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THE OCTAGON

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



October 2014

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:

Third Annual British Fall Classic, Morgan Hill, logo sponsored by On the Road Again, Felix Lee

Club Meeting

Natter & Noggin
October 18, 2014
following the Sonoma Tour



A new process will be tried out this year will be to have all the Natter 'n Noggin Meetings to be held on Saturday Mornings in hopes of better attendance. As in last year, the venues will be changed throughout the Bay Area, North, South, East and West.

This meeting will be held at the Palm's Grill in Sonoma and hosted by Andy Preston.

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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 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 or 415-297-3456. [Posted 05/13]

For All Items Below: Please contact member: Dave Loader at loader.dave@gmail.com [Posted 09/13]
 - **MGB late overdrive transmission with gear lever and switch.** This unit has been rebuilt by Quantum Mechanics and never used. \$500 ono
 - **MGB PARTS. 5BRG crank,** 4 pistons/rods, engine/trans plate, trans mount/stay rod, sump, engine block +.040 rebore, new pistons +.040, inlet manifold, pulley. Make offer.
 - **MGA PARTS. 1600 camshaft,** flywheel, generator, inlet manifold, front engine plate. Make offer.

For All Items Below: Member Bob Luebbert at rluebbert@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



For All Items Below: Please contact member: Ken Gittings at a_67_bgt@yahoo.com or 510-791-8445 [Posted 10/14]

- **Tourist Trophy 14" Black Leather Rim Wheel W/3 Matte,** Drilled Spokes. \$180.00. Moss Part# 489-030, Must use Tourist Trophy/Moto-Lita adapter hub sold by Moss.
 - **One pair front springs for rubber bumper MGB,** used less than 10 miles, way to low for my GT. \$40.00
 - **One intake manifold w/ceramic coating for 1 3/4" SU,** Just the manifold!
 - **7/8" front sway bar, also 3/4" rear sway bar for MGBs**
 - **Steel dash for early MGB (63-67),** dash has been repaired and has wrinkle powder coat finish. \$190
 - **Used "Bad Boy" air horn,** yes it works. \$15
 - **Dual Weber intake manifold for cross flow head.** Intake manifold only!
 - **Trailer hitch for an MGB.**

Announcements:

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 (415-344-1101) or Mike Jacobsen (415-344-1101) for more information. [posted 06/13]



New and Used Parts Swap Meet / Bone Yard Sale: 2nd Saturday of the month starting January 11, 2013

- at Union Jack 13555 Depot Street, San Martin, CA 95046
 - call Marcello or John @ 408-686-1101 with any questions

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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 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 Steve Kellogg 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

October 5 – Blackhawk Cars and Coffee, Danville
 October 10 – Niello Concours at Serrano
 October 17-19 – Sierra Lincoln Memorial Highway Tour, SSTS
 October 18 – **Sonoma Tour**, Sonoma, Andy and Marcia Preston
 October 19 – **Tour D'Oakland**, Oakland
 November 2 – Blackhawk Cars and Coffee, Danville
 November 8 – **San Francisco Tech Session**, San Francisco
 December 13 – **MGOC Holiday Tea**, San Francisco, Mike Jacobsen and Elaine Chan

From the Editor...

... a means by which one can put out a fire ...

What do kitty litter, fire extinguishers, and Starbucks coffee all have in common? They all create a means by which one can put out a fire. And if they are all gathered at a corner in downtown Morgan Hill, that can only signal one thing. Yep, that's right, it time, once again, for the 2014 Third Annual British Fall Classic. The largest gathering of Classic British cars in the South Bay, hosted by members, Bill and Mary Hiland at, *On the Road Again*.

Baseball may have its World Series, football may have its SuperBowl, sailors may have its America Cup, but for owners of Classic British Cars in the South Bay Area, we have our British Fall Classic. This exceptional event celebrates all British classic sports and saloon cars, such as Rolls Royce, Bentley, Aston Martin, Austin Healey, Lotus, Morgan, Jaguar, Mini, Morris and, yours truly, MG. But, exactly what is it about British classic cars that evoke such a tremendous following? In many respects, a country's sports car reflects the culture of its people. In other words, American cars reflected the temperament of bulldogs, Detroit's V8 muscle, and built to be all powerful. Italian cars reflected the temperament of couture fashion style and a sexy flamboyance. German cars, with their high speed straight and wide autobahns, reflected a temperament of power and luxury. Japanese cars reflect the temperament of manga and robotics. British cars, however, are a different story, as no single statement can pin down how or why British cars are, what they are. This is reflected in the varied number of low volume manufacturers and design elements that somehow came together and just happened.

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Perhaps British cars were derived by the types of country roads that existed in the UK, which tended to be small and narrow. As such, British cars, like the Minis and Lotus, needed to have a certain compactness, in order to be nimble and agile, to dodge that occasional rabbit that might jump out in front of you at the last minute. Power was secondary.

Perhaps British cars were derived by the UK's well entrenched nobility, with its countless Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses, Lords, Dukes, Marquesses, Earls, Viscounts, and Barons, who were accustomed to special rights, privileges, and entitlements. As such, Rolls Royce and Bentley targeted this particular socio-economic class, introducing "social status" ownership into the equation.

Perhaps British cars were derived by the fascination with off-track speed and affordable accessibility to everyman ownership which propelled Jaguars, Austin Healeys, and MGs to the forefront.

In any case, the quintessential essence of an English sports car may never fit neatly into a single box, but when you experience it, you will know it. And events like the Third Annual British Fall Classic, allow us to experience it. Owner and spectator, alike. So, thank you, Bill and Mary Hiland, and the entire staff at *On the Road Again*.



Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- Just like the United Kingdom, classic British cars are a United Experience (Thanks Scotland, for keeping the United Kingdom, United)

Photo by Samantha Lee



1974 MGB GT Chrome Bumper California car restored 10 years ago and always garaged since. Body is a modified Black Tulip (very deep purple) color with navy blue interior. It has been customized to create a "late model" car look with chrome pieces powder-coated black except for the bumpers. Car features custom wheels with low profile oversized tires. (205/45V16).

Engine and drive train are stock. Engine has less than 10,000 miles since rebuild; head was just done this year by On the Road Again with new valves and guides. Carbs rebuilt by British Sports Car center with new throttle shafts. Engine runs well with strong acceleration.

Restoration included many new parts and pieces. All quarter panels were replaced and rust removed from internal structural panels. new bumpers front and rear; door and window seals replaced; Brakes rebuilt with new master cylinder, wheel cylinders and calipers; new navy blue interior panels, headliner, carpets, dashboard, wood steering wheel, windshield, and seatbelts. Hatchback and Hood lifters replaced with gas strut versions. Seats are deep blue from a 1990 Honda Prelude.

Asking \$10,000. Contact member Jim Carlson carlsonconsulting@comcast.net 408 802 0599 [Posted 09/14]



1974 MGB Tourer Rust-Free California car ready for the road. Very straight, glacier white, chrome bumpers, 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.



1976 MGB Roadster Orange with black interior (Giants colors). Vehicle has 22,000 original miles. 1800cc engine with Stromberg carburetor and 4-speed manual with electronic overdrive. Soft-top with tonneaus. AM/FM/CD stereo with removable face, remote control and MP3 interface. 15" PanaSport Aluminum Alloy hubs w/new tires. No rust and is fully restored to like new condition in and out. It is currently registered in California. Asking \$14,500. Contact Member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at wtdoyle@cox.net. [Posted 02/14]



Wanted:

Dashboard for Mk2 MGA, any parts you might have Mk2 MGA, 14-inch wire wheels that are in good-excellent condition for MGB. Don Scott; 707 942 0546; don@napanet.net. [Posted 06/14]

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. [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. [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.

Cars for Sale:

1949 MGTC has a rebuilt engine with very few miles on it. The car has also been rewired with a new wiring harness. The car has been painted to the original color. The car has a new top and side curtains and original tool kit. The wood in the doors is in good condition. The compression in the engine is about 120 in each cylinder. I have been told that if it is driven more that number will come up higher. As to the value of the car depending on who you talk to, the price range is from \$25,000 to \$35,000. I will accept \$25,000 or more. Contact Member Larry Matthews at 415-999-2362 [Posted 08/13]



'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. [posted 06/13]



1967 MGB roadster. Original CA car with paperwork back to its first sale. I am 3rd owner. Odo shows 83,562 which I believe is accurate. Pale primrose w/black leather and contrasting white piping. Overdrive. New seats from Moss, new carpets professionally installed, new SU carbs, new exhaust, new bumpers. I cannot see any signs of rust on this car, nor rust repairs. \$10,500. Don Scott; 707 942 0546; don@napanet.net. [Posted 06/14]



1967 MGB GT. This is pretty much an all original, (except for the first two years) a one owner car. Purchased new in San Rafael, CA, from the local British Car Dealer. I purchased this car about a year ago, and have receipts for about \$6,500 of various items repaired by my mechanic, including a rebuilt transmission. The car had not been driven much for the past several years. I bought the car as a gift for my Brother, but, due to his extremely bad tennis hips, he has extreme difficulty getting in and out. Price \$8,375.00*



Contact Robert chevaili@gmail.com (415) 441-7699 [Posted 09/14]

President's Ponderings ...

Hello! Once again, I'd like to start with some thanks and kudos. Specifically to Bill Hiland and the many volunteers that helped make the third annual British Fall Classic, held in Morgan Hill on the weekend of September 13th, such a big success. Bravo! Unfortunately, Molly and I could not be there to join in the fun as we were back East in Watkins Glenn, NY and Auburn, ME to enjoy the 60th anniversary of the Collier Brothers Memorial Trophy Race and the 50th anniversary of the New England MG-T Register.

Next, for those who missed my announcement at our September General meeting, this is to share that I'm resigning my post as your MGOC President effective December 1st. Molly and I will be moving to Fort Pierce, FL where she'll be taking on a position with "Save the Chimps" (<http://www.savethechimps.org>) a non-profit organization that provides sanctuary for chimpanzees – like "April" pictured here - rescued from research laboratories, the entertainment industry, and the pet trade. Vice President Steve Kellogg will serve as acting President until annual elections are held.

Finally, this is to announce that our next General Meeting will be held at the Palm Grill in Sonoma on October 18th after the conclusion of Andy and Marla Preston's "Sonoma Tour." I hope you'll join me in attending.



Regards,
Tim Polidoroff
MGOC President



Move over Tesla, recently spied All Electric MGB GT

Photo by Lee Sheldon

Meet our Newest Member

First MG in Mendocino County

By Ted DeJung

Samantha Lee: Where did you grow up?

Ted DeJung: I grew up in Sonoma County

SL: What was your family car?

TD: My first car 60 years ago was an MG TD

SL: How did you become interested in MG cars?

TD: My first car (1953 MG TD) was the first MG in Mendocino County

SL: How did you hear about MGOC?

TD: Through a friend

SL: What kind of MG car do you drive?

TD: 1954 MG TF

SL: What is your most favorite thing to do in your MG?

TD: Drive it and polish it

SL: Have you ever broke down in your MG?

TD: Not yet

SL: What is your funniest MG story?

TD: Pushing it down the drive, it got away and ran over my foot

SL: What upgrades have you make to your MG?

TD: Chrome wire wheels

SL: My favorite color is green, is yours red?

TD: Red

SL: I noticed that you drive on the wrong side, what's the story behind that?

TD: All MGs made for private use in England are RT hand drive

SL: I noticed you have short little rounded windows, what's up with that?

TD: The Brookline racing screens are temporary since I broke the windshield when removing it

SL: Where is the furthest you have ever taken your MG?

TD: Cloverdale, Sonoma County

SL: Is your MG a "daily driver?"

TD: Not a daily driver

SL: What's the next repair job you have in mind for the MG and will you be doing it or having someone else do it?

TD: New wiring, not sure yet

SL: What MG event would you like to help plan?

TD: Not sure yet

SL: Will you be at any future MGOC events? Which one?

TD: Don't know yet

SL: Nice, Thank You



Photo by Ted DeJung

Business resolved Online since Last Meeting - None.

New Business

- 1) A nominating committee needs to be formed in advance of December's Officer Elections - no action taken.

Announcements

- 1) Bob Luebbert announced that SSTS has a Boxing Day Drive on 12/26. More information will be published in the next Octagon.
- 2) Paul Vreeburg asked if members might be interested in a wine bottling event. He will look into the particulars and give further information.
- 3) President Tim Polidoroff announced that he will be resigning his MGOC President's position on December 1st as he and his wife will be moving to Florida. Vice President Steve Kellogg will serve as Acting President until a new President is elected and installed.

Next Meeting – October 18th in conjunction with the MGOC Sonoma Tour.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am

Submitted by Marcia Crawford/Tim Polidorof



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MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Mimi's Cafe at 2208 Bridgepointe Pkwy, San Mateo
September 20, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Present: Tim Polidoroff*, Ken Gittings, Bob Luebbert, Mike Jacobsen, Jim Carlson, Felix Lee, Eric Baker, Victoria Baker, Vigo Riddersholm, Rod Lum, Paul Vreeburg, Rob Wamstad, Josh Whitehouse, Ernie Bryson, George Steneberg*, and Marcia Crawford. Marla Preston* participate by phone. (* Denotes Board Member)

September MG Mileage Winner: Paul Vreeburg from Santa Cruz won this month's free breakfast for driving his MG the furthest to the Foster City meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting, August 9, 2014 – Approved

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Marla Preston

Account	September 2014	August 2014
Checking	\$10,247.19	\$10,810.65
Savings	\$3,461.99	\$3,461.90
Total	\$13,709.18	\$14,272.55

Since the last Treasurer's Report we have paid the August and September Octagon Printing charges of \$345.69 and the cost for the annual picnic of \$374.77.

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg - Could not attend, but sent a message that there are still 30 members who have not renewed their memberships.

Secretary's Report: Dan Shockey (N/A, Could not attend the meeting)

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George Steneberg - Received two flyers which he passed around. Orinda Classic car show, Oct 19th. And, a commercial company offering to create and apply your logo to metal cabinets.

Regalia: David Wright (N/A, Could not attend the meeting):

The Octagon: Felix Lee – Encouraged everyone to keep sending articles, etc. to him.

Website: Steve Kellogg (N/A, Could not attend the meeting)

Past Events

- 1) Tech/Help Session San Carlos, 8/16: Member Mark Cox said there was only one sign up so the event was canceled. (FYI, Mike Jacobsen reported that Mark was subsequently able to remove and re-install his MGA engine by himself.)
- 2) British Fall Classic Morgan Hill, 9/13: According to Bill Hiland it was another great show with about 145 cars participating.

Upcoming Events

- 1) Danville Concours d'Elegance, 9/21
- 2) Blackhawk Cars and Coffee, Danville 10/5 & 11/2
- 3) Niello Concours at Serrano, 10/10
- 4) MGOC Sonoma Tour, 10/18 (Sponsored by Andy and Marla Preston)
- 5) MGOC General Meeting, 10/18 (To be held in conjunction with the Sonoma Tour)
- 6) Tour D'Oakland 10/19 (Details for this event still need to be confirmed.)
- 7) San Francisco General Meeting/Tech Session, 11/8 (Event to be sponsored by Mike Jacobsen. Location and topic information will be published in the October Octagon.)
- 8) MGOC Holiday Tea, San Francisco, 12/13 (Sponsored by Mike Jacobsen and Elaine Chan).
- 9) TBD, Pajaro Dune. (Jim Carlson has offered to host a future MGOC meeting at his Pajaro Dunes beach home. The club will work with Jim to schedule a spring 2015 date for this event.)

Old Business

- 1) At the last meeting the Club voted to send \$50.00 gift to Oakland Aviation Museum as a token of appreciation. Marcia will check with Marla to see if this check has been sent.

Catching Up on Classic British Sitcoms

British Sitcoms feature British Culture and British Cars

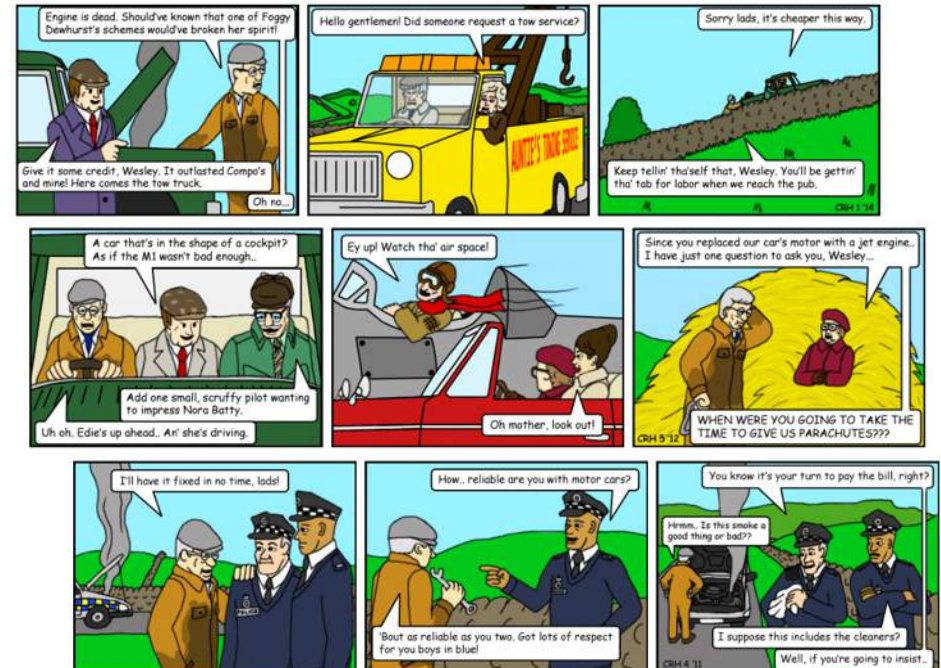
By Marty Ray



I have come to believe that it can be helpful in understanding the cars we like, to learn and understand some of British culture, and especially the elements of it that go back a ways. In case any of you were not aware of it, the sit-com "*Last of the Summer Wine*," features wonderful material on British culture, lovely views of the countryside, and occasional views of classic (and some ordinary) British cars in their element. Even a mechanic type side character (Wesley).

This sit-com ran from 1973 to around 2010, and is on record as the longest running sit-com of all time. Its main story line concerns the misadventures of a trio of retired old guys who are free to roam around and get in all sorts of trouble. The material is all very nice, much of it very funny, and not so much with the obscure types of British humor, but just genuine humor. The original trio consisted of Bill Owen as the scruffy and childlike Compo Simmonite, Peter Sallis as deep-thinking and meek Norman Clegg, and Michael Bates as authoritarian and snobbish Cyril Blamire. When Bates dropped out due to illness in 1976 after two series, the role of the third man of the trio was filled in various years up to the 30th series by the quirky war veteran Walter "Foggy" Dewhurst (Brian Wilde). The 3rd character later has 2 other actors and 2 other personalities.

Although this show is no longer running, it can be found occasionally on TV, but it can also be found on-demand, on YouTube, on the web. This would be a good thing to play at some of our events, too. Use Google, and search on "YouTube last of the summer wine", perhaps with additional words, like "episodes" etc., and you'll find it. <http://mst3claye.deviantart.com/gallery/24461709/Last-of-the-Summer-Wine-Comic-Strip>





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SONOMA TOUR 2014

October 18, 2014

- meet at 9:30 am for a 10:00 am departure

This is a Rain or Shine tour and if raining bring a car with wipers. This year we will be heading east over Sonoma Mountain and down into the Napa Valley. We'll drive through the Valley of the Moon, Glenn Ellen and then gradually climb Sonoma Mountain on one of my favorite Sonoma county roads, Trinity Rd. The views as we descend Oakville Grade of the Napa Valley below are fabulous. Our first stop will be in Yountville where we will have time for a coffee or browse the shops.

We will then head back towards the Town of Sonoma through vineyards and less travelled roads to our lunch stop at the Palm's Grill. We have a private dining room and can order off the open menu. The menu is extensive and the food is reasonably priced.

After lunch feel free to stroll around the historical Town of Sonoma where you can shop, visit historical sites or do some wine tasting at the numerous winery tasting rooms.

ORGANIZERS:

Andy and Marla Preston: 707-795-3480, RSVP by October 15 marlapreston@hotmail.com

MEETING PLACE

Starbucks, 3100 Lakeville Hwy, Petaluma, S.E. corner of Lakeville and S. McDowell BLVD

- Take 101 north and exit at the Lakeville Hwy exit, (E 116 towards Sonoma Napa), turn left at the traffic lights onto Lakeville Hwy. Starbucks is 1 mile on the right.

From wherever you are: **DIRECTIONS**

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Winner's Circle

1ST PLACE

James Christian - XKE
Peter Madsen - MK IX
Robert Krantz - XJ6C

Jim and Kren Bull - Traveler

George Steneberg
Richard Kahn - BJ8
Bill Meade - 100M

Dick Zorker - TR3A
Bryant Paulsen
Craig McAmis - TR6
James Lyons - TR7

Larry Swackhamer - J2

Robert Luebbert - TD
John Batterton - TF1500
Sarah Johnson-Gutter
Don and Janet Smith
Bill Bayliss

Brian MacInnes - Sprite MKIV

George Barry - Heritage C Type Replica

Jim and Joanna Rogers - 2000

Stuart England - MKII

Steven Ponsi - Plus 8

Neal Kirkham - Bentley DH Coupe

Ross Hulse - Tiger

Phil Endliss - Jaguar XK8

John Carey - Rolls Royce 20HP

2ND PLACE

Eric Schultz - XKE Series III
Jan Williams - XK120 DHC
Troy Witzel - Jaguar XJ6C

Gene Diucicco - Woodie Wagon

Larry Miller
Robert Blair - MK III
John Grosso - 100-6

Frank Baumann - TR3A
Emile Dell'Aquila
Steven Polkabila - TR6

Larry Long - J2

Don and Maris Cowgill - ED
Boris Gruzman - TF1500
Scott Johnston
Ryan Twelves
Melinda Mogelluzzo

Christian Rowcliffe - Midget

David Lenzi - Super Seven

Andrew Malone Sports 6 Vitesse

David Lund - JH2

Jess Bregman

Robert Blake - RR Corniche II Drophead

Don Whitely - Tiger

Joe DeBattista - Jaguar XJR

Greg Trewin - Austin Healey Bugeye

3RD PLACE

Norman Weinfield - XK140 DHC

Dennis Dal Poggetto - Traveler

Curtis Parisi
Roger and Donna Hawk - MK III
Roger Quiring - 3000 MK III

William Gee - TR3B

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Michael Hart - TR7

Don Shockey - PA Midget

Emile Dell'Aquila - TD
Felix and Samantha Lee - TF1500
Tim Moriarty
David Marsh
Bill Mourox

Bob Freitas - Midget

Pete Snyders - Anglia

David Halsor

Paul and Elso Dacosta / Kennedy

David Wilson - RR Corniche

Doug lyle - Tiger

Pieter Kapsenberg - Evora S

Justin Gros - TR4 Surrey Top

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