

# THE OCTAGON

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



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## About *The Octagon* and MGOC...

The M.G. Owners Club, formed in 1957, is the Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club, formed in England in 1930. The Peninsula T Register was formed in 1973 and is now an informal sub-group of the MGOC. We receive a copy of the MGCC's *Safety Fast*, available to members on loan from the corresponding secretary. The Club is also associated with the North American MGB Register, the North American MGA Register, and the New England MG T Register. The MGOC holds a business meeting on the second Thursday of each month at an event known as the "Natter and Noggin" in the style of English clubs. *The Octagon*, our newsletter, is published monthly by the M.G. Owners Club. Opinions expressed in *The Octagon* are not necessarily those of the MGOC, its members, or Board of Directors.

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### CLUB ADVISOR PROGRAM

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

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### COVER PHOTO:

Red, White and Blue MGBs at the 20th Anniversary MGsBTB 2013, Dan Shaffer

## July MGOC Meeting Natter n' Noggin

The MGOC's third breakfast meeting! We're trying to increase MGOC member involvement by having Saturday breakfast meetings at alternating locations every other month. So come and join us for a chance to discuss upcoming events, organize new events, share issues, and most importantly socialize and talk shop with your fellow MGOC members. This month we also have a special post meeting event planned - a Tech Session with British Car Repair's Clint Wright (Clint's garage is within easy walking distance of the restaurant where we'll be meeting).

Don't Forget to record your Mileage! A free breakfast (not to exceed \$12 in value) will be awarded to the member who drives their MG the furthest to attend the meeting.

### When – Saturday, July, 6th:

Breakfast: 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM  
 Meeting: 9:30 AM to 10:20 AM  
 Walk (or Drive) to the Tech Session: 10:20 to 10:30 AM  
 Tech Session: 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM



### Where:

Breakfast: Pier-15 Restaurant & Bar, 15 Harbor Street, San Rafael 94901  
<http://www.pier15sanrafael.com/>  
 Tech Session: British Car Repair 142 Mill Street, San Rafael, CA 94901  
<http://www.britishcarrepair.com/contact.php>

### Directions

From San Francisco (via Hwy 101 North) and from the East Bay (via Hwy 580 West over the Richmond Bridge)

- Drive north on Hwy 101.
- Take the Central San Rafael exit, staying in the far right lane.
- Turn right onto 2nd St. (it's the first light very soon after the freeway turnoff).
- Go 1 block and then turn right at the light onto Grand Ave
- Go 1 block and turn left on Francisco Blvd. East.
- Go 3 blocks and turn left at Harbor Street. Go about a block; Pier-15 is on the left – you can't miss it.

### RSVP

Please RSVP your hosts Andy Preston and Bud Alderson by e-mailing Andy at [andypreston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andypreston@sbcglobal.net) so that we know how many seats to reserve.



The Secret Behind MGs  
by the Bay's Success

Who Says the  
MGOC is just for Men?

Marcia Crawford, Kim  
Kuenzinger, Thuy  
Nguyen, Marla Preston,  
Elaine Chan

Photo by Dan Shockey

### Enclosed Trailer for Rent:

Enclosed car trailer for rent (16' x 8'). Trailer has integrated braking system and lights with the tow vehicle, and a 12 volt 2,000 lb. Electric Winch. Electrical outlets in and outside the trailer and air conditioning. Rental rates are very reasonable with a discount for rentals of three or more days. Contact either Randy Grossman (415-518-5210) or Eric Baker (510-517-2165) for more information. [posted 06/13]



### Parts for Sale:

**Four 15" chrome 72-spoke wires**, suitable for an E-type or other "large hub" wire wheel car. They're not perfect, but a couple would be decent road wheels. The other two have plating issues and would be spares. These have the "easy clean" style hubs, not the OEM rolled hubs. Mike Jacobsen, 415-333-9699, [MikesMuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:MikesMuseum@yahoo.com). [Posted 05/13]

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

**MG Midget Rolling Chassis Body Shell**. No VIN. No Title. No engine, transmission, differential, front bumper, or 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). [Posted 05/13]

**Weber Downdraft Carburetor**: Fits MGBs, asking \$150, Contact member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at [wtdoyle@cox.net](mailto:wtdoyle@cox.net). [Posted 05/13]

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

**MGA transmission from a '61**. Operated perfectly when I took it out of the car in 2002 (converted to a 5-speed). \$250 or best offer. Please contact: Mark Lange, [mark@marklange.org](mailto:mark@marklange.org) or 415-297-3456. [Posted 05/13]

**For All Items Below:** Member Ken Gittings 510-791-8445 [Posted 06/13]

- 1- **Down draft Weber**, needs intake manifold for an MG. Best offer
- 1- **Rebuild Kit, Weber 32/36 DGV Carb.series tune-up kit**, Moss #222-266, \$10.00 or best offer
- 2- **Cadillac style tail lights**, never used, \$5 offer
- 1- **Used Hi Torque Starter**, Moss #541-545 for a 1962 to 1967 MGB, \$120 or best offer
- 1- **Negative Camber wishbone arm set**, Moss #264-083, used \$50 or best offer
- 1- **Metric tool set**, for your other car, \$10 or best offer

**For All Items Below:** Member Bob Luebbert at [r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net) [Posted 07/13]

**MG TD Head Light Tie Bracket attaches to radiator**, Moss Part # 451-100, used -- great shape! Price \$20 OBO

**Two Headlight Stone Guard for MG T-Series, come with attachments**, Moss part #222-150 \$30 obo

**Gas Cap for 1975 MG/Sprite**, never used, \$15 obo (thought it would fit on my 69 MGB - but will not)

**MG TD chromed radiator shell, false nose, slates and medallion**- total for sale at \$1000 USD obo



### 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 6 – **MGOC Club Meeting**, Natter & Noggin, Pier 15 Restaurant & Bar, San Rafael, Andy Preston

July 13 – Pet Tour & Picnic, Don and Maris Cowgill

July 13 – **Swanton Tour**, Swanton, Randy Grossman

July 17-21 – NAMGBR, Corvallis, OR, Andy Preston

July 21 – Hillsborough Concours D'Elegance, Crystal Springs Golf Course

July 21 – NorCal Auto Swap Meet, San Mateo County Event Center, Randy Grossman

July 31-August 4 – Rendezvous, Silverton, OR, (need a caravan leader)

August 4 – Hayward Field British Meet, Hayward

August 10 – **MGOC Annual Picnic**, Kennedy Grove Regional Park, Hitching Post

Picnic Site, El Sobrante, Tim Polidoroff

August 31–September 1 – Scottish Games



# From the Editor...

## MGOC in Maui

The only thing better than summer is summer vacation. We flirted with longer and brighter days with the rites of Spring (ie, Spring Tune-up and Spring Cleaning) and ended it with a blast by celebrating the 20th Anniversary of MG's by the Bay at the Livery in Danville. And what a celebration and success it was. Just imagine the scene with aisles and aisles of vintage, classic and just plain *old* MG cars and their vintage, classic and just plain ...., and their owners. Hmm ... although not so obvious to the rest of the world, at least for MG lovers, this scenario holds a strange sense of attraction and appeal. If not for the cars, then at least for the opportunities to hook up with old friends and meet new, soon to be, old friends.

By the time you open this issue, summer will be in full swing. Despite the heat and humidity, we all enjoy summer because it provides endless opportunities to engage in some sort of *destination* therapy to drown out our daily occupational doldrums. So where to this year? Though a far-flung journey is always a thrill, for some, its an excuse to go for a simple local drive and head down the coast. Perhaps it's childhood nostalgia for packing up the family car and hitting the open road. Although pleasant enough alone, it is even better when you can do it with others. Although we typically have a regular monthly event or tour, what about all those days in between? Just so happens, during an MG's by the Bay conversation I had with member Les Stuart, he wondered aloud, "How nice would it be if we had some way to blast out a *regional instant messaging invite* for an otherwise unplanned, spur of the moment, local drive and meal to other MGOC members who might be available?" Well, cool your jets as our Webmaster, Steve Kellogg,

is diligently working on just a mechanism for that and hopes to have it appearing soon on a smart phone near you (like in your pocket)!

Oh, but what about those proverbial *Chance* meetings in life? Well, for our family's *destination* therapy, we hit the open skies and landed in Maui, HI. In fact, the MGOC was the last thing on our minds. With MG's by the Bay and the June *Octagon* clearly in our rear view mirror, we were free to relax in our tropical paradise. On our second day in paradise, Kimberly and I decided to take a casual stroll and walk over to the local market, just north of where we were staying, by way of the beach boardwalk and cutting across a large grass field to make it back to the main road. Later that evening, I received an e-mail from member Myles Taketa, which read "Are you in Maui at the Ka'anapali Beach Resort? If you are not, I saw someone who could be your twin walking across the lawn area today!" Needless to say, it was me and after a few e-mail exchanges, Myles, Janis, Kimberly, Samantha, Stephanie and I took the time out to meet at Myles and Janis' new favorite restaurant, Dukes, on the beach and celebrated Myles' 70th birthday with perhaps our newest tradition, **MGOC in Maui!**



Safety Fast

Felix Lee  
- Happy 70th  
Myles!!



Photo by Stephanie Lee

### MG

#### TC-TD-TF-MGA-MGB-C-Midget

<b>SHOCK ABSORBERS:</b>	Front	Rear
MGTC.....	185.00	185.00
MGTD & TF.....	185.00	85.00
MGA, MGB, MGC, Midget.....	102.00	75.00
HEAVY DUTY UPGRADE.....	10.00	10.00
SHOCK LINK (New or Rebuilt)	\$call	

#### BRAKES: sleeved and rebuilt

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MGA, Midget twin master 1956-67.....	\$225.00
MGB, Midget master 1968-80.....	\$125.00-145.00
MGB brake booster servo.....	\$175.00
MGC booster servo.....	\$445.00
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**1967 MGB/GT** I bought this car from an MG fan in Washington state in 2005 and it is registered in California. I replaced the engine and transmission that were in the car when with a rebuilt engine and transmission. Corte Madera British and European in San Rafael did the engine (Webber carburetor) and transmission replacement work. At the same time, I had an aluminum flywheel installed, along with new shock absorbers, a 12-volt battery, an alternator, seat belts, a Peco exhaust system, and a new grill. I also had an AM/FM radio/CD player that is removable for security installed, along with good quality speakers, one in the center console and one in each of the rear corners. I have had the car maintained by Righetti Automotive in San Rafael the last several years. Righetti made and installed a stronger alternator bracket just before Christmas and did tune-up work along, with installing a new accelerator cable. On the Road Again evaluated the car for restoration on January 10, 2013. There is some rust and the car needs work but it is fun to drive. The car is in On the Road Again's showroom in Morgan Hill and ready for your inspection. I will be glad to answer questions. Asking \$6,500 OBO. Contact Member Mike Romo at 415-509-8304 or [mikeromomg@gmail.com](mailto:mikeromomg@gmail.com) [posted 05/13]



**1970 MGB GT** has just had the high performance engine refreshed by On the Road Again British Restorations in Morgan Hill. Any parts needing replacing or repairing was done. The engine has a new high performance cam, new hardened lifters, rockers, and valves with a ported aluminum head and Weber Side Draft carburetor. A header with a Peco exhaust is also on the car. The overdrive transmission was serviced as well as a new clutch was installed. Documentation for the work that was done is available. All the electrics are in working order and the speedo was rebuilt and a new cable was installed. The overall condition is excellent. The Bedouin Beige paint is almost new. The grill and bumpers are new. The VTO mini lite style wheels as well as the Yokohama tires are also new. The brake system was checked over and wheel cylinders installed, as well as a new master cyl. The interior is also in excellent condition with new carpet and insulation, new leather seat covers and wood steering wheel. Billet pedal covers and footrest are also installed. Included is an Alpine Bluetooth, CD, MP3 USB port stereo with dual speakers and power booster. The GT is lowered so it handles very well. It starts every time no matter how long it has been sitting. It also has a battery cut off switch. Sales price is \$17,750 or best offer. Contact member Myles Taketa at [M\\_Taketa@yahoo.com](mailto:M_Taketa@yahoo.com). [posted 05/13]



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



**1980 MGB** disassembled and about 40% reassembled. Have all the parts and many additional that I have accumulated since the project began. \$3000.00 Contact Pete Jaarsma, 510.232.8160 [posted 05/13]

### 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). [Posted 05/13]

**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). [Posted 05/13]

## Classified Ads

Ads are free to MGOC members and \$6.00 per month for non-members. Please send copy (and check **made payable to MGOC** if a non-member) to MGOC, 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Members may also email ads to the editor at [octagoneditor@mgocsf.org](mailto:octagoneditor@mgocsf.org).

### Cars for Sale:

**1952 MGTD** Time to let go of my first car—same owner since 1968. Asking \$21K. This yellow bird has been garaged for the last 44 years, has no rust and just over 69K original miles, original engine. Recent mechanical work: valve job; new fuel pump; brake hoses, speedometer and front suspension arm replaced. Top is in very good shape, side curtains are somewhat foggy. Tires, tuck & roll black leather upholstery, paint, front & rear bumpers all new about two years ago—only driven 160 miles since then. (Needs exhaust system.) More pictures available—email [bjjou20@pacbell.net](mailto:bjjou20@pacbell.net) or call BJ at 415.399.1310 [posted 05/13]



**1957 MGA Roadster** Porsche red with tan leather interior and custom hand-made dash. Fully restored by present owner. Mileage since restoration 2163. Car stored in a closed garage since restoration. Recently re-tuned and safety checks performed. The only item not original is the fuel pump. \$25,000. Contact Mike Aparcar [mapcar1@mac.com](mailto:mapcar1@mac.com) or 530-268-8539. [Posted 07/13]



**1959 MGA Coupe** black lacquer with red leather interior and custom dash. Fully restored by present owner. Mileage since restoration 4247. The only item not original is the fuel pump. Car was stored in closed garage since restoration. Recently re-tuned and brakes checked. All safety checks performed. \$25,000. Contact Mike Aparcar [mapcar1@mac.com](mailto:mapcar1@mac.com) or 530-268-8539. [Posted 07/13]



**1959 MGA** roadster vintage racer with a fresh 1622cc motor and brand new paint. Asking price \$14,000. See it run at local racetracks. Call Tom Morgan 650-740-4116 for details and racing schedule. [posted 05/13]



**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). [posted 05/13]

**'64/'65 MGB Roadster Project Car.** Up on blocks for 8 years and in DNO status. It doesn't look bad, but does have issues. Other photos are available and we welcome inquiries. In Livermore, CA Contact Wes Nelson at 925-447-4393 or [WESNEL@ATT.NET](mailto:WESNEL@ATT.NET). [posted 05/13]



**1965 MGB** A rusty donor car for my other '65. Will be parting out and/or sell remains. Always registered, clear title. Contact MGOC member Rich Upton at [richupton55@comcast.net](mailto:richupton55@comcast.net) or 510 534-1705 [Posted 06/13]

**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). [posted 05/13]



**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 \$10,500. Contact Member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at [wtdoyle@cox.net](mailto:wtdoyle@cox.net). [posted 05/13]



## President's Ponderings ...

Hello Again. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we held our 20<sup>th</sup> annual MGs by the Bay show. As this event will be covered in detail later in the Octagon, I just wanted to say "Thank You!" Thank you to those who participated - this year we had 91 registrations and 83 cars displayed, several from clubs outside the Bay Area. Thank you to those who volunteered to work the event - especially Craig Kuenzinger who coordinated/organized this event for us. And, last but not least, thank you to our 12 vendor sponsors who so generously contributed to the event's financial success: Collins Classics (Burlingame), Ed Wright's British Car Repair (San Rafael), Foreign Auto Service (Hayward), Moss Motors, Ltd., On The Road Again Classics (Morgan Hill), Union Jack Classic Auto Restoration (San Martin), Apple Hydraulics Inc., British Car Specialists (Stockton), Canepa (Scotts Valley), Little British Car Company, Scarborough Faire, and Victoria British.

In the August *Octagon*, we plan to feature stories about the journeys our members made to attend the various summer National MG car meets. Since these trips will involve a lot of driving I wanted to talk briefly about tires. Most folks know to check their tire's condition by looking at air pressure (John Twist recommends 30 psi front and 32 psi back for MGs) and tread wear (tires are worn out when they have less than 2/32" of remaining tread depth - tires have indicators molded into their tread design called "wear bars" to warn drivers when this point is about to be reached). However, since we typically don't drive our MGs all that much, another thing that needs to be checked - but typically isn't - is age.

Old tires can literally self-destruct at highway speeds. And, it is a myth that tires are not defective until cracks appear in the rubber ... today's high tech rubber compounds may not show any visible signs of failure until they actually do fail. To prevent this tire manufacturers recommend replacing tires 10 years "after mounting." Others (including Ford, Chrysler, and Consumer Reports), recommend tire replacement 6 years "after mounting." To determine your tire's age just check the DOT (Department of Transportation) Tire Identification Number (TIN) stamped on the tire.



The TIN is identified by the letters DOT, followed by ten to twelve letters and/or numbers. For tires made since 2000, the date the tire was made is specified by the last four digits of the TIN - the first 2 digits identify the week and the last 2 digits identify the year. For example, on the tire below the last four digits of the TIN are 5107 which means that the tire was made in the 51<sup>st</sup> week of 2007. If your tires are over 10 years old replace them regardless of their apparent physical condition!

Once again this month we have new members to introduce... Sharon Coffey and Guy Watson. And, as last month I didn't get to include all of the new member car pictures I'd received I wanted to do so this month. Here's a picture of Dr. Conrad Rougeux beautiful MG TD.



And here's a picture of new member Andrew Mayo's beautiful MGB. Andrew would like to sell this car, if you're interested contact him at [andrew@matrix-com.com](mailto:andrew@matrix-com.com)



Finally, a reminder that we'll be holding our July MGOC monthly meeting on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> in the North Bay at the Pier 15 Restaurant and Bar. After the meeting Clint Wright, owner and Sr. Mechanic at "British Car Repair" in San Rafael, will run a Tech Session at his garage for us. If you plan to attend please RSVP Andy Preston at [andypreston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andypreston@sbcglobal.net). See the flyer on our MGOC website for more details.

Regards,  
Tim Polidoroff





# MG's by the Bay 2013

By Samantha Lee

On June 2nd, the 20th annual MGs By the Bay was held at the Livery in Danville, dedicated to our former MGOC president Sam Gearhart. A Poster book of all 20 posters from all the shows in the past was made and also dedicated to Sam. The poster book was being sold at the main tent, thanks to Randy Grossman!

There were many colorful cars and one person put safari hats on their seat's headrests! Funny. There were also many raffle prizes like an MG shop apron. The event was a success, seeing all the shiny cars all in a line thanks to these people.

Craig Kuenzinger has been working for the past year with the Livery organizing and securing this spot for the show. With help from his wife Kim Kuenzinger.

Tim Polidoroff did a good job organizing the raffle baskets and contacting sponsors to donate money to organize this wonderful event!

George Steneberg and Marcia Crawford organized the envelope stuffing, and she and Marla Preston, Elaine Chan, and Kim (K.) (wo)manned the main tent.

Mike Jacobsen made a poster.

Mindy Hungerman, Steve & Vicky Kellogg and Craig (K.) wore bright orange reflector vests. They directed the cars to their parking spots so that all the same cars could be displayed together.

Dave McCann counted all the votes and announced the winners.

Bill Hiland was a participant and a sponsor. His store is a lot of fun because he has air hockey, but you have to pay for using it. If you ask him to use it he will give you quarters. At the show he even had his own tent.

Thank you to all the people who helped out with this event. But if you really want to know the secret behind why the show went so well, turn to page 23.

This year I will be practicing my typing. All my school reports are now typed. I can also type on my iPad. We don't carry paper anymore. My dad also wants to get a new computer and then he will give his old one to me.

See Ya,  
Samantha Lee



## MGOC Annual Picnic

### What:

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.

**When – Saturday, August 10, 2013**

Meeting: 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Picnic: 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM

### Where:

Kennedy Grove Regional Park, Hitching Post Picnic Site, El Sobrante

<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/kennedy>

**Be sure to let the rangers know you are with the MGOC group in order to avoid paying the \$5 entrance fee**

### RSVP

Please RSVP your hosts George Steneberg and Marcia Crawford by e-mailing Marcia at [marciacrawford7@gmail.com](mailto:marciacrawford7@gmail.com) so that we know how many folks to plan on.



3. Awards (Mike Jacobsen) – Made and paid for.
4. Program (Mike Jacobsen) – No event program will be developed due to time constraints and insufficient materials.
5. Parking map (Craig Kuenzinger) – Done.
6. 20th Anniversary Poster (Mike Jacobsen) – Done. 25 copies will be available for sale at the show for \$20/copy.

Resolving outstanding publishing bills for *The Octagon* – We're still seeking to resolve the final bill with Jeremy.

### Business Resolved Online Since the Last Meeting

Approval to spend not more than \$500 to print approximately two dozen 20th Anniversary posters for MGsBTBay. Mike to arrange printing. Approved (4:1).

Approval to spend not more than \$100 to copy and support production (disc and sleeve costs) and mailing (envelopes and postage costs) of the John Twist Video that was donated to the club by Bill Glatzel at the request of Randy Grossman. Approved (4:0).

### New Business

#### MGs by the Bay

1. We won't have cardboard underneath the cars this year.
2. Tom Doyle & Craig Kuenzinger will try to arrange for music over the PA system.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is Saturday, July 6 at Pier-15 Restaurant & Bar (15 Harbor Street, San Rafael 94901). After the meeting Clint Wright, owner of British Car Repair (142 Mill Street, San Rafael, CA 94901), has tentatively agreed to run a Tech Session for club members at this garage.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM

Submitted by Tim Polidoroff/Marcia Crawford



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# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

## June 1, 2013

**Introduction & Call to Order:** The meeting was held at the home of George Steneberg (9 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, CA). President Tim Polidoroff\* called the meeting to order at 9:45AM. Also attending were Stephen Born, Ken Bottini, Marcia Crawford, Tom Doyle, Mindy Hungerman, Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen\*, Steve Kellogg\*, Craig & Kim Kuenzinger, Don Malcolm, Dave McCann, Bob & Edie Shaheen, and George Steneberg\*. (\* Board member.)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** May 9, 2013 – Approved

### Reports

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Jacobsen reported on the balances of the checking and savings accounts:

Account	June	May
Checking	9,989.76	11,914.69
Savings	3,461.23	3,461.23
Total	13,450.99	15,375.92

Last month we had few MGsBTBay bills, but this month there were many. About \$2800 has been paid out for awards, the poster books, and the anniversary posters. The event posters were printed for free. We've taken in just over \$700 for the show in the past month. The T-shirt bill is the remaining large outstanding bill.

**Registrar's Report:** Mike Jacobsen reported the following membership numbers:

Category	June	May
Regular	205	199
Auxiliary	56	56
Corresponding	12	12
Associate	3	3
Total	276	270

Five new members and former old member renewed. We'd had some trouble getting name badges made, but that should be resolved now:

**Secretary's Report** (Randy Grossman) – None, on vacation (Marcia Crawford acted on his behalf on 6/1).

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** George Steneberg – No news to report.

**Regalia:** No news to report (David Wright was absent).

**The Octagon:** Mike is still waiting for the final bill from Jeremy Palgon.

**Website:** Steve Kellogg reported there was a problem with the June *Octagon* link in the e-mail blast announcement... this problem has been corrected. It appears that some members have missing or incorrect e-mail addresses. The following action items were agreed upon to resolve this issue.

**Action Item:** Steve Kellogg to generate a list of all e-mail addresses with errors and forward this to Mike Jacobsen.

**Action Item:** Mike to scan the membership roles to match defective e-mail addresses w/members names. Mike will also scan the membership roles to identify which members with no e-mail address listed.

**Action Item:** Tim will call everyone on Mike's list to verify the accuracy of our e-mail address records.

### Past Events

**Mt. Hamilton Drive:** Saturday, May 11, Ken Gittings – The event was enjoyed by all.

**Dixon show:** Sunday, May 19 – A number of MGOC members won awards... for details see Tom Doyle's article in *The Octagon*. A recommendation was made that Tom submit the picture he used in his *Octagon* article to Moss Motors for their consideration as future catalog cover art.

### Upcoming Events

**MGs by the Bay:** Sunday, June 2 – (All) The restroom key will not be available until about 8:30 AM... folks will have to make alternate arrangements until then. Volunteers are welcome and should report no later than 7:30 AM. Mindy Hungerman has agreed to act as club photographer for the event.

**Palo Alto Concours:** Sunday, June 30 – <http://www.paconcours.com/>

### Old Business

#### MGs by the Bay

1. Insurance certificate (Mike Jacobsen) – Done... sent to Kayla at The Livery.
2. T-shirts (Ken Gittings) – Done... new T-shirts were ordered and delivered.

# MG's by the Bay 2013

## The Winners Are ...

Class	Place	Owner	Car Type	Comment
A-TC	1	Terry Sanders & Cindy Weiss	47 TC	Black w/ Red
B-TD	1	Rod & Sue Schweiger	52 TD	Green/Green - Owned since 1974 - Recent re-restoration
B-TD	2	George Steneberg & Marcia Crawford	52 TD Mk II	Almond Green - Total body-off restoration - TD Mk II
B-TD	3	Molly & Tim Polidoroff	52 TD	Red - driven by Molly across country on the RallyeToReno
B-TD	4	Helen Hill	53 TD	Black - 1953 TD, red interior
C-TF	1	Steven & Vicky Kellogg	55 TF	Black
C-TF	2	Felix & Kimberly Lee	55 TF	Black - 3rd owner, triple black, weekly driver, third owner
D-MGA	1	Clark Lewis	60 MGA	Red - Frame on restoration and back on the road last month
D-MGA	2	Bill Becker & Wendy Taylor	60 MGA	White - MGA 1600
D-MGA	3	Les Stuart	60 MGA	Black - Owner-restored, daily driver
D-MGA	4	Jennifer Steneberg	56 MGA	Red
E-MGA Coupe	1	Andy & Maria Preston	60 MGA Coupe	Red
F-Early MGB	1	Tobin Dougherty	67 MGB	
F-Early MGB	2	Gerald Martin	65 MGB	Iris Blue
F-Early MGB	3	Robert & Edie Shaheen	72 MGB	Red - Supercharged rocket ship
F-Early MGB	4	Carl & Dian Brown	70 MGB	White - Owned since 1975
F-Early MGB	5	Don & Linda Schennek	72 MGB	Black
G-Late MGB	1	Ben Lenci	79 MGB-LE	Black - LE model
G-Late MGB	2	Robert Hultman Sr. & Bonnie Hultman	75 MGB	White - Restoration to street use
G-Late MGB	3	Paul & Denise Vreeburg	74½ MGB	Yellow - First year rubber bumpers and last year dual carbs
G-Late MGB	4	Herb & Judy Guidry	78 MGB	White
H-MGB/GT	1	Michael Romo	73 MGB/GT	Damask Red - OD Transmission, Air Con, Cruise Control
H-MGB/GT	2	David Hicks	69 MGB/GT	Pale Primrose
H-MGB/GT	3	Jim & Annie Brady	73 MGB/GT	Orange
I-Midget	1	Kim & Craig Kuenzinger	79 Midget	Red - Stock restored Midget, daily driver
I-Midget and walnut dash	2	Richard & Rose Butler	72 Midget	Blue - with black stripes, black interior,
I-Midget engine, flared fenders	3	Rance & Sally Ann Haig	67 Midget	Dark BRG - Restored completely, 1275
L-Pre-War	1	Eric Baker	36 PB	Blue over Blue
M-Saloon	1	Jim Phelps	58 ZB Varitone	Black & grey - Varitone model
Most Customized		Mindy & Eric Hungerman	71 MGB	Red - MGB V8 conversion
Daily Driver		Richard & Rose Butler	72 Midget	Blue - with black stripes, black interior, and walnut dash
Car You Would Like To Take Home		George Steneberg & Marcia Crawford	33 J2	Crackers & cream
Most Awards Won		Terry Sanders	11 Awards	
Longest Distance Travelled Cumulative		Lorin and Louisa Cuthbert	2600 miles travelled	
Most Shows Attended		Lance Klokkevold	16 Shows	
Most Cars Registered		The Stenebergs, George and Jennifer	38 Cars Entered	
Most Firsts		Gary Kennedy	10 First Place Awards	
P-Premier		Bob & Sue Luebbert	53 TD	





# BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD

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## Caravan to Corvallis for MG 2013 Oregon

Andy and Marla Preston will be leading a drive to the MG 2013 in Corvallis Oregon for MGOC and SSTS members who want to join them.

The trip will be divided into 2 days of easy driving arriving in Corvallis in the afternoon of July 17. Initial itinerary is shown below but subject to change.

**July 16** We will drive up 101 all the way to Crescent City for our overnight stop. We have reservations at the Anchor Beach Inn, 880 Hwy 101 South (800 837 4116) although there are several other motels in town. Please make your own reservations.

9:00 a.m. Depart Starbucks at 6277 Commerce Blvd, Rohnert Park.

12:30 p.m. Lunch stop in Fortuna CA

3:30 p.m. Arrive Crescent City, CA

**July 17** We will drive up Hwy 199 to Grants Pass where we join Hwy 5 (Hwy 199). We drive North on Hwy 5 to Eugene where we take Hwy 99W into Corvallis arriving in the afternoon.

8:30 a.m. Depart Crescent City, CA

12:30 p.m. Lunch stop in Cottage Grove, OR

3:00 p.m. Arrive Corvallis, OR

If you are interested in joining us please email Andy at [andypreston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andypreston@sbcglobal.net). Note all times are approximate and flexible.



## Swanton Tour

Join Melissa and me on July 13th for a fun-filled MG adventure to the Swanton Berry Farm in Davenport just North of Santa Cruz on the PCH. The jam is yummy, but the tour is so much more than just that. What else would you expect from your Captain of Fun!

We'll start off by meeting at 9:30 A.M. at the McDonalds in the Laurelwood Shopping Center (1206 West Hillsdale Blvd.) in San Mateo just off West Hillsdale Blvd. It's an easy exit from the San Mateo Bridge. There's a Jamba Juice and a Starbucks for you to get juiced and caffeinated. We'll be leaving there at 10:00A.M.

We'll head down Hwy 92 toward Half Moon Bay and then cut over to Hwy 35 and then onto Hwy 84. We'll go past Alice's Restaurant and La Honda Center and then stop at the San Gregorio Store for a restroom break, beverages, funky live folk music, and the most fun shopping adventure you'll have this summer.

From there It's a short jaunt down to the PCH, turn left and head on down the coast to the Swanton Berry Farm for fantastic jams, assorted chocolate candy, and cookies, and of course a rest-room stop. But don't lose your appetite, because lunch is just ahead back in Pescadero.

We'll drive back to Pescadero and try to get into Duarte's Bar (famous for artichoke soup, Olli berry Pie, and the best Bloody Mary in Northern California). There is also a nice outdoor BBQ with music that goes on across the street if we all can't all get into Duarte's.

The tour officially ends after lunch, but for those wanting to finish the day on a road built for MGs, follow us out of town North on Stage Road back to San Gregorio. The Road reminds me of driving in Great Britain. It's a beautiful narrow twisty road with lots of majestic views, but no rain, hopefully.

If you are interested in joining us please email Randy at [grossran001@comcast.net](mailto:grossran001@comcast.net) or call 415-518-5210

## MGOC MG's by the Bay 2013

### MGOC MGsBTB Submission by Mark McGothigan

**When:** June 2, 2013

**What:** I entered my long-time owned MGB in it's first car show. The recently restored 1975 Bracken MGB Jubilee edition still needs a winter in the detail bay to be a winner, but being there a great honor in itself, where we could celebrate our accomplishment of keeping one more beautiful MG on the road for another 40 years. We observed all the cars and details, chatted with MG gurus all day, and I probably learned more facts about the different models in one day than ever before.

**Who:** I brought Jorge Escobar with me, who made the restoration possible with his skills, network of talent, and determination so he could see his work amongst the finest MGs in the world. He said it was exciting and enjoyed it. I and my other friends did too.

**Where:** MGs by the Bay at the Livery, Danville, CA

**Why:** Because being able to roll my old MG in to your show with confidence that the car is presentable was a turning point in my tumultuous 35 year history with my car, a culmination after all we have been through together. For decades I kept saying, I going to fix that MG up, till it was a (non) running joke. Personally, this event was a triumph! -correction: MG.



### MGOC MGsBTB Submission by Dan Shockey

**When:** June 2, 2013

**What:** Introducing my lady friend to MGs and MG people

**Who:** My friend Thuy (pronounced "Twee")

**Where:** MGs by the Bay at the Livery, Danville, CA

**Why:** My MG friends are important to me



### MGOC MGsBTB Submission by Jim Lucas

**When:** June 2, 2013

**What:** The night before wife Patty and I were chaperones at the Pajaro Valley High School Senior Prom in Monterey (lasted until the wee hours of the morn!) Sunday morning I get Patty up at Oh-Dark Thirty, we drive like Banshees from Monterey to home in Santa Cruz where I drop Patty off and she continues her needed sleep while I truck over the hill on Hwy 17 then to Hwy 280 to 680 then up to Danville with a SCREAMING headache! As soon as I pull into the lot and see all of the MGs my headache is gone, I have a smile on my face like a TC radiator grill, and find my spot in the line up!

**Who:** Jim Lucas only (as Patty was getting her beauty sleep...not that she needs it but after an evening a boogying with high schoolers the night before she felt a two hour bumpy ride might not be the best for our 38th Wedding Anniversary weekend asking me if I wanted to make it to 39!)

**Where:** MGs by the Bay at the Livery, Danville, CA

**Why:** 20 years...it's an anniversary. A MAJOR anniversary! It was my wedding anniversary weekend and even though Patty didn't make this MGs by the Bay, I called her repeatedly throughout the morning to wax prolific about all the great cars while she told me if I called one more time that morning she was going to do something with our MG to me that would require a proctologist!

It was a great event that I had the time of my life!



## Finally!! A Neat Solution to Adding a Coolant Overflow Tank to a TD

By Del Aquila

This article presents an unobtrusive solution to adding a stainless steel coolant overflow tank into the limited space of the TD engine compartment.

For years, I had been looking for a decent, unobtrusive way to install a coolant overflow tank to my '51 TD, especially after hot weather driving, etc. I was constantly annoyed at having to monitor (once the radiator cooled down), and having to replenish the coolant lost through the overflow hose as a result of heat expansion. However, I was never able to locate an ideal tank on the marketplace, nor a neat way to mount it into my roadster.

That is, not until leafing through the back section from one of my Ford Model A automobile parts supplier's hefty catalog. Over a dozen years or so, this supplier has provided me with many of the parts I needed in the restoration of my 1931 Ford Model A coupe. There, in the Modified Equipment section, to my pleasant surprise, was the solution I was seeking.



I've attached a cutout from that catalog which describes the availability of various sized Stainless steel coolant recovery tanks; for my TD I used the tank with a 2" diameter and 13" long. I've also included a photo showing the actual installation that I used on my TD. Mounting brackets are included. All I needed to do was a minor modification of the bracket for a simple installation.

I completed the installation around the first of the year and have gone through a number of refueling fill-ups through this past week, which has been a hot one here in Santa Clara Valley. My radiator coolant level is maintained right to below the lip of the overflow tube. No coolant additions necessary.

BTW, an excellent article on the subject of "Expansion Tanks," "Coolant Recovery Systems," and "How the Coolant Works," as applied to MGB's / TDs by Dave DuBois is highly recommended.



Photos by Del Aquila

## MGOC Fashionistas



Gary and Janet Germano showing off their love for their matching MGOC's Official 2011 MGsBTB T-Shirts

(love the hats too)

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 RENDEZVOUS, SILVERTON, OR, 7/31-8/4  
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 MGOc ANNUAL PICNIC, 8/10  
 SCOTTISH GAMES, 8/31-9/1

### FALL



BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 9/14-15  
 ORINDA CLASSIC CAR SHOW, 9/20-22  
 DANVILLE D'ELEGANCE, 9/21-22  
 WINE TOUR, 9/28  
 SONOMA TOUR, 10/19  
 NIELLO CONCOURS AT SERRANO, 10/6  
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 MGOc HOLIDAY TEA, SAN FRANCISCO, 12/14

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## MGS BY THE BAY 2013 20TH ANNIVERSARY MONTAGE

