

THE OCTAGON

Newsletter of the M.G. Owners Club & the Peninsula T Register
The Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club



Official MGOC Generational Welcoming Committee



February 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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COVER PHOTO: Stephanie Lee, Marcia Crawford and Kim Kuenzinger at MGOC Annual Awards Banquet, by Felix Lee

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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 15th of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to octagoneditor@mgocsf.org or send them to: Felix Lee, 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.

RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? 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>.

Forthcoming Events

MGOC Events in bold

February 9 – **Club Meeting**, Mimi's Cafe, Foster City, Tim Polidoroff

February 16 – **Rainy Day Tour**, Rod and Sue Schweiger

February 22 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland

February 23 – **Car Clinic**, BSPA Award Garage Shrine, Walnut Creek, Craig and Kim Kuenzinger

March 16 – **Mount Tamalpais Tour**, Mount Tamalpais, Andy Preston

March 20 – **St. Patrick's Day Tour**, Marin, Steve Lilves

March 29 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland

March 30 – Susan's Tour, Bob and Susan Engelhart

From the Editor...

February is all about hearts. And as a cardiologist, I should know ...

Eat Your Heart Out. And we did, at least those of us who attended our Annual Awards Banquet at Hs. Lordships Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. The buffet layout really hit the spot. We typically have to fast for 2 days before this event and are still full 2 days later. The omelette, carving, sushi and dessert stations were simply decadent.

Heart-to-Heart Talk. Besides the food, the other aspect of the Annual Awards Banquet involves just getting together with old friends and catching up. Striking up a conversation with someone you have not seen in a while or just rumoring about someone's most recent MG mishap. Although sometimes referred to as "Natter and Noggin'," we'll leave that term exclusively for our monthly MGOC meetings.

Hearts on Fire. Valentine's day typically brightens up an otherwise gray winter month. Preparations for that someone special typically involve ordering flowers early and making reservations even earlier. How will you be spending Valentine's Day? If it involves a special someone and an equally special MG, please let us know and submit the requisite photo documentation.

Heart Healthy. February is also Heart Health month and reminds us to eat healthier and exercise more. As

far as our MGs go, remember to look after it's heart, the engine. And a great way to get started is by attending our Annual Tech Session in Walnut Hill with Master Technician Craig Kuenzinger. Remember to wear red today, February 1st, to support the Annual Go Red for Women campaign to raise awareness of the risks of heart disease in women. In fact, if your MG is red, take it out right now.

Heart of the Matter. Try not to waste time. Life is short. As Randy Grossman reminded us last year with his long-planned MG sojourn to England, "Just Do It!"

Change of Heart. Like when you were considering that Bavarian car ...

Half-Hearted. Don't do this, instead ...

Heart of Gold. Use this month to "pay something forward." Consider helping out an MGOC member in need. Perhaps someone needs pointers on bleeding the brakes, cleaning a carburetor or simply a tow. Been there, done that (some more than others).

Heart of Red and Gold. Go 49er's.

Heart in the Right Place. Let kindness be your guide.

Pour One's Heart Out. As in contributing to the MGOC by planning an event or writing an article and submitting the requisite photo documentation (*The Octagon* likes photos).

Take Heart. As every MG owner does each and every time we get behind our MG steering wheel ... and pray for that *Safety Fast* return.

Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- as long as there is still heart disease, I'll just keep "Stenting"



MG

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President's Ponderings...

Hello everyone, by the time you read this I'll be in Egypt for a family vacation and hopefully you will have all just enjoyed a wonderful time at the MGOC's Annual Awards Banquet. In taking on the new role of MGOC president I'm reminded of Isaac Newton, who once commented "If I've accomplished anything it is because I've stood on the shoulders of giants".

Well, as your new President, I certainly believe that to be the case as the MGOC has been fortunate to have had some very wonderful and hardworking folks fill the role in the past. George Steneberg, Sam Gearhart, and Bob Stine ... just the name the most recent few. And thanks to their efforts we have a very strong foundation upon which to build on.

That said, we'll be making a few tweaks and adjustments this year to hopefully make the club even more accessible and responsive to your needs. Specifically we've revised the Club's Bylaws. Among the proposed changes - we'll be adding Saturday meetings - on an every other month basis (vs. holding all our monthly meeting on Thursday evenings at the Englander in San Leandro). And, we'll be holding these meeting at various locations around the Bay Area so that hopefully everyone will have a chance to attend. We'll also be adopting a new rule that will allow Board members to hold "virtual" (i.e., e-mail) meetings so that we can more quickly address issues between meetings.

On January 12, we held our Annual Planning Meeting and set our tentative schedule for the year. It is available on the WEB. A number of club members volunteered to lead events and tours. Thank you! Coming up first - Craig Kuenzinger's Tech Session on February 23rd. And of course, on June 2nd will be running our Annual "MG's by the Bay" event.

Before I close, special thanks and kudos to Marcia Crawford, our unofficial Secretary this past year. However, we couldn't twist Marcia's arm hard enough to convince her to continue in this role. As such, it remains open and as yet no one has volunteered to fill it. If you're is interested please contact me. it is a great way to get more involved with the club and we surely could use your help.

Regards,
Tim Polidoroff



John Bertolotti eventually finds his matching MG Cufflinks

Holiday Tea 2012

By George Steneberg and Mike Jacobsen

A beautiful day, with everyone in the holiday spirit. MGOC members turned out in festive attire, bringing lots of toys that Craig and Kim Kuenzinger later delivered to the Walnut Creek Fire Department to disperse to families in need. The bountiful array of goodies that everyone brought went from hors d'oeuvres to sandwiches and from cookies to candy and cakes, along with teas and wine. A delightful way to start off the holidays with friends.



That's the official report, but it omits some details, such as the ages of those attending ranged from four to eighty, not all attending had only two legs, and there was so much food the big table was full and the overflow was spread among side and end tables around the house. The cookie choices were even better than last year's! We also saw that George had two cars in Marcia's garage, though he claimed it was just because of the rain and that they were there to show some details to a couple people. Every room in the house was decorated, and somehow the Christmas tree reached to the ceiling without blocking the view of San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate. The best part? Despite the rainy weather, there were no reports of failing wipers or lights!

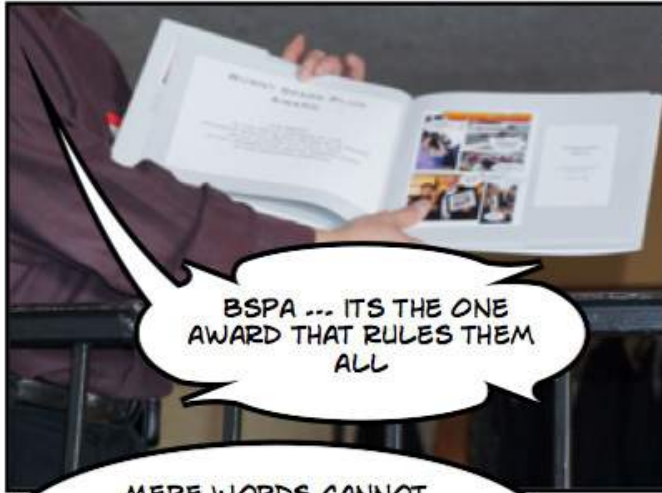




BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD

AS THE BSPA PATIENTLY
WAITS ...

HEY CG, WHO
DO YOU THINK IT
WILL BE FOR
2013?



BSPA ... ITS THE ONE
AWARD THAT RULES THEM
ALL

MERE WORDS CANNOT
DESCRIBE WHAT THE BSPA HAS
MEANT TO ME ... THE JOY, THE AGONY
... MOSTLY THE AGONY ...

HMM, LET'S TRY
SITTING AS FAR AWAY AS
POSSIBLE ...



YEP, HE'S
GONNA
CRY ...

SNIFF, I
MIGHT CRY

AND SO,
FOR 2013 ...

KELLOGG,
IT'S YOU!

ENJOY THE
NEXT 364
DAYS!



..... TO BE CONTINUED

Photos by Felix Lee

Start Planning for 2013 ...



SPRING

TECH SESSION, 2/23
 MT. TAMALPAIS TOUR, 3/16
 ST. PATRICK'S DAY TOUR, 03/20
 TWIST AT ON THE ROAD AGAIN, 4/27-28
 MT. HAMILTON, 5/11
 WOODLAND ALL-BRITISH, 05/19



SUMMER

MGS BY THE BAY, DANVILLE, 6/2
 NAMGAR GT-38, 6/10-14
 PALO ALTO CONCOURS, 6/30
 SWANTON TOUR, 7/13
 NAMGBR, CORVALIS, OR, 7/17-21
 RENDEZVOUS, SILVERTON, OR, 7/31-8/4
 MGOC ANNUAL PICNIC, 8/10



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
 PIGEON PT. LIGHTHOUSE TOUR, 11/16
 MGOC HOLIDAY TEA, SAN FRANCISCO, 12/14

Do You Have Pictures of MGOC Members, like this?



Please forward them to Randy Grossman at
grossran001@comcast.net

As most of you may know, Randy is finalizing the 20th Anniversary *MGs by the Bay* Poster book we intend to offer for sale at this year's 20th anniversary event

This photo album is dedicated to Sam Gearhart

Randy has assembled each of the past posters from 1994-2013 in a glossy tribute book

For the cover, Randy would like to create a collage of a few historical photos taken at any of the past *MGs by the Bay* events from 1994-2012

The focus of these photos should not be on the cars but on *MGs by the Bay* participants enjoying each others' company, renewing old friendships and making new ones

Randy needs these photos ASAP in order to get this project finished

Thanks in Advance

On the Road Again

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Pub Night @ On the Road Again

February 22, 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
ones at home

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Wanted

Submissions of articles / photos / anecdotes / repairs
are always welcome

Please make submissions by the 15th of the month preceding the
issue in which you would like it to appear.

Email Felix Lee at octagoneditor@mgocsf.org.

MGOC OCTAGON CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Samantha and Felix Lee

Test your recall of past issues of our 2012 editions of *The Octagon*
Good Luck



ACROSS

- 4: World's largest one-make car club
5: Albert Sydney _____ was MG's chief engineer between 1954-1971
8: Bumpers fitted to the MGB from 1975 due to American safety regulations
9: Who had to be reinstated as Past President in 2012?
12: Tom _____ won the 2012 Annual Picnic 'Door' Prize
14: The man who brought MG to America
15: Street of the original Morris Garage of 1910
26: Name of Cecil Kimber's own MG, a 1934 K1 Magnette
28: What Grossman was caught doing in the UK
29: MG slogan first used in 1929
31: Best selling MG in the history of the make
32: What Steneberg bent on the way to GOF West 2012
33: Name of MGOC's year end celebration (two words)
34: MG's home for 51 years from 1929-1980 (two words)
36: The business from which MG took it's name (two words)
40: Principal supplier of MG bodies between 1924-1935
42: What Kellogg misconnected that created a puff of smoke
44: What Polidoro spent the better part of last year rebuilding
45: Home of Cecil Kimber (two words)
46: Monthly ritual held at On The Road Again in Morgan Hill (two words)

- 47: Ford, who in 1930 was America's first MG owner when he bought an M type
48: Abington's first volume seller and most successful export record of any British car
49: Nickname given by the MG factory for the energy absorbing dashboard on US sold MGBs (two words)
51: What Lee lost on the way to Petaluma resulting in gasoline spray from a disconnected fuel line (two words)
55: Preston's favorite guilty pleasure
56: Color of Sam Gearhart's 1974 1/2 MGB (two words)
58: J.I. _____ distributed MGs in New York from 1948-1960
59: Chen _____ traveled the furthest to attend our 2012 MGOC Picnic

DOWN

- 1: Toby _____'s original water color and pen drawing won the 2012 poster contest
2: The only MG mascot ever advertised with the Mark III
3: Recipient of the 2013 BSPA
4: The only woman to actively drive the full distance across the US for Rally to Reno 2011

- 6: What Kellogg pulled loose while loading the TF on the trailer
7: Jennifer _____ drove the furthest from Vancouver, Canada to attend North meets South at Pismo Beach
10: New member, Myles _____ was introduced to cars when his father took him to annual Auto Shows
11: Most famous TC customer was the Duke of _____
13: Nonprofit serving families in South San Jose and South Santa Clara where all 2012 British Fall Classic net proceeds were donated
16: New member, Terry _____ has been involved in "rolling" restoration for the past 26 years
17: What Kuenzinger blew to win the BSPA 2012
18: What Harvie lost while driving near Grant's Pass (two words)
19: 2012 MGOC First Lady
20: Leonard _____, Chairman of BMC and MG Car Company between 1952-961
21: "Once a British car guy, always a _____," reiterated by Hunt while describing MGB slot cars
22: New Member, Eric _____ always wanted an MG growing up and his wish came true on 03/29/12 with a bright red 1967 MGB GT

- 23: What stayed on in Veatch's MGB while driving in Eureka (two words)
24: William Morris became a Baronet in 1929, a Baron in 1934 and Lord _____ in 1938
25: What Kuenzinger was leaking the whole time he was waiting to pick up an award at the 2012 British Fall Classic
27: MG offices from 1929-1980 were located on _____ Road
30: What Samantha was given for her contributions to the Octagon
35: The First MG (three words) 37: What MGOC helped Kellogg install on his MGB
38: Power unit that first appeared in the 1939 TB then TC-TD-TF
39: Name of our monthly club meeting, _____ & _____ (two words)
40: MGOC's signature event (four words)
43: Henry Edward Cecil _____ was MG's first employee
48: Frederick _____ was editor of Safety Fast from 1959-1964
50: Edmund _____ designed MG's famous octagonal badge
52: New member, Laura _____ dream is to one day own an MG
53: What Schweiger ran out of while driving near Susansville
54: Ignominious Award given to the worst breakdown of the year (initials)
58: Age Samantha and Stephanie first started writing articles for The Octagon

MGOC Business Meeting Minutes AKA Annual Awards Banquet

January 26, 2013

No business. Just happy people eating and laughing. And awards go out to ...





A Chat with George



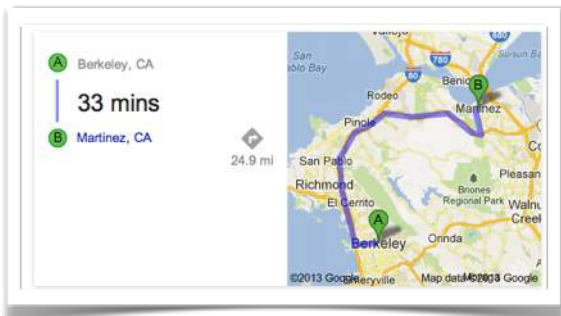
Stephanie Lee: How long have you been in the MGOC?

George Steneberg: I joined the MGOC in 1976. (36 years)



SL: What is your favorite rallye?

GS: My favorite rallye was the drive from Berkeley to Martinez which I did in 1985.



SL: When did you get your first MG?

GS: I purchased my first MG in 1964.



SL: What is your most favorite MG?

GS: It would have to be a red MGA

SL: How many MGs do you have?

GS: I currently own and drive 3.

SL: What do you like about being the President?

GS: What I enjoyed the most about being President over the years was meeting all the people and going on drives with them.



SL: Why did you choose to be president?

GS: I did it to help Sam out when he was sick.



SL: How many times did you break down?

GS: I rarely ever break down, but when I do, I always managed to get home. (and I don't tell anyone to avoid the BSPA)

SL: How many kids do you have?

GS: 2 girls

SL: Oh, just like us. Girls are the best.

SL: Do your kids like MGs?

GS: Yes, the oldest drives an MGA.

SL: How many siblings do you have?

GS: 1 sister

SL: Oh, just like me.



SL: Where did you grow up?

GS: In Berkeley

SL: When did you know you liked cars?

GS: When I was 12 years old.

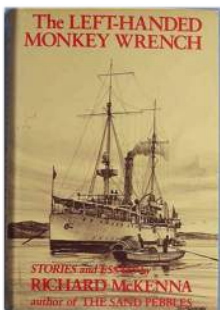
SL: What's your favorite book?

GS: Left handed monkey wrench.

SL: Not "Curious George?"

SL: We really enjoyed coming to your house. How many times have you hosted the MGOC Holiday Tea?

GS: 2 times



SL: Well, that's a wrap. Thank you for your time. May I please take a picture with you?

GS: Why yes, I would be delighted.





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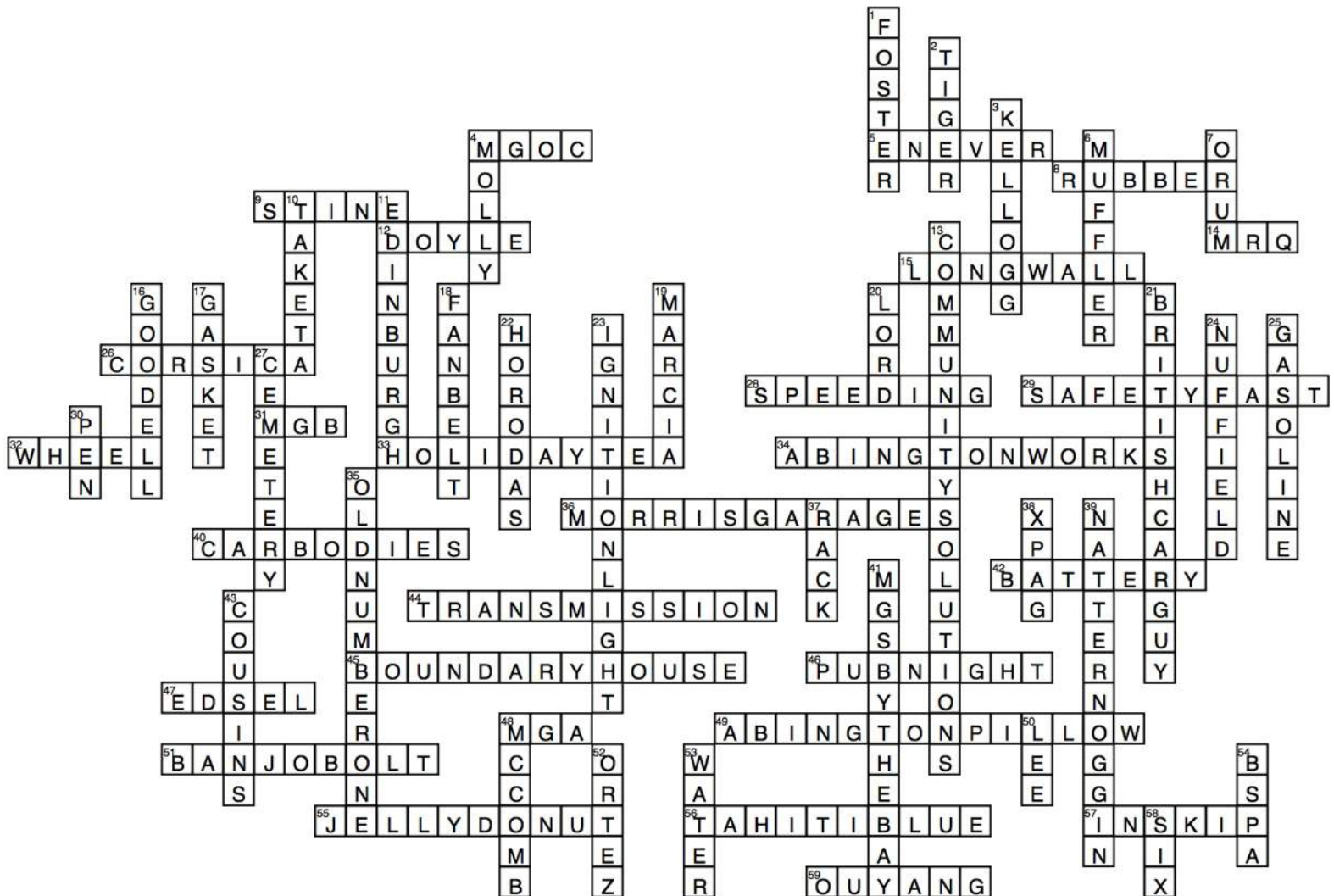
83,942: Joel and Betty Johnson '57 Mquette ZB
under restoration



200,000 + 64,816: Wayne and Janet Veatch, '67 MGB

19,140: Bob and Sue McCoy, '65 MGB

MGOC OCTAGON CROSSWORD SOLUTION



Classified Ads

Ads are free to MGOC members and \$6.00 per month for non-members. Please send copy (and check **made payable to MGOC** if a non-member) to MGOC, 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Members may also email ads to the editor at octagoneditor@mgocsf.org.

Cars for Sale:

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 or call BJ at 415.399.1310



'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.



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, or Gordon Craig at 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.



'70 MGB. Widow selling "well taken care of" MGB of her deceased husband. Contact Mary at 510-538-3878.



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 high performance cam, headers, aluminum head and Weber Side Draft carburetor. Peco exhaust system is also on the car. The transmission was serviced as well as a new clutch was installed. Documentation for the work that was done is available. It has Overdrive. All the electrical are in working order. 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 interior is also in excellent condition with new carpet and insulation, new 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 \$18000 or best offer. Contact member Myles Taketa at M_Taketa@yahoo.com.

1976 MGB with over drive needs a new home. No time to care for properly. This was former member Gary Lukey's car. Maintained by Baroo in Albany. Not currently licensed. Top replaced in 2009, seats as well. Newer metal fuel pump. Asking \$2,000 or best offer. Transmission is worth \$1800. Need the space for my Jag. Photos available. Contact Lanny Clark at 510-410-7572 or lannyclark@aol.com.

1978 MGB Roadster. Maroon with beige interior. Vehicle has 43,000 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 \$15,000. Contact Member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at wtdoyle@cox.net.



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.



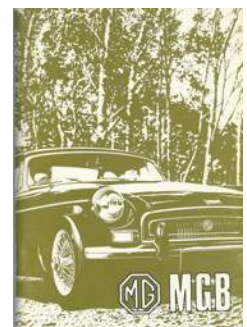
Parts for Sale:

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.

Weber Downdraft Carburetor: Fits MGBs, asking \$150, Contact member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at wtdoyle@cox.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-Driver's-Handbook-Tourer-GT-/121008395014?pt=Motors_Manuals_Literature&hash=item1c2ca99306&vxp=mtr



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 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 or 415-297-3456.



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.

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.

MG TF Part: One rear spring for a MG TF, original type preferred. Contact Member Andy at 707-795-3480 or andypreston@sbcglobal.net.

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February MGOC Meeting

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What:

The first MGOC breakfast meeting! We're trying to increase MGOC member involvement in MGOC planning by having breakfast meetings at alternating locations every other month (vs. having all meetings weekday evenings at The Englander in San Leandro). In February we'll hold our first breakfast meeting at Mimi's Restaurant in Foster City, so come and join us for a chance to discuss upcoming events, organize new events, share technical issues and possible solutions, and most importantly socialize with your fellow MGOC members.

When:

February 9, 2013, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
(Breakfast 9 AM to 9:30 AM... meeting 9:30 AM to 10 AM)

Where:

Mimi's Café at 2208 Bridgepointe Pkwy, Foster City, CA 94404
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