

# THE OCTAGON

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



Photo by Felix Lee

Samantha Lee's Halloween Pumpkin

## November 2010

# About *The Octagon* and MGOC...

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

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Information on the MGOC finances is available upon request from the treasurer.

## MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO *THE OCTAGON*

Your stories, photos, tips, questions, and anything MGOC-related are always welcome in *The Octagon*. Please make your contributions by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [mgowners@gmail.com](mailto:mgowners@gmail.com) or send them to: MGOC, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120.

## RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? Bob Stine is in charge of new member recruitment and can send you flyers. The Club roster is available to members from Mike Jacobsen upon request.

## MGOC.ORG

Upcoming events, MGOC history, photos, membership forms, *The Octagon*, and helpful links are posted on the Club Web site at <http://mgoc.org>.

# Forthcoming Events

### MGOC Events in bold

Nov. 19 – **Pub Night at On the Road Again**, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland

Nov. 21 – **MG Parts Exchange**, Fullerton, [Vintage MG Club](#)

Dec. 11 – **Holiday Tea**, Los Altos, Felix Lee



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# From the Editor...

*I see great things in baseball. It's our game - the American game. It will take our people out-of-doors, fill them with oxygen, give them a larger physical stoicism. Tend to relieve us from being a nervous, dyspeptic set. – Walt Whitman*

Inspired by Sam's baseball themed musings, and compelled by my own love of the game, I am moved to extend the metaphor between baseball and our club. As with Whitman's vision of baseball, the MGOC gets people out of doors, fills them with oxygen, and ...well...we can aspire to a larger physical stoicism.

*I've come to the conclusion that the two most important things in life are good friends and a good bullpen. – Bob Lemon*

Hall of Fame Pitcher Bob Lemon clearly got it right here. We all need great friends and great support behind us. What is the MGOC if not a community of friends with a shared interest? However, we lack depth behind the starting lineup of board members. But it's not for lack of talent. We're just waiting for the members to get in the game.

*People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring. – Rogers Hornsby*

When the baseball season ends each year, I ponder the long winter months ahead

and wonder how I'll make it through to opening day next season. There is also a distinct sense of disappointment upon parking the MG in the garage for the winter. But we don't have to stare out the proverbial window and wait for spring alone. Though the weather may not be suitable for your MG, the Club has a variety of off-season events for you to gather amongst friends.

*It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in spring, when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come, it stops and leaves you to face the fall alone. – A. Bartlett Giamatti*

And yes, baseball does indeed break your heart a little each year. Spring starts with hope, and fall usually leaves you disappointed and thinking about next year. Who among us has not had similar feelings about the MG project they failed to complete during the past driving season? But this year - *this year* – the San Francisco Giants have won a World Championship. Though I am a lifelong A's fan, even I feel the glow of a local victory. Perhaps a celebratory air and some good friends in the MGOC will help make the winter a bit shorter.

Jeremy Palgon

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# President's Ponderings...

## An Exciting Time

How many of you are suddenly rabid San Francisco Giants baseball fans? Okay, I admit it – I'm a fan too; but I have always had a soft spot for the game of baseball, having played hundreds of games through college. Now newspaper headlines across Northern California hail the Giants and everybody is into the Orange & Black, with thousands and thousands glued to televisions and leaving work for a parade.

Imagine a baseball team, a mere club, winning the World Series and generating such interest and excitement from so many people who really have no personal ties to that club. No skin in the game, so to speak. Sure, we might be fans; but aside from buying a ticket to attend a game, maybe buying a jersey or baseball cap, or watching a game on TV, we don't get to know the players. After all, they are members of an elite professional baseball club.

Not so with our club. Here in the MGOC, we are all members. We all have some vested interest, and we all share a common attraction – our cars. So too, we all have the chance to meet each other personally, to get to know each other, to become friends and lend each other a hand. Maybe a few of us would love to have the same chance with professional baseball players, but that is unlikely to happen.

Keeping with the baseball club metaphor, where nine players make up a starting baseball team, we too have *starters*. And, like a Major League Baseball team there are only a few starters among many members. A baseball team has 25 active players (during the play-offs there are 40). Each one of those players is available, at any time, to come in and help the starters.

We have an active roster of almost 300 members but, like a baseball team, we seem to have only nine members (or sadly fewer) who are willing to be the starters. We do need help: sometimes our star pitcher tires in the middle innings, or our power-hitting first baseman pulls a hamstring, or our sure-handed shortstop bobbles the ball and fails to turn-two. There are tough times (or at least busy times) we face, particularly when planning our major events. And we're planning many major events right now, so we could use some relief and help.

Indeed, this is a return to a common theme of mine in these monthly messages. I continue to ask that you get involved. Come attend a monthly meeting, or contact a board member and ask if you can help in some way. Trust me, we will welcome you and appreciate your assistance.

Right now many of us are Giants fans. Come on out and be a MGOC fan as well! We may not be world champions, but we're a pretty darn good club!

Regards,  
Sam Gearhart

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*Significant others are encouraged to attend, but please leave the young ones at home.*

*Please RSVP to Bill Hiland at 408-782-1100 or  
[bhiland@ontheroadagainclassics.com](mailto:bhiland@ontheroadagainclassics.com).*

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# The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual MG Parts Exchange



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**Sunday, November 21**  
**7 am to 1 pm**

**The largest all MG parts exchange in America is located in Fullerton at:**  
College Park, College of Communications, 2600 E. Nutwood Avenue,  
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**Closest Lodging:** (across street) Fullerton Marriott at Cal State University,  
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**Contact:** John Seim, 949-786-5697, [kingseim@earthlink.net](mailto:kingseim@earthlink.net)

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Photo by Andy Preston

Les Stuart and his 1<sup>st</sup> place MGA at the Cal Autumn Classic

**MGOC Holiday Tea & Toy Drive**  
**Saturday, December 11, 1-4 pm**  
**Felix & Kimberly Lee's Home**  
**Los Altos**

This year's holiday tea is in Los Altos at the home of Felix & Kimberly Lee. Come on over for some holiday cheer, join us in telling MG stories, and celebrate the season with Club friends.

The Club is again sponsoring a toy drive. Please bring a new unwrapped toy, which we will deliver to a local firehouse.

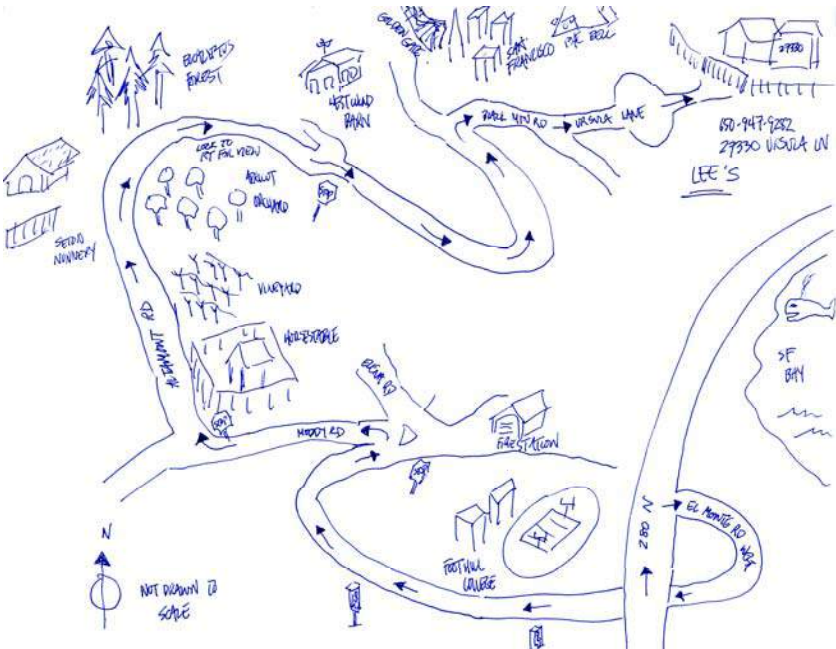
Please also bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvres to share. If you have a favorite tea, please bring that too.

**Location:** 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos

**Please RSVP to:** Felix Lee at 650-947-9282 or [flee@hancmg.com](mailto:flee@hancmg.com).

**Directions:** Take 280 and exit at El Monte Road. Go west on El Monte (follow the signs to El Monte W / Foothill College / Moody Rd). Turn left onto Moody Road. Stay right and continue onto Altamont Road. Turn Right onto Black Mountain Road, and then take a slight left onto Ursula Lane.

**Map:**





# Halloween Pumpkin Carving

By Samantha Lee

For Halloween this year I dressed as a Hill billy. I marched in a parade at school on Friday. I had a lot of fun at my church's harvest festival. I carved a pumpkin with my dad. We picked an MG pattern of our TF 1500 and the MG logo and traced it on the orange pumpkin. I cut off the top and had my dad scrape out the insides because it was too yucky! Then I used the dremel

rotary tool to carve out the letters, car, and the fine details. We were awarded the most "moving" pumpkin. I'm looking forward <sup>to seeing</sup> everyone at the Holiday Tea at my house and my dad promises to clean up his office and I promise to clean up my room. I'm making a slideshow for the party so please send Jeremy any pictures you may have.



Happy MG Holidays!



# California Autumn Classic

By Bill Meade

For only the second time in 18 years, the event faced a rainy Sunday for the show. Luckily, the Saturday Tour and dinner had beautiful sunny weather and over 60 cars participating. Sunday started out dry, but light intermittent showers kept the cars damp throughout the day. Special thanks to all who attended the 2010 California Autumn Classic and remained through the show even despite the genuine English weather!



Photo courtesy of Bill Meade

One hundred and fifty cars registered this year for the two day affair. The Concours featured some of the finest restorations, plus great daily drivers. There were lots of store front canopies along the Morgan Hill downtown streets, so car owners were able to stay dry. Many found themselves in conversations that might not have occurred had it not been for the rain bringing everyone together under the overhangs. Others enjoyed a dry afternoon while dining in one of the several cozy downtown restaurants. A temporary pop-up tent was erected for the drive-up awards, and all of the winning drivers still had broad similes as they were presented their trophies.

I started the event in 1993 because I saw no shows offering quality trophies to all of the many British marques and models. The original goal of this event was to get all British marque car clubs to join together and have a friendly time recreating an event like those held in the 1950s and '60s. The other purpose was to encourage daily drivers to be shown. "Trailer Queens", cars restored just for show purposes, have never been a part of the event; so the average car owner has a good chance to win.

To the disappointment of many appreciative supporters, I have announced that due to the decrease in registrations, limited support from local British car clubs, and a general shortage in event funding, I will not be able to put on the California Autumn Classic again. Though many people are discussing ways to keep the event alive, no firm plan has yet emerged. If the Autumn Classic is not put on again, it will have been the last multi-marque British sports car show in the Monterey Bay and inland areas; and it will be a loss to the many owners who enjoyed it. Thanks for your support and for 18 great years!

# Cal Autumn Classic Awards



Photo courtesy of Bill Meade

Rod Schweiger's MGB GT (above) and Craig Kuenzinger's Midget (below)



Photo courtesy of Bill Meade

Kathy Pierce's TD won the Preservation Class (below)



Photo by Warren Pierce



# Sonoma Wine Country Tour

By Sam Gearhart

On Saturday October 9, a brisk and cloudy morning dawned as a hearty group of MGOC, Sorry Safari, and North Bay British Car Club members met at Sonoma Valley Bagel & Café for Andy & Marla Preston's fall tour through the North Bay Wine Country. Despite a few members having faced a bit of rain just getting to Sonoma, twenty cars or so gathered for what turned out to be a great event.

Having learned only forty-eight hours earlier that Levi Leipheimer was leading a group of some 6,500 bicyclists through western Sonoma County that same morning, Andy & Marla adjusted our route to steer us around (and nowhere close) to the melee of two-wheelers.



Photo by Andy Preston

With a few minor adjustments to our route, we were off to our first stop, Kozlowski Farms. Once there, we finally got our first feel of the warm sunshine that was finally burning through the rather stubborn early cloud cover. The roads we traveled through the morning were lined by vineyards and trees – all turning to beautiful fall colors. At Kozlowski Farms, we browsed the wide variety of local jams, jellies, and sauces available. Quite a few participants purchased goodies to be enjoyed later.



Photo by Ken Gittings



Photo by Ken Gittings

Leaving the farm, we were off on a long and exhilarating ride that wound through the stunning scenery of western Sonoma County and the Russian River Valley to the Francis Ford Coppola Winery. A worthy destination all by itself, the Coppola Winery is filled with memorabilia from the famous director's long movie career (including the desk from *The Godfather* saga, the original Tucker automobile from the movie of the same name, and props from *Apocalypse Now* and many other films). One corner was set aside to display the many awards Coppola had earned over the years (including several Oscars). And by the way, the wines were quite appealing! After all, if you're visiting a winery you need to some sample some wines, right?



Photo by Andy Preston

From there we drove a short distance into Healdsburg to eat at Adel's Diner. Everyone had a bite to eat and talked of the ride (and any other subject that came up). With members from all three clubs along, it was a chance to meet new people and share experiences. After an enjoyable lunch, and with the autumn sun already long past its highest and warmest point in the sky, everyone headed off on their own way home. I'm certain everyone on the tour was satisfied, having shared a beautiful day and drive through one of the areas that makes Northern California such a great place to enjoy our cars and each other's company.

# NAMGBR General Meeting

## October 23, Reno, Nevada

By Bill Hiland

On October 22 I drove up to Reno to attend the Annual NAMGBR General Meeting at the Silver Legacy Hotel and Resort, picked to be the site for next year's All Register Meet. This event is held every five years as the National MG Meet. The staff of NAMGBR takes their yearly meets very seriously, and it showed with their attention to detail and thorough planning. Most of the officers are from the Midwest and traveled quite a distance to be at the meeting.

We gathered at the Brew Brothers Pub in the Legacy Friday night to get acquainted with the staff, while enjoying some very nice brews and food. Anticipating an early start Saturday, I turned in early (which also saved me from losing at the tables).

Saturday got under way with a tour of the three hotels that will be the headquarters for the event next June 11-14. They are just completing a full renovation of all the rooms, which are now very nice and modern. We then boarded a shuttle bus that took us to a county park just 1.5 miles from the hotels. The park has a very large and accessible grass area with trees for shade, toilet facilities, and plenty of room for vendors and up to 800 MGs. The different registries are planning lots of tours to places like to Lake Tahoe, Carson City, and even the local race track for some track related activities. It should be quite an event!

If you are not familiar with NAMGBR, it is the North American registry for MGB motor cars. There are over 3,500 MGBs in their registry. NAMGBR publishes a journal called *MGB Driver* six times a year, as well as a yearly *Service Recommendations & Mutual Aid Directory*. This is a very helpful directory as it lists MGB owners all over the country willing to help a fellow MGB owner should they run in to problems while traveling.

For a membership fee of just \$30 per year, it is a bargain for what you get in return. Check out their Web site at [www.namgbr.org](http://www.namgbr.org).



Photo by Bill Hiland

The car show field at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno



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Photo by Andy Preston

George Steneberg and Marsha on the Sonoma Wine Country Tour

# Don't Pass Up a Chance for a Hot Lap

By John Hunt

At the CSRG Charity Challenge, I decided to try a hot lap. A hot lap is actually three laps around the racetrack in the passenger seat of a race car (driven by the owner). Andy Preston has taken several hot laps, and he told me there's nothing like it. As you will soon read, it was not only a fun ride, it also got me thinking and researching a bit as well.

There are several reasons why I picked a Mini. I've never been in one, they can accelerate through corners and pass cars there, I liked the movie *The Italian Job* (both the original 1969 version and the 2003 remake are great car movies), and Minis have a connection with the MG factory in Abingdon. This is largely thanks to John Thornley, General Manager of the M.G. Car Company, who led the charge to reestablish the competitions department at Abingdon after World War II. Thanks to him all British Motor Corporation cars that had a race program were prepared, managed, and maintained out of Abingdon. I like to think some of the Abingdon magic was the final ingredient that put BMC cars over the top and into the winner's circle at races.

The Mini itself has an amazing history. You could fill books with stories about it, just like MGs. Allow me to share a few tidbits I thought were interesting. The Mini was designed by Alec Issigonis in 1959, and various versions of it were produced until 2000. During that time over 1.5 million Minis were sold in Britain alone. In 2000, BMW reintroduced the redesigned Mini; and in seven years, the Oxford Plant in England produced one million of them. I did find an interesting side note in the Wikipedia article about Alec: "Alec studied engineering at Battersea Polytechnic in London. He failed his mathematics exams three times and subsequently called pure mathematics 'the enemy of every creative genius'. After Battersea Polytechnic, Alec decided to enter the University of London External Programme to complete his university education." If that's true, it's a great example of perseverance and sticking to your goals. I think most people would conclude "maybe engineering is not my gig" after flunking a math exam for the third time. Just think what the world could have missed if Alec thought that way!

For the track laps, I picked a 1961 Mini (which I believe is a little smaller than the modern Minis). My first surprise, being 6' 2", was that I could fit into the car. Actually, once inside, it's quite roomy. I was fortunate to ride with Don Racine, who owns Mini Mania and has been racing his yellow Cooper S Bumble Bee for a number of years. It was like riding inside of a pocket rocket. I never knew you could take corners that fast! What can I say, it was awesome and Minis are a close second to MGs!

# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

## October 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Gearhart at 7:05 pm. Also attending were: Mike Jacobsen, Craig & Kim Kuenzinger, Jeremy Palgon, Bob & Edie Shaheen, George Steneberg, Bob & Robbie Trencheny, and David Wright.

The September minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance was good news again thanks to Mike Jacobsen.

Registrar's Report: We have 194 regular, 57 auxiliary and 9 corresponding and 2 associate members for 262 total members. Forty one people did not renew their membership this year and were dropped from the roster.

Secretary's Report: Nothing significant to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing significant to report.

Regalia: David Wright reports we have many left over 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dash plaques in inventory. Several members suggested we give the plaques to members at future events. A motion was passed to give the plaques to members and interested MG aficionados.

The Octagon: Mike Jacobsen will check with Brian O'Connor on the status of his *Octagon* ad.

### Past Events

Sonoma Wine Country Tour: George Steneberg reported that 23 cars participated in Andy & Marla Preston's Wine Tour. The tour group mostly managed to stay together through the day. Early reports are that no one got lost on the tour, which visited Kowalski and Coppola wineries. Last minute heroics by Andy saved the group from mingling with Tour de France cyclist Levi Leipheimer's Gran Fondo bike ride which was on the same North Bay roads.

CSRG Charity Challenge: The CSRG track event was a superb day that included four laps around Infineon raceway. Over 30 cars participated in the track tour. The Tesla roadster pace car and a Maserati were expected to be on the track, but neither car would start! People need to stick to the MGs.

### Upcoming Events

The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MG Car Club: is being celebrated on October 16-17. The MGCC of England is asking all the clubs around the world to host an event on those days, and post pictures and videos of the event to their Web site. The MGOC is hosting tour to the Cal Autumn Classic in Morgan Hill.

The MG 80 Event and California Autumn Classic: are on October 16 and 17.

NAMGAR 2011 Western Regional The first West Regional planning meeting is October 30 at Sam Gearhart's house. The MGOC is holding the three day event in October 2011. Sam will supply the first round of donuts. Members who want to help in planning the event should RSVP to Sam.

The Holiday Tea: and annual Toys for Tots collection is December 11 at Felix and Kimberly Lee's house in Los Altos.

## **Old Business**

### **Survey Recommendations:**

Article of the Month Award: Mike J. developed guidelines on *The Octagon* article submission program. Mike's draft guidelines were preliminarily approved and will be published in a future edition of *The Octagon*. The program will begin in January 2011.

Activities Director: Our new activities director is Patti Brennan. Patti and Sam will "co-direct" for a few months until Patti gets a handle on the job.

Annual Dinner: Sam and Patti visited Salute Restaurant in Richmond to consider it for the annual dinner. They liked the restaurant very much and are considering it for the event. The location is ideal and will hopefully draw members from the North Bay. Sam also proposed holding a brunch instead of a dinner, so the annual meal is still in flux. The board determined we need to make a decision by the November meeting.

MGs by the Bay: The board agreed to move the 2011 event to the first Sunday in May and keep the event at The Livery at Danville. The Club is discussing the possibility of holding a tour and locating an event hotel in the area for out of town visitors attending MGs by the Bay.

Club Shirts: There was no update on the status on MGOC shirts.

Web site: Robbie Trencheny discussed our current Web site and what modifications were possible.

Things the Club wants in a new web site include: better calendar functionality, better photo accessibility, web forums, videos, facebook group link, regalia listing, classified ads, and a bulletin board. All agreed that the Web site would be moderated by a web master to ensure the content is limited to club related information. A motion was passed to get Robbie to make suggested modifications to the Web site for the board to review. Robbie had several of the modifications complete by the end of the meeting.

The Club registered the MGOC.org domain on 10/14/2002 and is good for another two years.

## **New Business**

MGVR Reunion: CSRG and the MGVR are interested in having the MGOC join them as hospitality host for their MG 2011 Focus Event at Infineon Raceway. They expect 75 to 100 classic MGs at the event on April 10-11, 2011. No decision was made on supporting the event.

**CSRG Charity Challenge 2011:** CSRG is hosting another Charity Challenge in October 2011. We are considering having our Western Regional event the same date to increase the draw to our event. The charity event benefits the Sonoma County Children's Charity. No decision was made on supporting the event.

**Danville d'Elegance:** Craig and Kim Kuenzinger said six MGs were at the Danville d'Elegance in September, and two MGOC members won awards. Craig would like to have the MGOC advertise the event again next year, to encourage more Club participation. The event organizers were very happy to have MGs at the event. The event is a fund raiser for the Fox Foundation for Parkinson's disease. September 2011.

**Ride to Reno Tour:** The MG2011 event in Reno is having a Ride to Reno tour from the east coast. After the event, the tour continues on to San Francisco. The Club may assist with planning an event in the Bay Area for people on the tour. No decision was made on supporting the event.

**Next Meeting and Natter:** 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at The Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott Street, San Leandro.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Submitted by Bob Trencheny.



Photo by Ken Gittings

On the Sonoma Wine Country Tour

# Classified Ads

Ads are free to MGOC members and \$6.00 per month for non-members. Please send copy (and check **made payable to MGOC** if a non-member) to MGOC, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120. Members may also email ads to the editor at [mgowners@gmail.com](mailto:mgowners@gmail.com).

## Cars for Sale:

**1978 MGB**, one owner vehicle with 33,000 original miles. Garaged and covered more than driven, I have every receipt from the day it was purchased at British Motors in San Francisco late 1977. This car runs perfect, looks 98% perfect, and everything is original (including the perfect top). \$5,500 or best offer. I doubt if there's anything out there this "cherry". Contact Ed at (775) 846-1817 or [ednyfb@hotmail.com](mailto:ednyfb@hotmail.com).



**1975 MGB**. Blaze red, runs well, no smog necessary. New: top, seats, carpet, and paint. Rebuilt aluminum head. Dual carbs. Asking \$11,900. Contact Karen at (408) 564-0334.

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



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



**1973 MGB GT.** Nearly completed restoration. I redid the mechanicals, had body and paint done professionally. Upholstery is dark blue cloth as originally fitted. Has two nearly new six-volt batteries, correct rubber mats, and original carpeting. Has refurbished Rostyles with like-new 165-14 Dunlop radials. I have a professionally rebuilt OD gearbox, which is not installed, redone by Jerry Redmon of Napa Valley Auto Restorations. The car does need completion - some interior pieces need to be installed, and it needs some tidying. \$4,500. I'm in Napa Valley. Contact Member Don Scott at (707) 942-0546 or [don@napanet.net](mailto:don@napanet.net).

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



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



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

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

**MG TD parts: drive shaft** with u-joints, **front and rear shocks** and rear springs. I'm selling these items because I've upgraded my 1953 TD to a MGA rear end, brakes, and rear springs. \$100 or best offer for all. Contact Member Bob Luebbert at (510) 276-0365 or [r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net).

### **Wanted:**

**Pre-1968 MGB roadster.** Long-time MG nut seeking early B roadster. My preference is one that is a preserved original or one redone to original specifications; but I will consider most any steel-dash car, depending on its price and its needs. Contact Member Don Scott at (707) 942-0546 or [don@napanet.net](mailto:don@napanet.net).

**Information about a 1970 MGB:** My wife's first car was a light yellow (Pale Primrose) 1970 MGB with black interior and wire wheels. It was purchased new from E.F.Sweeney British Cars in San Rafael (although my wife lived in San Mateo). She sold the car in 1978 to friends of their neighbors, the Golightlys. Unfortunately, we have found the Golightlys passed away and thus we cannot get the names of their friends who purchased the car. The only pictures we have of the car was when it was new, and it has the original paper temporary dealer plate on the rear: 0752568. We would love to locate her original car. If we unfortunately cannot, we would like to buy one just like it. Any help would be extremely appreciated. Please contact Gary and Janet (Fulton) Germano at (650) 619-2706 or [garywgermano@hotmail.com](mailto:garywgermano@hotmail.com) if you have any information.

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# Club Meeting

## Natter & Noggin

### November 11, 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.

#### 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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