

THE OCTAGON

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



Tom Doyle Wins the Annual Picnic "Door" Prize

August 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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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 Mike Jacobsen upon request.

MGOC.SF.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

- August 9 – **Natter & Noggin**, New Englander Sports Pub, San Leandro, 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
- September 8 – **Studebaker Meet**, Wayne Veatch
- September 15-16 – Danville de Elegance, Danville, CA
- September 22 – **Bodega Bay Tour**, Bodega Bay, CA, Bud Alderson and Marty Rayman
- September 29 – Jimmy's Old Car Picnic, San Francisco, CA
- October 6 – **Travis Air Force Base Museum Tour**, Travis Air Force Base, CA, Bob Shaheen

From the Editor...

“Citius, Altius, Fortius,” is the official motto of the Olympics. It means “Faster, Higher, Stronger.” As the UK motherland of our MGs plays host to the XXX Olympiad, we too can take pride in claiming our own little MG connection with all things British. For these next 16 days, all eyes will be focused on London as we witness 14,700 Olympic and Paralympic athletes competing in 26 Olympic sports in 34 venues and 20 Paralympic sports in 21 venues. For those of you who will be unable to attend ... no worries, because NBCUniversal promises to cover the 384 hours, (the time it takes to score exactly 5 soccer goals) with over 5,535 hours of live-streaming coverage. (amounting to 7.5 months of 24/7 viewing)

Having just watched the opening ceremonies of the 2012 Summer Olympics, I am looking forward to seeing this elite group of men and women who have earned the title of “world’s best,” push the boundary of what is humanly possible, embodying the Olympic ideal of faster, higher, stronger, because pushing boundaries is what being an MG owner is all about.

However, unlike the the Olympics, which occurs once every 4 years, some of us push boundaries every day with their MG “Daily Drivers.” In contrast, most others push boundaries, several times a month, at our monthly MGOC Rallyes. With the remaining ... only when they reverse their MGs “Queens” off their trailers. (yes, you know who you are ... not that there is anything wrong with that!) But, at least, from an British MG perspective, it is a nice coincidence that London, UK is playing host. Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games, famously said that “the most important thing in the Olympics is not winning, but participating.” And thanks to you, our membership, for your participation over the years, and for making our MGOC special for all of us.

And so, the next time your MG appears to be having just a little bit of trouble going up that hill and the smell of a “Burnt Spark Plug” is in the air ... just remember to recite, **“Citius MG, Altius MG, Fortius MG!”**

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Felix Lee

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President's Ponderings...

I would like to start by thanking all the MGOC members and non-members who came to the 2012 MGOC Annual Picnic at Kennedy Grove Regional Park. The park offered a great venue to leisurely meet old and new friends with a BBQ pit nearby and more importantly, parking nearby.

I would like to especially thank Bob and Edie Shaheen, Tim and Molly Polidoroff, and Andy and Marla Preston for organizing and leading tours to the picnic. This helped to make sure no one got lost and to make the picnic such a great success. I would also like to thank Ken Gittings for organizing the raffle and bringing the "Door" prizes. They were a big hit. There was, by my count, 25 MGs (Stephanie will break it down by colors), a few non-MGs and one pretending to be an MG.

Please plan ahead for our upcoming MGOC Rallyes (more details to follow)

August 19: Saw Mill Tour with Andy and Marla Preston

- tour through Sonoma - Sebastopol (Sturgeon's Mill) - Occidental (Union Hotel)

September 8: Studebaker Meet with Wayne Veatch

September 22: Bodega Bay Tour with Bud Alderson and Marty Rayman (combined with SSTS)

- tour through Mill Valley - East Peak of Mt. Tamalpais (from above the clouds) - Historic Tomales - Alpine Lake - Bodega Bay

And finally, I would like to recognize Mr. Chen Ouyang (欧阳辰), who gets the prize for traveling the furthest to attend our MGOC Picnic. This young man is the Senior Test Lead for the Bing search division at Microsoft in China. For years, he had driven a Volkswagen, but one day thought, "perhaps I should own a domestic car." As MG is now owned by Shanghai Auto, Chen purchased an MG5 1.5 109 hp hatchback, listed at ¥130,000 Chinese Yuan = £12,960.87 British Pound = \$20,381.49 US Dollar. Chen happened to be in the Bay Area for two weeks on business and found out about our picnic from our www.MGOCsf.org website and drove out to meet MG people in this country. It was a delight talking with him about his new MG and about clubs in China.

Happy Driving

George Steneberg



Chen Ouyang, his MG5 and his son Gouran
(aka, 欧阳果然)



Chen Ouyang and Felix Lee
(it was a good thing that Chen's English was better than Felix's Chinese)

GOF West 2012

By Tim Polidoroff

This year's 40th GoF (Gathering of the Faithful) West was held in Buellton – in the heart of California's beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. While originally intended for MG T series cars the event has since been expanded to all MGs.

Quite a few MGOC and SSTS members made the trip down ... with the usual travel related challenges. George Steneberg and Marcia Crawford bent a trailer wheel as they rounded a tight curve at the start of their trip. Not a big deal, except that they discovered their spare was the wrong size and couldn't be used as a replacement. George was able to get the original repaired and re-installed. Steve Kellogg had to re-attach his MG TF muffler after it pulled loose as he was trying to load the car on its trailer. Jim & Ann Carlson borrowed an MG for the event (a "B" from Bill Hiland) as theirs was undergoing repairs.

On the opposite end of the "challenge" spectrum – Andy and Marla Preston cruised effortlessly down Hwy 101 in Daisy, their newly restored MG TF, passing (or was it "blowing the doors off"???) several MGOC'ers along the way. Molly and I decided to make the trip a slower two day affair and took the longer Coast Hwy route -- cold but beautiful – stopping in Cambria and Pacific Grove.

Once there, the participants were rewarded with a week of fun and enjoyable activities. By tradition, the event kicked off with a car show where MGOC'ers won several awards...



MGOC and SSTS Members & their Awards

MG TD

Third Place - Tim & Molly Polidoroff

Honorable Mention - George Steneberg/ Marcia Crawford

MG TF

Second Place – Steve & Vicky Kellogg

Honorable Mention – Andy & Marla Preston



Steve and Cheryl Glenn



Steve and Vicky Kellogg

Photos by Tim Polidoroff



Tim and Molly Polidoroff



Eric Baker



George Steneberg and Marcia Crawford



Jim and Ann Carlson with their "loaner" from
Bill and Mary Hiland



Andy and Marla Preston



Bill and Mary Hiland

Meet our Newest Member

By Laura Ortez

A little about me and who I am. I grew up in East LA, Watts area, but never quite fit in. I could hang, but it was too restrictive for me. I lived and dealt with all the daily issues that came with the territory. At a young age, I saw and fell in love with the first car I saw for sale, an older MG. It looked so English, so British, not typical to what I was used to seeing. Don't get me wrong, I absolutely love low riders, but I have always wanted a sports car. I just could not afford the \$900.00 the guy wanted for the car.

I then fell in love with a man who owned an Austin Healy. Although I am not sure which I loved more. I have owned Triumphs, Z's and other sport cars, heck, even a '79 Stingray IROC, blue, etc, but, I'm poorer now. Not really, but Father time and the

economy has taken it's toll on me. However, it is still have my dream & goal to own an MG. I'm saving my money and do have a bit put away just for one in the future.

I like looking for parts and good deals. I currently owns PT, which works because it gets me from point "a" to point "b." I can carry some of my granny kids when I need to, but it is not what I enjoy driving.

I think when you have a passion for older cars and have had them in your life, you understand about the feeling of driving one, smelling the inside of one, and seeing the potential of it's beauty, way before it's all fixed up. Well, that's a bit about me, and why I would like to own an MG one day. Thank you and I hope to meet all of you at one of the future scheduled events.

THE DATING GAME



Bachelorette Laura Ortez



Bachelor #1
MGA



Bachelor #2
MGB



Bachelor #3
MGC

BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD

I'M #1, I'M #1 ...
FUTURE'S SO
BRIGHT ... I
GOTTA WEAR
SHADES



OH BROTHER,
WHAT A PRIMA DONNA



I'M #1, I'M #1 ... AHH,
FRONT'S ALL DONE, TIME TO
FLIP OVER ...



AS TENSIONS RISE ...

NOW, NOW ...
CAN'T WE JUST GET
ALONG ???

BUT ... BUT ...

WELL BUDDY, WHICH
WILL IT BE ...

SORRY CRAIG,
BUT TO MAKE KIM
HAPPY, YOU'LL HAVE TO
GET RID OF THE
MIDGET ...



I KNOW ...
SNIFF, SNIFF ...
I KNOW ...



I'VE GOT AN IDEA, WAIT TILL I TELL KIM I
TRADED THE 1979 BURGUNDY MG MIDGET
FOR A YOUNGER 2001 BURGUNDY "MG
MIDGET"



..... TO BE CONTINUED
Photos by Felix Lee

MGOC Annual Picnic 2012

By Stephanie Lee (Younger Perspective)

I went to the MGOC picnic and there were a lot of cars. 3 were black, 6 green ones, 5 red ones, 2 blue cars, 1 white, 1 brown and 2 yellow ones. I counted all of them. Then my sister and I greeted everyone there. We played games like checkers and badminton. I won the checker game against Samantha. Our mom made corn, hot dogs and hamburgers. There were cakes and chips too. Ken had a raffle and I won a XXL jacket. I'll wear it when I get bigger. Everyone had a great time and no one broke down, not even Craig Kuenzinger.



XXL Stephanie Lee

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MGOC ANNUAL PICNIC 2012

by Mike Jacobsen (Older Perspective)



The MGOC Picnic was well attended this year, with 24 MGs, three non-MGs, and about 40 people. Marcia Crawford & George Steneberg had arrived early and placed tablecloths on the picnic tables, hung our banners on the trees, and put out cones to delimit the MG parking area. The park itself was super clean & tidy - I haven't seen one like that since I was a kid. For example, the staff came by twice while we were there to empty the trash cans, and they were already empty when we arrived.

There were five MGs in Tim & Molly Polidoroff's caravan from San Mateo, and about seven in Bob & Edie Shaheen's caravan from Danville. Everyone else found their own way in. We had sedans (excuse me, saloons), GTs, T-series, MGAs, and MGBs in attendance, including member Jennifer Orum's car from British Columbia. She had driven back from the NAMGAR GT in Dayton, Ohio the prior week, and would be on her way home after the Picnic for round trip of about 6,000 miles.



Lots of people brought food to share, and Marcia baked a couple of cakes for dessert. Ken Gittings brought a selection of MG-related items and conducted an impromptu raffle, with the grand prize being a TD door. Recently rejoined member Suzy Savage had found two of the original MGs by the Bay windbreakers from 1994, new in their bags, and put them in with Ken's raffle.

We had some newer members attend, and a surprise visitor from another club, Chen. Chen works for Microsoft in their Beijing office but is currently working at their Mountain View campus for a few weeks. He owns a modern MG5 and belongs to the Beijing area MG club. Not having a lot to do on the weekends here, he went to his club's website, from there to the MGOC site in England, and from there found us. He saw that we were having the Picnic and decided to come. He said they don't have any of the older MGs in China, so the Picnic was like a museum for him. He also said he'd try to schedule his future visits to Mountain View based on our events calendar.

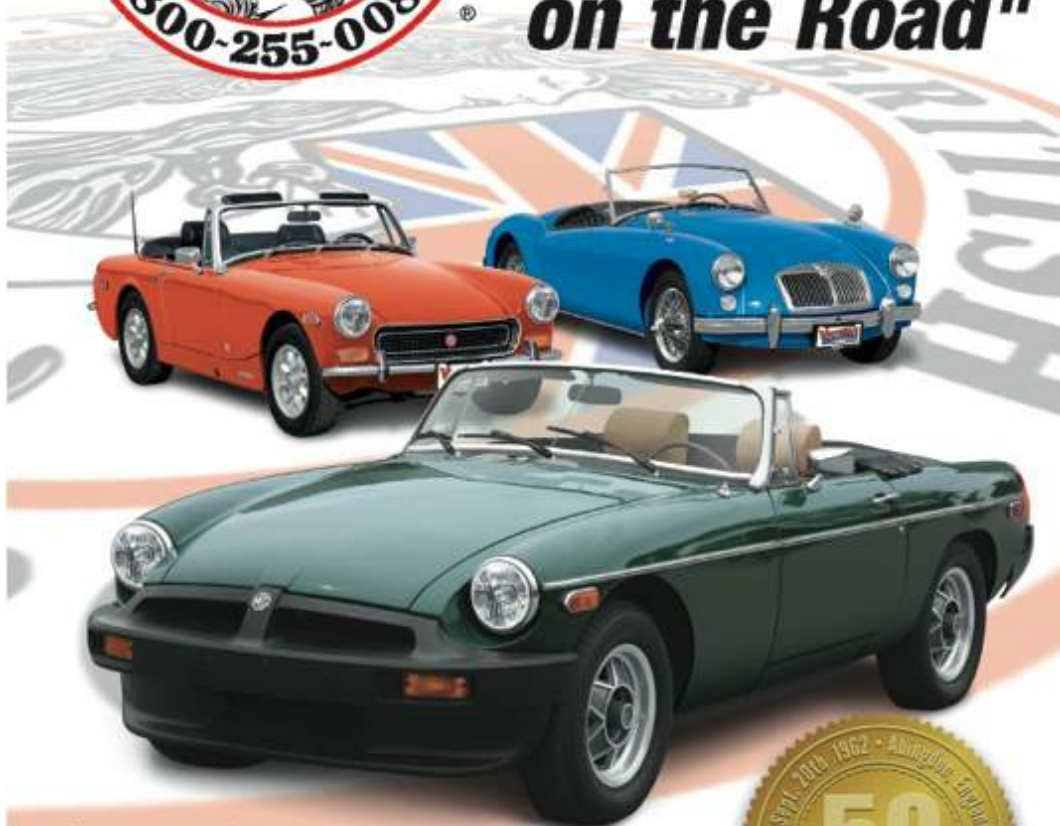
It was late afternoon before things started to wind down. We should use this site again next year!



photos by Ken Gittings
and Felix Lee



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OCTOBER 20th

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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

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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



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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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GoF West 2012 (continued)

Next up, the “Wine Country” Rallye, an event in which MGOC’ers Jim & Ann Carlson placed third. The Rallye followed the scenic Foxen Canyon Wine Trail which passes many of the 60 wineries in the region. We stopped at the Fess Parker winery to enjoy lunch and a tasting.

On Thursday, the Kellogs, Prestons, and Polidoroffs all decided to play “hookey” to enjoy a scenic drive down to Santa Barbara for lunch, as well as a stop at MG parts “Mecca,” Moss Motors, for a quick tour and to pick up some supplies.



Getting ready to spend money at Moss



Lunch wharf side in Santa Barbara

On the way back we drove along the Santa Ynez pass and stopped by the historic Cold Spring Tavern.



In short, a great week. Next year’s GoF will be held in Carefree Arizona from October 28 to November 1.



Spending money at Moss’ Parts Counter

Photos by Tim Polidoroff

MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2012

President George Steneberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also attending were Marcia Crawford, Ken Gittings, Tim Polidoroff, Susie Savage, Brian Linke, Bob and Edith Shaheen, and David Wright. As we did not have the necessary quorum (at least 4 Board Members) we could not address financial issues.

The June minutes were approved (as printed in the June Octagon).

Treasurer's Report

The MGOC's July savings and checking account balances are both at higher levels than in June. (The balances increased due to the receipt of membership renewals.)

Registrar's Report

The MGOC's July membership stands at 274 (total) as follows: 201 Regular Members; 58 Auxiliary Members; 12 Corresponding Members; and 3 Associate Members. (There was no change in total membership vs. June.)

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Regalia

David Wright had one grill badge sale.

The Board made and approved a motion to give away all of the old (2007) club badges and lapel pins still in inventory as party favors at the upcoming club picnic.

The Octagon

Felix Lee was unable to attend but asked that the membership continue to contribute articles.

Website

The following possible WEB site concerns were reported:

- When you click on the "Join Us" button on the home page you get an error message (i.e., "Server Error in '/' Application. The resource cannot be found"); and
- When you click on the "Octagon" button on the home page the link did not work (this issue appears to have been resolved as the link is currently working).

Past Events:

- 6/30 - **Bertolotti Tour:** The tour was a big success with 39 people (20 cars) participating. Kudos and special thanks to MGOC member John Bertolotti for hosting us.

Upcoming Events:

- 7/21 - **The MGOC Annual Picnic:** The Board reminds attendees that the club will pay the \$5.00 parking fee for each MG that attends. Also, attendees are invited to "caravan" to the picnic from one of two sites: 1) Danville -- Bob Shaheen volunteered to lead an MGOC caravan to the picnic site from the Livery Shopping Center (leaving at 9:45 AM); and 2) San Mateo - Tim Polidoroff volunteered to lead an MGOC caravan to the picnic site from the Borel Shopping Center (leaving at 9:30 AM). Marcia agreed to provide both groups with scenic route suggestions. Tim will work with Steve to update the WEB site with the new caravan information.
- 8/19- **Saw Mill Tour:** Andy Preston confirmed the tour will be run on Sunday, 8/19.

- 9/22 – **Bodega Bay Tour:** George will get details about this tour to Steve/Felix so that they can update the WEB site/Octagon
- 10/6 – **Travis Air Force Base:** George will get details about this tour to Steve/Felix so that they can update the WEB site/Octagon.
- 10/20 & 10/21 – **British Fall Classic:** The Board encourages MGOC members to sign up for the British Fall Classic to be held in Morgan Hill. Registration and more information are available on-line at <http://www.thebritishfallclassic.com/>.
- 10/28 – **Santa Barbara Concourse:** This event has been cancelled. The Board agreed that a substitute event for this date will not be planned.
- 11/10 - **Canepa Motorsports Tour:** Tim Polidoroff confirmed this event will be held on Saturday 11/10 as a substitute for the previously planned “Peninsula Tour”. At Canepa’s request, the tour group size will be limited to 30 people. The Board agreed that a second “backup” Canepa tour in December (to handle any tour interest overflow) will not be planned. At Mike Jacobsen’s recommendation the tour will start in Los Altos at 9 am, at the meeting spot for the “the Donut Derelicts” weekly informal car show outside the Main Street Café in Los Altos (134 Main St., 94022). Tim will work with Steve and Felix to post tour details on the WEB and in the Octagon.

Old Business:

- A Recording Secretary is still needed.
- Recruiting (not business) card design & reprinting. Previously a motion had been made and passed to purchase additional recruiting cards with the Web site address (cost approximately \$80.00). A large stash of such cards has since been found by Sam Gearhart and, as a result, it was agreed that no additional (new) cards will be ordered.

New Business:

- Commercial Octagon ads on the web site: Steve will place the Octagon advertisers on the MGOC Web site with a link to their own web sites. Tim will contact the potential new advertisers from the list that Mike gave him to see if any of them might also be interested in advertising in the Octagon.

Next Meeting and Natter

7pm, Thursday, August 9, 2012 at the Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott St.
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Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm



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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.

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.



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, or Gordon Craig at lismoregordon@sbcglobal.net.

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.



Classic 1973 Jaguar XJ12 Series 1 Sedan. 5.3 V12 engine. All original! The only year of the chrome bumpered XJ12 model. 66,000 original miles. Silver with beautiful original black leather interior. Sunroof and Nardi wood steering wheel. Always a California car from new. No rust! Same owner for the last 35 years. Always garaged. Looks and drives great! \$8,900. Contact Member Ron Simi at 925-765-5807.



'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.



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.

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.

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.

MG TF Part. One rear spring for a MG TF, original type preferred. Contact Andy at 707-795-3480 or 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.

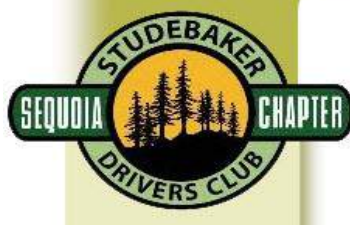
We will meet at the Sonoma Bagel and Café in Rohnert Park and head out through the rolling backroads of Sonoma to the saw mill. After the mill tour we will have a short driver to the Union Hotel in Occidental for lunch where we can order from the open menu.

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 by August 16 so we can confirm lunch reservations.

We look forward to seeing you.





A Studebaker and MG Tour: "Wine and Cheesecake"
The Sequoia Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, the
Sorry Safari Touring Society and the MG Owners Club
Saturday, September 8, 2012

Wayne Veatch, a member of the Sorry Safari Touring Society, MG Owners Club and the SDC, and John Brayton, of the SDC, invite you to this unlikely gathering and drive involving two very different kinds of cars: A Wine Country Tour from San Rafael through Petaluma to the Matanzas Creek Winery in the Bennett Valley to the Studebaker Cheesecake factory on W. Napa St. in Sonoma, all by scenic back roads.

For the Studebaker Drivers Club, this event is a celebration of the SDC's annual Drive Your Studebaker Day and an opportunity to meet and enjoy a bunch of little British cars and their owners. For the MG folks, this event is another excuse to get out into the Wine Country, drive their fun cars on a different route and meet new old car fans. For all, it's an opportunity to celebrate Drive Your Studebaker Day with some nice wine, scenic views and some genuine Studebaker Cheesecake.



A Studebaker



The Winery



An MG

We will meet in the Northgate Shopping Center in front of the Bagel Street Cafe (take Freitas Parkway off of 101 just north of San Rafael, west, towards Terra Linda) by 9:00 for a leg stretch, bagel, coffee or whatever needs, depart at 9:30 AM past George Lucas' Ranch, thence through a route TBA to the winery, for a private tasting (\$5 for regular, \$10 for high octane, refundable with minimum purchase) and enjoyment of the environs, then down the hill to Sonoma. Kevin Fay (Mr. Studebaker Cheesecake) and we will put together a BBQ + cheesecake lunch, whilst the tourists and natives ogle our fine vehicles.

So that we can advise the winery and plan the lunch (cost TBD), please let Wayne know ASAP, by Sept 1, at the latest, if you are coming and the number in your party. Call him at home on 415-821-1806 or send an email to veatchlaw@gmail.com. His cell phone on the day of the drive is 415-297-1807.



Autumn West Marin Bodega Bay Tour



When/Where: Late September is perfect for top-down rides through West Marin. Our trip will leave Mill Valley at 10:00, Saturday, September 22nd, and meander West over a scenic route: a dash up to the East Peak of Mt. Tamalpais, backtracking on Ridgecrest Blvd. down past Alpine Lake, and following the curvy Bolinas-Fairfax Rd. to Hwy. 1 N. (near Dogtown), then head North to Bodega Bay. This is a joint MGOC/SSTS organized trip, lead by Marin MGers Bud Alderson and Marty Rayman.

The Trip: Autumn places our trip outside the normal West Marin fog-days-of-Summer period, so it can be a sparkling MG drive – even if there is some late morning overcast. As we go up Mt. Tamalpais, the view from the peak sometimes looks out above clouds, a special view. Lunch will be around 1:30 at The Tides restaurant in Bodega Bay, and we plan a brief stop at the Marshall Store (for beautiful views of Tomales Bay and across to the Inverness Ridge), and a longer rest stop in historic old Tomales at the Tomales Bakery. It is best to come with a full tank of gas, although there is gas at one place in Pt. Reyes Station. Remember too that cell phone coverage is spotty along the coast. To show West Marin's character, the route gets off some of the more traveled roads for the twisty driving that our little cars love. There are several great routes back from Bodega Bay to choose from, and fellow lunch mates can offer lots of advice. The Tides, a large eatery, features good local seafood dishes and a range of other selections (but no bangers and mash). Sorry Safari is also sponsoring a Gold Country trip this same weekend, so for those who cannot do that trip, this is perfect.

Directions: Meet at 10:00 in front of Starbuck's, 45 Camino Alto, Mill Valley (415-388-1811). From Hwy 101, take the East Blithedale exit and go a few lights towards Mill Valley to Camino Alto (gas station on the corner); turn left at the light and go to a shopping plaza with Safeway, then turn right into a large parking area: Starbucks is nearby the Safeway, sharing the same parking.

To Join Us: RSVP by email to Bud at www.iralderon@comcast.net or call 415-497-7669, or to Marty at www.drmartyrayman@gmail.com, or 415-454-5756.





Travis Air Force Base Museum Tour

TRAVIS AIR MUSEUM

Building 80, 461 Burgan Blvd, Travis AFB, CA 94535
(707) 424-5605

Organizer: Bob Shaheen



When/Where: Saturday, October 6, 2012

We have arranged for a tour of the Jimmy Doolittle Air Museum at Travis AFB for members of both SSTS and MGOC. Access to the base is strictly limited these days, so if you think you might be even remotely interested in joining us, please sign up ASAP, by the first week of September at the very latest. The base needs us to provide the full name, with middle initial and Date-of-Birth, of each person who will be coming on the base. If you have a valid military ID card please note that, as we will be on a separate list. If you sign up and do not attend, that is not a problem; if you do not sign up ahead of time you will not be allowed on the base, so.....

Tours: Exhibits are self-explanatory. Guided tours are available by reservation for groups of ten or more. Ideal group size is 10-30 because of space restrictions among exhibits. Tours are designed for ages 12 and older. For tours for children under age 12 call the museum for availability. All children must be accompanied by adults. Allow 45 minutes for a tour.

Directions: Interstate 80 to Airbase Parkway exit in Fairfield. Follow Airbase Parkway east to the main gate of Travis AFB where it ends.

Indoor exhibits: Piper L-4 "Grasshopper," BT-13 "Valiant," Stinson L-5 "Sentinel," PT-19, AT-17 "Bobcat," "Hound Dog" missile (under restoration), target drone, ultra-light aircraft, Link trainer, B-29 restoration, Tuskegee Airmen, WW II jeep, principles of flight, WW I overview, military aviation between the wars, AF uniforms, WW II WACO glider (nose section), 15th AF in WW II, Jimmy Doolittle, ball turret, Consairways, WW II aircraft recognition models, CBI, Berlin Airlift, heritage photographs, medal of honor, nose art, humanitarian airlift, history of Travis, "Fat Man" atomic bomb, aircraft engines, the crash of General Travis in 1950, T-28, T-37, and F-100 cockpits, Travis during the Korean War and Vietnam War, Space program.

Outdoor exhibits:

Bombers Fighters Transports

A-26K "Counter Invader" F-4C "Phantom II" C-45 "Expediter"

B-29 "Superfortress" F-84F "Thunderstreak" C-54 "Skymaster"

B-52 F-86L "Sabre" C-56 "Lodestar"

F-101B "Voodoo" C-118 "Liftmaster"

Observation F-102A "Delta Dagger" C-119 "Flying Boxcar"

O-2A "Skymaster" F-104A "Starfighter" C-124 "Globemaster II"

U-3A "Blue Canoe" F-105D "Thunderchief" C-131 "Samaritan"

LC-126 C-140 "Jetstar"

Trainers C-7 "Caribou"

Helicopters T-39A "Sabreliner" C-123 "Provider"

H-21B "Work Horse" AT-11 "Kansan" C-141B "Starlifter"

H-34 "Choctaw"

HH-16 "Albatross"

To Join Us: RSVP by email to Bob Shaheen at blklab007@comcast.net or call at 925-831-9757



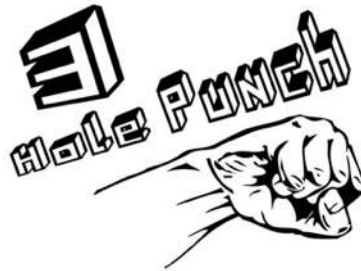
Hot Rods for Kids

When / Where: Saturday, August 18 on the greens at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 East Lake Avenue, in Watsonville, California. Registered cars arrive at 8:00 am and the fun begins at 10:00 am

What: Santa Cruz's Third Annual Hot Rods for Kids is a car show open to all class of cars and the event benefits children and youth programs at Walnut Avenue Women's Center. It was started in 2010 by Pamela Whittington and her team at Classic Cleaners as a way to raise awareness and much-needed funds for organizations serving children in the community. There will be live music, several car awards, raffles, food and merchandise vendor booths. Free Admission.

To Join Us: For more information about this event or to register your car visit www.HotRods4Kids.com. We would be more than happy to arrange parking your entire car club together if you are interested in that.

Entertainment:



Club Meeting Natter & Noggin August 9, 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. 14th St. Travel 0.3 miles, and then turn right on Parrott Street.



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