

# 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 Ken Gittings

On the St. Patrick's Day Tour

# April 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [mgowners@gmail.com](mailto: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

Apr. 10 – **Cecil Kimber Tour over Mt. Hamilton**, San Jose, Ken Gittings

Apr. 16-17 – North Meets South, Pismo Beach, Paradise British Car Club

Apr. 25 – **Pacific Coast Dream Machines**, Half Moon Bay

May 1 – **Detailing Tech Session**, Walnut Creek, Craig Kuenzinger

May 1-2 – **VARA British Extravaganza**, Buttonwillow

May 8 – **MGs by the Bay**, Danville Livery

May 16 – **Friendship Day**, Redwood City, **Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto**

May 23 – **All British Meet at Woodland**, UBSCC

May 29 - Jun. 6 – **British Car Week**

Jun. 5 – Hayward Field Meet, Cal State East Bay, **Mini Owners of America-SF**

Jun. 12 – **South Bay Wine Tour**, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland

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

# From the Editor...

The driving season has begun and the MGOC is building up a head of steam – or in Sam’s case, smoke. Last month we had two wonderful events: Craig Kuenzinger’s Electrical System Tech Session and Steve Lilves’ St. Patrick’s Day Tour. For those who missed the Tech Session, Tim Polidoroff has kindly summarized the key points of Craig’s presentation (page 10). And as you’ll learn from Bob Stine’s report (page 14), the St. Patrick’s Day Tour had great weather and was surprisingly well attended for a mid-week tour.

We have more great events coming up, starting with the Cecil Kimber Tour over Mt. Hamilton on April 10. Ken Gittings will lead the MGOC, and friends from the Abingdon Rough Riders, on a winding journey from San Jose to Niles. With stops at the Junction, the Lick Observatory, and Bronco Billy’s Pizza, it promises to be a fun day.

MGs by the Bay, our annual feature event, is now just a month away. Returning to the Danville Livery for the second year, it’s sure to be a great gathering of MGs and MG folk. So mark off your calendar, send in the registration form on page 12, and join us on Saturday, May 8. See you there.

If you plan on taking your car to MGs by the Bay, you’ll want to attend Craig Kuenzinger’s Show and Shine Tech Session on May 1. Craig will show you how to safely clean, prep, and polish your car.

A number of our members are headed down to North Meets South in Pismo Beach on April 16 and 17. Pacific Coast Dream Machines, the annual display of mechanical wonder, takes place in Half Moon Bay on April 25. And the VARA British Extravaganza in Buttonwillow is on May 1 and 2.

But even in good times, there is sorrow. It is my sad duty to report the loss of one of our members. Larry MacKenzie passed away last December. His MG TC and his Mustang are being restored by their new owner. Please send all condolences, remembrances, and well wishes to Lynda MacKenzie at [Lynda.MacKenzie@dbibeverage.com](mailto:Lynda.MacKenzie@dbibeverage.com).

Jeremy Palgon

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# President's Ponderings...

## All Fired Up

I hope that everyone is excited now that the driving season is once again upon us. Elsewhere in *The Octagon* you will find a list of upcoming MGOC events, as well as other tours and shows of interest. All these events offer opportunities to get out on the road and enjoy your cars. I hope everyone has their car ready to go for an exciting season.

We had a couple of Club events in March. The Electrical System Tech Session at Craig and Kim Kuenzinger's home was very well attended, informative, and fun. In addition, Steve Lilves led what I understand was a great St. Patrick's Day Tour in Marin County.

I was able to make it to the Tech Session. I was very pleased to see 20 or more members, both new and old, as well as some visitors there. I had every intention of joining the St. Patrick's Day Tour, and had arranged my work to take the entire day off. Sadly, the day before, in the process of getting my car fueled, cleaned up, and prepared for the ride, while driving up I-580, my car suddenly lost all power and became "*all fired up!*" I immediately found myself going 60 mph and faced with smoke pouring out from under my dash panel. I had no idea where the fire was and my car was slowing while I frantically drove across three lanes to the shoulder. I grabbed my fire extinguisher, popped the hood, and rolled out of the car. The fire was out, though I obviously was not going anywhere with (as I found upon closer inspection) burnt and melted wiring and connectors from the ignition switch.

I was safely off the road on the shoulder, straddling the drain gutter (though unsure exactly how my right wheels got across it). I set out disabled vehicle warning reflectors and called AAA to get the car towed for repairs. Though I will never know the exact cause, it looks like the fire may have resulted from some poorly crimped connectors in the ignition switch wiring that vibrated (or pulled) loose and shorted out.

As I was sitting along the highway awaiting the tow truck (after explaining to a novice CHP Officer, "No sir, I could not have stopped in a better place with my car on fire, smoke coming out of the dash, and no power"), I remembered a Ponderings that I wrote over a year ago after a Club ride where a couple of cars had broken down. I wrote of some of the benefits of going on Club rides with fellow members along to offer assistance and support. On that ride, members helped both cars rejoin the tour after roadside repairs.

Unfortunately, I was alone and sorry I would be missing the St. Patrick's Day Tour I had been looking forward to so much. I am, nonetheless, happy to report that repairs are completed. I am back on the road again and excited or – *all fired up* – to be able to join all of you at an upcoming meet, show, or tour! See you then!

Regards,

*Smokin' Sam Gearhart*

# Cecil Kimber Tour Over Mt. Hamilton Saturday, April 10

Ready for a challenging drive up Mt. Hamilton to the Lick Observatory and back? Then come along as we once again meet up with the Abingdon Rough Riders for our annual trip over the tallest mountain in the area.

The drive is challenging. There are a little over twenty miles of steep hills traversed by some of the most winding and narrow roads in the Bay Area. The views from the road and the observatory are breathtaking.

This is not a trip for the faint hearted, or those prone to car sickness. Your car should be in good mechanical condition, as there are no services for over 70 miles. Please start with a full tank of petrol.

We'll be taking a different route this year, as Ken Gittings will lead us from San Jose to Fremont via Mt. Hamilton. We'll be stopping at The Junction and the Mt. Hamilton Observatory. The tour will conclude at Bronco Billy's Pizza in Niles.

**When and Where:** We'll meet at 10:00 am at the former Circuit City parking lot at [2217 Quimby Road at Capitol Expressway](#) in San Jose.

**Contact:** Ken Gittings at 510-791-8445 or [aracingfan1@aim.com](mailto:aracingfan1@aim.com).

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# Show and Shine Tech Session Saturday, May 1 Walnut Creek

**Want to have a clean and shiny car for MGs by the Bay?**

**Ever wondered how to safely detail and polish your MG?**

Member Craig Kuenzinger invites you to his home, once again, for a detailing tech session. Craig will cover all aspects of car washing, vehicle cleaning, interior and seats, safe paint-cleaning and polishing, and full vehicle detailing and car prep for shows and displays. He will have supplies, equipments, polishes, and towels available for the session; so everybody can get hands on. Feel free to bring your dirty car. The group will use the cars in attendance for demonstration and learning. Snacks, lunch, coffee, and sodas will be served.

**When and Where:** The tech session starts at 10 am on May 1 at the Kuenzinger's home at [1751 Lilac Drive in Walnut Creek](#).

**Contact:** Craig Kuenzinger at 925-934-3130 or [mrcraig@aol.com](mailto:mrcraig@aol.com).

# **NORTH - MEETS - SOUTH 2010 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY APRIL 16 & 17, 2010**



## **Cruzin' In Paradise II In Beautiful Pismo Beach**

Come join us on the beautiful California Central Coast for this biennial event. The SeaCrest Resort hotel in Pismo Beach will play host to North Meets South 2010. The SeaCrest Resort sits atop a 150 foot bluff overlooking the California Coastline. Golf courses, tennis courts, and gourmet restaurants are located nearby. Hearst Castle and Solvang are less than 45 miles away. Pismo sand dunes offer additional recreational opportunities.

All British cars are welcome and encouraged to attend. The goal of the Paradise British Car Club is for everyone have a great time and display our great little cars. Don't miss out on the fun. Mark your calendar today and tell all your British car friends.

### **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**Friday:** Registration party at the SeaCrest Hotel, 4:00 to 9:00 pm. Meet and greet other British car enthusiasts, with complimentary beer, wine, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres.

**Saturday:** Late registration 8:00 to 9:00 am at the SeaCrest. Caravan from the SeaCrest Hotel to our scenic car show location. Leave the hotel for the car show at 9:00 am. Car show 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. A Santa Maria style Tri-tip luncheon will be catered from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Rally and Scenic Drive: 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Awards banquet at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, 891 Price Street, 6:00 to 8:00 pm with awards following.

**Contact:** Jim Bull at 805-937-4208 or [torocasakb@msn.com](mailto:torocasakb@msn.com).  
**Registration form in the February edition of *The Octagon*.**



# Pacific Coast Dream Machines

## Half Moon Bay's Celebration of Magnificent Machines

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### Sunday, April 25

Pacific Coast Dream Machines is a massive celebration of mechanical ingenuity, power, and style. It's a whimsical, fascinating, amusing, curious and absolutely unique spectacle featuring 2,000 magnificent driving, flying, and working machines: the world's coolest cars, model-T fire engines, vintage busses, custom motorcycles, tricked-out trucks, sleek streamliners, one-of-a-kind antique engines and tractors, and historic military aircraft.

Beyond the wide assortment of cars, headline attractions include: high-flying freestyle motocross demos, a WWII B-25 Bomber, a P-51 Mustang, a M-551 Sheridan Tank from Operation Desert Storm, a "Green Machines" display of advanced/alternative fuel vehicles, Blastolene Brothers extreme modified machines, aerobatic fly-overs, an Aerocar (that actually flies), and "World Record Wonderland" featuring world land speed record holders.

**When and Where:** 10 am to 4 pm at the Half Moon Bay Airport on Highway 1, about twenty miles south of San Francisco and five miles north of Highway 92.

**Cost:** \$30 per machine (with pre-registration before April 15, \$35 thereafter). Spectators: \$20 for adults, \$10 for age 11-17 and 65+, and free for kids age 10 and under. Tickets are available at the gate only. The show benefits the [Coastside Adult Day Health Center](#).

#### **More information:**

<http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/>

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# VARA British Extravaganza

## Vintage Race and Car Show

### Buttonwillow Raceway Park

### Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2

The Vintage Auto Racing Association invites you to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual British Extravaganza. The Extravaganza features a popular choice British car show (with lots of prizes and trophies), a track drive on both days, a slalom event (with instruction), a BBQ on Saturday night, a pre-war exhibition tour in period correct clothes, British feature races, and two days of racing with over 200 cars. Dress in the period of your car for extra fun and prizes.

**Where:** [Buttonwillow](#) race track is located a quarter mile west of I-5 on Lerdo Highway, near Bakersfield.

**Cost:** \$35 per person (with pre-registration before April 20, \$45 thereafter).

**More information and registration form at** [VARARacing.com](http://VARARacing.com).





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**Cost:** \$25 per car (with pre-registration before May 6, \$35 at the gate), free for spectators.

**Directions from the Bay Area:** Take I-80 East toward Sacramento and go north on CA-113 toward Woodland. Take exit 36 for Gibson Road. Keep left at the fork, and follow signs for Gibson Rd. Turn left at Gibson Rd. and watch for the gate on the right to enter the fairgrounds.

**More information and registration form at [UBSCC.org](http://UBSCC.org).**

# Electrifying Tech Session

**By Tim Polidoroff**

On Saturday, March 13, Craig Kuenzinger and his lovely wife Kim hosted about 20 British Car fans at their Walnut Creek home for a fun morning of electrical system shop talk, maintenance tips, Q&A, hands on demonstration, and food. Craig is an ASE Master Technician in electrical, and has been an instructor since 1974. Here are some of the session highlights.

Like legendary coach Vince Lombardi, Craig opened with the basics: “Gentlemen (and lady), this is a battery.” On the subject of battery safety and care Craig:

- Demonstrated how a battery could quickly overheat (fry) a shorted wire.
- Demonstrated the proper technique for jumping a (negative ground) car. Always connect the cables in the following order: 1. Red (positive) cable to donor car battery, 2. Red cable to “dead” car battery, 3. Black (negative) cable to donor car frame (ground), and 4. Black cable to “dead” car frame. (This is to prevent sparks that may occur when the last cable is connected from igniting any gases near the battery.)
- Explained that the most common cause of MG electrical problems is dirty (corroded) electrical connections. For example, battery terminal corrosion can cause starting problems. He demonstrated an inexpensive tool for cleaning dirty battery terminals. He also recommended the use of dielectric grease on battery (and light bulb) electrical connections to prevent corrosion.
- Recommended that owners install a battery disconnect switch to prevent accidental fires when performing maintenance work (MGBs are vulnerable to electrical fires because so many circuits run on un-fused wires). He demonstrated a simple and inexpensive “kill” switch that installs directly to the battery terminal.

On the subject of tools Craig:

- Demonstrated the proper use of a soldering iron.
- Demonstrated how to use a heat gun and “heat shrink tubing” to insulate wire connections.

On the subject of fuses Craig:

- Shared that modern fuses are rated at the current they can reliably carry without blowing (versus early MG fuses that were rated according to the current that would blow the fuse in about one second). He pointed out that while a fuse will blow quickly in response to a large current surge, in response to a steady over current it may simply overheat.
- MGBs have glass fuses, not the more modern blade fuse. Craig shared examples of both.

On the subject of ignition systems Craig:

- Explained that modern electronic (versus contact breaker) ignition systems support the use of higher voltage coils. Higher output coils support a wider (greater) spark plug gap. This is a big advantage as the wider gap allows a hotter spark which improves combustion.



Craig (in yellow) discusses electrical issues... Photo by Bob Shaheen (above)



...with the rapt crowd. Photos by Ken Gittings (above), Kim Kuenzinger (below)





# The MG Owners Club

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## MGs by the Bay

Saturday, May 8, 2010

### The Danville Livery



This annual event is a gathering of MGs from across Northern California.

The show opens at 10 am, rain or shine, with trophies awarded at 2 pm.

Same-day registration will open at 8 am.

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**Entries:** All MGs are welcome, from daily drivers to complete restorations. The \$25 entry fee includes a dash plaque, an event t-shirt, and special coupons from our sponsors. Additional cars registered to the same owner are \$10 each, which includes a dash plaque only. All cars must arrive by 10 am sharp! This is necessary to allow for proper placement of the cars. If you arrive late, we **cannot** guarantee placement of your car with others in its class.

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*The MG Owners Club presents the 17th Annual*

# **MGs by the Bay**



**Saturday, May 8, 2010 • The Danville Livery**

# St. Paddy's Passage to Pelican Inn

By Bob Stine

As the cliché goes, a good time was had by all. In this case, “all” refers to the 14 attendees in 11 MGs who participated in an outstanding drive on this auspicious occasion. We met in San Rafael and drove beautiful back roads through majestic forests, past pastoral lands, and along the pounding Pacific Ocean.

As we gathered in a parking lot just off Highway 80, I met some MG owners I hadn't known before. It was interesting, finding out about new people. Of course, there were also MGOC members who had driven this course previously. A couple of them commented to me that in past iterations of this trip they were dismayed that the leader, Steve Lilves, reminded them of the doctor in *Back to the Future*. According to them, almost before crossing the freeway on Lucas Valley Road, Steve had rocketed out of sight!

Now, I've had enough people come to me with “issues” throughout my life to recognize when they are passing on information and when they are actually subtly asking me to try to instigate changes for whatever reason. Recognizing the ploy, I promptly mentioned to Steve that some folks seemed to think we should take the trip a little slower than during past drives. He responded by passing out explicit directions to everyone and disappearing over the horizon.

George Steneberg became the designated secondary leader and guided us to each major turn, where we would find Steve dutifully waiting for us, prior to his next escape. This process actually worked very well; those who wanted to take full advantage of their cars' handling ability had a great venue for it. The rest of us seized the opportunity to leisurely enjoy the beauty of nature and historic places.

The nearly 80 mile drive culminated at the Pelican Inn at Muir Beach with a delicious Irish lunch, interesting conversation, and much laughter. Many thanks to Steve Lilves for planning and executing this wonderful trip. I look forward to attending again next year. Check out photos of a couple of the sights I found interesting at <http://rastine.photoshop.com>.



The scene at the meeting point

Photo by Ken Gittings



Members ready to depart

Photo by Bob Stine



Pausing at a scenic overlook

Photo by Marty Rayman



Dining at the Pelican Inn

Photo by Bob Stine



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# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

## March 11, 2010

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

The February minutes were approved as printed in the Octagon.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances were nominal this month. Normal monthly expenses were paid. The treasurer ordered new checks.

Registrar's Report: We now have 200 regular, 56 auxiliary, and 12 corresponding members for 268 total members. Marshall Miller, with an MGA, is our newest member.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary sent out Starbucks gift cards to the five lucky members who responded to the Membership Survey. Several of the recipients sent thank you cards.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: The California Secretary of State requested information on the clubs non-profit status. Mike Jacobson has already sent the paperwork already but will send it again. Mike sent the first copy return receipt requested and has not received the receipt yet.

Regalia: David Wright was not present to give a report.

The Octagon: There were several positive comments regarding *The Octagon* in the membership survey.

### Upcoming Events

Electrical System Tech Session: Saturday, March 13 at the Kuenzinger's home in Walnut Creek. Craig reported 12 RSVPs to the tech session, plus a few extras. There are five cars coming to talk about batteries and electrical systems. Pizza and soda is being provided by the club.

St Patrick's Day Tour: Wednesday, March 17. Steve Lilves will lead this tour for the second year. The ride will meet at the commuter lot at 101 and Lucas Valley Road north of San Rafael. We know of at least three members who plan to attend.

Cecil Kimber/Mt. Hamilton Tour: Saturday, April 10. Ken Gittings is leading the tour. Ken will do a pre-run in the next week and will check what time the observatory is open.

Show and Shine Tech Session: Saturday, May 1. Craig Kuenzinger is going to hold a tech session to help members prepare their cars for MGs by the Bay.

MGs by the Bay: Saturday, May 8 at The Livery in Danville. Craig and Kim have contacted the Bay Area News Group to get the event published in multiple local newspapers. Also, the event will be listed in the Hemmings Calendar for May, British Motoring Magazine, Moss' Web site, and others.

Raffle, sign, and insurance details are in progress. The board increased the allotment for signs and vests from \$100 to \$150. All of the items being purchased will be reusable in future events. Robert Milner has agreed to loan the MGOC his valve cover racer track. Sam will arrange picking up the track. Jeremy is arranging a photo-op for a posters and t-shirts. Ken Gittings recommended a t-shirt shop in Modesto and brought a sample shirt. Ken will call the shop to get pricing details. Sam is contacting sponsors from previous years to see if they will sponsor the event again. The Club has plenty of card board to place under the cars.

Other Events: April Fools Rallye in Santa Rosa, North Meets South in Pismo Beach, and Pacific Coast Dream Machines are all non-club events we encourage members to attend. Check the calendar in *The Octagon* for details.

### Old Business

Annual Dinner Refund: The board agreed to refund Stuart Locke his Annual Dinner fee. Mike will send Stuart a check.

Annual Picnic Site: Sam has investigated holding the picnic at Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland. The cost for the site would be \$250 including an alcohol permit. The board voted to hold the picnic at Joaquin Miller Park.

NAMGAR West 2010: The board decided not to hold the event in 2010, but has told NAMGAR that we will hold the event in fall 2011. The board discussed the impact of MG 2011, the all register meet being held in Reno in June 2011, on our NAMGAR West 2011 event. When planning for NAMGAR West 2011 gets underway, we will offer to include NAMGBR in the event.

### New Business

Bertolotti Collection Tour: John Bertolotti offered to host the Club to see his car collection in Santa Clara on July 10 at 10 am. The garage tour will last about 90 minutes. After the tour of John's garage, there will be a drive starting in the South Bay and heading north, with a lunch stop along the way.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Bob Trencheny.

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**1961 MGA Coupe**, 1600 cc engine, 5 speed gearbox. California car, completely restored by third (and present) owner in 2002, rust free, body straight, no accidents, 7,800 miles since rebuild. Original body panels, new front spoiler below bumper. All good original chrome, new rubber gaskets for body and glass. Painted "Paprika Red" (Jaguar color). New clutch slave and brake master cylinders, 2004. Pictures and further information upon request. Asking \$25,000. Contact Member Viggo Riddersholm at (650)341-9064 or [vriddersholm@yahoo.com](mailto:vriddersholm@yahoo.com), or Gordon Craig at [lismoregordon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lismoregordon@sbcglobal.net).



**1974 MG Midget**, asking \$8,000. Professional paint and bodywork - 3 years old (color: dark silver metallic). Datsun 5-speed, single rebuilt HIF6 carb, elec. Ignition, Pacesetter header, Monza muffler, Minilite wheels with 185-60x13 tires, upgraded 3/4 inch front sway bar, chrome rollbar, billet grill with bumper guard, stainless steel front brake and oil hoses, cloth seats, excel. carpet and stereo with 4 speakers. Old carbs, rostyle wheels, and trans. included. Runs great and sounds good. Very nice looking with lots of chrome. Contact Member Mark Hertz at (925) 757-2070 or [damhertz@prodigy.net](mailto:damhertz@prodigy.net).



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

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

**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](mailto:don@napanet.net).

**1977 MGB roadster.** \$2500. Recent work done by Dan at Exclusive British European includes rebuilt carb. Many parts included in price, including new seat rebuild parts and new roll bar. For more information, visit <http://77mgbforsale.shutterfly.com> or contact Member Craig at [netrider117@yahoo.com](mailto:netrider117@yahoo.com).



**1953 MG TD.** \$28,000. Purchased in 1972 with a possible racing background. Completely rebuilt in early 2000 and raced since then two or more times per year at Infineon and Laguna Seca. Toured with several sport car clubs in the Wine Country. Contact Member Ferdinand at [ferdinands@att.net](mailto:ferdinands@att.net).



**1977 MGB** with 54,000 original miles, overdrive transmission, original "Sandglow" paint and autumn leaf interior. Well maintained by third owner. Price \$6,400. Contact Member Ellis at [Bovet177@gmail.com](mailto:Bovet177@gmail.com).





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



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

**MG Midget Rolling Chassis Body Shell.** No VIN. No Title. No engine, transmission, differential, front bumper, or windscreen. Not crashed but rough. Rubber bumper car. Make Offer. Contact Member Nick Becker at (925) 932-9778 or [becker2226@astound.net](mailto:becker2226@astound.net).

**Four 15 x 5.5 Minilite Replica Wheels** (Moss p/n 456-045), with appropriate lug nuts (264-965) and 195/65-15 Sumitomo HTR 200 tires mounted and balanced on them. Pristine condition and virtually new. \$600. S.F. Bay Area. Contact Rick at (510) 235-7410 or [cat\\_tail@comcast.net](mailto:cat_tail@comcast.net).

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

### **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](mailto:don@napanet.net).



# Club Meeting Natter & Noggin

**April 8, 7 pm**

The Englander Sports Pub & Restaurant

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<http://www.englishpub.com/>

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