

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

Checking out a nice MGA at the Holiday Tea

January 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.

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 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

Jan. 16 – **Annual Planning Meeting**, Danville, Bob Trencheny

Feb. 6 – **Annual Dinner**, Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco

Mar. 28 – April Fools Rallye, Santa Rosa, Empire Sports Car Association

Jul. 12-16 – GoF West 2010, Big Bear Lake, Vintage MG Club

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From the Editor...

Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual. Yesterday, everybody smoked his last cigar, took his last drink, and swore his last oath. Today, we are a pious and exemplary community. Thirty days from now, we shall have cast our reformation to the winds and gone to cutting our ancient short comings considerably shorter than ever. We shall also reflect pleasantly upon how we did the same old thing last year about this time. However, go in, community. New Year's is a harmless annual institution, of no particular use to anybody save as a scapegoat for promiscuous drunks, and friendly calls, and humbug resolutions, and we wish you to enjoy it with a looseness suited to the greatness of the occasion.

– Mark Twain, *Virginia City Territorial Enterprise*, January 1, 1863

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Who am I to argue with so great a wit as Mark Twain? Truth is, I tend to agree with him. Nevertheless, hope springs eternal this year might be better than the last. What's the sense in thinking otherwise?

Having attended the Holiday Tea last month, I must say that our particular "harmless annual institution" was exceedingly pleasant. The company was welcome and the food was good. It's a shame I couldn't stay longer.

As for the resolutions made there, documented by Field Reporter Samantha Lee (page 8), I suppose only time will tell if they are humbug. I am still hopeful that I will meet my personal goal of getting my MG back out on the road this spring.

And perhaps you, dear reader, have made a resolution to get more involved in the MGOC. Then come to the Annual Planning Meeting on January 16 and have your say. Or stop by the Annual Dinner. You'll be among friends.

Jeremy Palgon

President's Ponderings...

Out with the Old, in with the Same

Well, so much for 2009 and a hearty welcome to the new year, 2010. Can you imagine?

No doubt you are curious about my tag line "in with the same". I am happy to again be president of the MGOC in 2010, assisted by my fellow officers from 2009: George Stenberg, Mike Jacobsen, Bob Trencheny, and immediate Past President Bob Stine. I look forward to working with them and the other Club volunteers to bring a fun-filled 2010 to all of us.

I am also pleased to report that Santa's special request for donations to our Toys for Tots campaign brought an avalanche of toys. Club members provided many wonderful toys for needy families and children in our communities. A special thanks to all of you that participated.

As I have repeatedly written, one of my primary goals as president is to get members more involved in Club activities. I want to generate increased interest and attendance in what we, as a club, plan and provide. In order to better suit the needs of the members, Randy Grossman, our Activities Director (aka Captain of Fun), has developed a Member Survey (that you will soon receive via email). I urge you to take a few minutes to look it over and respond. We are interested in learning more about what you like and don't like, and what you will participate in or won't. Five lucky members among the respondents will receive \$20 gift cards – just for answering a couple of questions, how cool is that?

In addition to the survey, you can have more direct input on what you'd like the Club to do this upcoming year by attending the Annual Planning Meeting. The planning meeting is very democratic. The members in attendance simply come to a consensus about what events to have and when to have them. Many events occur annually, but there's always room for new and different ones. I assure you that we will consider all of the ideas we receive. It goes without saying that all members are welcome to join us and help plan this year's events. In fact, if I haven't encouraged you enough, please consider this my personal invitation to you. Please come to the Annual Planning Meeting and share your event ideas.

A quick reminder that the Annual Dinner will be held at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco on Saturday, February 6. I urge you to get your reservations in quickly, since we are limited in the number of attendees we can host.

In closing, I thank you again for allowing me to serve as the president of the MGOC in 2010. I hope that you enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to the upcoming year.

Regards,
Sam Gearhart

Annual Planning Meeting

Followed by a Visit to The Blackhawk Auto Museum

Saturday, January 16

Want to plan a picnic? Have a favorite route for a drive? Need some help on your restoration project? Well, here's your chance to suggest an event for next year's calendar.

Come to the meeting with your ideas and plans for drives, meetings, events, and tech sessions. The Club board will be happy to work with you to make your event a reality. Host Bob Trencheny will provide coffee and donuts.

After the meeting, we'll be driving a short ways to [The Blackhawk Automotive Museum](#). The museum displays about 90 cars and has the most dramatic presentation of coach-built cars in the world. Many of the cars on display are on loan, and the museum is ever changing. Admission is \$10.

When and Where: The meeting starts at 9:30 am on January 16 at the Trencheny's home at [1518 Colchester Street, Danville](#).

Please RSVP to: Bob Trencheny at Tbobj@aol.com or 925-984-2472.

Directions:

From San Francisco and points north: Take the Bay Bridge/ I-80 East to I-580 East towards Hayward/Stockton. Then take CA-24 towards Walnut Creek passing through the Caldecott Tunnel. At Walnut Creek take I-680 South towards San Jose. Travel 7.9 miles to Sycamore Valley Road. Take Sycamore Valley east. Sycamore Valley will become Camino Tassajara. Travel 4.4 miles on Camino Tassajara. Turn right on Monterosso Street. Make first right on Casa Blanca. Follow around the bend to Colchester. Look for the fourth house on the right.

From San Jose and the I-580/I-680 interchange: Take I-680 north through San Ramon towards Danville. Take Sycamore Valley east. Sycamore Valley will become Camino Tassajara. Travel 4.4 miles on Camino Tassajara. Turn right on Monterosso Street. Make first right on Casa Blanca. Follow around the bend to Colchester. Look for the fourth house on the right.

From Livermore and points east: Take I-580 to Santa Rita Road/Tassajara Road. Turn right onto Tassajara which is now called Camino Tassajara. Continue on Camino Tassajara 5.6 miles to Monterosso St. Turn left on Monterosso Street. Make first right on Casa Blanca. Follow around the bend to Colchester. Look for the fourth house on the right.

MGOC Annual Dinner

Saturday, February 6, 2010

No-Host Cocktails at 6:30 pm

Dinner at 7:30 pm

Basque Cultural Center

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MENU

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Sam Gearhart, 3521 Randolph Avenue, Oakland, CA 95602

Holiday Tea

By Samantha

What are your New Years resolutions for you and your MG?

1. Ken - Drive the car and keep it clean
2. Bob S. - Not to make any more resolutions
3. Janne - Do not pile any junk on the car
4. George - register for the shows GOF in Big Bear Lake
Danville de Elegance
5. Mike - finish the Mynette to drive to
Wisconsin for NAMGAR
6. Jodi - Help my daughter work on her plans to
to restore Uncle Mike's MG
7. Sam - Get more MG members out to MG events
8. Jeremy - Get my MG out of garage
9. Randy - To drive it with great health and minimal
mechanical failure
10. Beth and Bob T. - To wash it and polish it more
often
11. Andy - To drive to the MGA show in Wisconsin
12. Bill - Help all my customers to win prizes with
their cars
13. Eric - I will drive it more often
14. Bob Z. - to keep Jeremy's car running
15. Elaine - To get an MG
16. Felix - to take everyone out for a ride even
Stephanie who is currently too small
17. Gene - to fix all of the leaks and the top



MG Owners at the Holiday Tea (above)

Photos by Sam Gearhart



Samantha Lee conducts an interview (above), Enjoying the company (below)



I am happy to report that many Club members provided all sorts of toys, games, and other useful items to our Toys for Tots campaign. Sadly, Santa's own sleigh was in the shop: he had a couple of lame reindeer, and the weather did not cooperate for a "top-down" MG delivery.

Thanks to all of you who participated and helped make our Toys for Tots drive a success again this year.



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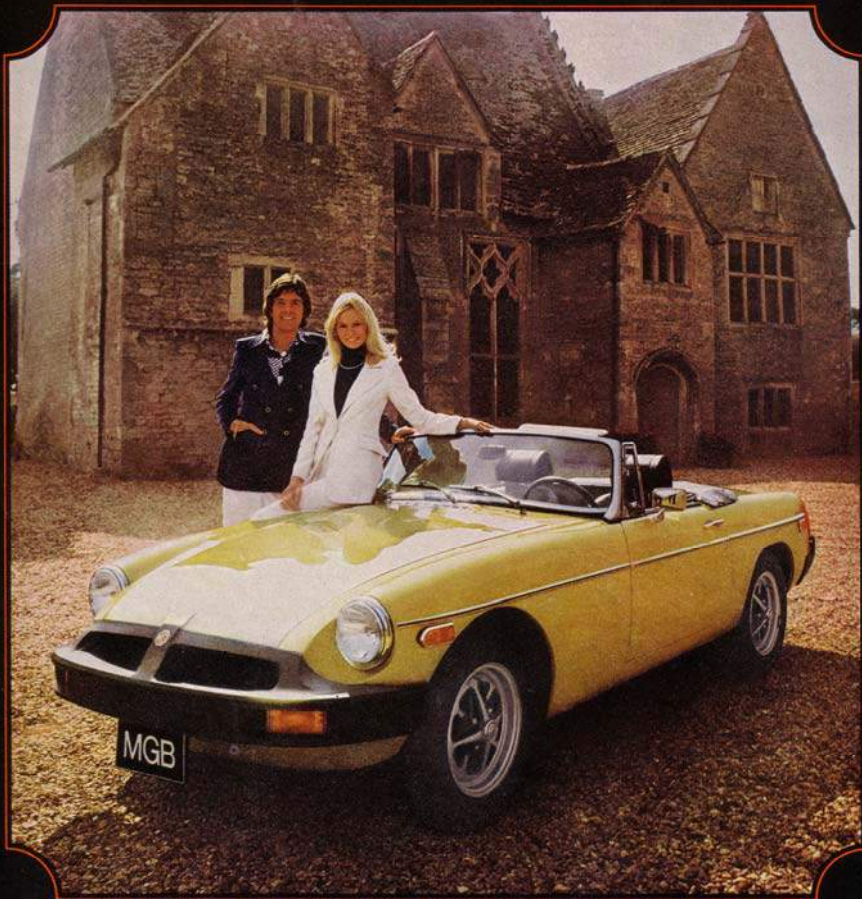
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GoF West 2010 in Big Bear

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Dave Bradley & Larry Long

morning into the day serving beverages, snacks, etc. for your enjoyment.

Now, along with all of this, consider what is available close by at Big Bear Lake and the surrounding area: golfing nearby at Big Bear Golf Course, Hiking and Biking over splendid mountainside trails, Horseback riding, Parasailing, Four-wheeling (try this in your TC!), Boating and fishing on Big Bear Lake, and Boutique shopping and dining in Big Bear Village, which is located only a short walk from Northwoods and features many dining and shopping opportunities, several pubs and a microbrewery.

Sound enticing? If you are not sold on this event yet, let us tell you about the hotel. The Northwoods Resort features an attractive combination of classic, rustic and modern throughout the hotel. They have:

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- Over 9,000 Sq. Ft. of Meeting Space – sleek event spaces for 10-400, great for all of our GoF meetings and dinners.
- Stillwells Restaurant – scrumptious Big Bear Resort dining from dawn to dusk, and Stillwells Lounge – complement any evening with a joyful atmosphere and Happy Hour specials.

All of the rooms will be available for the discounted



Cascading mountainsides, lush hills, crystal waters, plentiful wildlife, endless hiking trails—all of this will be yours to enjoy, along with the camaraderie of fellow MGers and the fun of the GoF West events. And discover it all and enjoy a refreshing stay at the most popular choice of Big Bear hotels, the Northwoods Resort and Conference Center.

You probably know what the events will be at the GoF, but I'll remind you anyhow: the car display, funkhana, and rally are the three biggies, but we'll also have an orientation early in the week, an auction — be sure to gather up those MG goodies for this — technical sessions, maybe a carless funkhana, first timer's car display, auction, competition in the models, photos crafts and arts displays, awards dinner and concluding with the Winner's Circle on Friday morning -- and lots to eat! Central to all of this will be the centrally located traditional Hospitality Suite where old acquaintances may be renewed and new acquaintances made. Hospitality will be opened from early





Our Destination: Big Bear Lake

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We'll have more all of about this event in our Spring Gazette, including directions to the hotel and an agenda for the events. But, in the meantime, you need to reserve a room. Call the hotel directly at 1-800-866-3121. Be sure to mention that you are with GoF 2010 when calling. We have 100 rooms reserved, so be sure to call early. You should also register early for the GoF itself; a registration form is included on page 11, or you can register on-line by going to our web site at Gof-west.com and clicking on events to get to 2010 and the form.

For additional information regarding GoF West 2010, please contact Pete & Fran Thelander, 5492 Yale Ave., Westminister, CA, 92683, (714) 892-0703, email gofwest2010@earthlink.net or visit Vintage MG Club of Southern California at their web site <http://www.vintagemg.com/>.




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MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Gearhart at 7:10 pm. Also attending were Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen, Betty & Joel Johnson, Kim & Craig Kuenzinger, George Steneberg, Bob Stine, Bob Trencheny, and David Wright.

The November minutes were approved as printed in *The Octagon*.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances are almost the same as last month.

Registrar's Report: We now have 194 regular, 54 auxiliary and 12 corresponding members for 260 total members.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Regalia: Nothing to report.

The Octagon: Nothing to report.

Web site: Look for available regalia pictures on the Web site.

Past Events

Holiday Tea: Everyone had a good time and a large number of toys were donated by generous members. Mike and Elaine are still enjoying the leftovers.

NAMGAR West 2009: We had one late order for regalia. Bob Trencheny coordinated the order with Cara Briskman at CNP Designs for the club.

Upcoming Events

Toys for Tots: Plans for delivery of the toys were discussed. Details were not finalized because of predicted rainy weather for December 12 and 13. Sam Gearhart is leading the effort to get the toys to the North Pole for Santa Claus to put in the sled.

Annual Dinner: Saturday, February 6 at the Basque Cultural Center in SF. We discussed having the dinner at the SF Yacht Club but the price was too high to be reasonably subsidized by the club. Sam visited the Basque Cultural Center in SF to investigate. Other possible locations were discussed but the board agreed on the Basque Cultural Center. The menu will include beef, poultry, fish, and vegetarian entrees. Dinner at 7:30 pm. No host cocktails at 6:30 pm.

Annual Planning Meeting: Saturday, January 16 at Bob Trencheny's house in Danville at 9:30 am. Donuts and coffee provided. Immediately after everyone is invited to visit the Blackhawk Auto Museum. Craig Kuenzinger will look into arranging a docent tour of the museum. Admission is \$10. Bob requests RSVPs be sent to Tbobx@aol.com to make sure there are enough donuts. There will be jelly donuts for those who prefer them (Andy).

Old Business

Web site: Bob & Robbie Trencheny, and Jeremy Palgon will continue to manage the site. Robbie will look into unlocking the picture gallery on the web site so MGOC members can access them.

Membership Survey: There was no report; however, Randy Grossman is continuing to work on the survey. The board agreed to spend \$100 for five Starbucks gift cards to be given to five lucky MGOC members who complete the survey. There was some discussion on whether to include the survey in *The Octagon*, as a separate mailing, or send it to members via email. It was determined that the survey software required online responses, so would be sent to members by email. Members who do not have an email address on file would receive a paper copy of the survey.

New Business

Election of Officers: One ballot was returned, and the 2010 slate was passed by acclamation. The officers for 2010 are:

President – Sam Gearhart

Vice President – George Steneberg

Secretary – Bob Trencheny

Treasurer – Mike Jacobsen

MGs by the Bay 2010: The Livery in Danville would like MGs by the Bay to return in May. Kim & Craig Kuenzinger have agreed to be chairpersons for the event again in 2010. The board agreed to hold the event at the Livery. Let it be noted that Ken Gittings abstained from the vote.

Next Meeting and Natter: 7 pm on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at The Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott Street, San Leandro, CA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 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:

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. \$3000. 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://77mbgforsale.shutterfly.com> or contact Member Craig at netrider117@yahoo.com.



1972 MGB roadster. \$10,000. Complete engine overhaul done by Jim Griffin & Son. Neptune blue with tan interior - new tires, all new brakes, new wheels, stainless steel exhaust, tube shock kit, new fuel pump, upgraded to early style SU carbs. Fresh paint and carpets, new soft top, comes with tonneau/boot covers and trunk carpet kit installed. Can not be duplicated at this price. Contact Gerald (650) 875-3979 or Erin (650) 274-2413.



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.



1948 MG TC. Total frame off original restoration completed end of 2006, 2k miles since. Regency red lacquer with tan hood, interior, and spare tire cover. Winner of numerous concours (3 firsts and one 2nd at Hillsborough, Palo Alto, and MGs by the Bay). Installed Shorrock late 1940s supercharger last year. Stainless steel exhaust, 4 new Dunlop tires and tubes. Car is perfect in every way. Asking \$39k. Can be seen as it is garaged at my home in Woodside. Contact Member Dick Gronet at (650) 529-1716 or dgronet@netzero.com.



1949 MG TC British racing green, right hand drive in excellent condition. \$35,000. Contact Member Larry at (415) 999-2362.

1977 MGB with 54,000 original miles, overdrive transmission, original "Sandglow" paint and autumn leaf interior. Well maintained by third owner. Price \$5,900. Contact Member Ellis at Bovet177@gmail.com.



1980 Triumph TR8 Platinum Silver. 86k miles. \$12,000. Contact Member Frank Oglesby at (775) 322-5179 or flogles@sbcglobal.net.

1979 MGB Limited Edition with overdrive, \$5700. It needs a home where it is not a primary car and has cover. It's a nice MGB, therefore original! The car was garaged for 30 plus years. I am the third owner in 31 years. I bought the car recently to restore because I had such fun restoring a MGB GT years ago. Though it is the right car, it isn't the right timing. I'll come back to the restoration hobby when my paycheck returns in a stronger economy! No hack 100,000 miles (3,200 miles per year!) and ticking. Recent tune up and rebuilt carburetor, hoses, newer tires all with original LE Rostyle style wheels (five). Interior good: only one small tear in a headrest. New top with zip out back window. Contact Member Tyler at (415) 518-4048.



Parts for Sale:

Early MGB Transmission, fits 1962-67 roadster to 1384000 and GT to 139471. Transmission has only about 1000 miles since rebuild by Jarl de Boer of Jarl's Foreign Car Service. \$500 OBO. Contact Member David Wright at (510) 653-3831.

MG TD parts: complete working **transmission** with rubber remote cover and metal transmission cover, **drive shaft** with u-joints, **rear end** with axles, **front and rear shocks**, and miscellaneous transmission parts that I picked up in case I needed to do a rebuild. I'm selling these items because I've upgraded my 1953 TD to a Moss Motors 5-speed transmission, MGA rear end, brakes, and rear springs. \$2200 OBO for all. Contact Member Bob Luebbert at (510) 276-0365 or r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net.

MGB-RD 1.8 Engine with associated parts, 1969, Engine number 18V890AEL006643. Age/Mileage unknown. I have converted this MG to electric drive, so I don't need the engine or the 4 speed (no-OD) transmission. I'm including the carbs, distributor, plugs, air pump, alternator, radiator, oil radiator, etc. Four speed transmission (no overdrive) also available. Runs well - check youtube - search for "MGengineSale". \$849 OBO. Contact Member Mike at (408) 431-1728 or mikesdocuments@yahoo.com.

Wanted:

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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