

THE OCTAGON

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



March 2016

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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MG Stooling, MGOC Electrical Tech Session at



(Kuenzinger's Garage), Felix Lee

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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 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? The Club roster is available to members from Steve Kellogg upon request.

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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

- March 1 –The Morris Owner Magazine published (03/24)\
- March 5 – **Natter & Noggin' Club Meeting**, Black Bear Diner, Emeryville, Kellogg
- March 6 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- March 17 – **St. Paddy's Day Tour to Pelican Inn**, Andy Preston
- March 18 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland
- March 26 – Albert "Sydney" Enever's Birthday (MG first Chief Engineer, 03/25/06)
- March 27 – Old MG Number One registered (03/27/05)
- March 30 – MG N-type Magnette and SA Saloon introduced at Berlin Motor Show (03/29/35)
- April 2 – **Natter & Noggin' Club Meeting**, TBA, Kellogg
- April 3 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- April 5-9 – **Coastal Tour II**: Fort Bragg > Eureka > Crescent City, Kellogg / "Magic" Prentiss
- April 8 – NAC Purchase MG Rover (04/08/05)
- April 12 – Cecil Kimber's Birthday (04/12/1888)
Cecil Kimber and Old Number One win Gold at Land's End Trial (04/12/15)
- April 15 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland
- April 16 – 1,500,000th MG built, TF 160 (04/16/02)
- April 28 - May 1 – **North Meets South**, Buellton, Paradise British Car Club

From the Editor...

... so you too, can suck, squeeze, bang and blow like a Pro ...

As far as Tech Sessions go, Craig gave us a whopper two weekends ago, on what to look out for in our electrical systems. He summarized about how everything he knows about maintaining MGs and life in general, he essentially learned in kindergarten: "how to **suck, squeeze, bang and blow**." These, were essentially, techniques he has mastered over the years, earning him the title, Master K!, and to this day, can reliably get him out of any roadside predicament. Let's go over some examples, just to make sure Craig gets his point across, so you too, can **suck, squeeze, bang and blow** like a Pro.

First of all, Craig tries to do all of his maintenance / repair / restoration work himself. Nothing like being you own mechanic. After having been in the auto industry fraud investigative unit for the past 20 years, Craig has a bit of insight over how mechanics overcharge for flat rate timed projects and understands that paying extra would just **SUCK!** And that is why he recommends doing all of his own work. In fact, this is also what inspires to him to hold annual Tech Sessions, so that we too, might avoid the one truly **SUCKY** experiences of classic car ownership and avoid crooked car shops. After all, if you cannot trust yourself, who can you trust?

An extension of avoiding extra unnecessary bills, is knowing how to **SQUEEZE** more miles out of your existing

original OEM parts. The auto repair industry is notorious for being an industry in which the customer is at an information disadvantage. Mechanics that say a part is "about" to fail and recommends changing it out, should be asked to show proof of what they are claiming. Too often, mechanics get away with unnecessary costly repairs because customers take their word for it, and in effect, **SQUEEZE** more money out of their pockets. So let's put on the reverse **SQUEEZE** and **SQUEEZE** the mechanics instead, with a little bit of knowledge.

BANGING while you drive is never a good sign. Even classic cars, which make a lot of noises to begin with, should never be subject to **BANGING** or **BANGING** for **BANGING's** sake. Unnecessary **BANGING** can lead to all sorts of awful unintended consequences, and hopefully, you are not, one of them.

And finally, do not **BLOW** off any minor maintenance repairs, because they may ultimately lead to larger major repairs, such as **BLOWN** gaskets, **BLOWN** transmission, **BLOWN** exhaust, **BLOWN** compressor, and ultimately a **BLOWN** motor. Because that next **BLOWING** sound you will encounter will be the wind, **BLOWING** through that massive hole in your wallet.

So hopefully, we all take these simple lessons from kindergarten to heart, so you too, can suck, squeeze, bang and blow like a Pro!



Take a deep breath



Suck, Squeeze, Bang and Blow as hard as you can



Record the reading on your meter

Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- Hopefully we have equipped you to better **SUCK, SQUEEZE, BANG, and BLOW** your way through life, just like Master K!



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President's Ponderings...

Happy Fellow MG Enthusiasts,

So far the year is starting out pretty nicely.

El Nino doesn't seem to have the wrath it was portended to be and the weather has been really nice for drives.

Last month we had a great Tech Session at the Kuenzinger's with Master Mechanic Craig in the teaching coveralls. Thanks Craig and Kim!

March looks like a fun one with the St. Patrick's Day Marin Drive back on the calendar thanks to Andy and Marla Preston who will be the wagon masters, so RSVP as soon as possible to them.

We will also go to a new venue this month for our monthly Natter n Noggin meeting on Saturday, March 5th. Member George Steneberg has graciously opened up his MG Pub room at 9 Pomona Avenue in El Cerrito. The meeting will start at 10:00 am and we

will have coffee and pastries. The Back Bear Diner was a little too noisy to hold a meeting, so we're still looking for a place in the East Bay along the the 80 Freeway from Oakland to El Cerrito, so If you know of a Breakfast Restaurant that has a separate room for about 20 diners and can accommodate separate checks in this area, let us know!.

Safety Fast and all Hail to *The Octagon*!

Steve Kellogg



MGOC Tools for Sucking, Squeezing, Banging and Blowing

Photo by Felix Lee

Meet our Newest Member

... Go, find a car ...

By Keith and Pam Shukait

Hello from your newest club members, Keith and Pam Shukait.

We had been looking for a good car club with fun people. We've been members of two other car clubs, but they weren't very active, and we wanted more. Different car clubs have different folks and when we tagged along with Kirk and Amy Prentiss on a few MGOC events, we knew we found the right group!

Pam said, "Go, find a car" and as any good husband would do...I went looking! My list started with a '67 - '69 MGC, moved to a '55 - '57 MGA, opened up to any year MGA, and then any solid MGB GT 65 - 69.

We found a 1969 MGB GT on Hemmings which was owned by a judge in Monterey and went for a look. On the test drive the smog pump seized, so we decided to keep looking. We saw other cars, but nothing in the same condition for a reasonable price. About a month later we decided to see if it was still available and make an offer. Another trip to beautiful Monterey and she was ours!

The past owner had removed the air injection system and plugged the ports so everything was fixed. We're looking forward to meeting everyone, making new friends, and enjoying our MG on future events!



Making My Way from Bellevue, Washington

... walk around and talk “MG” ...

By Ken Bottini

For the past 8 years I make my way from Bellevue, Washington, to enjoy the “MGs by the Bay” Car Show at the Livery in Danville. I enjoy viewing the MGs at the event, especially the T’s. There is one special MG that I like to be near – that MG would be my daughter’s ’71 MGB-V8. While Mindy is helping with the event, I walk around and talk “MG”. MGers always have some interesting stories about their cars. So, at the recent show (May 31), I came prepared to interview many owners. I was able to canvas about 30 entrants. I asked two questions: what is your favorite drive, and, what do you like about your MG?

Here are some of the responses; you may just find your response here:

FAVORITE DRIVE:

- Highway 1 south of Carmel
- Santa Cruz
- Sunol/Niles Canyon (most noted, 6 times)
- Coastal Drives
- 17-mile Drive
- Tilden to Orinda
- Drive east of Mt. Diablo
- Highway 101

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR MG?

- Spirit of the Car
- Memories
- Feel Young
- The Fact that I Could Build My MG
- The Club
- Open Air Car
- Connection of my Father
- Daily Driver
- Driving the Windy Roads
- The Looks
- Love at First Sight
- Classic Shape
- Fun to Drive, Since Restoration
- The Feel of the Road
- Labor of Love
- Time Machine
- Never Done!

I had so much fun chatting with the folks. We love our MGs. I am already looking forward to next year’s “MGs by the Bay”. Until then, enjoy driving your MG.

Don’t Miss: **MGs by the Bay 2016**: Danville Livery, 06/05/16



WHATEVER HAPPENS
AT KG, STAYS AT KG!



BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD

EVERYTHING I
KNOW ABOUT MGS
CAN BE BROKEN DOWN
INTO **FOUR** REAL BASIC
TECHNIQUES, OF WHICH
I AM A MASTER ...

SUCK, SQUEEZE, BANG, AND BLOW!

OMG, DID HE
JUST SAY WHAT I
THINK HE SAID?

OO-RAH!

MASTER K!

HOPE
THERE ARE NO
CHILDREN
HERE...

HOW DO
YOU GET INTO
YOUR MG
JUMPSUIT?

GOOD ONE!

I SUCK ...

WITH SO LITTLE
LUGGAGE SPACE IN THE
BOOT, HOW DO YOU PACK FOR
LONG TRIPS?

I SQUEEZE ...

WHAT DO
YOU DO TO LET
OFF SOME
STEAM?

I BANG ...

DANG, HE'S
GOOD!

SAY THAT WITH A
STRAIGHT FACE ...

WHAT DO YOU DO
WHEN THE BLOCK STARTS TO
SMOKE?

I BLOW...

ANY QUESTIONS? FOR MY
ADVANCED CLASS, SIGN-UPS ARE TO
THE LEFT ...

..... TO BE CONTINUED

Photos by Felix Lee

MGOC & SS7S

welcomes you to join us on the



This is a Rain or Shine tour so if raining drive a car with wipers.

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Tour leaders: Andy and Marla Preston 707 795 3480

Meeting Place: Starbuck's - 127 San Marin Dr, Novato. Just North of Novato, take San Marin Drive exit from Hwy 101 and head west. A couple miles later, turn right into the Harvest Market parking lot.

Time: Meet at 10:00 and leave at 10:30 departure

Tour: We will be driving to the Pelican Inn in Muir Beach which has been the club's St. Paddy's Day destination for 6 years. The Pelican Inn is a genuine old British Pub and perfect for a traditional St. Paddy's day lunch with a choice of great beers. The total drive is around 68 miles so best top up for gas in Novato.

We will leave Novato, heading Northwest through Chilen Valley, which one of the most scenic areas of West Marin especially at this time of year. We will join Hwy1 at Tomales and then follow the Tomales Bay shoreline through Marshall into Point Reyes Station for our first stop. We will continue south through Olema and Stinson Beach, ending in Muir Beach at The Pelican Inn for a delicious lunch.

Lunch should be around 1:00 pm. **Green is the color of the day.**

RSVP PLEASE: Andy or Marla Preston at: 707 795 3480 or marlapreston@hotmail.com prior to March 14th, so we can confirm lunch reservations. Please bring cash because there will be one check for the entire group.



MGOC Fashionista

Master K!

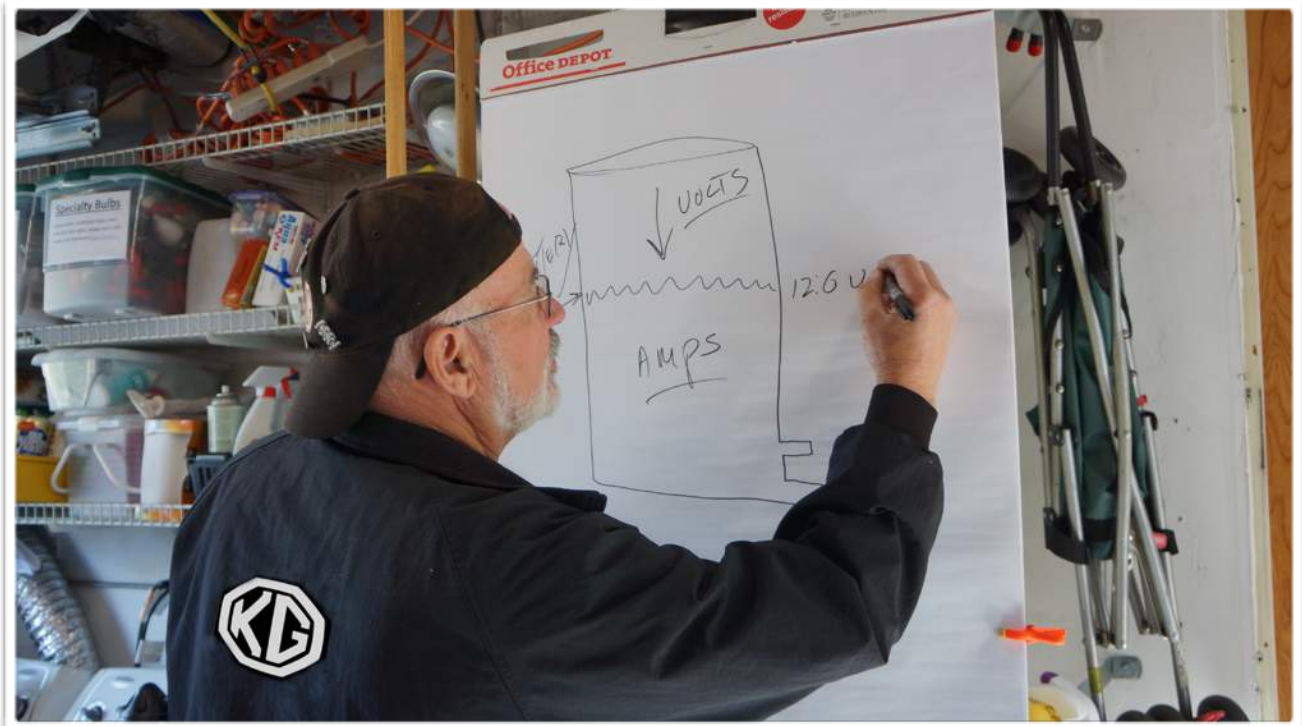


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MG Love



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

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color
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MGOC Fill in the Caption

Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon



“I found the hole in the floor!”

- Richard Butler

“Up on the rack!!”

- Bryan Renaud

“I’m just burst out for you to get it running again!!”

“God, your hands are cold!”

- Bob Luebbert

“Wow, never seen an exhaust system like this before!”

- Jim Lucas

“Talk about double jointed!!!”

- Bob Stine

“Let me hear high C again; maybe it will shake this bolt loose”

- Jim Carlson

“Must be working on the rear end”

- Larry Miceli

“A lube and oil change ...”

- Bob Buckley

“Honey, I found the leak ...”

“Hmm, wonder what this connects to ...?”

- Felix Lee

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

You, the reader, submit
your caption to
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The MGOC Board will
chose the top finalists,
which will then be
revealed in the following
month's edition of *The
Octagon*

Shared by Don Scott



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

WAYNE AND JANET VEATCH



"Chauncy" was not my first MG Love, but the longest lasting. First, was a 1963 red MGB Roadster, which I bought used, in San Jose, CA, in 1965, soon after starting my first full-time job and finding funds in my bank account. It was my "daily driver," for a couple of years plus, and took me to my second job, in Seattle, where I met the love-of-my-life, Janet. She admits she was attracted to the red MG, if not to the driver. When it became pretty worn, I moved on to a Corvair convertible, then a '59 Cadillac convertible, still in Seattle. After a Morris Major and a VW Type 3 Notchback in Australia, where we were married, we made our way back to the States and survived in San Francisco for 3 years with bicycles and Janet's Vespa.

In 1976, I felt the need to re-MGB, concluded the best years were 1965-67, and found a good BRG Roadster in San Jose for \$1500. (See the photo, taken soon after purchase) Neither of us has changed much.) In those days an MG was not considered a "classic" – just a suitable small car for San Francisco and local touring. Chauncy was our go-anywhere family car for 4 years BC – Before Children. As the need arose for a more kid-safe vehicle, a wagon then vans to accommodate our two boys, soccer, Scouts, etc., we kept Chauncy for fun (and my work commute car).

After the boys were pretty much on their own, we became active in the MGOC and SSTS, and have enjoyed the friendship and adventure. Aside from any number of local tours, Chauncy has been to Breckenridge for NAMGBR, to Fortuna for AutoXpo, to Reno for MG 2011 and Hot August Nights, Wyoming and recently to Vancouver, BC for the Heritage show.

The photo of the 3 of us is at Rendezvous in Oregon in August 2012, where we took 1st place in the chrome bumper class. New tires, chrome wire wheels and new carpets put us to the top. The photo of Janet at this year's Valentine's Tour shows we are still in love – with each other and with dear Chauncy. As we mellow, we may show up with the leather flying helmet, coats, scarves and lap rugs, but the objective is still to go topless, if at all possible.

Photos by Wayne Veatch and Kirk Prentiss

MGB

- year of manufacture: 1967
- date of build: 23-24 August 1967
- engine number: 18GB-U-H/85738
- chassis number: G-HN3-U/1332256-G
- color: British Racing Green
- interior color: Black
- factory equipment: Wire wheels, Heater, Ashtray, Pack Away Hood, Octagonal Wheel Nuts
- modifications: 1974 OD transmission, Cruise control
- total mileage: 78,000 (engine rebuilt at 180,000)



Start Planning for 2016 ...

WINTER - SPRING



JELLY BELLY TOUR, 03/12
 St. PADDY'S DAY TOUR TO PELICAN INN, 03/17
 COASTAL TOUR II, 04/5-9
 PRESTON CASTLE TOUR, 04/09
 NORTH MEETS SOUTH, 04/28-05/01
 UBSCCCS, DIXON FAIRGROUNDS, 05/15
 FRIENDSHIP DAY, 05/15
 RUSSIAN RIVER TOUR, 05/21
 CORTE MADERA CENTENNIAL VINTAGE CAR SHOW, 05/22
 BRITISH CAR WEEK, 05/28-06/03

SPRING - SUMMER



MGs BY THE BAY, DANVILLE LIVERY, 06/05
 MG 2016: LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, 06/13-17
 GOF WEST 2016: REDMOND, OR, 06/27-07/01
 BIG BAND STREET DANCE, 07/16
 HILLSBOROUGH CONCOURS, 07/17
 SONOMA BACKROADS TOUR, 07/23
 WESTSIDE PROGRESSIVE MEAL, 07/30
 MGOC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC, 08/06
 MONTEREY MOTORING CLASSIC CAR WEEK, 08/15-21
 PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE, 08/21
 47TH ANNUAL HERITAGE CLASSIC WEEKEND, VANCOUVER BC 08/21
 34TH RENDEZVOUS, 08/25-28
 TUNE 'N SPOON, 08/27

FALL - WINTER



SCOTTISH GAMES PLEASANTON, 9/3-4
 DANVILLE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE, MG MARQUE, 9/25
 5TH BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 10/1-2
 RIVER RANCH TOUR, NORTH LAKE TAHOE, 10/7-9
 REIFF'S GARAGE TOUR, 11/05
 SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC TOUR, 11/19
 MGOC ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA, 12/10
 MGOC 2017 PLANNING MEETING, 01/07/17
 MGOC ANNUAL AWARDS BRUNCH, 01/21/17

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NORTH MEETS SOUTH

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The Paradise British Car Club, host of the biennial event known as North Meets South, evolved over the years to an All British Car Club, which it is today. The first "North Meets South" event was held in 1978. Over the years, as the club evolved, so did the NMS event to become host to all marques of British cars, but it has never lost its Central Coast charm, hospitality and enthusiasm. We hope you agree and come join us in 2016 in the Santa Ynez Valley on the beautiful California Central Coast.

The Santa Ynez Valley is located just 30 minutes from the beaches of Santa Barbara, three hours from Los Angeles, and four hours from San Francisco, and is an ideal venue for this event offering marvelous accommodations, great driving roads for our British cars, and a wide variety of attractions to keep you all enthused. There are six quaint towns within the Valley, all with different cultures that you can explore. The Santa Ynez Valley is also home to more than 80 wineries, consisting mainly of small, family-owned boutique operations. The drives that we have planned for this event will take you to several of these wineries, depending on the route selected.

Our host hotel is the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley Marriott Hotel, located in the town of Buellton. The Marriott is a full service resort hotel with all of the amenities that you would expect: individual climate control, speaker-phones with data ports, complimentary wireless internet access, hair dryers, irons and in room refrigerators to chill your favorite wines from the Santa Ynez Valley. The hotel has an outdoor pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center. For this event, a complimentary full American breakfast for two is included in your room reservation

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MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Black Bear Diner - Emeryville

February 6, 2016

Call to Order: By Vice President Andy Preston at 10:11 AM

Attending: Andy and Marla Preston, Wayne Veatch, Randy Grossman, Ken Gittings, Ernest Rogers, John Preston, Mark McGothigan, Mike Jacobsen, Stephen Born, David Wright, George Steneberg, Marcia Crawford, Pam and Keith Shukait and Colin Hammond.

February Mileage Winner: The Prestons, 51 miles.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, December 12, 2015. Approved

REPORTS

President's Report: Steve Kellogg, from Hawaii: "Great Annual Awards meeting on January 23. Thanks to all for my plaque, hanging on my MG Hall of Fame/Shame wall."

Vice President's Report: Andy Preston:

This new, central meeting location is hoped to encourage more members to attend. Thanks to Marcia for hosting the Planning meeting at her house and for organizing the Awards Brunch. Congratulations to Jim Lucas for having received the BSPA for 2015 and for such a nice write-up in the Octagon.

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston :

Account	February 2016	January 2016
Checking	8,691.43	9,634.65
Savings	3,463.47	3,463.38
GT-42 2017	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	13,154.90	14,098.03

We had a busy month, received \$535.00 in advertising fees and incurred a charge of approximately \$1625.00 for the annual awards brunch. The good news is that we lost only \$24.46 in 2015 whereas we lost \$2,054.92 in 2014. (Unclear what "lost" means/)

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg

173 Number of Regular Members

56 Number of Regular Family Members

222 Total Regular and Family Members

10 Number of Corresponding Members

5 Number of Corresponding Family Members

15 Total Corresponding and Family Members

244 Total

Increased by 5 from December, 2015.

Secretary's Report: Wayne Veatch – ready and willing to assume duties..

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

Regalia: Andy Preston had prepared and displayed an excellent board of items for sale. Anticipating on-site sales at the meeting!

The Octagon: Felix Lee – No report. He was on cardiac emergency call for Super Bowl activities. Will report on all at the next meeting.

Website: Steve Kellogg – no report but comments that the site looks great albeit lacking on details on some tours. Marla noted they will be added as and when available.

PAST EVENTS

Thanks to Marcia Crawford and her assistants, the Annual Brunch at Hs Lordships in Berkeley on January 23 was a huge success. Awards presented at the Brunch: Mike Jacobsen for Minutes, Felix Lee for Best Article, Bud Alderson for St. Paddy's Day tour,

Mark McGothigan for Oakland tour, Steve Kellogg for two tours and hosting 2 meetings, Marcia Crawford for organizing the Annual Brunch for 2015 and Andy Preston for his Mt. Tam tour.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 13, 2016 – a joint MGOC/Sorry Safari/Wine Country Car Club Valentine's Day meet with the North Bay British Car Club in Santa Rosa.

Saturday, February 20, 2016 – Tech Session on electrical systems at 10 AM, Craig Kuenzinger's garage in Walnut Creek.

Saturday, March 5, 2016 – Natter and Noggin at the Black Bear Diner in Emeryville, unless elsewhere.

Thursday, March 17. Andy will lead a St. Paddy's Day drive somewhere. Details forthcoming.

Coastal Tour Part II, Fort Bragg, Eureka, Crescent City. Steve Kellogg. Details forthcoming.

See The Octagon for the complete calendar.

OLD BUSINESS

Felix would still like members to send in articles and photos for the *MG Love* series.

NAMGAR GT-42: It will be in Solvang Jun 19 - Jun 23, 2017. Mike Jacobsen reported plans are coming together.

NEW BUSINESS

MGs By The Bay: Marla reported that Rod Schweiger's car will be on the T shirt. Mike Jacobsen will handle registration. A motion that there be no dash plaques this year passed. Steve Kellogg will organize committees to work on other details.

Colin Hammond suggested efforts be made to recruit younger people, perhaps by tracking hits on the website and placing ads on the MG Experience site.

Mike, Kirk and Keith will explore a quieter venue for meetings. All was well early, but crowd noise was disruptive to the meeting.

BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wayne Veatch advised that Kirk Prentiss has offered to lead a caravan to the Santa Rosa meet on Saturday February 13 from the Wells Fargo parking lot in Emeryville; 8:00 AM.

NEXT MEETING – Saturday, March 5 at the Black Bear Diner or elsewhere, TBA.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:15

Submitted by: Wayne Veatch

NorCal Coast Tour - Part Deux



April 5 - 9

Come and join us on a midweek tour up the coast of California through Fort Bragg and ending up in Eureka. This tour will have members attending from the MGOC, Sorry Safari Touring Society and the Sacramento MG Club!

We will start on Tuesday morning at 9:00 am meeting at the Starbucks in San Rafael and head on out to the coast driving through Point Reyes Station and lunching at Bodega Bay.

From there we will head up the coast through quaint towns and beautiful ocean scenery to Fort Bragg. We'll stay at the Beach House Inn and dine on Pizza while connecting with old and new friends.

Wednesday morning finds us going to the Mendocino Botanical Gardens to check out the flora and fauna of the region. Around noon we'll drive up the coast through Westport up to Leggett. We might even stop at the Chandelier Drive Through Tree!

After driving through the Avenues of the Giants on 101, we'll check in at the Historic Eureka Inn. You are on your own for Dinner.

Thursday morning finds us driving down 101 to the Lost Coast Loop

We'll end up in Ferndale, which has some really nice places for lunch and cute little shops to wander through. For the afternoon and dinner, you'll be on your own.

Friday finds us driving up the coast to Crescent City where we'll visit a real dairy farm and cheese processing plant. We'll all have a buffet dinner together back at the Eureka Inn to commemorate a fine few days of excellent driving in our LBCs.

Saturday, we head for pints home in any direction you so desire. [Click here to see the flyer with Hotel details and sign up sheet.](#) Safety Fast!

Steve Kellogg, and Lindsay Costigan - your Tour Leaders.

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:

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]



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 \$14,500. Contact member Josh Oliver joshholiver@gmail.com or 510-710-7883 [Posted 04/15]



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 chevaili@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 one). 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 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 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 widoyle@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. Please contact member Don Scott; 707 942 0546; don@napanet.net. [Posted 05/15]

MGA MKII Gearbox, this is the late model MGA gearbox with the ribbed housing (not to be confused with the, almost identical, early model MGB housing). Needed for my MGA MKII restoration project where I am trying to keep things as original as possible. Please contact member Mark Cox at 415-341-4169 or at mark_cox@sbcglobal.net [Posted 02/16]

Parts for Sale:

MGA Parts: Pair of SUH4 carburetors with linkage, need to be rebuilt. \$50

MGA Parts: Four 15"x48" spoke wire wheels with tires, \$200 for all four

Contact member Dave Loader at 408-910-4022. [Posted 12/15]

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 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 [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. 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

- at Union Jack 13555 Depot Street, San Martin, CA 95046
- call Marcello or John @ 408-686-1101 with any questions



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Pastry Natter & Noggin'

Date: Saturday, March 5, 2016

Time:

10 a.m.: MGOC Club Meeting

Location:

George's MG Pub (private residence)

[9 Pomona Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530](#)

Event: Club Meeting

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 /
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