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THE OCTAGON

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



December 2015

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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CLUB ADVISOR PROGRAM

Feel free to call these members, who have volunteered to help with purchase, repair, and restoration of various MG models.

MGB 1962-1974 Marty Ray, 831-475-6204, martyray@cruzio.com
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COVER PHOTO:

MG'nificent Wedding Shot, Dan and Thuy Shockey, Anonymous Wedding Photographer

Club Meeting

December 12, 2015

MGOC Meeting Holiday Tea

Time: 12:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Meeting
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Holiday Tea

Location: Casa de Kellogg
 107 Wilder Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg by December 5th at or "enroll" for the event online at www/mgocsf.org



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

MGOCFSF.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

- December 6 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- December 11 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland
- December 12 – **MGOC Holiday Tea and Election**, Los Gatos, Steve and Vicky Kellogg
- December 13 – MG EX 127 achieves 120.6 mph (12/13/32)
- December 22 – MG EX 127 Magic Midget achieves 114.77 mph at Montlhery (12/22/31)
- December 26 – NAC (MG Rover) merges with SAIC (12/26/07)
- December 31 – MG EX 120 achieves 87.3 mph at Montlhery (12/31/30)
- January 9 – **MGOC Annual Planning Meeting**, Kensington, Marcia Crawford
- January 15 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland
- January 20 – MG moves to Abingdon (01/20/30)
- January 23 – **MGOC Annual Awards Banquet**, Hs Lordship's Restaurant, Berkeley

From the Editor...

Sacramento is in the midst of a fever,
As they debate mandatory vaccines,
Is it possible they have one for MG breakdowns?
Appears, *no one* broke down, this 2015!

Perhaps, it was our careful planning,
That began in Los Altos Hills
We produced a monthly booklet,
That was filled with driving thrills.

It listed tours, tech sessions, and pub nights,
Along with tidbits of MG-philia,
By following along, each calendar month,
You'd be ready for a game of MG trivia!

We started the year short a secretary,
And managed to rope in new member, Jing,
But then missed him for most of the year,
After finding a problem, with his rear spring!

I wonder if he ever fixed it,
No word, without a trace,
But I noticed he got a new white BMW,
When he posted on that book of FACE!

Andy went from BSPA to VEEP,
An ascendancy, to most, I'm sure,
But traveling, without his little statue,
For Marla, must really be a bore!

The BSPA was presented to Suzy Savage,
For the most unusual breakdown we ever got,
As a re-tread kinked her SS braided brake line,
Causing her brake drum to turn **RED** hot!

But Suzy is not one to panic,
Nor Brian, as he calmly took some pictures,
Clearly these are MG owner veterans,
Rubber lines now prevent any future strictures.

Octagon article of the year was about blue cars,
Written by a 9 year old named Stephanie,
Her prize was a bear she named Michael,
More stuffed animals to the brood, just Heavenly!

We proposed creating an **MG Love** book,
And started taking submissions,
To date, we have about twenty,
But need to spread, like the Great Commission.

Rumors of a new smart iMGA(pple) were plenty,
In fact, it created quite the hysteria,
Chairman Tim Cook himself confirmed it,
But, alas, not from Palo Alto, but Northumbria.

It promised to be the smartest of them all,
Conquering anything on the open road,
One could chose either "mild" or "insane,"
Or stay in MG "breakdown" mode!

Filling in the photo caption,
Was our newest reach out activity,
Submissions were pithy, witty and inventive,
All devoid, of any depravity!

This year we did something special,
And it went off without a snag,
We gathered the SSTS and MGOC,
And slept overnight, in Fort Bragg!

There was St. Patricks, Mt Tam, Marin,
An immaculate garage session with Du Fosse,
When word of his untimely passing got out,
It hit us, hard, like a tsunami.

There was an infamous Bay Area Llogg Run,
Lled by our Llos Gatos Llogg Run Lleader,
Fortunately, all the Starbucks were spread out,
Offering solace, to the MG beleaguered.

MG Summer and Fall were in the air,
With MGBTB / 4th BFC rocking the Casbah,
But give me MGs, kids and dogs any day,
I'm lovin' it ... Ba Da Ba Ba Ba!

The main gathering was GOF West,
Taking over the town of Rohnert Park,
We toured multiple backroads and wineries,
And finally, that Coppola Film Landmark.

We made new friends and gave a talk,
About electronic media in car clubs,
But nothing could replace the fact,
We just like hanging out with MG Car Buds!

Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

*- looking forward to seeing everyone
at the 2015 Holiday Tea in LG ...
Ba Da Ba Ba Ba ...
Go METS!*



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 (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 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. [Posted 05/15]

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]

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]



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 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 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 \$14,500.

Contact member Josh Oliver 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 [Posted 05/15]



President's Ponderings ...

Season's Greetings MGers!!!

The weather has gotten chilly, (still not so much rain, but it's coming), and it's time to get the house set up for our Annual Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 12 at 12 noon. Vicky and I hope to see you here in Los Gatos (107 Wilder Avenue) to imbibe in drink and eat lots of sweets.

As tradition continues, please bring an unwrapped new toy for us to deliver to a fire station for deserving children in our area that are not so fortunate.

In addition to the Holiday Tea we will also be conducting our election for board seats next year. Felix has listed our slate of candidates who will do the best they can to keep the MGOC viable and lively in the upcoming year.

Happy Hollandaise and Safety Fast!!

Safety fast!
Steve Kellogg



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	

BRAKES: sleeved and rebuilt

MGB, Midget caliper.....	\$85.00
MGA, MGC caliper.....	\$115-155.00
MGA, Midget twin master 1956-67.....	\$195.00
MGB, Midget master 1968-80.....	\$95-145.00
MGB brake booster servo.....	\$175.00
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Meet our Newest Member

Mini > MGB > Porsche > BMW > Alfa Romeo > Jaguar E-Type > MGA

By Dave Loader

Hi, my name is Dave Loader and I just recently joined the MGOC. I was born in England but have lived in San Jose since 1978. I purchased my first car while still living in England, a Mini Cooper, and then an MGB.

After moving to the US I purchased a variety of European cars including a Porsche, a BMW and an Alfa Romeo. Although I couldn't stay away from British Cars for long buying first an E-Type and then an MGA.

The E-Type was a beautiful car but overheated like crazy. After selling the E-Type I decided to rebuild my MGA. I stripped it down to the frame I began the rebuild. It now has a rebuilt engine and transmission, new wiring, a new interior and new paint. Not the fastest or most comfortable car in the world but a lot of fun to drive.

I'm looking forward to being in the club and reading the monthly newsletter for the latest MG news.

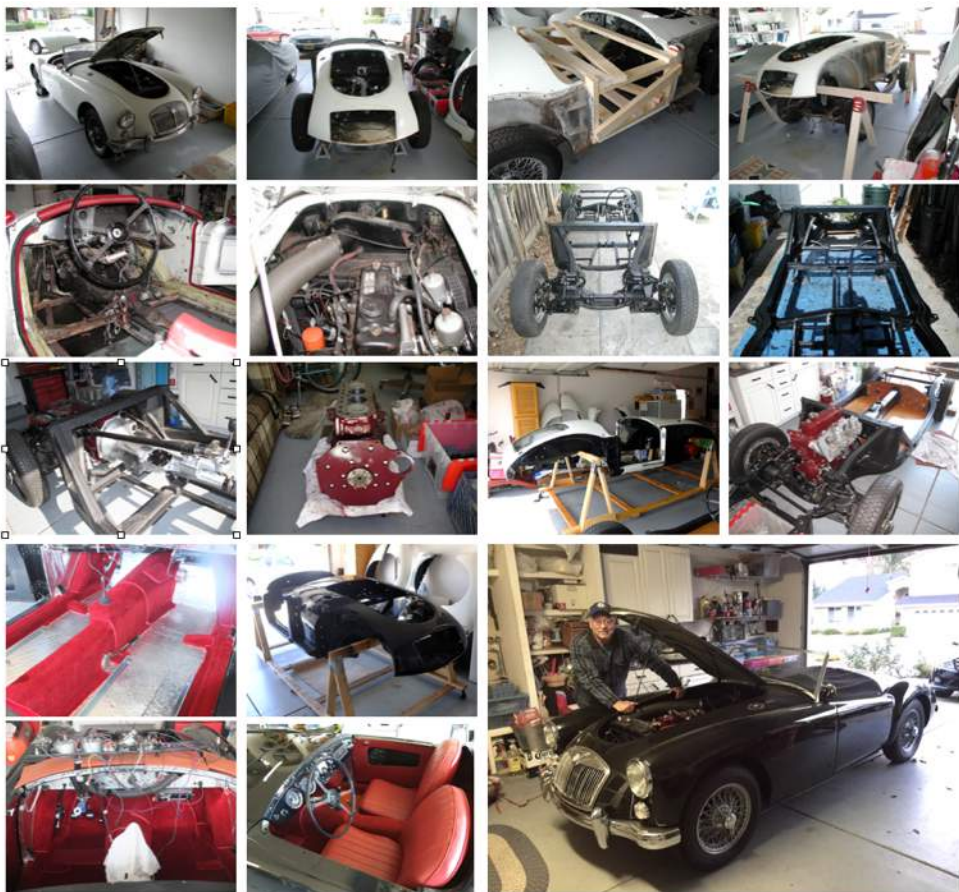


Photo by Dave Loader

Duties

Steve asked for a committee of at least three people, assigned as follows:

1. Graphics person – handles:
 - a. Artwork
 - b. Production of posters, trophies, dash plaques, and T-shirts
 - c. Photos for press releases
2. Contact person – handles:
 - a. Telephone inquiries (Their phone number is on the flyer, poster and registration form.)
 - b. Mailed-in pre-registrations (Their address is on the registration form.)
 - c. Mailings to clubs, past attendees, members
 - d. Press releases to publications
 - e. Creation and duplication of forms, including registration packet contents
3. Site person – handles:
 - a. Liaison with Danville Livery
 - b. Lays out parking
 - c. Brings equipment to the show

Mike volunteered to be the Contact person. Steve said that Craig Kuenzinger has offered to be the Site person. Steve also said he'd ask Andy Preston to be the Graphics person.

- Door Magnets – From Rallye Productions. White magnets with black imprint of the Club logo, 7x9", in quantity 50. The quote is for \$5.54 each, for \$277.00 total, plus shipping & handling at \$16.95 for a grand total of \$293.95, or \$5.88 apiece delivered. Steve will arrange for an online vote for whether or not to place an order in time for the Annual Brunch.

NAMGAR GT-42: Mike Jacobsen

1. We need to create a full page ad for GT-42 in the first quarter of 2016, to include in the MG2016/GT-41 program.
2. Also need a progress report on GT-42 by end of December for the 2016 NAMGAR Board meeting.
3. Working on an event logo and gathering on-site (Solvang) photos for ads, brochures, etc.
4. Developing committee tasks & responsibilities.

NEW BUSINESS

- We currently have no candidates for who should receive the Burnt Sparkplug Award for this year. We don't have to present the award, and the current holder (Suzy Savage) may get to keep it another year.
- Slate for Board Positions in 2016:
 1. President – Steve Kellogg
 2. Vice President – Andy Preston
 3. Treasurer – Marla Preston
 4. Secretary – Wayne Veatch
- Request from NAMGAR, as one of their chapters. They need this info by the first week of December.
 - Q1. How many members do we have? A. 239
 - Q2. How many of our members are also NAMGAR members? A. Steve will send out an email request for all MGOC members that are also NAMGAR members to let us know. Mike will write the request for Steve.
 - Q3. Are we sending the *Octagon* to Ed Sass (Membership Chair – chapters@namgar.com) and Mike Tooke (Editor – communications@namgar.com)? A. Yes
 - Q4. They expect us to run their ad in our newsletter. A. As Felix sees fit and has space available.

BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING – Saturday, December 12, Kellogg's House – Site of the Holiday Tea – 107 Wilder Ave., Los Gatos

- 12:00 Meeting and Elections
- 1:00 pm Holiday Tea

Meeting adjourned at: 11:50

Submitted by: Mike Jacobsen

MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Mike's Museum - San Francisco

November 14, 2015

Call to Order: 10:10 am by President Steve Kellogg

Attending: Marcia Crawford, Mike Jacobsen, Steve Kellogg, Keith Shukrait, George Steneberg, Wayne Veatch

November Mileage Winner: N/A

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting, October 17: Approved

REPORTS

President's Report: Steve Kellogg – I would like to get the MGs by the Bay Committee set up and rolling as we are at six months out.

Vice President's Report: Andy Preston – Absent

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston

Account	November 2015	October 2015
Checking	9,746.98	10,069.77
Savings	3,463.20	3,463.12
GT-42 2017	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	14,210.18	14,532.89

We had October and November *Octagon* charges and Web hosting in the amount of \$120.00.

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg

167	Number of Regular Members
55	Number of Regular Family Members
222	Total Regular and Family Members
12	Number of Corresponding Members
5	Number of Corresponding Family Members
17	Total Corresponding and Family Members
239	Total

Welcome to Robert Bundy and David Loader!!

Secretary's Report: Jing Chai – Absent, but he will try to attend the Tea next month.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George Steneberg – Still receiving business offers and the like.

Regalia: Andy Preston – Absent, but he has collected all Club regalia from David Wright.

The Octagon: Felix Lee – Absent, but the newsletter still looks good even though the Mets lost the World Series.

Vote to authorize a \$75 payment to Mike Jacobsen for the October newsletter production because the receipts were lost. Amounts based on the average costs for advertiser mailings and photocopying. No vote; quorum not present.

Website: Steve Kellogg – Just renewed the website hosting on the Connect2Clubs server, \$120.00 for the year.

PAST EVENTS

Jimmy's Old Car Picnic in Golden Gate Park – Wayne Veatch: All kinds of cars & clubs, many clubs brought picnic lunches. Entry fee of \$40. Wayne will get the 2016 date so we can avoid double-scheduling.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, December 12 – Holiday Tea – Natter 'n' Noggin Meeting and 2016 Board Position Elections – Kellogg house. Meeting at noon, Tea at 1pm. Bring a dish to share and a new, unwrapped toy for Toys For Tots.
- Saturday, January 9, 2016 – Planning Meeting – Marcia Crawford's house in Kensington, for its central location. 10am social, 10:30 meeting.
- Saturday, January 23, 2016 – Annual Brunch at Hs Lordship's, Berkeley Marina at 11am. The Club is again subsidizing to maintain the cost at \$20 per member.

OLD BUSINESS

- MGs by the Bay: Scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2016. central location – time TBD
- Saturday, January 23, 2016 – Annual Brunch at Hs Lordship's, Berkeley Marina

Shockey's Marry in MG

An Old Fashioned MG 'Hitching

By Dan Shockey



Thuy was rightly concerned about her hair between the service and the reception so my brother-in-law and I drove the two MGs home, still decorated with "just married" signs. I thought I detected a couple dirty looks from pedestrians, but it is only a few blocks (that may just have been the noise and the smell that they were responding to).

The MGs were hastily abandoned in favor of getting to the reception, with everything, and on time. We almost succeeded. I did forget my pants. The ones for my suit, that is. We wore Vietnamese traditional dress for the start of the reception then I planned to change into my suit.

I was concerned that my wearing the traditional dress would offend everyone, but no hate mail yet. I am not sure of what my German ancestral traditional dress would consist of. Lederhosen? I don't have any.

We are still accepting wedding presents. We were registered at Moss Motors and Harbor Freight. In truth we are combining households into a small house.

But Thuy and I will continue to celebrate our life together and with all our friends in the car club.

Actually we were dismounted at the time - but the two MGs were parked outside for a Safety Fast get-away. I figured if we got wedding pictures with the MGs, I could get some shots published in the newsletters. Shameless self-promotion. I am heartily ashamed.

The wedding went off with only one "hitch." My (truly) beautiful bride Thuy, chose to be married on my birthday - presumably so that I will remember the date. It was a lovely and perfect fall day, my favorite time of year. My brother-in-law from New Mexico drove the TD to the church while I drove the PA. I forgot to warn him to wear narrow shoes. Nieces and nephew and Thuy's son all helped clean and decorate the MGs.

We did have to get married - but only to do it while I still have some hair on my head. The photographer offered to do some Photoshop work for me.

It was a wonderful wedding ceremony and a pleasant blend of protestant and Roman Catholic traditions. Many of Thuy's classmates wore Vietnamese traditional dresses. Modern clothes are so boring and colorless!



BURN! SPARK PLUG AWARD

SEA-AIR-AHH TOUR

WE'VE PLANNED A REALLY DIFFICULT TOUR, INVOLVING **SEA - AIR AND AHH** (AKA, BATHROOM BREAKS) ...

AHH?!?

WE'LL BE HANDING SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO HELP YOU GET THROUGH SAFELY ...

YOU'LL NEED TO FOLLOW THE PATCHES FOR CLUES ...

CATHETERS?!?

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TRUE, SO TRUE ...

IS THERE A SEPARATE BOY'S LINE?

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..... TO BE CONTINUED

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
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OFFICIAL BALLOT

MGOC CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 2015

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for the candidate of your choice, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of the candidate's name. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, darken the OVAL next to and write in the candidate's name on the Write-in line. Any member in good standing is acceptable as a write-in. (ie. we still need a Secretary, if you know of a candidate, please nominate them or run yourself) To vote for a Tour or Tech Session, darken the OVAL next to the word "Yes" or the word "No". All distinguishing marks or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void. If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another. **VOTE LIKE THIS:** 
Mail ballots to: Mike Jacobsen at: 320 B Monterey Blvd. San Francisco, CA 94131, or bring the ballot to the December 12, 2015 Club Meeting and Holiday Tea in Los Gatos.

PRESIDENT

Vote for one

☐ **Steve Kellogg**
President
'73 MGB, '55 MG TF

☐ Write-in

VICE PRESIDENT

Vote for one

☐ **Andy Preston**
Vice-President
'55 MG TF1500, '80 MGS Coupe, '87 MGB, '74 MGB GT

☐ Write-in

TREASURER

Vote for one

☐ **Maria Preston**
Treasurer
'55 MG TF1500, '80 MGS Coupe, '87 MGB, '74 MGB GT

☐ Write-in

SECRETARY

Vote for one

☐ **Wayne Veatch**
Secretary
'67 MGB

☐ Write-in



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Start Planning for the rest of 2015 ...



Date: Saturday, December 12, 2015

Time:

12-1 p.m.: MGOC Meeting
1-4 p.m.: Holiday Tea

Location:

Casa de Kellogg
107 Wilder Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Event: This year's holiday party is in Los Gatos. Come on over for some holiday cheer, join us in telling MG stories, and celebrate the season with Club friends.

The Club is again sponsoring a toy drive. Please bring a new unwrapped toy, which we will deliver to a local firehouse.

Please also bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvres to share. If you have a favorite tea, please bring that too. The Club will provide other beverages

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 / president@mgocsf.org or "enroll" for the event online at www.mgocsf.org by October 14th

We look forward to seeing you.

MGOC Fill in the Caption

Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon



Photo by Kirk Prentiss

"A British Leyland "Deluxe" option."

- Ken Bottini

"Get a grip!"

- Bob Stine

"I wonder where the vise grip went?"

- Jim Carlson

"Where else would YOU put it?"

- Kirk Prentiss

"No such thing as too much chrome"

"What's the Moss Catalog part number for this?"

- Steve Kellogg

"What's the problem, it looks normal to me.?"

- Craig Kuenzinger

"Resourceful!"

- John Hunt

"(this way I'll) always know here my Vise-Grip is when I need it"

- Wayne Veatch

"Honey, have you seen my vise-grip pliers?"

- Jim Lucas

"Necessity IS the Mother of Invention!"

- Marla Preston

"Incredible, a window crank that can also loosen bolts!"

- Felix Lee

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

You, the reader, submit your caption to flee@hancmg.com.

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



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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

JOHN, SHARON, EMMA AND TYLER HUNT

For me, the MG experience has been an ongoing adventure and lifestyle. It all started in the early 1970s during grade school with my crush on Robin Robinson. She was English with an accent. From there, I became a fan of everything British. My mom subscribed to the *New Yorker* magazine which always had MG ads that planted a seed. I can't say, why, however, I was always drawn to the car. So, when I got into high school, my dad recommended a VW Bug. When I discovered MGs could be bought for the same price, that, was a done deal. When I was living in Marin and rowing, I randomly asked a lady who rowed up to the dock, do you know who owns the MGB GT in the parking lot. She said, "I do, do you want to buy it?" That became my first MG. I ended up later selling it to do a study aboard program at Cambridge University. Fast forward about 20 plus years, when we moved to Lafayette, my wife Sharon found my soon-to-be second MGB GT, for sale, around the corner, which I currently own to this day. I've made many friends and had many adventures related to MGs and I am looking forward to many more!



MGB GT
 - year of manufacture: 1971
 - date of build: 1-2 February, 1971
 - engine number: 18GK-RWE-H/10072
 - chassis number: G-HD5-UB/237551-G
 - color: New Racing Green
 - interior color: Autumn Leaf
 - modifications: None

