyed. Electrical system mock up board was featured. Craig has volunteered to do a second one. Great reviews.

### Upcoming Events

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Mt. Tam Tour: Saturday, March 16, Andy & Marla Preston – 22 cars signed up at this point.

St. Patrick's Day Tour: Wednesday, March 20 – Tour will be led by Steve Lilves and Bud Alderson

John Twist Tech Session at OTRA: Weekend of April 27-28, Tim Polidoroff – Event is filled. There is a waiting list. There is also a \$35 dinner on Saturday night at 6:00pm with John Twist speaking afterwards. This evening event still has openings.

### Old Business

Bylaws revision: Bylaws revisions progress report – Tim Polidoroff

### MGs by the Bay

- Insurance requirements – Mike Jacobsen & Craig Kuenzinger are investigating this item.
- Club mailings, sponsor requests – Tim Polidoroff is handling this item.
- Need to determine special awards & classes for this 20th anniversary event – Mike wants to add new awards, e.g., Distance award,. Attended the most years, Most awards won, etc. Mike will determine.
- Craig investigated PA systems for MGs BTB. Motion to spend up to \$200 for PA system. Motion Passed.

Annual Brunch: Possibility of Annual Brunch at Scotts in Walnut Creek or Jack London Square as an alternative to Hs Lordship's. Marcia will investigate and report back to Board.



### New Business

- NAMGAR GT-42 in 2017 – NAMGAR has asked the MGOC to host their 2017 GT. Mike Jacobsen will form an exploratory committee.
- Next meeting – Saturday, April 6 at 9:30 AM in Walnut Creek at the Original Hick'ry Pit. Craig to work with Steve on a flyer for this event and Steve will send out a blast
- NAMGAR Regional event next year. Event was briefly discussed; no decisions made.
- Send out an email blast that MGs by the Bay Poster album is now available. Marcia will take copy to events and get preorders. Randy will draft up email and order form for Steve for blast. Deadline will be set. Price for book will be \$35.
- Bylaws changes passed 30 to 2 in favor of new Bylaws.
- Explore changing June meeting date.
- Motion to publish bank balances in Minutes passed. Hereafter we will publish the bank balances in the meeting minutes.

### Next Meeting and Natter

Saturday, April 6 at 9:30am in Walnut Creek at the Original Hick'ry Pit.

### Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm  
Submitted by Randy Grossman



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## Cars for Sale:

**1952 MGTD** Time to let go of my first car—same owner since 1968. Asking \$21K. This yellow bird has been garaged for the last 44 years, has no rust and just over 69K original miles, original engine. Recent mechanical work: valve job; new fuel pump; brake hoses, speedometer and front suspension arm replaced. Top is in very good shape, side curtains are somewhat foggy. Tires, tuck & roll black leather upholstery, paint, front & rear bumpers all new about two years ago—only driven 160 miles since then. (Needs exhaust system.) More pictures available—email [bijou20@pacbell.net](mailto:bijou20@pacbell.net) or call BJ at 415.399.1310



**1959 MGA** roadster vintage racer with a fresh 1622cc motor and brand new paint. Asking price \$14,000. See it run at local racetracks. Call Tom Morgan 650-740-4116 for details and racing schedule.



**'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](mailto:WESNEL@ATT.NET).



**1961 MGA Coupe** 1600 cc engine, 5 speed gearbox. California car, completely restored by third (and present) owner in 2002, rust free, body straight, no accidents, 7,800 miles since rebuild. Original body panels, new front spoiler below bumper. All good original chrome, new rubber gaskets for body and glass. Painted "Paprika Red" (Jaguar color). Asking \$25,000. Contact Member Viggo Riddersholm at 650-341-9064 or [vriddersholm@yahoo.com](mailto:vriddersholm@yahoo.com), or Gordon Craig at [lismoregordon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lismoregordon@sbcglobal.net).

**1967 MGB** with overdrive. Original owner, has all maintenance records, Bay Area car since new. 121K original miles and less than 2K miles since full mechanical rebuild. Excellent condition. Looking for owner that will continue to give it TLC. Asking \$15K OBO. Contact Stephen at 415-722-0556 or [sdhom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdhom@sbcglobal.net).



**1967 MGB/GT** I bought this car from an MG fan in Washington state in 2005 and it is registered in California. I replaced the engine and transmission that were in the car when with a rebuilt engine and transmission. Corte Madera British and European in San Rafael did the engine (Webber carburetor) and transmission replacement work. At the same time, I had an aluminum flywheel installed, along with new shock absorbers, a 12-volt battery, an alternator, seat belts, a Peco exhaust system, and a new grill. I also had an AM/FM radio/CD player that is removable for security installed, along with good quality speakers, one in the center console and one in each of the rear corners. I have had the car maintained by Righetti Automotive in San Rafael the last several years. Righetti made and installed a stronger alternator bracket just before Christmas and did tune-up work along, with installing a new accelerator cable. On the Road Again evaluated the car for restoration on January 10, 2013. There is some rust and the car needs work but it is fun to drive. The car is in On the Road Again's showroom in Morgan Hill and ready for your inspection. I will be glad to answer questions. Asking \$6,500 OBO. Contact Member Mike Romo at 415-509-8304 or [mikeromomg@gmail.com](mailto:mikeromomg@gmail.com)



**1978 MGB Roadster** Maroon with beige interior. Vehicle has 45,000 original miles. 1800cc engine with Stromberg carburetor and 4-speed manual with electronic overdrive. Soft-top with two tonneaus. AM/FM/CD stereo with removable face, remote control and MP3 interface. Luggage rack, new tires, many extras. Currently registered in California. Asking \$10,500. Contact Member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at [wtdoyle@cox.net](mailto:wtdoyle@cox.net).



**1970 MGB GT** has just had the high performance engine refreshed by On the Road Again British Restorations in Morgan Hill. Any parts needing replacing or repairing was done. The engine has a new high performance cam, new hardened lifters, rockers, and valves with a ported aluminum head and Weber Side Draft carburetor. A header with a Peco exhaust is also on the car. The overdrive transmission was serviced as well as a new clutch was installed. Documentation for the work that was done is available. All the electrics are in working order and the speedo was rebuilt and a new cable was installed. The overall condition is excellent. The Bedouin Beige paint is almost new. The grill and bumpers are new. The VTO mini lite style wheels as well as the Yokohama tires are also new. The brake system was checked over and wheel cylinders installed, as well as a new master cyl. The interior is also in excellent condition with new carpet and insulation, new leather seat covers and wood steering wheel. Billet pedal covers and footrest are also installed. Included is an Alpine Bluetooth, CD, MP3 USB port stereo with dual speakers and power booster. The GT is lowered so it handles very well. It starts every time no matter how long it has been sitting. It also has a battery cut off switch. Sales price is \$17,750 or best offer. Contact member Myles Taketa at [M\\_Taketa@yahoo.com](mailto:M_Taketa@yahoo.com).



**1980 MGB** disassembled and about 40% reassembled. Have all the parts and many additional that I have accumulated since the project began. \$3000.00 Contact Pete Jaarsma, 510.232.8160

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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.





### 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.

**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](mailto:becker2226@astound.net)

**Two (2) 1969, 1970, 1971 MGB "Official Driver's Handbooks"**. Both are in "new/unused" condition. The discounted MGOC Member cost is \$10/handbook. FYI, these manuals were donated to the MGOC by Suzy Savage (Thanks Suzy!) and the sale proceeds will be used to support club activities. To purchase one (or both) manuals please contact David Wright at 510-653-3831. If these manuals are not purchased by an MGOC club member they'll be offered for sale at a later date on Ebay where they currently sell for \$14.95 [http://www.ebay.com/itm/1969-1970-1971-MG-MGB-US-Official-Drivers-Handbook-Tourer-GT-/121008395014?pt=Motors\\_Manuals\\_Literature&hash=item1c2ca99306&vxp=mtr](http://www.ebay.com/itm/1969-1970-1971-MG-MGB-US-Official-Drivers-Handbook-Tourer-GT-/121008395014?pt=Motors_Manuals_Literature&hash=item1c2ca99306&vxp=mtr)



**Weber Downdraft Carburetor** Fits MGBs, asking \$150, Contact member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at [wtdoyle@cox.net](mailto:wtdoyle@cox.net).

**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](mailto:mark@marklange.org) or 415-297-3456.



**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](mailto:mark@marklange.org) or 415-297-3456.



**For All Items Below:** Please contact: Member Ken Gittings 510-791-8445

**4 -14x6 chrome Rostyle wheels**, had wheels made at Stockton Wheel about 10 years ago, Never used them! \$200 or offer.

**2-Front springs**. To lower your MGB 2in., NOT good on a chrome bumper car ( too low ). \$30

**1 - Used MGB oil cooler thermostat kit**, with new holes. Moss # 235-840. When new \$359.95, make offer!

**2 - CSAA (AAA) License plate frames**, need restoration. Best offer!

**1 - used dual Weber intake manifold for cross flow head**, \$50.00

**1 - Used trailer hitch for chrome bumper MGB**, Best offer!

**1 - Rebuild Kit, Weber 32/36 DGV Carb.series tune-up kit**, Moss #222-266 when new \$57.00 sell \$20.00

### Wanted:

**Electrical Help:** I am new to the world of MG, and am in the process of improving a 1959 MGA Roadster. I have replaced the wiring harness and need the expertise of someone with electrical know how to help me make sure I do not burn anything up when I put a battery to it. I will pay for their time and knowledge. Can you help me? I live in Walnut Creek. Contact Harry at 925-934-4973 or [TipTot@astound.net](mailto:TipTot@astound.net).

**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](mailto:don@napanet.net).

# Club Meeting

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