

THE OCTAGON

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



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About *The Octagon* and MGOC...

The M.G. Owners Club, formed in 1957, is the Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club, formed in England in 1930. The Peninsula T Register was formed in 1973 and is now an informal sub-group of the MGOC. We receive a copy of the MGCC's *Safety Fast*, available to members on loan from the corresponding secretary. The Club is also associated with the North American MGB Register, the North American MGA Register, and the New England MG T Register. The MGOC holds a business meeting 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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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

MGB 1974-1980: Ed Adams, 510-483-6821

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COVER PHOTO:

Don Smith toasting 2015 and the rebirth of his Canary Yellow 1955 MG TF 1500

Club Meeting

Natter & Noggin' & Plannin'

January 10, 2015

10 am - 12 pm

Location: 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Please RSVP to: Steve Kellogg at webmaster@mgocsf.org



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For All Items Below: Please contact member: Dave Loader at loader.dave@gmail.com [Posted 09/13]
 - **MGB late overdrive transmission with gear lever and switch.** This unit has been rebuilt by Quantum Mechanics and never used. \$500 ono
 - **MGB PARTS. 5BRG crank,** 4 pistons/rods, engine/trans plate, trans mount/stay rod, sump, engine block +.040 rebore, new pistons +.040, inlet manifold, pulley. Make offer.
 - **MGA PARTS. 1600 camshaft,** flywheel, generator, inlet manifold, front engine plate. Make offer.

For All Items Below: Member Bob Luebbert at r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net [Posted 07/13]
MG TD Head Light Tie Bracket attaches to radiator, Moss Part # 451-100, used -- great shape! Price \$20 OBO
Two Headlight Stone Guard for MG T-Series, come with attachments, Moss part #222-150 \$30 obo
Gas Cap for 1975 MG/Sprite, never used, \$15 obo (thought it would fit on my 69 MGB - but will not)
MG TD chromed radiator shell, false nose, slates and medallion- total for sale at \$1000 USD obo



For All Items Below: Please contact member: Ken Gittings at a_67_bgt@yahoo.com or 510-791-8445 [Posted 10/14]
 - **Tourist Trophy 14" Black Leather Rim Wheel W/3 Matte, Drilled Spokes.** \$180.00. Moss Part# 489-030, Must use Tourist Trophy/Moto-Lita adapter hub sold by Moss.
 - **One pair front springs for rubber bumper MGB,** used less than 10 miles, way to low for my GT. \$40.00
 - **One intake manifold w/ceramic coating for 1 3/4" SU,** Just the manifold!
 - **7/8" front sway bar, also 3/4" rear sway bar for MGBs**
 - **Steel dash for early MGB (63-67),** dash has been repaired and has wrinkle powder coat finish. \$190
 - **Used "Bad Boy" air horn,** yes it works. \$15
 - **Dual Weber intake manifold for cross flow head.** Intake manifold only!
 - **Trailer hitch for an MGB.**

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

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING IN *THE OCTAGON*

Direct all questions about advertising to Mike Jacobsen at 415-333-9699 or MikesMuseum@yahoo.com. 2015 rates are: *monthly* (yearly): full page \$25 (\$240), half page \$18 (\$175), third page \$12 (\$120), business card \$8 (\$75). All ads expire on January 1, and fees for a partial year will be pro-rated to that date. Deadline for ad materials is the 10th of the preceding month. The MGOC makes no claims as to the reputation or quality of work performed by businesses advertising in *The Octagon*.

MGOC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO *THE OCTAGON*

Your stories, photos, tips, questions, and anything MGOC-related are always welcome in *The Octagon*. Please make your contributions by the 15th of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to octagoneditor@mgocsf.org or send them to: Felix Lee, 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? Bob Stine is in charge of new member recruitment and can send you flyers. The Club roster is available to members from Steve Kellogg upon request.

MGOCSE.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

- January 10 – **MGOC Planning Meeting**, Los Altos Hills, Steve Kellogg, Felix Lee
- January 19 – **OTRA Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland
- January 24 – **MGOC Annual Awards Banquet**, Hs Lordships Restaurant, Steve Kellogg
- February 20 – **OTRA Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland
- The Rest of 2015 – **TBA**

From the Editor...

"out with the old, in with the new, unless, of course, its your MG ..."

Happy 2015! "Lose weight," "Save money," "Spend more time with family and friends," "enjoy life more," and "learn new things." Sound familiar. Well, these are amongst the most popular New Year's resolutions, people make every year. In an attempt to make the 2015 new year better, its "out with the old, in with the new," unless, of course, its your **MG**.

Lower the Calories / Improve your Mileage

In 2015, slow down. Driving 60 mph instead of 70 mph will save you 2-4 miles per gallon over the duration of your trip. Take it easy on the throttle. Don't accelerate quickly or brake hard. Coasting to a stop will save fuel and save wear and tear on your brakes. Check tire pressure. Making sure your tires are at the recommended pressure can increase fuel economy by as much as 3.3%. Breath easy. Replacing your air filter can increase your fuel economy by 4.1%. Lighten up. Clean out your trunk of all the "spare" parts (and risk being stranded during a breakdown). The less weight in your car, the better the fuel economy. Cool down. Gas up on cool mornings. Fuel is denser when it is cold. Gas pumps measure by volume, so you get more gas for your buck, when it is cold.

Give your Wallet a Break

In 2015, although many people create an MG automotive budget (separate from you other cars, unless

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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
MGC booster servo.....	\$445.00
Cylinder sleeved only, brass or SS.....	\$50-\$95
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Felix Lee

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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:

Dashboard for Mk2 MGA, any parts you might have Mk2 MGA, 14-inch wire wheels that are in good-excellent condition for MGB. Don Scott; 707 942 0546; don@napanet.net. [Posted 06/14]

Parts for Sale:

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

MG Midget Rolling Chassis Body Shell. No VIN. No Title. No engine, transmission, differential, front bumper, or windshield. Not crashed but rough. Rubber bumper car. Make Offer. Contact Member Nick Becker at 925-932-9778 or becker2226@astound.net. [Posted 05/13]

Four painted wire wheels. Ran true and smoothly when last on my '61 A (in '2004) – stored since then. A couple will need some touch-up paint, otherwise fine. Michelin radials, functional with good tread, minor sidewall cracks. \$350 or best offer. Please contact: Mark Lange, mark@marklange.org or 415-297-3456. [Posted 05/13]

MGA transmission from a '61. Operated perfectly when I took it out of the car in 2002 (converted to a 5-speed). \$250 or best offer. Please contact: Mark Lange, mark@marklange.org or 415-297-3456. [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. As to the value of the car depending on who you talk to, the price range is from \$25,000 to \$35,000. I will accept \$25,000 or more. Contact Member Larry Matthews at 415-999-2362 [Posted 08/13]



'64/'65 MGB Roadster Project Car. Up on blocks for 8 years and in DNO status. It doesn't look bad, but does have issues. Other photos are available and we welcome inquiries. In Livermore, CA Contact Wes Nelson at 925-447-4393 or WESNEL@ATT.NET. [posted 06/13]



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]



1974 MGB Tourer Rust-Free California car ready for the road. Very straight, glacier white, chrome bumpers, custom dark gray carpets, original excellent black upholstery, dashboard top replacement, all instruments operational, Craig radio/cassette, aluminum "minilite" wheels, tires new (2011, 500 miles), new black vinyl top (Moss, professionally installed, tonneau (1 new, 1 original), car jack and equipment in original bags, mileage: 102,000, new calipers / pads / bushings / bearings / steering boots / alignment / fuel gauge sender / instrument voltage stabilizer / rear wheel bearings / belts / hoses / etc. No clear history on engine work. Compression average 136 lbs/cylinder. Runs great. Asking \$12,450. Contact member Jack Ford at jackrada@att.net.



President's Ponderings ...

Happy New Year Fellow MG Enthusiasts!

I hope your holidays were nice and you were able to get some good family and rest time in. I would like to especially thank Elaine Chan and Mike Jacobsen for hosting our Holiday Tea. The chow mein was great! As your newly elected president, I'm really looking forward to 2015 which I'm sure is going to be jam packed with MG Related events.

First we have the Planning Session and Annual Brunch in January followed by Tech sessions and Tours in the Spring and culminating with The Dixon Car Show, MGs by the Bay and GOF West in May and June. Then the summer begins and who knows what great adventures we'll have in our LBCs. Look for e-mail blasts and our new Facebook and recently redesigned website for up to date information.

Safety fast!
Steve Kellogg



And Speaking of *Safety Fast*, below are some wet weather driving tips I took from the AAA site.

As Sergeant Phil Esterhaus used to say, "Let's be careful out there!"

Spring and summer showers may mean flowers, but wet pavement contributes to nearly 1.2 million traffic crashes each year.

Safety starts before you drive, and your goal should be to see and be seen.

Replace windshield wiper inserts that leave streaks or don't clear the glass in a single swipe.

Make sure all headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals are properly functioning so other drivers will see you during downpours.

Slow Down and Leave Room

Slowing down during wet weather driving can be critical to reducing a car's chance of hydroplaning, when the tires rise up on a film of water.

With as little as 1/12 inch of water on the road, tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road.

Drivers should reduce their speed to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway.

At speeds as low as 35 mph, new tires can still lose some contact with the roadway.

To reduce chances of hydroplaning, drivers should slow down, avoid hard braking or turning sharply and drive in the tracks of the vehicle ahead of you.

Also, it's important for motorists to allow ample stopping distance between cars by increasing the following distance of the vehicle in front of them and beginning to slow down to stop for intersections, turns and other traffic early.

Responding to a Skid

Even careful drivers can experience skids. If a driver feels their car begin to skid, it's important to not panic and follow these basic steps:

* Continue to look and steer in the direction in which the driver wants the car to go.

* Avoid slamming on the brakes as this will further upset the vehicle's balance and make it harder to control.

If you feel the car begin to skid, continue to look and steer in the direction you want the car to go. Don't panic, and avoid slamming on the brakes to maintain control.

Overall you want to be extra cautious in wet weather.

Slow down, avoid hard braking or turning sharply and allow ample stopping distance between you and the cars in front of you. Also, do these things one-at-a-time. Brake, then turn, then accelerate.

Proper tire tread depth and Inflation

Check tread depth with a quarter inserted upside down into the tire groove. If you can see above Washington's head, start shopping for new tires. Check each tire's pressure, including the spare, at least once a month... and be sure to check the pressure when the tires are cold.

Meet our New Secretary

Jing Chai

By Samantha Lee

SAMANTHA LEE: Are you excited about being our new Secretary?

JING CHAI: I'm not really sure, I was quite surprised that I got nominated at all, considering I only been a member of MGOC since 2013.

SL: Have you ever been a Secretary Before?

JC: No, I haven't.

SL: What kind of events do you think we will have this year?

JC: We should have more driving tours around the Bay Area.

SL: What is your favorite MGOC event?

JC: Any kind of driving tour.

SL: Where did you grow up?

JC: Alameda and San Jose.

SL: How did you become interested in MG Cars?

JC: I wanted a RWD sporty car since high school and when I found a MG Midget on Craigslist last year I thought I'd get started with a MG.

SL: What MG do you drive?

JC: 1970 MG Midget

SL: How long have you owned it?

JC: Since February of 2013.

SL: What was the last repair you did on it?

JC: I replaced the folding top.

SL: What is the next repair you plan to do on it?

JC: I need to get the alternator checked up and replace the steering rack.

SL: What is your favorite thing about owning your MG?

JC: It's such a blast to drive especially on twisty roads! Also I feel like I'm driving fast even at 50 mph.

SL: What is your least favorite thing about owning your MG?

JC: There's always a bit of worry something might go wrong when driving it.

SL: That's OK, my friend Craig Kuenzinger also has a Midget. If you want, I can talk to him for you. He knows a lot. We call him the Professor.

SL: Have you ever had a breakdown? Tell us about it.

JC: Yes, the battery died last week going up on Page Mill Rd and I had to get towed back home.

SL: That's great, thanks for the interview.



Photo by Jing Chai

NEW BUSINESS

Election results

- President – Steve Kellogg
- Vice President – Andy Preston
- Treasurer – Marla Preston
- Secretary – Jing Chai

Thank you Mike Jacobsen for collecting and tabulating the results.

Andy Preston told the group that for the GOF in Rohnert Park next year, Lawrie Alexander asked for folks to create a presentation for people that don't attend the tech sessions, or to present a tech session. If interested, contact Andy.

BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

The Board voted on four items:

	\$100 for Tim's Gift	Upgrade Website	Update Website Look	\$500 for Raffle Prizes at the Brunch
Steve K.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
George S.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dan S.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marla P.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain
Craig K.		Yes	Yes	Yes
John H.				
RESULT	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Doyle had his "Giants" car featured in a My Driver article in the San Francisco *Chronicle*.

NEXT MEETING

At the Annual Awards Brunch at Hs. Lordships.

The February meeting will be decided at the Planning Meeting on January 10.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57pm

Submitted by Steve Kellogg



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MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Mike's Other Museum at Elaine's, San Francisco
December 13, 2014

Call to Order: 12:04pm by Acting President Steve Kellogg

Attending: Ernie Bryson, Elaine Chan, Marcia Crawford, Tom Doyle, Gary & Janet Germano, Ken Gittings, Randy Grossman, Mike Jacobsen, Melissa Johnson, Steve & Vicky Kellogg, Craig & Kim Kuenzinger, Felix & Samantha Lee, Brian Linke, Dave McCann, Andy & Marla Preston, Rich Prior, Suzy Savage, and George Steneberg. There were also some late arrivals that aren't listed.

November Mileage Winner: Steve and Vicky Kellogg – 51 miles in their MGB – received a mild round of applause from the gathering.

Minutes of Previous Meeting, November 8, 2014: Approved (Thanks Jing Chai for the easier formatting for *The Octagon*.)

REPORTS

The Octagon: Felix Lee – Facebook is going strong with 61 likes! 40 people per day are viewing the site.

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston

Account	December 2014	November 2014	October 2014
Checking	9,756.21	10,140.98	10,463.46
Savings	3,462.25	3,462.17	3,462.08
Total	13,218.46	13,603.15	13,925.54

Since the last Treasurer's Report we paid for November and December printing and mailing costs for *The Octagon* and \$271.48 for website upgrades. Happy Holidays.

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg

165 Members	10 Corresponding Members
52 Family Members	2 Family Corresponding Member
217 Total Members	12 Total Corresponding Members

Added 2 Regular and 3 Corresponding members since the November Report. Marcia Crawford volunteered to call members that did not review and Steve Kellogg will provide a list of them with their phone numbers.

Secretary's Report: Dan Shockey – Absent

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

Regalia: David Wright – Absent

Website: Steve Kellogg – Upgrade with a new look and feel is in the works and should be done by the end of the year. Steve will contact our web hosting company and ask if they can help us discontinue the old website at www.mgoc.org.

PAST EVENTS

None discussed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Boxing Day Drive, North Bay 12/26, Sorry Safari club, Morgan club
- Jim Carlson offered to host a future MGOC meeting at his Pajaro Dunes beach home this coming spring
- On The Road Again Pub Night – December 19 – bring a toy
- January 10 – MGOC Planning Meeting at Felix Lee's home in Los Altos Hills, Noon
- January 24 – MGOC Annual Brunch at His Lordship's in Berkeley

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Jacobsen proposed that the MGOC co-sponsor the NAMGAR (National MGA Register) annual Get-Together in 2017. The event is planned for late June, 2017, in San Luis Obispo. There are several reasons for MGOC to support GT-42, beyond the obvious advantages of having a national event in our area. NAMGAR wants to have a GT on the west coast, and they have supported the MGOC for several years with both insurance and financial aid. Since we have two local clubs hosting the event, the work required and the financial risks are shared – neither club is carrying the whole load. This may be the easiest way we'll ever have to host a national event.

A motion to co-sponsor the GT-42 was made by Mike Jacobsen and seconded by Craig Kuenzinger. Passed unanimously.

Meet our New Vice-President

Andy Preston

By Samantha Lee

SAMANTHA LEE: Are you excited about being our new Vice-President?

ANDY PRESTON: Yes, I am, and I'm looking forward to working with Steve. I think it's going to be an interesting year with lots of events. We just have to find ways to have more of our members participate.

SL: Have you ever been a Vice-President Before?

AP: No I haven't, and I think this is the first time that anyone in the North Bay has held this position. With current technology and remote access to meeting I think that anyone anywhere can participate more.

SL: What kind of events do you think we will have this year?

AP: I'd like to see more social events where spouses can participate more. The tech sessions are great for the guys (and I'm on of them) but it would be great to see more women enjoying the club.

SL: What is your favorite MGOC event?

AP: I like *MG's by the Bay* which is turning into one of the best attended events in the bay area, but also like the Annual Brunch and Holiday Tea that gives you more time to chat and catch up with members that you haven't seen for a while.

SL: Where did you grow up?

AP: I grew up in Birmingham, England which was the centre of the car industry in the 50s, 60s and 70s. The BMC (Austin, Morris, Wolsey, and Riley) plant and Rootes (Hillman, Humber, Singer and Sunbeam) plant were both located in Birmingham. The Rover and Land Rover plant was in Solihull 3 miles from my house, and the Jaguar plant in Coventry just 20 miles away. Even though MG became a part of BMC in 1952 they still manufactured MGs in Abingdon, Oxfordshire up to 1980.

SL: How did you become interested in MG Cars?

AP: My first sports car in England was a 67 Austin Healey Sprite (AKA the MG Midget which was only badge engineering by BMC). The car was fabulous and easy to drive and maintain. After that I owned a MGB GT which was a really practical every day driver.

SL: What MG do you drive?

AP: Presently, Marla and I own 4 MGs. A 1955 MG TF, 1960 MGA Coupe, 1967 MGB Roadster, 1974 MGB GT. We drive them all the time and drive them everywhere.

SL: How long have you owned it?

AP: Our first MG was the 1974 B GT which we bought for \$600 when Joe Montana was quarterback for the 49ers.

SL: You mean, like, during the Gold Rush in 1849? Never mind, Scratch that ...

SL: What was the last repair you did on it?

AP: The last major repair was on the 67 MGB Roadster when I rebuilt the engine; the reason we won the BSPA in 2014 was.

SL: What is the next repair you plan to do on it?

AP: I won't know that until one of them breaks down.

SL: That's what all BSPA'ers say ...

SL: What is your favorite thing about owning your MG?

AP: Apart from the fun of driving them is being a member of MGOC and all the friends we've made and places we've been to driving our cars.

SL: What is your least favorite thing about owning your MG?

AP: Running out of garage space and not being able to enjoy more of these wonderful cars.

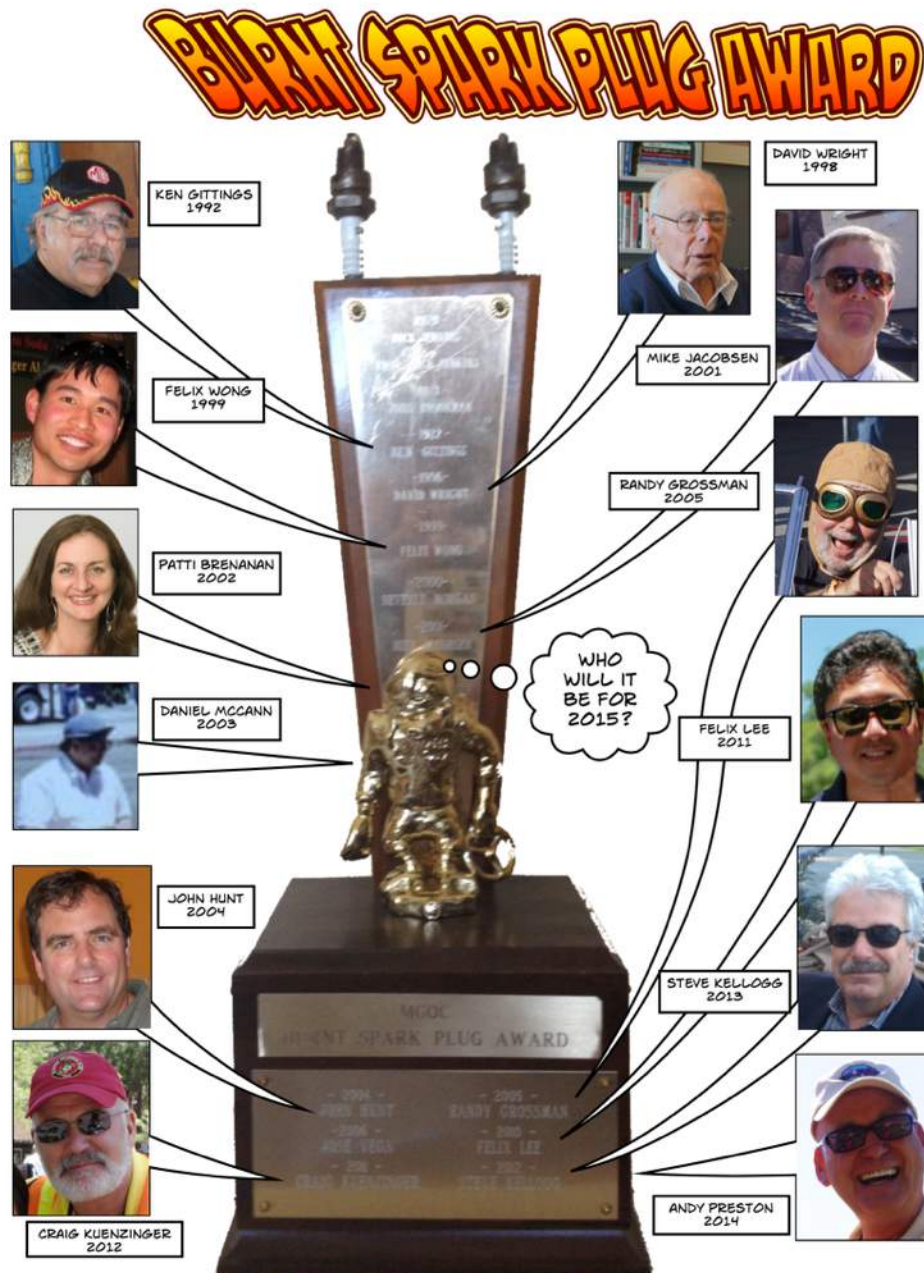
SL: Well, in another 5 years, when I turn 18, I know of a good place where you can keep one ...

SL: Have you ever had a breakdown? Tell us about it.

AP: Unfortunately we've endured several "Rides of Shame" and at least one with each MG. Our longest one was 207 miles on the back of a flat bed on our way back from MG 2013 in Corvallis, Oregon. We were using a lot of oil and finally on our way home lost compression in 2 cylinders. We limped 50 miles to Fortuna where we called AAA and thankfully we have the 200 mile tow package so only had to pay for the 7 miles. The engine had to be completely rebuilt.

SL: That's great, let's hear it for AAA! Thanks for the interview.





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MGOC Annual Planning Meeting

This year's annual planning and business meeting will be in Los Altos Hills. Come on over for some post-holiday cheer, an episode of *Classic Car Rescue: MGB GT* on the big screen, and join us in mapping out events and tours, for the upcoming 2015 new year.

You bring the ideas and we'll supply the pens and calendars.

And yes, there will be food. As usual, the MGOC member that drives the farthest, will receive a free meal, however, no different than anyone else. But maybe, we'll let you go first ...

Date: Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Please RSVP to: Steve Kellogg at webmaster@mgocsf.org

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The Anonymous Frenchman's Camera



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