

# 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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### COVER PHOTO:

Mike Jacobsen's Iris Blue MGA at Fort Bragg, Felix Lee

## Club Meeting

September 26, 2015

Natter and Noggin'

San Leandro Marina Restaurant

2144 Marina BLVD, San Leandro, CA 94577



**Time:** 11 a.m. Meeting, afterwards drive to Sure Fit Seat Covers and NIMBY

**Location:** 2144 Marina BLVD, San Leandro, CA 94577

**Please RSVP:** to Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 / [president@mgocsf.org](mailto:president@mgocsf.org) or "enroll" for the event online at [www.mgocsf.org](http://www.mgocsf.org)



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**MG Midget Rolling Chassis Body Shell.** No VIN. No Title. No engine, transmission, differential, front bumper, or windscreen. Not crashed but rough. Rubber bumper car. Make Offer. Contact Member Nick Becker at 925-932-9778 or [becker2226@astound.net](mailto: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](mailto:elliottsopkin@gmail.com). Posted 05/15]

### Announcements:

**Enclosed Trailer for Rent:** Enclosed car trailer for rent (16' x 8'). Trailer has integrated braking system and lights with the tow vehicle, and a 12 volt 2,000 lb. Electric Winch. Electrical outlets in and outside the trailer and air conditioning. Rental rates are very reasonable with a discount for rentals of three or more days. Contact either Randy Grossman (415-518-5210) or Eric Baker (510-517-2165) for more information. [posted 06/13]



**New and Used Parts Swap Meet / Bone Yard Sale:** 2nd Saturday of the month starting January 11, 2013

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## MGOC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

## MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO *THE OCTAGON*

Your stories, photos, tips, questions, and anything MGOC-related are always welcome in *The Octagon*. Please make your contributions by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [octagoneditor@mgocsf.org](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? 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

- September 1 – MG Car Company transfers to Abingdon-on-Thames (09/29)  
MG TB introduced (09/39)
- September 4 – Cecil Kimber marries Irene “Rene” Hunt (09/04/15)
- September 5 – Scottish Games, Pleasanton
- September 6 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- September 12-13 – **Fourth Annual British Fall Classic**, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland
- September 20 – Danville Concours d’Elegance, Danville
- September 25 – MG EX 127 Magic Midget achieves 101.1 mph at Montlery (09/25/31)
- September 26 – **Sure Fit Seat Covers / NIMBY, Club Meeting**, Livermore
- October 4 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- October 10 – William Morris’ Birthday (10/10/1877)
- October 17 – **North Bay Tech Session with Clint Wright**, Steve Kellogg  
MGB introduced at Earl’s Court (10/17/62)
- October 19 – MG Midget introduced at Earl’s Court (10/19/61)
- October 21 – MG TA introduced at Olympia Motor Show (10/22/37)  
MG TC introduced at Earl’s Court (10/21/45)
- October 23 – Abingdon closes with last MGB (10/23/80)
- October 25 – MG TF1500 introduced at Earl’s Court (10/25/54)
- October 27 – MG YT-Type introduced at Earl’s Court (10/27/48)
- October 29 – MGA introduced at Earl’s Court (10/29/55)
- October 30 – MG TD introduced at Earl’s Court (10/30/50)

# From the Editor...

*Daisy's First, Ever, MG Tour*

One of the most frustrating features of almost all MGs, when you have a family of four, is the two-seater layout. Unless you have a YT-Tourer or Magnette, its just you, the driver, and only one other. Oh sure, when Samantha and Stephanie were smaller, I used to be able to strap both of them in, on the passenger seat, and drive around "locally" in Los Altos Hills. And, unless Kimberly and I had a sitter for the day, I was always asked to make, a "Sophie's Choice." Will it be Samantha today, or Stephanie? Sometimes it would boil down to whomever didn't have another activity that day or "whomever was willing, to write an article, about the trip." Regardless of who I chose, the other would always be left a little sad, for having been left behind.

Well, our recent tour, up the Mendocino Coast to Fort Bragg, was a little different. In fact, it was the best of all worlds! Here's why. Turns out, we originally planned for all four of us to go and to take two cars, the TF 1500 and the BMW Rescue X5. The time spent driving, would be equally split between the girls. Stephanie on the way up (because Samantha was in a Stanford Summer Writing Program that week, through Friday morning) and Samantha on the way down. Unfortunately, Kimberly would have to wait for some other tour, to "shotgun," in the passenger seat of the TF 1500. However, at the very last moment, like the day before, it abruptly dawned on us that we had not made any arrangements for the 3rd girl, Daisy, our golden retriever. In a failed desperate attempt to find other, literally, last minute, "pet" friendly" lodging; turns out, the Beach House Inn, where we were all staying, is pet friendly. For a small "extra" fee, and by now, we were willing to pay anything ... Daisy got to come along for Daisy's first, ever, MG Tour. And boy, did she have a great time. I can't remember the last time Daisy spent 72 straight hours with us. In fact, I would dare say, we wore

her out!

Not only is Fort Bragg a "pet" friendly town, but so was downtown Mendocino. Every store we went into, Daisy was allowed in as well. In fact, almost every store, has a dog bowl full of water at the entrance, just to cater to this canine need.

Daisy took two trips down to the beach, including the infamous, must-see, Glass Beach. This particular beach had no sand, but was made up of old broken glass bottle chips, which, after years of exposure to the constant crashing of waves, had become smooth-edged, like pebbles. And rather than her usual routine of being let out into the yard alone, whenever a biological urge came on, Daisy got 3 leashed walks a day, which I am sure, was quite confusing for her. Who knew northern CA was so pet friendly. I do believe we may end up coming back to the Fort Bragg / Mendocino area a whole lot more often. Thanks to the MGOC and SSTS for introducing "pet friendly" Northern CA, to our three girls, especially the furry one!



*Safety Fast!*

*Felix Lee*

*- Daisy lovin' MGs!*



**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 [chevail@gmail.com](mailto:chevail@gmail.com) (415) 441-7699 [Posted 09/14]



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



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

Engine and drive train are stock. Engine has less than 10,000 miles since rebuild; head was just done this year by On the Road Again with new valves and guides. Carbs rebuilt by British Sports Car center with new throttle shafts. Engine runs well with strong acceleration.

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

Asking \$10,000. Contact member Jim Carlson [carlsonconsulting@comcast.net](mailto:carlsonconsulting@comcast.net) 408 802 0599 [Posted 09/14]



**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 tonneau. 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](mailto: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](mailto:don@napanet.net). [Posted 05/15]

## Parts for Sale:

**MGB Parts: Autopower Roll Bar**, SCCA Race Approved, 1.75" DOM. Roll bar has diagonal brace, horizontal seat back brace, and small restraint bar behind driver's seat. Asking \$150. Two Chrome Luggage Racks, trunk lid mounted. \$50 each. Contact Member David Wright at 510-653-3831. [Posted 05/13]

## MG

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

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

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MGB, Midget caliper.....	\$85.00
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MGB brake booster servo.....	\$175.00
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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]



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



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



**1961 MGA1600**. runs great and has new paint and interior. Black exterior and tan interior. I have the hardtop repainted also, but the soft top is not restored. I have records of all improvements over the last 10 years. Stored in Berkeley. Price \$14-16,000. Contact member Josh Oliver [joshholiver@gmail.com](mailto:joshholiver@gmail.com) or 510-710-7883 [Posted 04/15]



**1966 MGB Roadster**, reliable driver car cover (black) and new top (black), toe is fully removable for storage, new Simpson 3 point shoulder harness / seat belts, chrome air filters, AM/FM radio, British Racing Green, Michelin 185/70 R14 tires, car inspection report available from when bought, all maintenance / repair work done by On the Road Again, replaced muffler / water pump / shocks / brakes / pads / rotors and various other items. All copies of work available. \$12,800 invested, selling for \$8,250 OBO. Contact member Paul Hughes [paul\\_hughes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paul_hughes@sbcglobal.net) [Posted 05/15]



## President's Ponderings ...

Hello MGers,

Where has the summer gone? Not too much gone as the weather is still hot and expects to stay that way through the fall, but maybe just a bit milder.

I hope you have had some good drives in your MGs. If so, tell us about them on our Facebook page or on our Forum/Swap Meet, tab on our website. <http://mgsf.connect2clubs.com/Forum-Swap-Meet/aff/8>.

I am already starting to think about next year. I really enjoyed the MG 2011 in Reno that I would like to go to the MG 2016 in Louisville next year. At Reno there were 600 plus great looking MGs and they are expecting twice that amount in Kentucky. Who else is interested in going? How will you get here? Drive, Trailer or ship your LBC is the question.

Again, I encourage you to start a discussion

on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MGOCNorthernCalifornia> or on our Forum/Swap Meet Tab in the General Discussion area.

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I Hope to see you at the British Fall Classic in Morgan Hill. Our MGOC is a sponsor this year!

Safety fast!  
Steve Kellogg



**Date:** Saturday - Sunday, September 12-13

**Time / Place:**

**Saturday: Morgan Hill Wine Country Tour: 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Butterfield BLVD CalTrain Station Parking Lot**

**Wine Reception: 4-7 p.m.**

**On The Road Again, 16840 Joleen Way, Unit G4, Morgan Hills, CA 95037**

**Sunday: Show: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**8-10 a.m.: staging**

**arrive at corner of East 2nd Street and Depot Street, Downtown Morgan Hill**

**10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.: public viewing of cars**

**2:30 - 3:30 p.m.: Awards Ceremony**

**Event: Fourth Annual British Fall Classic**

**Registration Form**

**Please RSVP:** to Bill Hiland [bhiland@ontheroadagainclassics.com](mailto:bhiland@ontheroadagainclassics.com)

**We look forward to seeing you.**

# MGOC and SSTS Fort Bragg Overnight

*... first time in history ...*

By Vicky Kellogg

A rare vintage MG event occurred this past July, 2015, on the California West Coast.

More than 30 members of either, or both, the MGOC and Sorry Safari Touring Society, participated in a 3 day - 2 night excursion, from San Rafael, up the Pacific Coast and Mendocino County, and ending in Fort Bragg.

Under clear skies bathed in brilliant sunshine, 8 MG TD's, 3 TF's, 2 MGA's, 4 MGB's, 1 Alfa Romero, 1 Austin Healey, 1 Fiat Agarth, 1 Lexus, 1 BMW, and 2 dogs (Enzo and Daisy), were led by Steve Kellogg, POTMGOC (President of the MGOC), and Kirk Prentiss, SSTSWM (Sorry Safari Touring Society Wind Machine Editor).

"This is the first time in history, that the two clubs, have ever participated in a long drive and a two night, overnight trip together," said Steve, also a member of Sorry Safari Touring Society, "Sorry Safari has really done a great job over the years with long trips, which included overnight stays," (because most SSTS members are retired and can). A lot of members of MGOC have expressed a desire to start doing longer trips, but, up until now, have pretty much focused mainly on drives that can be done within a day, (because some MGOC members still work paycheck-to-paycheck)."

Added Kirk, "The weather was great. We had a lot of participants. No one broke down going up, one member was very, very late (doctor time ...), and everyone seemed to have a great time."

The following, is a brief tour overview, with highlights, of the trip's activities:

**DAY ONE:** Friday, July 17, 2015, 9:30 AM:

All cars rendezvous'd, except one, at the parking lot in front of Starbuck's in San Rafael. Once everyone arrived, except one, Marty and Naomi Rayman, started everyone off with a drive they mapped out for us through Marin County. After driving for about an hour plus, all drivers, except one, met up at The Tides Restaurant, in Bodega Bay, for lunch where Hitchcock's The Birds was filmed.

After a stunning drive along the coast, cars started arriving in Fort Bragg at around 3:30, in the afternoon. Drivers, guests, and dogs checked in, at The Beach House Inn, just north of downtown Fort Bragg.

A pizza party was held across the street, at The Beachcomber's Hotel, on top of their large deck, overlooking the beach. Guests dined on various kinds of Round Table pizza, a big mixed green salad, and chocolate chip cookies – all while enjoying a front row view, of a spectacular California sunset.

**DAY TWO:** Saturday, July 18, 2015, 8:00 AM:

As if driving for five hours, up the coast, the day before was not enough, a group of about ten cars were led by Steve Kellogg, up to Leggett, and through the Redwoods, for another tour. The highlight, was the stop at the Chandelier Tree. Providing a rare photo opportunity, this tree is large enough for small cars like MG's to drive through in the opening in its huge trunk.

Mendocino shopping, sightseeing, and lunch was the order of the day, for another group of people, who wanted an alternative to more driving.

Dinner was slightly on the early side (in order to take advantage of the senior discount, of which there are many), at Silver's Restaurant, at the wharf, in Fort Bragg.

After dinner and back at the the hotel, an impromptu party started up in the parking lot. Thanks to Kirk and Amy Prentiss, who provided lots snacks and gin and tonics, which kept the festivities going, well into the evening and early morning hours.



Photo by Kirk Prentiss, Felix Lee and Photoshop

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 12 & 13 – British Fall Classic – Morgan Hill
- September 19 – British Swap Meet – Formerly in Hayward, now in Danville at Blackhawk Museum
- September 26 – Natter n Noggin Meeting – San Leandro Marina Restaurant followed by trips to Sure Fit and NIMBY.  
Mark McGothigan, Trailmaster
- October 17 – Natter n Noggin Meeting – San Rafael – Pier 15 restaurant followed by a Tech Session at Clint Wright's.  
Bud Alderson, Trailmaster

## OLD BUSINESS

- Door clings or magnets:** Nothing to report.
- MGs by the Bay:** Committee members for MGsBTBay 2016 to be set up by November 2015.
- NAMGAR GT-42:** Mike Jacobsen – Absent, however Dan Shockey showed a few renderings of a possible logo for the GT-42 with a cowboy on an bucking MGA and one with a tower in the town of Solvang. Might also make up one with a Mission in the background.

## NEW BUSINESS

October 10 – SF 49er Car Show at Levi's Stadium with a tour of facility at \$40 per person – Steve to send out a blast to see if there is any interest. Should attend if at least 10 cars are interested in going.

## BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

Proposed \$200 for British Fall Classic Sponsorship – Approved

Proposed spending up to \$150 for Annual Picnic on Snacks and Beverages – Approved

	\$200 Sponsorship for BFC	\$150 for Bev & Snacks at Picnic
Steve K.	Yes	Yes
Andy P.	Yes	Yes
Marla P.	Yes	Yes
Jing C.	Yes	Yes
Craig K.	Yes	Yes
George S.	Yes	Yes
Mike J.	Yes	Yes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

**NEXT MEETING** – Saturday, September 26, San Leandro Marina Restaurant 11 am Meeting adjourned at: 11:45 am

Submitted by: Steve Kellogg

# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

*Kellogg's House – Los Gatos*

August 22, 2015

**Call to Order:** 11:00 am by President Steve Kellogg

**Attending:** Dennis & Sue Byron, Marcia Crawford, Jim & Anne Carlson, Vicky Kellogg, Dave Marsh, Thuy Nguyen, Amy & Kirk Prentiss, George Steneberg, Dan Shockey, Keith & Pam Shukait, Wayne and Janet Veatch, Marja van den Hende

**August Mileage Winner:** Not applicable.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting, July 25:** Approved

## REPORTS

**President's Report:** Steve Kellogg – All is well

**Vice President's Report:** Andy Preston – Absent

**Treasurer's Report:** Marla Preston

Account	August 2015	July 2015	June 2015
Checking	9,361.81	9,329.51	8,728.14
Savings	3,462.94	3,462.85	3,462.77
GT-42 2017	200.00	200.00	200.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13,024.75</b>	<b>12,992.36</b>	<b>12,390.91</b>

We have had a few more renewals since the last Treasurer's Report and we are sponsoring the British Fall Classic in the amount of \$200.00.

**Registrar's Report:** Steve Kellogg

189	Number of Regular Members
58	Number of Regular Family Members
<b>247</b>	<b>Total Regular and Family Members</b>
16	Number of Corresponding Members
5	Number of Corresponding Family Members
<b>21</b>	<b>Total Corresponding and Family Members</b>
<b>268</b>	<b>Total Members</b>

Reminder Membership renewal letters went out August 15.

Status:

13 out of 16 Corresponding Memberships are up to date and paid – 81%

148 out of 189 Regular Memberships are up to date and paid – 78%

61 members receive the Octagon via the USPS.

Will drop non-renewing members on Sept. 1.

Paper and envelopes	\$10.86
Postage	\$22.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32.91</b>

**Secretary's Report:** Jing Chai – Absent

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** George Steneberg – Nothing to report

**Regalia:** David Wright – Absent

**The Octagon:** Felix Lee – Absent

**Website:** Steve Kellogg – Nothing to report

## PAST EVENTS

None

**DAY THREE:** Sunday, July 19, 2015, whatever time the alcohol wore off ... but prior to check-out at 11:00 am

Most participants spent the early morning packing up or driving into town for breakfast. Several restaurants we tried, include Egghead's Restaurant, Cafe One, and Home Style Cafe. Others, well, a few ... pretty much, just Mike and Elaine, and that would be Elaine, kicking and screaming, went to visit the train station and train museum.

Any last minute, impromptu, emergency tech sessions, were held, out of necessity, in the parking lot, duct tape in hand. We then checked out, wiped back the tears, and said our final goodbyes ... at least, until our next event, 20 days later, in August, 2015, in Los Gatos, CA.

Several caravans then took off to varied points southward, down to coast, either spending the afternoon in downtown Mendocino, or scattered about the San Francisco Bay area. Two of our guests, instead, headed northward, back up to Medford, Oregon.

Many thanks to the following members of both, the Sorry Safari Touring Society and MGOC, for being a part of this rare, but oh so special trip, to the Northern California Redwoods:

Adventurers:

Tim and Patricia Arnold in their Alfa Romeo "MG Wannabee"

Mike Jacobsen and Elaine Chan in his MGA

Ed, Rowena and Enzo De Mayo in their Retrofitted MGB

Bob and Marcia Freitas in their MG Midget

Steve and Cheryl Glen in their MGB/GT

Randy Grossman and Melissa Johnson in his MGA

Herb and Judy Guidry in their MGB

Doug and Connie Hollander in their MGB

Steve and Vicky Kellogg in her MGTF 1500 and the Lexus "Living Room" SUV

Craig and Kim Kuenzinger in their Fiat MGOS (On Steroids)

Felix, Kimberly, Samantha, Stephanie and Daisy in their MG TF1500 and B"MG" W X5

Don Livingood from Oregon in his MGA

Kirk and Amy Prentiss in their MGB/GT

Andy and Marla Preston in their MGB/GT

Marty and Naomi Rayman in their MGTD

Wayne and Janet Veatch in their MGB

Dean Webb from Oregon in his MG TF1500

Carl and Dian Brown in their MGB



Photo by Kimberly Lee

# BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD

HEADING OVER TO SILVER'S RESTAURANT FOR DINNER ...

THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE IS THROUGH THE FOREST ...

FEEL FEINT ...

?!?

AM I GOING TO NEED AN AXE?

YEP, YOU HEARD HIM, THROUGH THE TREES ...

EGAD!

CAPITAL!!

EVERYONE TAKE A POTTY BREAK, IN CASE THERE IS FOREST TRAFFIC...

WE'RE ON A ROLL ...

UH OH, FOREST TRAFFIC ...

ARGH!!!

CRUNCH!!

GULP ... PERHAPS, I SHOULD HAVE LET THOSE CUTE LITTLE BRITISH MGs GO FIRST ...

AN HOUR LATER ...

ZZZ ...

KNOCK, KNOCK ...

O .. M ...

OMG, STILL WAITING!

WHO'S THERE?

O .. M WHO?

DID SOMEONE BREAK DOWN?

HOURS LATER ...

LIKE BSPA BREAKDOWN?

SO GLAD I WENT POTTY!

..... TO BE CONTINUED

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## A Fabulous Motoring Coastal Tour

*Pictorial Essay*

By Marty Rayman



As we gather ...



"Wow, that's a loooong way north!"



Here's the deal ...



Route 1 & Tomales Bay



Can we fit anything else  
pooch?

Yes we can, and we can  
purchase a pygmy tree,

In here besides the

even have room to  
on the Mendocino Coast!



The Rayman's lunch stop at the Marshall Store.



Thru Terra Linda to Lucas Valley Road.



Waiting for the MG's.  
The guy in the red hat asked where the rest of the MG's  
were. He was told (by a friend of mine) that they were  
coming through and he was waiting and waiting!  
Shudda' brought the group through the center of town,  
before parking at the toilets...

## MG Love



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

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**This would be a great addition your MG Library**

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**Date:** Saturday, September 26, 2015

**Time / Place:**

**11:00-12:30 p.m.: Club Meeting / Natter & Noggin'**

**San Leandro Marina Restaurant, 2144 Marina BLVD, San Leandro, CA 94577**

**12:30- onward**

**Sure Fit Seat Covers, 13922 East 14th St San Leandro, CA 94578, Jim Silva**

**NIMBY, 8410 Amelia Street, Oakland, CA 94621, Mark McGothigan**

**Event:** After the meeting we will be lead by Mark McGothigan on a drive to SureFit Upholstery where we'll meet MG enthusiast Jim Silva and tour his shop. He will also talk to us about the ins and out of upholstering LBCs. After Surefit, we will then drive to NIMBY in Oakland for a tour.

**Please RSVP:** to Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 / [president@mgocsf.org](mailto:president@mgocsf.org) or "enroll" for the event online at [www/mgocsf.org](http://www/mgocsf.org)

**We look forward to seeing you.**



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# Start Planning for the rest of 2015 ...



## FALL - WINTER

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND PLEASANTON, 9/5-6  
 4TH BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 9/12-13  
 DANVILLE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, 9/20  
 SURE FIT SEAT COVER / NIMBY, 9/26  
 SEA-AIR-AHH TOUR, 10/2-4  
 OLD CAR PICNIC, 10/17  
 NORTH BAY TECH SESSION, 10/17  
 VETERAN'S DAY TOUR, 11/7  
 FALL TECH SESSION, SAN FRANCISCO, 11/14  
 MGOC HOLIDAY TEA, LOS GATOS, 12/12  
 PLANNING MEETING, 1/9/16  
 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, 1/23/16

For your official MGOC 2015 Tour Planner link here: <http://www.mgocsf.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=AgDpTROzveA%3d&tabid=63&mid=562>



The 2015 British Fall Classic will be held the weekend of September 12th and 13th in downtown Morgan Hill (just 10 miles south of San Jose.) Online registration is now open. To register go to: [2015 British Fall Classic](http://www.britishfallclassic.com). This takes you to the event website. Scroll down a little and the registration link is on the right.

Thanks again to our Title Sponsors: Ladera Grill and On the Road Again Classics! We are also grateful to Silver Sponsor, Heritage Bank of Commerce. Sponsorship opportunities are still available so, if you are interested, please contact Mary ([mary@hiland-assoc.com](mailto:mary@hiland-assoc.com)).

As before, the net proceeds from this event will go to local nonprofit organizations.

Please spread the word! We expect a very full show!

## MGOC Fill in the Caption

*Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon*



Photo by Marty Rayman

**"Oh, Rover - that stinks!"**

- MG Sports and Racing

**"Move over - I'll drive!"**

- Steve Kellogg

**"If you are not taking me to the dog park, then I'm not going!"**

- Ken Bottini

**"I've already gone to the Vet to get neutered"**

- Janet Smith

**"Who are you? And why are you sitting in my car?"**

- Jon Parkinson

**"I don't care how many treats you are offering, I'm not riding in that noisy smoking thing again"**

- Jim Carlson

**"I'm not getting into that thing!"**

- Don Scott

**"When did 'Do you want to go for a walk?' become, I walk and you drive?"**

- Felix Lee

Each month, we provide a photo in need of a caption.

You, the reader, submit your caption to [flee@hancmg.com](mailto:flee@hancmg.com).

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



Photo by Southern CA MG Car Club

# 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 10

## JAY AND WENDY MORRIS

When I retired, I wanted to get an older car to tinker with and enjoy. My wife and I went to a number of car shows looking for just the right one when we saw a TD at the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance in Murphys California and after looking at many cars, my wife said she really liked the little MG, it was cute.

Well that started the search and within about five months I was the proud owner of a 1953 MGTD MARK II. I named the MG Thomas after my great grandfather who also migrated from England. We enjoy driving Thomas on nice days and seeing all the smiles he puts on people's faces as we drive by.

The car had a complete ground up restoration done to it in 1998, where the previous owner, used as many of the original parts as possible. The car has all matching numbers and is one of 226 Mark IIs made in 1953, of which, 157 were imported to the North America.



Jay and Izzy (granddaughter)



- MG TD Mark II
- year of manufacture: 1953
  - engine number: XPAG / TD3 / 26067
  - chassis number: TD/C 25754
  - color: green
  - interior color: tan
  - any modifications: standard accessories such as mirrors, wire wheels, full tonneau