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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 on the second Thursday of each month at an event known as the "Natter and Noggin" in the style of English clubs. *The Octagon*, our newsletter, is published monthly by the M.G. Owners Club. Opinions expressed in *The Octagon* are not necessarily those of the MGOC, its members, or Board of Directors.

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# Club Meeting Natter & Noggin June 9, 7 pm

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#### Parts for Sale:

**Set of MGA seats** in ok shape, **MGA windshield frame** with glass that is broken. Contact Member Don Scott at (707) 942-0546 or *don@napanet.net*.

**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*.

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**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 <code>don@napanet.net</code>.



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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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to *mgowners@gmail.com* or send them to: MGOC, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120.

#### RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? Bob Stine is in charge of new member recruitment and can send you flyers. The Club roster is available to members from Mike Jacobsen upon request.

#### **MGOC.ORG**

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

# **Forthcoming Events**

#### **MGOC** Events in bold

Jun. 13-17 – MG2011 All Register Meet, Reno

Jun. 18 – SF Tour for the Rallye from Reno, Mike Jacobsen

Jun. 26 – Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance

Jul. 9 – Summer West Marin Tour, Bud Alderson and Marty Rayman

Jul. 28-31 – Rendezvous 29, Keizer, Oregon, Club T MG

Aug. 13-14 – Monterey Pre-Historic Races, Laguna Seca

Aug. 16 – Carmel Concours on the Avenue

Aug. 19-21 - Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Laguna Seca

Aug. 21 – Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

Sept. 29-Oct. 2 – MG Fall Festival, Petaluma

### From the Editor...

#### Into each life a little rain must fall - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

It's unavoidable; no matter how well you plan, sometimes things go wrong. Sometimes you have three major computer crashes in six months. Sometimes your reliable Toyota breaks down. And sometimes it inexplicably rains in Northern California on a weekend in the middle of May.

Yes, it did rain in the morning at MGs by the Bay this year. It was unfortunate and disappointing, and yet the event turned out alright. Over 40 cars still showed up – and their owners were rewarded with some fine camaraderie and a brightening day. In fact, after the morning showers, the sun came out and it was a rather pleasant day.

As you probably surmised, the other aforementioned maladies befell me. My beloved, and generally reliable, 1989 Toyota Camry recently required a new fuel pump and a new starter. We've had it over 20 years and it has logged over 300,000 miles, so I suppose it's bound to need a part now and

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again. Nevertheless, I was both surprised and displeased when it broke down.

I have been similarly frustrated with my computers of late. In the past six months, I've had the following parts fail on three computers: one power supply, one motherboard, and three hard drives. Thankfully, I have been reasonably well prepared. Most of my data is backed up, and I've generally had another computer around. But each back-up computer is older and less powerful than the last: and I'm finally down to working on a ten-year-old laptop.

These computer problems are the primary reason *The Octagon* has been late this year. I haven't had the time to address these hardware failures yet; but I plan to repair my old computers and assemble a new one soon. Perhaps, as with MGs by the Bay, despite some frustration and a little disappointment, everything will turn out all right in the end.

Jeremy Palgon

**1969 MGB GT**. For sale by original owner, with records to prove it. Pearl white with new tires, upholstery, valve job, webber equipped. Almost showroom perfect. I have had the car for 42 years and it's been a blast to drive and own. She is a real cream puff. Come see for yourself. She won't last long at this price. \$6,000 or best offer. Contact T. Louis Giles at 707-552-3322.



**1953 MG TD**. \$28,000. Purchased in 1972 with a possible racing background. Completely rebuilt in early 2000 and raced since then two or more times per year at Infineon and Laguna Seca. Toured with several sport car clubs in the Wine Country. Contact Member Ferdinand at *ferdinands@att.net*.



**1977 MGB** with 54,000 original miles, overdrive transmission, original "Sandglow" paint and autumn leaf interior. Well maintained by third owner. Price \$6,400. Contact Member Ellis at *Bovet177@gmail.com*.



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Ads are free to MGOC members and \$6.00 per month for non-members. Please send copy (and check **made payable to MGOC** if a non-member) to MGOC, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120. Members may also email ads to the editor at *mgowners@gmail.com*.

#### Cars for Sale:

1973 MGB GT. Nearly completed restoration of a very nice example. I redid the mechanicals, had body and paint done professionally, colour is as original, upholstery is dark blue cloth as originally fitted, has two nearly new six volt batteries, has correct rubber mats and has original carpeting. Has refurbished Rostyles with like new 165-14 Dunlop radials. I have a professionally rebuilt OD gearbox which is not installed, redone by Jerry Redmon of Napa Valley Auto Restorations. The car does need minor completion - some interior pieces need installing, needs some tidying up. Car has the original blue CA plates that were issued to it when sold new and it is currently registered. \$4,500. Contact Member Don Scott at (707) 942-0546 or don@napanet.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). New clutch slave and brake master cylinders, 2004. Pictures and further information upon request. Asking \$25,000. Contact Member Viggo Riddersholm at (650)341-9064 or vriddersholm@yahoo.com, or Gordon Craig at lismoregordon@sbcglobal.net.



1949 MG TC British racing green, right hand drive in excellent condition. \$35,000. Contact Member Larry at (415) 999-2362.

# President's Ponderings...

Oh the weather outside was frightful, though the sun came - so delightful

Okay, so there was no snow, but the weather certainly didn't cooperate with our annual MGs by the Bay show at the Danville Livery. At around 1:00 am the morning of the show, I awoke to the patter of rain against my windows; and a few hours later, around 5:30 am, I encountered more raindrops on my way to Danville. Then while a group of us were setting up the tables, canopies, class areas, and registration, it began to rain even more intensely. I suspect that was around the time many of you were getting up, looking out the window and thinking: "Gee, with the weather and the forecast I saw last night, I'm not sure I want to head out to a car show today." Maybe you were lucky enough to grab a few more minutes of sleep or a nice breakfast while some of us were hiding from what turned out to be some pretty significant showers.

Notwithstanding the raindrops, folks started showing up with their MGs in the early morning - and around that time the sun started peeking through the clouds for a few minutes at a time. Later it was bright and warm enough to dry everything up. While a bit chilly, it ended up being a rather pleasant day.

Sadly, while we had about 55 cars pre-registered and usually have large number of same-day registrants, by my count we only had a total of 43 cars actually show up. Disappointing to say the least - but I blame the weather in large part and nothing else. Of course, adding insult to injury, the weather was much better the weekend before and after our show.

For those of you hearty enough to come out, thank you all. I hope that you had a good time. For those that decided otherwise, well, we understand and are perhaps a bit jealous that you got to stay warm and dry.

To all of you who helped to plan, set-up, and assist with pulling off the show in spite of the weather, I want to offer my personal thanks. We also had a few members step up for the first time to help make the show a success; and I was encouraged by others reaching out to me after the show offering to help in the future. As I've mentioned before, the more you get involved the more you will get out of being a member of the MGOC - and the more you'll enjoy all that we do each year.

I also want to congratulate all of the Award Winners. You and your cars impressed your fellow MG owners enough for them to have selected your MGs as among the best. Congratulations!

Finally, we bid farewell to Beth & Bob Trencheny and their family. They are moving to the Washington D.C. area soon. They have been active and valuable members of the MGOC for years, have held board positions, hosted events, and been instrumental in developing and maintaining our Web site and publishing our newsletter. We wish them well and thank them as they take their leave.

Regards,

Sam Gearhart



# June 13 - 17

Once every five years the North American Council of MG Registers (consisting of the MMM Register, NEMGTR, NAMGAR, NAMGBR, and the AMGCR), hosts an "All MG" Convention. This will be the only national MG event that will be conducted by these Registers for 2011, and it's only the fourth time this event has ever been staged. We have been to Indianapolis in 1996, Minneapolis-St Paul in 2001, and Gatlinburg in 2006. This year we are moving out west to Reno, Nevada. We are confident that our schedule of events, the excitement of the casinos, the night life of Reno, and the breathtaking vistas of the Sierra Mountains and neighboring Lake Tahoe will attract the largest number of MG aficionados in North America ever. There will be MGs of all types and vintages, from MMM cars of the '30s to modern MGBs. Register at MG2011.com.



After MG2011, the Rallye to Reno will conclude the coast to coast trip by driving to San Francisco. Details at RallyetoReno.com.



Mt. Hamilton Tour: Marty Ray will lead. Watch the Octagon for the date. Annual Picnic: Sam is working to locate a park for the picnic. The picnic is tentatively set for August 20.

#### **Old Business**

<u>Club Personal Privacy Policy</u>: The board continues to discuss the Club's personal privacy policy. The Club's attorney is studying the issue and the Club by-laws, and will report back to the board. Changes may require a change to the by-laws.

<u>Classic MGOC Show Posters</u>: Sam continues to work on the poster collection. He proposes having the posters digitized. Once the posters are in digital format they can be placed in books or other materials.

#### **New Business**

Gifts for MG Clubs in Natural Disaster Afflicted Countries: We discussed sending an appropriate gift to MG Club in New Zealand to help them get back up and running after the recent earthquakes. A motion was passed to present a gift of US\$200 to the MG Car Club Canterbury Centre in Christchurch New Zealand. Sam will ask Marty Ray to write to the club president in New Zealand with the gift. We discussed sending a gift to an MG club in Japan but were unable to locate a club in the area affected by the earthquake and tsunami.

MGs by the Bay Photoshoot Reimbursement: A motion was passed to reimburse Jeremy Palgon for \$40 admission fees to Mount Diablo.

<u>California Autumn Classic Sponsorship</u>: Sam was contacted by Bill Meade, the organizer of the California Autumn Classic in Morgan Hill, about having the MGOC co-sponsor the event. Bill Meade will attend the June MGOC meeting to discuss the event and MGOC co-sponsorship. Several members indicated they would be interested in going to the event.

<u>Thank You, Bob Trencheny</u>: David Wright made a motion thanking Bob for his years of service to the club.

<u>New Secretary</u>: At the close of the meeting Bob Trencheny resigned his position as club secretary. Kim Kuenzinger has graciously agreed to become club secretary for the remainder of 2011.

**Next Meeting and Natter**: 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at The Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott Street, San Leandro.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Submitted by Kim Kuenzinger.

### **Congratulations to Samantha Lee!**

Samantha's article on the Spring Freshen-up Tech Session is the Contribution of the Month. For her tireless enthusiasm and dedicated reporting, Samantha wins a \$25 gift card to the store of her choice.

# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes May 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Gearhart at 7:05 pm. Also attending were: Ernie Bryson, Marcia Crawford, Ken Gittings , Mike Jacobsen, Kim & Craig Kuenzinger, George Steneberg, Bob Stine, Bob Trencheny, and David Wright.

Mike Jacobsen was stuck in traffic and arrived at 8:15. Mike commented that it did not look like Bike to Work Day on the Bay Bridge.

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

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: The checking account balance was almost unchanged because MGs by the Bay registrations fees have been added to the account to cover this month's expenses.

Registrar's Report: The MGOC has 204 regular, 64 auxiliary and 11 corresponding and 2 associate members for 281. We have four new members this month.

Secretary's Report: Nothing significant to report.

<u>Corresponding Secretary's Report</u>: Nothing significant to report.

Regalia: Nothing significant to report.

<u>The Octagon</u>: The editor will update the board and membership on the article contest and Web site at the June meeting. He will also discuss opportunities to find more core members.

#### **Past Events**

<u>Spring Freshen-Up Tech Session</u>: About 17 people attended the Kuenzingers' Tech Session on April 30. Several cars received critical repairs, including a starter that literally fell off in the driveway! I should be so lucky. Receipts for the event have been given to Mike and bills have been paid.

#### **Upcoming Events**

MGs by the Bay on Sunday, May 15 at the Danville Livery: Posters and t-shirts for the event are complete. Rain is predicted for the day so the board discussed how to keep the important things dry. Craig and Kim have all of the logistical details under control.

<u>Sonoma - Marin Tour</u>: Andy and Marla Preston's famous tour has been rescheduled for June 4. This is always a great drive with a stop or two at a local winery. Come out and join the Club on what promises to be a great day.

<u>Fall Festival Planning Meeting</u>: will be held in Oakland on Sunday, June 5. The group is making good progress on the event. Check the event Web site at www.mgfallfestival.com for details.

<u>San Francisco Rallye from Reno</u>: The tour from Reno will arrive on June 17, ending at the west side of Treasure Island at a location with a great view of the Golden Gate and San Francisco. The next day Mike Jacobsen will lead the SF Tour ending at the Pacific Ocean.

# SF Tour for the Rallye *from* Reno Saturday, June 18

Did you see the Rallye to Reno notice in *The Octagon?* The Rallye is a tour for MG owners driving west to Reno for MG2011. It starts in Ocean City, Maryland and runs to Reno for the big all-register event. But the Rallye really finishes in San Francisco after the event. For those folks, the MGOC has put together a tour through San Francisco to make sure everyone that's driven all the way from the Atlantic Ocean reaches the Pacific Ocean. The tour is open to all, so you can come too.

The tour meets at the Marina Green in San Francisco and leaves at 9:00 am. We will go out to Fort Point underneath the Golden Gate Bridge, back through the Presidio and over to Golden Gate Park, up to Twin Peaks, and then out to the Great Highway and along Ocean Beach to the Sutro Baths site. There will be intermediate stops at Fort Point and Twin Peaks so the rallyists can enjoy the views and take pictures, followed lots of choices for lunch in the Sutro Baths area.

When and Where: Meet at the Marina Green parking lot in San Francisco on Saturday, June 18 at 9 am. The tour will go to about noon.

Contact: Mike Jacobsen at 415-333-9699 or MikesMuseum@yahoo.com.

#### **Directions:**

<u>From the North</u>: cross the Golden Gate Bridge and stay on Doyle Drive through the Presidio. When the road splits, take the Marina route. Follow Marina to the signal light at Scott, and turn left into the Marina Green parking area.

<u>From the South</u>: follow 101 North until it becomes Van Ness Avenue. Stay on 101/Van Ness and turn left onto Lombard. In seven blocks, turn right onto Fillmore and bear left on Cervantes in two blocks. Cross Marina Blvd. at the signal light and continue into the Marina Green parking area.

<u>From the East</u>: come across the Bay Bridge, follow the signs to 101 North, and then follow the "From the South" directions.



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# Summer West Marin Tour Saturday, July 9 Novato

### Jointly Sponsored by MGOC and SSTS

Summer never gets better than driving an MG through West Marin, and Bud Alderson and Marty Rayman have put together a fun tour to do just that. Leaving from Novato, we will head west past Stafford Lake, take a scenic drive over Wilson Hill, and follow the Chileno Valley Road through dairyland to Tomales Bay and the Panoramic Highway (Highway 1). In Point Reyes Station, we'll stop for a 45 minute look-around and cheese sampling at The Cowgirl Creamery (noted for award-winning organic cheese making). (Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, while exploring the Marin area organic industry and culture, stopped by the Creamery in 2006.)

We will continue on to lunch at the historic Olema Inn, a stagecoach stop and gathering place for loggers, ranchers, and farmers in the late 1800s. Come visit with old MG friends, and make some new ones.

There are several scenic routes back to Highway 101 – have your pick: the quickest is Sir Francis Drake Boulevard to San Rafael; for the curvy route, follow Marty back over Bolinas Fairfax Road; or follow Bud on spectacular ocean-view tour on Shoreline Drive (Highway1) past Stinson Beach into Mill Valley. The total driving time from Novato back to 101 will be about two and a half hours.

When and Where: Meet at 10:00 am at Starbucks parking lot at 127 San Marin Drive in Novato, about a mile west of Highway 101 (take the San Marin Drive Exit).

<u>Directions</u>: Take 101 north though San Rafael to Novato, or Highway 37 from the East Bay to Highway 101. Exit on San Marin Drive, which is the last Novato exit. Head west. Starbucks is about a mile down on the right hand side.

<u>Cost</u>: No fees. We lunch together and can order individually from the Olema Inn's lunch menu – they will prepare separate checks. For this convenience, please honor the group gratuity rate.

<u>Please RSVP</u> to Bud Alderson at 415-497-7669 or iralderson@comcast.net; or Marty Rayman at 415-454-5756 or <u>DrMartyRayman@gmail.com</u>.

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### **An Adventurous Ride Home**

#### By Gene deRuelle

MGs by the Bay - what a fun show! Too bad it rained a bit, but still a wonderful show. We had a very adventurous ride home.

The Magnette responds very well in snow because it's so underpowered. You don't get wheel spin when you apply power. We finally got stopped by chain control. We had no chains, so they told us we had to turn around. We had just passed a wreck with one in the wall, one in a ditch, and a four-wheel drive on its side.

My companion Jim, that old truck driver, instead of turning around, faked them out and turned onto Old Highway 40. We plowed through and finally hit the summit, and down to clear but cold weather. I didn't even know that route existed, but old Jim got up on the wheel and got us through the trouble. The Magnette only broke free twice, and he corrected both times.

Then going from Reno over Gieger Grade to Virginia City, the Magnette lost power (or most of it). Jim couldn't find the problem; but we found that the car ran OK in first gear. So we drove to the summit and sailed downhill into Virginia City. Jim turned down Six Mile Canyon, which leads almost to his driveway, and we were back at last. I got in my car and drove home. Jim called and said that it was only a bad plug wire, and all was well. Boy, did I sleep well!



Photo by Gene deRuelle

# MGs by the Bay Awards

1 <sup>st</sup> Place TC	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place TD	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place TF	Robert Shaheen
1 <sup>st</sup> Place MGA	
1st Place MGA Coupe	Helen Clary
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Early MGB	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Late MGB	Robert Hepple
1 <sup>st</sup> Place MGB GT	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Midget	Rance Haig
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Special	Jim Silva
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Saloon	Mike Jacobsen
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Daily Driver	Ken Gittings
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Premier	Robert Luebbert
Most Customized	Dan Bennett
Technological Innovation	Jim Silva

### Rendezvous 29



### July 28 – 31, 2011 Keizer, Oregon

Club T MG invites you to Rendezvous with us in Keizrer, Oregon on July 28. For more that a quarter of a century, Club T MG has been gathering for a long weekend with the Sorry Safari Touring Society to drive our cars, play some games, show off our cars, rekindle friendships and make new ones, eat, relax, and just enjoy ourselves. We would like you to join in the fun.

This year the Rendezvous will be located in Keizer at the Renaissance Inn. Centrally located between Portland and Eugene, off Interstate 5, the Keizer Renaissance Inn is nestled in the heart of the Willamette Valley. Just minutes from Keizer Station, Keizer Visitors Center, Schreiner's Iris Garden, Salem/Keizer Volcanoes Stadium, Keizer Rapids Park & Amphitheater, McNary Golf Course, and surrounded by 12 local parks. With a population of 36,295, Keizer is the 14<sup>th</sup> largest city in Oregon. Keizer is also recognized as the "Iris Capital of the World".

Standard events include the Funkhana (a test of driving skill combined with whimsical tasks), a gimmick rally (you answer questions while driving the route), a driving tour of the countryside, and, of course, a car show (vote for your favorite in each class). The awards banquet features the winners of the events and a raffle/auction. The trophies are always interesting!

If you have been before you know how fun and relaxing it is. If you have never been – you've been missing a fabulous event. Come check it out.

Contact: Donna McNabb at 503-936-6137 or mcnabb7582@comcast.net.

More information and registration form:

http://www.clubtmg.org/2011-Rendezvous-Registration-Form.pdf

# **MG** Fall Festival **September 29 to October 2** The Sheraton Sonoma – Petaluma

The Fall Festival will include road tours, winery visits, dinner at the historic and rustic Union Hotel in Occidental, a car show, and an awards banquet at the Sheraton. In addition, the Fall Festival coincides with the Classic Sport Racing Group's Annual Charity Challenge at Infineon Raceway. Along with watching some great racing, attendees will have the opportunity to drive their MGs on the Sears Point track during the lunch hour. More details to come. Save the date.





MGs by the Bay photos by Jeremy Palgor

# **Spring Freshen-up Tech Session**

Photos by Felix Lee







## **Spring Freshen-up Tech Session**

By Samantha Lee

We had our tech sesign in craig and Kim's garage, we Tocused on cratety and preparedness. These are somethings tomokesuse your tires are in allow shape, thespline and change the tires every year and chei 5 June time varsee seepping brown hyperton through the rubber hespoked the wheekshould have a ting sound. In shave 143, hose clamps, Mechanics wire, Illatape and wrenches traig knows a lot a bout my cars run and Kimknows about making tasty pizza. earning about how to make cars run was interesting ter we tuned up our car, we drove to rebayeven though it was ramin upour curtains and still en loved it.

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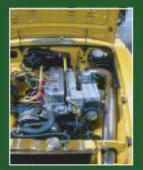
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# MGs by the Bay

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# **A Drizzly Morning**





# **Became a Sunny Day**



