

THE OCTAGON

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



Photo by Sam Gearhart

On the South Valley Wine Tour

July 2010

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 20th 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

- Jul. 10 – **Auto Collection Viewing and Tour**, Santa Clara, John Bertolotti
- Jul. 12-16 – **GoF West**, Big Bear Lake, [Vintage MG Club](#)
- Jul. 29-Aug. 1 – **Rendezvous 28**, Mt. Bachelor Village, Bend, Oregon, [Club T MG](#)
- Aug. 7-8 – Monterey Pre-Historic Races, Laguna Seca
- Aug. 10 – [Carmel Concours on the Avenue](#)
- Aug. 12-15 – [Monterey Historic Races](#), Laguna Seca
- Aug. 14 – **Airport to Africa Run**, Sonoma, Wayne Veatch
- Aug. 15 – [Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance](#)
- Aug. 28 – **Annual Picnic**, [Joaquin Miller Park](#), Oakland
- Sept. 12 – [Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance](#)
- Sept. 19 – [Danville Concours d'Elegance](#)

President's Ponderings...

An Old Fashioned Fourth

As working in my yard this past weekend has proven, summer is finally here. Despite the occasional cold, foggy day we've had lately, the sun is shining most of the time. The trees are green and the days are long. In my mind, that means barbecues, hot dogs, an occasional lazy Sunday afternoon enjoying my back yard, and long drives in my MG.

Last year at this time, a friend and I headed to Danville to watch the Fourth of July Parade. Despite the fact that we are in the 21st Century, it was an old-fashioned, home-town parade – the kind that many of us remember from years ago. There were handmade floats sponsored by local businesses or civic groups, parades of vintage cars, high school marching bands, kids on bicycles decorated for the occasion, and a wonderful, universal sense of patriotism. What permeated the day was the pride in our country, and fellowship with your neighbors and community. We were surprised and pleased by how wonderfully wholesome and old-fashioned the whole event was. Of course we took the time to chat – in person, with complete strangers who were enjoying the day with us.

In a way, maybe it showed us that for all of society's technological advances, we still need to remember to go back to the simple, older way of doing things once in awhile: Go over and visit a friend to say hello rather than

sending an email. Have some friends over for a backyard barbecue rather than going out to a restaurant with strangers. Decorate our cars with cheap, dime-store flags and red, white, and blue crepe paper. Sit in a camp chair with a sun hat on and watch the local town's parade.

In thinking about it, I'm reminded that what makes the MGOC fun isn't just our cars: it's more the people. It's the unique sense of community, centered around a common love for our old-fashioned British cars. It's joining other like-minded people and traveling in a long parade of cars through beautiful vineyards, or mountain drives, or along ocean vistas. It's the fun of stopping for a bite to eat or a sip of wine as we trade stories about car problems, or trophies won in a car show, or plans for future tours.

With all that in mind, I'd simply like to say thank you to all of our members for making our club, in its own way, a great, old-fashioned, home-town club. It's a privilege to know and be a member with all of you, and I look forward to seeing you at a club event.

I hope you have a wonderful Fourth of July. I look forward to driving someplace again this year, and perhaps seeing you along the way. Happy Fourth!

Regards,
Sam Gearhart

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From the Editor...

Many's the time I've been mistaken/ And many times confused/ Yes, and I've often felt forsaken/ And certainly misused/ Oh, but I'm all right, I'm all right/ I'm just weary to my bones – American Tune by Paul Simon

I find myself pondering the nature of community. What does it mean to say a group of people are a community? Is a community simply any group of people who share a common interest? And what does it mean to call yourself a member of a community? Is it enough to merely share that common interest?

I humbly suggest that shared interest alone is insufficient for a vital community. Note the key phrase in that sentence: *a vital community*.

Perhaps a group of people with a shared interest who do nothing can be called a community. But what sort of community would that be?

A vital community requires a shared interest and the desire to do something with that interest. And even that desire is not sufficient for a vital community. Something more is required: *action*.

A vital community exists only if someone acts on their desire. A vital community, a true community, only takes shape if a few people care enough to do something.

Perhaps a community starts with a handful of like minded British car enthusiasts who start to gather and plan events. Maybe the community grows and continues as other enthusiasts join and participate. Eventually, fifty years on, that community might have almost 300 dues-paying members across the Bay Area, well-attended monthly events, and a large annual show. But the vitality of the community is measured not in the number of members or events, but in the number of people willing to give of themselves to create, continue, and serve the community.

My fellow members, we do in fact have a community. We have a large number of people who want to participate in events. We have many people who care enough to suggest ways to make things better. Unfortunately, we do not have many people who are willing to work to make it all happen.

A great many people, caring and interested MGOE members, have come to rely on a small leadership group. The trouble is that our core group has been at it a long time and isn't receiving much help.

I can't speak for anyone else, but I can tell you that I am wearying under the strain – and I've only been at it a few years. Some of our leaders have been part of the core group for well over a decade. And while I can't say whether they too are weary; I can confidently say that many of them are looking for help (and perhaps a bit of a break).

A vital community needs people with a shared interest, with a desire to participate, and at least a few people who are willing to get involved and lead. The more leaders, the more vital the community.

With more leaders come more creative ideas. The more leaders, the better the necessary tasks can be distributed. When you have more leaders, you can focus on the details of making events better, instead of scrambling just to find a tour leader. Equally importantly, when you have more leaders there's far less risk of burnout.

I know that we are a community of interesting, passionate, caring, and competent individuals; the only question is whether we care enough to contribute. I can only presume that you enjoy being a member, and that you want our community to thrive. So I ask, will you take a small step towards strengthening our community? Will you lead a tour, or host a tech session, or write an article? A small step is all it takes.

Jeremy Palgon

Antique Auto Collection Viewing and Skyline Tour Saturday, July 10 Santa Clara

Come view John Bertolotti's antique auto collection of mostly pre-1925 American automobiles and foreign sports cars of the fifties and sixties. After the viewing the collection, we will depart (at approximately 11 am) to tour through the Saratoga Gap, up to Skyline Boulevard, and on to Woodside for lunch at Alice's Restaurant. The drive is about 50 miles and we'll arrive for lunch at about 1 pm.

When and Where: 10 am on Saturday, July 10 at Bearcat Properties, [505 Laurelwood Road](#), at the corner with Woodward Avenue, Santa Clara.

Please RSVP to John Bertolotti at John@Berto-Bearcat.com or 408-727-0779, ext 106.

MGs Win Awards at Palo Alto

Two MGOC Members won awards at the prestigious Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance. Mark Lambert's MGA Mk II took third place in the "Sports Cars Under \$5,000 from 1956-1962" class, and his MGB GT took third in "Sports Car Under \$5,000 from 1963-1987". Felix Lee's MG TF won the Marshall G. Cox trophy for the "Most Interesting British Automobile".



Photo courtesy of Felix Lee

Stephanie, Felix, Samantha, and Kimberly Lee at the Palo Alto Concours



July 12 – 16

This year GoF West is at the beautiful North Woods Resort at Big Bear Lake. Opening Monday with a First Timers' Car Display followed by orientation and a BBQ, we'll kick off the week in grand style.

Upon arrival and registration you'll be welcomed in the hospitality center where various refreshments will be available to cut the road dust. Located on the second floor of the lodge with the regalia, arts & crafts, photos & models, it will be our gathering place for many activities including four tech sessions and a special Ladies' Tech Session with an English Tea, bunko, prizes, and surprises offered during the afternoon.

Taking your MG out on a crisp mountain morning can be the highlight of your visit to California's Big Bear Lake. The Rallye, scheduled for Wednesday morning, will let you view the Lake and the surrounding mountain vistas while testing your abilities to answer questions and compete for one of the GoF historic driving awards. Our Wednesday activities will be capped off by the ever popular Auction Dinner.

On Thursday we lead off with a favorite, the Flea Market. What an opportunity to acquire that part you've been looking for at a reasonable price. You may even find that some of your excess parts may be someone else's treasure. Concurrently, always one of the most exciting events, whether participating or viewing, is the Funkhana. A challenge for both driver and navigator, it tests driving skills, communication ability and everyone's sense of humor. You may even find out the answer to that age old question, "What does a bear do in the woods?"

For the third year in a row our Funkhana will be complimented with a Driverless and Carless Funkhana. Closing Thursday's activities will be the Awards Banquet.

The North Woods Resort is a first class resort by any measure, with reasonable rates, well appointed rooms, and conveniently located near the Village of Big Bear. We look forward to seeing you there.

Email: gofwest2010@earthlink.net for more information.

More information and registration form:

<http://www.gofwest.com/events.htm>



July 29 – August 1

Club T MG invites you to Rendezvous with us in Bend, Oregon on July 29. 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 we are heading for the sun at the Mt. Bachelor Village Resort. Mount Bachelor, formerly named Bachelor Butte, is a strato-volcano atop a shield volcano in the Cascade Volcanic Arc and the Cascade Range of Central Oregon. The Mount Bachelor ski area has operated on the mountain since 1958. Mount Bachelor ski area operates a chairlift during the summer as well as during the ski season. Mount Bachelor is so called because it “stands apart” from the Three Sisters, a group of three volcanic mountains that are northwest of Mount Bachelor. In early days Bachelor Butte was frequently called “Brother Jonathan”.

Standard Rendezvous 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.

Email: madownsilver@comcast.net for more information.

More information and registration form:

http://www.clubtmg.org/Rendezvous28_form.pdf

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The Airport to Africa Run

Saturday, August 14

Sonoma

Wayne Veatch invites the MGOC and the SSTS to join him for a visit to the Schellville Antique Aerodrome, also known as the [Sonoma Valley Airport](#) (“The Home of the Taildraggers”), followed by caravan run to historic [Foster’s Bighorn](#) restaurant and bar in old town Rio Vista. We’ll be there for the airport’s monthly Open House, with many antique airplanes on display and the opportunity for “hangar talk” with their owners. Foster’s Bighorn features an astounding collection of North American and African wildlife trophies, collected by hunter and taxidermist Bill Foster in the 1930s and ‘40s.



We will meet at the Sonoma Cheese Factory, on the north side of the town square, at 9:00 am. If you wish, you may also meet us at the airport, about one mile south of the intersection of highways 121 and 116, at 9:45 am. We will view airplanes, while airport locals and visitors view our cars, until about 11:30 am; then we’ll caravan to Rio Vista.

It’s about an hour and 45 minute drive to Foster’s Bighorn (143 Main Street, Rio Vista) via Highway 12, Cordelia, and back roads. Lunch will commence about 1:30 pm. We have a choice of Chicken Caesar Salad (veggie option available), Chicken Breast Sandwich (with Swiss cheese and bacon - yum!), Half Order of Ribs or Bison Burger, each with a soft drink, for a fixed price of \$17.50 (including tax and tip - cash only). They have a full bar with good draft beers.

Stay in Rio Vista as long as you wish, then choose your own route home. Some of us will return to the East Bay and San Francisco by the most expedient route: 160 to 4 to 242 to 24. Others will return via Kirker Pass from 4 to Walnut Creek, which will be more interesting, avoid some freeway travel, and take about 20 minutes longer.

So that he can advise Foster’s, please let Wayne know if you are coming for lunch and your menu choice, by August 9.

Where and When: Meet at the Sonoma Cheese Factory, located at [2 E Spain St., Sonoma](#), at 9:00 am.

RSVP to Wayne Veatch at 415-821-1806 or veatchlaw@gmail.com.

Contact on the day of the event: Wayne’s cell phone, 415-297-1807.

Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 28

Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland



Craib Meadow Picnic Area

You are invited to join fellow MGOC members at our Annual Picnic at Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland Hills on August 28.

We'll enjoy the beautiful trees and scenery in the park. A short walk will take you to Lookout Point or the deck of the nearby community center where you can see the entirety of the Bay Area. You can marvel at views of everything from Hayward and San Mateo in the south to the Golden Gate and north to Marin in all of their glory. Be sure to bring cameras and binoculars. Other short projects will take you to the fountains and waterfalls built as community projects in the 1930s - and those alone are worth seeing!

We'll be in the beautiful Craib Meadow Picnic Area, so expect a day of sun or shade – whichever you prefer.

The Club will provide charcoal for grilling and barbequing. Bring your own favorite food and beverage.

Come as early as 10:30 am and stay around a while. We'll plan on lighting the coals around noon.

There is plenty of parking just across the road, so there is simply no excuse for not joining your fellow club members and enjoying the day!

Directions: Take Highway 580 or 24 to 13. Exit 13 at Lincoln/Joaquin Miller Road. Go east on Joaquin Miller Road. Drive uphill a little less than a mile, then turn left onto Sanborn Drive. Enter the Joaquin Miller Park and make your way to Craib Meadow.

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MGs by the Bay



South Valley Wine Tour

By Mike and Elisabeth Jamieson

As the MGOC's newest members, we have been asked to give our impressions of getting back into the world of MGs. We boldly embarked on an afternoon wine tour in hot weather with new friends, ubiquitous cars, and armed only with a full tank of gas and our AAA cards.

My first MGB, a new red 1979 roadster with wire wheels was bought to last a lifetime. My first date with Elisabeth in 1981 went smoothly, the car started as requested and the lights worked. What more could you ask for? Our second date two days later was more traditional: climbing the hill back from Santa Cruz in bumper to bumper traffic in 90 degree heat, billows of steam rose from the radiator before we coasted into Los Gatos for dinner (and a chance for an engine cool down). Unfortunately the car's other quirk of the engine - stopping cold on the freeway multiple times while going 65 mph - violated the six strikes law. The car got the boot, Elisabeth stayed.

Saturday, June 10 was bright, clear, and hot. We eased our way carefully down the freeway to On the Road Again. It was old home week for our MG; Bill & Mary Hiland clucked over their former restoration and showed kindness over my personalizations (Scottish car badge, etc). At 10:30 am it was time to go. Maps and directions were handed out. We fired up our cars and followed our guide, who was driving in a Jaguar XKE, down Main Street in a short parade. It was a bit like the Pied Piper (a true story that happened on June 26, 1284). There were lots of smiles from the citizens of Morgan Hill.



Gathering at On the Road Again

Photo by Ken Gittings

Although we all had maps, the goal was “don't get lost or have a breakdown”. The first stop was the Guglielmo Winery, conveniently located across the street from a school (everyone got their ID?). Although I tend toward single malt whiskey and am mostly hopeless with wine, we bought a wonderful bottle of port at our first stop. Then we were off to Sycamore Creek Winery. The Hilands provided us with a bit of cheese, which we nibbled on after tasting the excellent wine. It was now getting “hot” outside and a number of bonnets were opened in an effort to cool down the engines between winery stops. Our third stop was the Fortino Winery. Like the wineries before, the wine was excellent and many members congregated under the trees in the shade talking, once the hard work of tasting wine had been taken care of.



Touring through the hills

Photo by Ken Gittings

We made the final run to Kirigin Cellars. If not for the lead Jag, I might still be out there wandering the back roads of the South Bay Area. The tasting room was inside what I can only describe as a giant wine barrel. A playful sheepdog guarded the entrance. He would put down a wine cork and you would try and kick it past him out the door. The dog played the goalie position and snatched it with his teeth before it went past. I tried 12 times and never scored a goal. A cricket match was just ending in the field nearby. How fitting for our MG outing.

The caravan back to On the Road Again became a bit of “every man for himself”. Everyone was happy and hot, and definitely ready for some chow. I happened to be behind the Jag at this time, and noticed a “cough” of exhaust - as if he had actually had to shift into third gear for the first time all day. (I was in fourth gear at the time.)

A tour of the facilities, some hot food, and a cold drink was a perfect end to the day. As new members we were pleased to meet our president, Sam Gearhart, and make many new friends. We look forward to many future MG events, meeting more members, and seeing their wonderful cars.



Parked at a winery

Photo by Sam Gearhart

On the Road Again

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Palo Alto Concours

By Samantha Lee

The Palo Alto Concours De Elegance is a car show with beautiful classic cars. The weather was very hot this year. There were many MGC members there. We got to see Steve, Vicky, Craig, Andy and Bill. We also got to meet Bob and Carol for the first time. They also like reading the Octagon every month. Steve and Vicky didn't bring their car but they helped us set up. Later on Steve found us at lunch and told us that we won something and had to drive up the ramp right away to meet Marshall Cox who is a judge. We were presented a trophy that can also be used as a flower vase. After the show we went to MacArthur Park for a yummy BBQ rib dinner. It was an exciting day.

Editor's Note: Mentioned in this article are Steve & Vicky Kellogg, Craig Kuenzinger, Andy Preston, Bill Hiland, and Bob & Carol Collins.

MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Vice President George Steneberg at 7:10 pm. Also attending were: John Bertolotti, Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen, Kim & Craig Kuenzinger, Bob & Edie Shaheen, George Steneberg, Bob Trencheny, and David Wright.

The May minutes were approved after being read to the meeting attendees by Secretary Bob Trencheny. The May minutes have not been published in *The Octagon* yet.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances were up this month from dues and sponsors for MGs by the Bay. The show cost the club about \$250. Normal monthly expenses were paid.

Registrar's Report: We now have 213 regular, 57 auxiliary, and 12 corresponding members for 282 total members. Eight new members joined at MGs by the Bay. One of the new members is from Oregon.

Secretary's Report: Bob and Mike relayed the details of a new member's tribulations of joining the club and not hearing a response from the club. Sam contacted the new member and explained extenuating circumstances that caused the situation and the new member agreed to join the club. Mike agreed to take the minutes for the July meeting.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George had a letter from NAMGAR listing their annual events. George addressed an issue with the hotel for the NAMGAR meet. NAMGAR has a new web site.

Regalia: David Wright sold a pennant at the meeting.

The Octagon: Running a little late this month. It should be out any day now.

Web Site: Nothing to report.

Past Events

MGs by the Bay: About 75 cars were in the show. Show attendance was way up this year. Lots of people saw the show advertised in the local ANG papers. Craig Kuenzinger reported there was lots of good feedback on the show. George Steneberg said it was the best show he has ever attended. Lots of people were standing around talking cars. One minor complaint was that the MGB GTs were too spread out on the field. Craig estimates there were 14 GTs this year. This problem is partly the result of cars that register the day of the show. Kim and Craig have several revisions to the MGs by the Bay Cook Book that they have discussed with Mike Jacobson.

Woodland Car Show: The MGOC had several members at the show including George Steneberg, the Kuenzingers, Shaheens, Les Stewart, and Randy Grossman. Members report it was a great show with lots of awards. George took first in class with his TD and the Kuenzingers' MG Midget took Best in Show for the event.

Hayward Field Meet: Ken Gittings represented the MGOC and said it was a beautiful day. There were about 60 cars on the field.

Fresno Concours d'Elegance: The Kuenzingers attended with their MG Midget, and took first in class with the only MG of the 105 cars at the concours.

Marin-Sonoma Concours: Andy and Marla Preston's MGA Coupe was the Class Winner at the Marin-Sonoma Concours.

Upcoming Club Events

South Valley Wine Tour: Saturday, June 12. Bill Hiland is leading the tour that starts and ends at On the Road Again. There is a BBQ after the tour. The cost is \$10.

Antique Auto Collection Tour: July 10. John Bertolotti is leading a tour of his collection of mostly pre-1925 American autos and foreign sports cars of the '50s and '60s. Meet at Bearcat Properties, 505 Laurel Wood Rd in Santa Clara at 10:00 am. See *The Octagon* for details.

Airport to Africa Run: Wayne Veatch is leading this tour on Saturday, August 14. Check *The Octagon* and the Web site for details.

The Annual Picnic: August 28 at Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland. Further details will be posted in *The Octagon* and the Web site.

Other Upcoming Events

The Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) West is July 12-16.

Old Business

Survey Results: Posted on the MGOC Site. The Survey Team is still working recommendations for the Club.

New Business

Encouraging Attendance: Craig Kuenzinger suggested the club find a way to get other MGOC members to attend the meetings and events. Craig suggested giving away t-shirts or some other method to get people involved. Mike, Craig, and Bob agreed that this is a perfect discussion for the Survey Committee.

Show and Shine Tech Session: Craig wants to hold a Show and Shine for members on the Peninsula. The event would be open to all members.

NAMGAR/NAMGBR Western Regional: The Club decided to hold another regional meeting in autumn 2011. Mike will contact NAMGAR and NAMGBR to see if they would sponsor the MGOC event.

Next Meeting and Natter: 7 pm on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at The Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott Street, San Leandro.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Submitted by Bob Trencheny.

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, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120. Members may also email ads to the editor at mgowners@gmail.com.

Cars for Sale:

1975 MGB. Blaze red, runs well, no smog necessary. New: top, seats, carpet, and paint. Rebuilt aluminum head. Dual carbs. Asking \$11,900. Contact Karen at (408) 564-0334.

1968 MGB. \$8,500 OBO. Purchased in 1968 by my father, who is the only other owner. Original dash, gauges, grill, rims, leather top. New seats, brand new battery, newly-dipped chrome. Runs and sounds great. Original British plates in the trunk! Contact Steven at (415) 683-1248 or stevelekart@gmail.com.



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.

1973 MGB GT. Nearly completed restoration. I redid the mechanicals, had body and paint done professionally. Upholstery is dark blue cloth as originally fitted. Has two nearly new six-volt batteries, correct rubber mats, and 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 completion - some interior pieces need to be installed, and it needs some tidying. \$4,500. I'm in Napa Valley. Contact Member Don Scott at (707) 942-0546 or don@napanet.net.

1977 MGB roadster. \$2000. Recent work done by Dan at Exclusive British European includes rebuilt carb. Many parts included in price, including new seat rebuild parts and new roll bar. For more information, visit <http://77mgbforsale.shutterfly.com> or contact Member Craig at netrider117@yahoo.com.



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.



Parts for Sale:

MGA Parts (from a 1960 MGA 1600): Front and rear bumpers with over-riders. Some pitting of the chrome, but in excellent shape. **Convertible top frame** with new head rail. **Seat frames** for roadster (2). **Side curtains**, one side needs new Plexiglas. **Brand new grille** (in the box), the good brass one. Contact Member Les Stuart at (408) 460-1077 or les@stuartsj.com.

MGTD/TF Parts: Factory 4-speed gearbox: This core and shifts easily in all gears. Top-cover-off inspection shows nothing broken or otherwise damaged. Inside is nice and clean. Fits TD and TF, \$400. **Two piece hood top with hinge:** I have two sets. Both are straight and in good shape, one has surface rust that sands off easily. Your choice, \$100 each. **Hood right side:** very good shape, \$50. **TD/TF foot rest:** passenger side for under carpet. I have two, your choice, \$40 each. **TD driver side door:** no rust and wood is good, \$60. Contact Member Rod Schweiger at (650) 296-1108.

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.

MG TD parts: drive shaft with u-joints, **rear end** with axles, **front and rear shocks.** I'm selling these items because I've upgraded my 1953 TD to a MGA rear end, brakes, and rear springs. \$200 for all. Contact Member Bob Luebbert at (510) 276-0365 or r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net.

Wanted:

MG TA, TB, or TC. I would prefer a nice car, but will consider a project (even one that is apart). Contact Member Jeff at (650) 270-8850.

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.

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