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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



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Where in the World is Randy Grossman?

## July 2012

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

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**COVER PHOTO:** Somewhere in the UK (notice the RT hand driver),  
 Randy Grossman

## Club Meeting Natter & Noggin July 12, 7 pm

The Englander Sports Pub & Restaurant  
 101 Parrott Street, San Leandro  
<http://www.englishpub.com>  
 (510) 357-3571

The Englander is an enjoyable place where we have our own cozy room.  
 The food is good so bring your appetites.  
 Dinner Starts at 6 pm

### Directions to The Englander:

**From Northbound I-880**, take the Washington Ave. exit within San Leandro and turn right on Washington St. Travel 2.2 miles until you see Parrott St. Turn right on Parrott Street. You will see The Englander on your right.

**From Southbound I-880**, take Davis St. exit and turn left on Davis. Travel 1.3 miles, then turn right on E. 14<sup>th</sup> St. Travel 0.3 miles, and then turn right on Parrott Street.



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**Wanted:**

**Electrical Help:** I am new to the world of MG, and am in the process of improving a 1959 MGA Roadster. I have replaced the wiring harness and need the expertise of someone with electrical know how to help me make sure I do not burn anything up when I put a battery to it. I will pay for their time and knowledge. Can you help me? I live in Walnut Creek. Contact Harry at 925-934-4973 or [TipTot@astound.net](mailto:TipTot@astound.net).

**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).

**MG TF Part.** One rear spring for a MG TF, original type preferred. Contact member Andy Preston at 707-795-3480 or [andypreston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andypreston@sbcglobal.net).

## Saw Mill Tour 2012

**Date:** Sunday, August 19, 2012

**Organizers:** Andy and Marla Preston 707 795 3480

**Meeting Place:** Sonoma Valley Bagel and Café, 350 Rohnert Park Expressway, Rohnert Park. Take 101 north and exit at Rohnert Park Expressway and head west for ½ mile. Sonoma Valley Bagel will be on your right.

**Time:** Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 departure

**Tour:** We will be visiting an old steam driven saw mill located in Sebastopol that dates back over 100 years, called Sturgeon's Mill. The saw mill is being restored and operated by a group of enthusiastic volunteers. It is only open to the public for 8 days a year. We will have a private docent led tour around the mill grounds and then be able to watch them cutting redwood trees into lumber. The 60" diameter saw blade is amazing and then there's a 42" blade above it for even larger trees. Everything is done the old fashioned way with chains and hooks and archaic machinery, so it's really interesting. There is no charge for the tour and demonstration but donations are much appreciated for the continued restoration.

We will meet at the Sonoma Bagel and Café in Rohnert Park and head out through the rolling backroads of Sonoma to the saw mill. After the mill tour we will have a short driver to the Union Hotel in Occidental for lunch where we can order from the open menu.

After lunch you can walk around Occidental or continue on the tour to Andy's Produce Market which is on our way home to the freeway. This is the largest outside produce market in Northern California and prides itself with the best selection of locally grown fruit and vegetables all year round.

Please RSVP: to Andy or Marla Preston at 707 795 3480 or [marlapreston@hotmail.com](mailto:marlapreston@hotmail.com) by August 16 so we can confirm lunch reservations.

We look forward to seeing you.

## COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING IN *THE OCTAGON*

Direct all questions about advertising to Mike Jacobsen at 415-333-9699 or [MikesMuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:MikesMuseum@yahoo.com). 2012 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [octagoneditor@mgocsf.org](mailto: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 Mike Jacobsen 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

July 9-13 – NAMGAR GT-37, Dayton, Ohio, Dave and Lois Gribler

July 12 – **Natter & Noggin**, New Englander Sports Pub, San Leandro, George Steneberg

July 21– **MGOC Annual Picnic**, Kennedy Grove Regional Park, Hitching Post Picnic Site, El Sobrante, George Steneberg

August 11-19– Monterey Historic / Concours, Monterey, CA

August 19– **Saw Mill Tour**, Sonoma - Sebastopol - Occidental, CA, Andy Preston

August 26– Hillsborough de Elegance, Hillsborough, CA



# From the Editor...

Hot Summer MG Nights are here and they could not have come any sooner. As we approach the half-way point of our driving season, school is out, daylight starts earlier and nights are shorter. Which gives us more time to wash, wax and detail our MGs, top off the oil, fill up with petrol and "away we go!" Now, for some of us, "away we go" means a quick trip down the block to pick up some groceries or visit to the post office. For some others of us, it means a 265 mile drive down to Buellton, CA for GOF West 2012 with a bunch of other T-series enthusiasts. But if you are Randy Grossman and Melissa Johnson, then "away we go" means a 5,400 mile trip across the pond to the United Kingdom (birthplace of the British Car) and a chance to see that neck of the world from behind an MG steering wheel.

Now, for those of us less fortunate working types who were unable to take time off and make the treks, our only hope is to stay tuned for future articles filled with travel detail, so that we may all live vicariously through

the more fortunate MGOC members who were able to make the aforementioned sojourns just this past month, traveling in either their own or rented MGs and somehow lived to tell about it (always looking for potential BSPA candidates).

And finally, there is our mid summer celebratory Annual MGOC Picnic BBQ. We have a great picnic site picked out where we'll be able to BBQ YFM (your favorite meat), play YFG (your favorite games) and chat with YFMGOCM (your favorite MGOC member) about YFMGA (your favorite MG automobile). That's right, a chance to Natter and Noggin for the rest of us.

And so, if you enjoy this issue, be sure to tune in for next month's newsletter to read about other MG member's summer escapades. As usual, we always save the best articles for next month.

*Safety Fast!*

Felix Lee

- Counting down the days till the MGOC Annual Picnic BBQ  
(21 ... 20 ... 19 ...)



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**1978 MGB Roadster.** Maroon with beige interior. Vehicle has 43,000 original miles. 1800cc engine with Stromberg carburetor and 4-speed manual with electronic overdrive. Soft-top with two tonneaus. AM/FM/CD stereo with removable face, remote control and MP3 interface. Luggage rack, new tires, many extras. Currently registered in California. Asking \$15,000. Contact Member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at [wtdoyle@cox.net](mailto:wtdoyle@cox.net).



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**'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](mailto:WESNEL@ATT.NET).



## 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.



## 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.

**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).

## 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 [octagoneditor@mgocsf.org](mailto:octagoneditor@mgocsf.org).

### Cars for Sale:

**1980 MGB Coupe.** One of the last to enter the USA, this MGB is in excellent condition. Runs great! Oil changes, brakes and mechanical work done recently. Recently re-done seats and carpet. Overdrive transmission that WORKS! Radio/CD player. British racing green w/gold stripe. Top mended and in good condition. Tonneau cover. CLOCK WORKS TOO! Asking \$5,000.00 for it. Contact David Alvey at 925-687-0168.



**1976 MGB** with over drive needs a new home. No time to care for properly. This was former member Gary Lukey's car. Maintained by Baroo in Albany. Not currently licensed. Top replaced in 2009, seats as well. Newer metal fuel pump. Asking \$2,000 or best offer. Transmission is worth \$1800. Need the space for my Jag. Photos available. Contact Lanny Clark at 510-410-7572 or [lannyclark@aol.com](mailto:lannyclark@aol.com).

**1967 MGB** with overdrive. Original owner, has all maintenance records, Bay Area car since new. 121K original miles and less than 2K miles since full mechanical rebuild. Excellent condition. Looking for owner that will continue to give it TLC. Asking \$15K OBO. Contact Stephen at 415-722-0556 or [sdhom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdhom@sbcglobal.net).



**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). 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).

## Vice-President's Ponderings...

During the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>, a number of MGOC'ers traveled to Buellton for the annual MG "Gathering of the Faithful" (GoF) West event. While this event was originally intended for owners of pre-1956 MG cars it has since been expanded to all MGs. The event featured a car show, scenic country drive/rally, tech sessions, swap meet, auction, an awards dinner during which a number of MGOC'ers were recognized, and lots of fun opportunities to meet and interact with other fellow MG owners. Next year's GoF West event -- which promises to be equally entertaining -- will be held in Carefree Arizona. Several MGOC'ers are already planning to make the trip... why don't you plan to join them.

If you weren't one of the some 40 old MGOC'ers that attended this Saturday's (6/30), John Bertolotti Tour you missed a truly special event. John, a great story teller with an amazing depth of knowledge about America's prewar car history. He took the group on fascinating journey back in time to the early 1900s when America's cities were facing a dire pollution and public health crisis -- horse manure. Cities depended on horses for their daily functioning and these horses produced huge amounts of manure. In 1900 New York city had over 100,000 horses that produced over 2.5 million pounds of manure per day. Imagine a time when cars were seen as the "solution to pollution!" Fast forward just twenty years and American had over 2500 different car manufacturers. Add this historical savvy to John's terrific sense of humor and you can easily see why such a good time was had by all who attended.

Going forward, the annual MGA National "Get together" will be held in Dayton, OH, the week of July 9<sup>th</sup> and Club member Mike Jacobsen plans to drive there... let's all wish him a safe cross country journey. Coming up on July 21<sup>st</sup>, is the annual MGOC picnic. Don't miss it!

On another note, club member Bud Alderson recently brought CA AB (Assembly Bill) 1224 to my attention. Club members likely know that in 2004, CA repealed the rolling emissions-test exemption for vehicles 30 years old and older and replaced it with a law requiring the lifetime testing of all 1976 and newer model-year vehicles. AB 1224, a bill introduced in the California Senate by Senator Doug LaMalfa (Senator.LaMalfa@senate.ca.gov), would exempt all motor vehicles prior to the 1981 model year from the emissions inspection requirement. This bill initially has been granted reconsideration after it failed to be approved by a Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on a 3-4 vote (with two committee members not voting). The bill will be reconsidered in a future committee hearing. Those who voted in favor of the bill were Senators Gaines, Harman and Wyland. Those who voted against are Senators DeSaulnier, Lowenthal, Pavley and Simitian. Senators Kehoe and Rubio did not vote on the bill. I urge you to contact Contact Senators DeSaulnier, Lowenthal, Pavley, Simitian, Kehoe and Rubio to Request Their Support for S.B. 1224. <http://bangshift.com/blog/sema-needs-help-to-exempt-all-pre-1981-vehicles-from-smog-in-california.html>.

Tim Polidoroff (the one in the back)





# Hayward All British Field Meet

By Andy Preston

It's been several years since I last attended the Hayward car show and I have to say that I was impressed; it's improved by leaps and bounds from 5 years ago. I must admit, however, that my reason for attending was somewhat unplanned. My daughter was having a Bridal Shower at our house and with 24 ladies expected, I had to find somewhere to escape for the day. So you can imagine my delight when I turned up at the show and found lots of British cars and some familiar faces.



Randy Grossman, drove his MGA Mk II right up beside my MGA Coupe looking as though he was flying a Lancaster Bomber with his leather helmet and goggles on his head. Ken Gittings was in the MG line up with his GT. Steve Kellog had some intermittent problems driving Vicky's TF 1500 to the show and wisely returned home avoiding the ride of shame on the back of a flat bed tow truck. Steve came very close to becoming the next recipient of our much coveted Burnt Spark Plug Award. I think that the "Black Pearl" prefers a lady's touch. Our President, George and Marcia arrived at the show in his truck. David Wright joined the Jaguar boys in his E Type Coupe which, by the way, must be one of the few E-types in existence still used as a daily driver.

The show was organized by the Mini Owners of America SF (MOASF) and it took place on the lower playing field of Cal State University Hayward. There were a lot of Austin Cooper Ss and Mini models on display. I think there must have been over 65 cars of all different British makes. Apart from the Minis, there was a good contingent of MGs, Triumphs, Jaguars, Lotuses, Austin Healeys and Sprites. I loved the Austin of England and the Humber Super Snipe Estate car. You don't see these cars very often these days because they're expensive to restore and maintain and then aren't worth very much. I'm glad that collectors take the time and investment to keep them on the road.

Photos by Rick Anderson

Recruiting (not business) card design and reprinting: Mike asked that since we've been out of these for over half a year and no one has asked for any, do we still need them. The Board voted to have them printed as approved earlier in the year.

MGs by the Bay: Several items:

- Dash plaques here, and Mike will mail them to the attendees. After determining the postage expense, the final balance sheet for the show will be presented.
- A motion was made and approved to give away all leftover T-shirts, golf shirts, etc. at the Annual Picnic on July 21 and any leftovers from that event will be donated to a local charity.
- A motion was made and approved to pay the \$76.88 charge for the scanning of the 2012 poster.

## New Business

Commercial Octagon ads on the web site: Steve will place the Octagon advertisers' ads on the web site with a link to their web sites. Tim will contact potential advertisers from the list that Mike has.

Annual Picnic Site Cost: It was moved and passed to reimburse Marcia \$128.00 for the Annual Picnic site fee.

Alternate Logo on Regalia Clothing: The Board approved the use of an MG octagon with block text logo on clothing as an alternate logo. Text is "MG Owners Club of Northern California."

## Next Meeting and Natter

7pm, Thursday, July 12, 2012 at The Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott St., San Leandro.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Submitted by Marcia Crawford

## ❖ MGOC Regalia ❖

Description	Qty	Each	Total
Pennant – Red "MG Owners Club", cream canvas, 9½" high by 17" long		\$10.00	
Grille Badge – MGOC logo, 3½" high, mounts with two studs through grille		\$35.00	
Cling – 3" diameter, black MGOC logo on white background		\$2.00	
Pin – Black & white MGOC logo, ¾" wide by 1.1" high, clutch back		\$5.00	
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin – Black & white, ¾" wide by 1.1" high, clutch back		\$5.00	
Total Amount Enclosed			

## ❖ Note

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# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2012

President George Steneberg called the meeting to order at 7:26pm. Also attending were Marcia Crawford, Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen, Steve Kellogg, Jennifer Orum, Tim Polidoroff, Suzy Savage, and David Wright.

The May 10, 2012 minutes were approved as printed in the June *Octagon*.

## Reports:

**Treasurer's Report:** The savings and checking accounts stand at about the same as last month, with the increase mostly due to receipts from MGs by the Bay.

**Registrar's Report:** The MGOC membership stands at 200 regular, 59 auxiliary, 12 corresponding, and 3 associate members for a total of 274 members – a gain of ten members over the past month. Renewal notices have been mailed.

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Regalia:** David Wright had four sales; three grill badges and a pennant. Steve Kellogg brought the new grille badges & pins and turned them over to David. The Board approved a price of \$35.00 per grille badge and \$5.00 per lapel pin, including shipping. Mike will update the order sheet and send it to Steve to add to the web site with David's address.

**The Octagon:** Editor Felix Lee was unable to attend and sent the following:

- The web hosts are not converting the flipbook files despite reminders to do so. Their version of the flipbook does not allow full-page viewing. For some reason they have refused to activate our version of the flipbook.
- Is anyone interested in writing an article about our MGs by the Bay event for the July *Octagon*? If so, please submit ASAP.
- Tech articles are welcome as well.

Steve Kellogg will work with Felix on the flipbook problems. He will also send an email blast requesting an article about MGs By the Bay. Tim Polidoroff volunteered to write a tech article.

**Website:** Steve Kellogg will add pictures from Jeremy Palgon from MGs by the Bay. New members will receive an email regarding how to log in and limit their information in the members' directory on the web site.

## Past Events

**MGs by the Bay:** May 20 – Good show, with 68 registrations but six unable to attend. Next year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Upcoming Events

**Bertolotti Tour:** June 30 – There will be an email blast regarding the tour, time, and address of meeting site. This information will also be on the web site. We'll request an RSVP to Tim if you plan to attend as reservations for lunch must be made by to June 23.

**Annual Picnic:** Saturday, July 21 – The Hitching Post Site at Kennedy Grove, East Bay Regional Parks, El Sobrante. See *The Octagon* for more details and directions. A motion was made and passed that the Club will pay the \$5.00 parking fee for each MG that attends.

**Mill Tour:** August 19 – Andy Preston is checking for more information.

**Santa Barbara Concours:** Last weekend in October – Mike Jacobsen & Wayne Veatch will research the event which will feature MGBs.

## Old Business

**Secretary still needed:** We are still looking for a qualified secretary.

I'm not into Resto-Mods much but there a couple of cars that impressed me. One standout in particular was a TR6 with a Corvette engine transplant that was so neatly done it looked stock. In addition, there was a TR3 with a Chevy V8 shoe horned into the engine bay that was outstanding. The body fabrication was the best I've ever seen and the owner said it was some young kid who did the work. However if I had choose one car to drive home it would have been the 1966 Austin Cooper S in red with a white roof. The car was completely stock even down to the dash, seats and interior. I don't think I've seen one this good before.

Kudos to the organizers who are making a real effort to make this annual show and swap meet a success; I'll definitely put it on my calendar for next year.

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# Meet our Newest Member

By Myles Taketa

When I was a child, my father and I would go to the unveiling of the latest cars for the new year. That is how I became interested in cars. I have since, owned so many cars over the years, I could have started my own used car lot!

My MG experience started around 1967. At the time, we were living in a triplex where one of the other tenants had a MGB. My first sports car was a used Datsun Fairlady (so now you know I am not a young guy). After being rear-ended by a mail truck, the Datsun was never the same again. So I decided to get a MG Midget. We enjoyed it for quite a while going on road trips with my MG neighbor and another neighbor with a Triumph TR3.

I became interested in MG's again after having owned a couple of Ford

from Bill about 4 years ago, but alas, picked up a '66 Ford Mustang instead. I soon began to be plagued by a number of continuing issues with the Mustang and ultimately decided to sell it. It was at this time that I asked Bill if he had an MGB GT for sale. He replied that indeed, he had a 1970 specimen for sale, but it was out on loan to a customer. He said it would be back in a couple of days and so I waited. Sure enough, he called me when it returned and invited me over to see it. Needless to say, I saw it, I took it for a test drive, and as the saying goes, "the rest is MG history"! I wanted to make a few changes to the GT, and Bill, without hesitation, took care of everything for me, including a repaint of the rear of the car after I had found some cracks which



Photo by Janice Taketa

Mustang's. My interest in MG's really got going when I met Bill Hiland of *On the Road Again* through the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce.

At first it was kind of a business relationship, but Bill and I soon became friends. I began to visit his shop and showroom on a regular basis and started attending the Pub Nights at *On the Road Again*. I almost bought a MG roadster

were previously filled it in. Bill and his crew at *On the Road Again* did a fantastic job. I can't say enough about them.

I'm having a great time with the MGB GT and am looking forward to attending the Taste of Morgan Hill Custom & Classic Car Show and The British Fall Classic also in Morgan Hill.

## MGOC ANNUAL PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012

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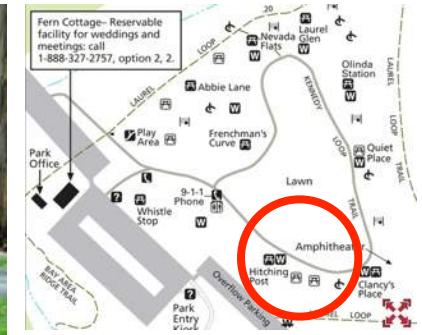
Come enjoy a day in a lovely park with old and new friends who share a love of MG's. There are sunny lawn areas and shady eucalyptus groves. Our cars will be parked for viewing adjacent to our picnic area. George will have the coals ready for you to BBQ by noon - so bring your favorite hamburgers, steaks, sausages and hot dogs and beverages of your choice. There will be signs directing you to our reserved area.

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# Keep Planning for 2012 ...

## SUMMER



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SAW MILL TOUR, 8/19  
HILLSBOROUGH DE ELEGANCE, 8/26

## FALL



STUDEBAKER MEET, 9/8  
DANVILLE DE ELEGANCE, 9/15-16  
BODEGA BAY TOUR, 9/22  
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TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, 10/6  
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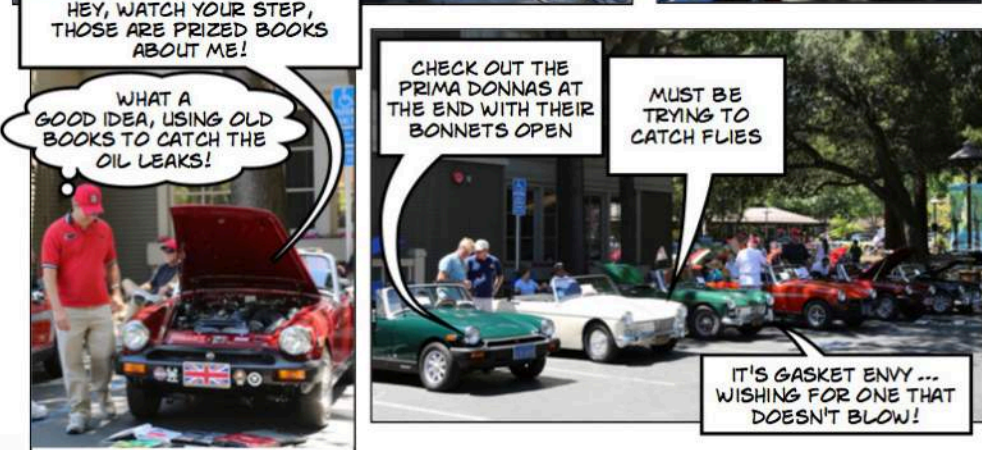
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## BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD



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# An MG Father's Day Gift

By Samantha Lee

For Father's day, I made 4 cloth MG<sup>logo</sup> coasters. First I made an octagon template. Then I traced it on 2 kinds of fabric, one white and one orange. I put decorative stitches on the orange fabric. Mom cut out the letters M and G in felt. Then she zigzagged stitched them on the white fabric. After that, I sewed on the fabric with the decorated fabric and the one with the logo with the designs together and reversed it. I sewed a border of straight stitches. I threw his present in the car and when he returned home he was surprised! Happy Father's Day! I love you Daddy! Thank you for taking care of me! To all you father's out there I hope you had a wonderful MG Father's Day and have a great summer!

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#### SATURDAY OCTOBER 20th

12:00 - 3:00 pm Afternoon tour meet at Butterfield Blvd Cal Train station.  
4:00 - 7:00 pm Reception for Saturday Tour and Show Participants held at On the Road Again, 16840 Joleen Way, G - 4, Morgan Hill

\* Dinner on your own at our Platinum Sponsor, LADERA GRILL, or at one of several nearby restaurants.

#### SUNDAY OCTOBER 21st

8:00 - 10:00 am Cars arrive and park in assigned spaces on Monterey Avenue  
10:00 - 2:30 pm Public viewing of cars and vendor sales  
11:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch on your own at LADERA GRILL or one of several nearby restaurants  
2:30 - 3:30 pm Drive-up presentation of awards



A wine and munchie bits Reception for all participants registered for the show held on Saturday, October 20th, after the Tour at On the Road Again/Showroom, William Hiland (408) 782-1100

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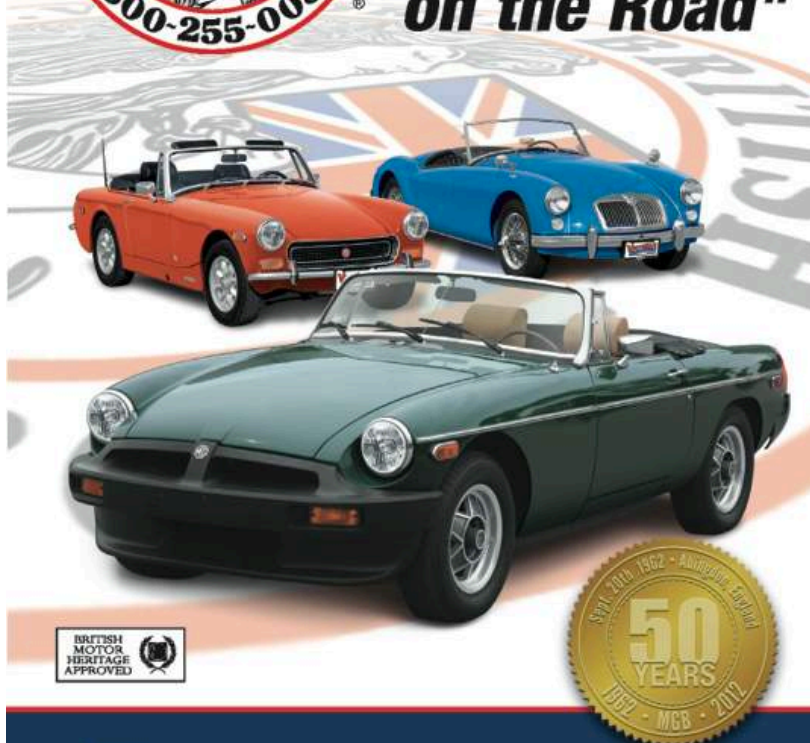
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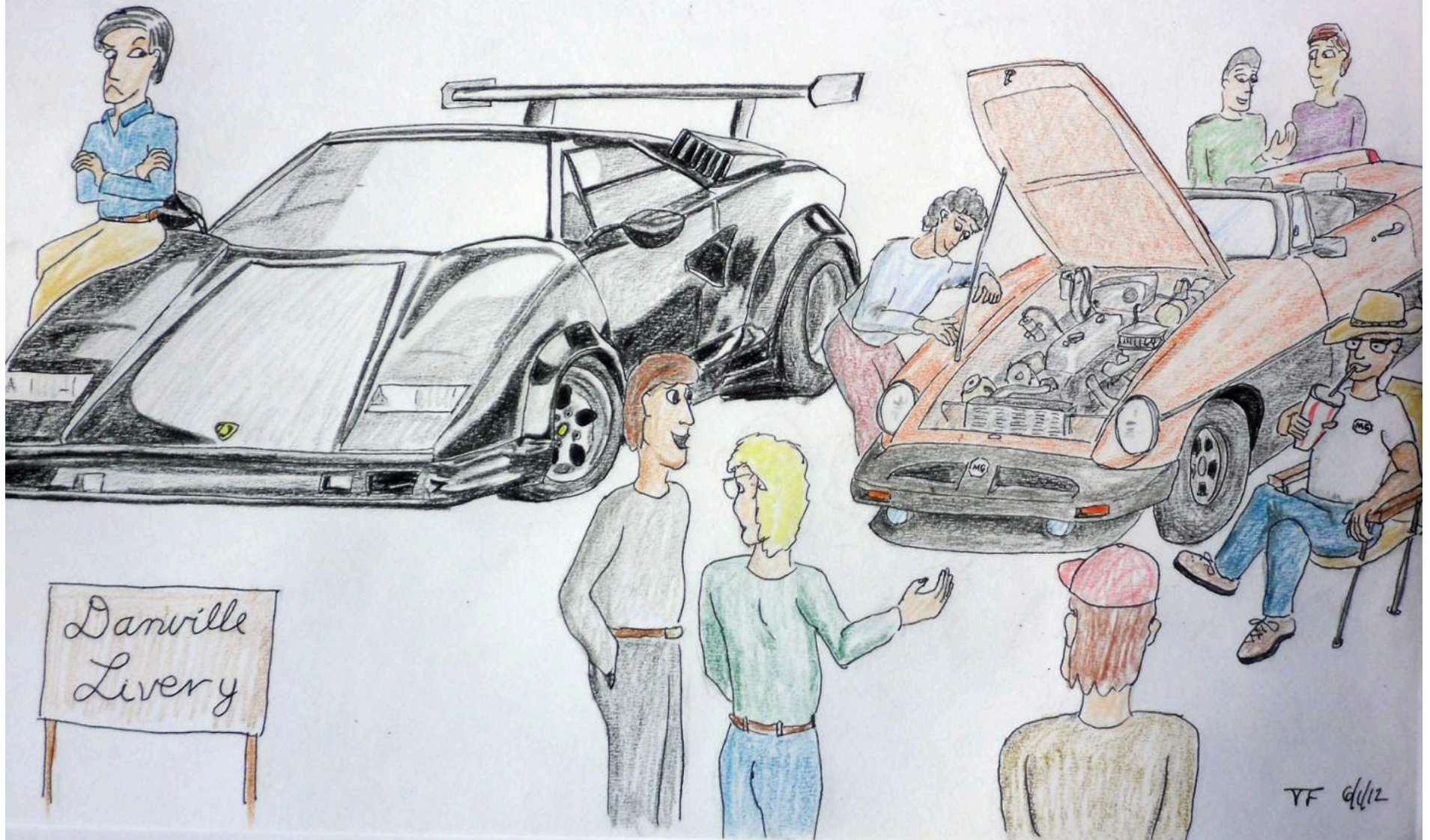
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