

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 each month, after a Saturday Tour or 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:

A Well Traveled '49 MG TC ... and the Dings to Prove It! Steve & Linda Simmons' '49 TC, Rohnert Park, GOF West 2015, Samantha Lee

Club Meeting

Annual Picnic, BBQ, Swim
August 22, 2015

Natter and Noggin'



This month's Club Meeting will be held during the MGOC Annual Picnic / BBQ / Swim

Time: 11 a.m. Meeting, 12 p.m. Picnic / BBQ / Swim

Location: 107 Wilder Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 / president@mgocsf.org or "enroll" for the event online at www/mgocsf.org



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Chrome Wheels: Five chrome, spline-type 15x4.5 wheels with Dunlop tires. Wheels have 48 spokes. 14,000 actual miles. Two wheels need a couple of spokes each. They were on a TF with MGA front and rear axles. Asking \$950. Contact member Elliott Sopkin: elliottsopkin@gmail.com. Posted 05/15]

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 (415-518-5210) or Eric Baker (510-517-2165) 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? The Club roster is available to members from Steve Kellogg upon request.

MGOC.SF.ORG

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

Forthcoming Events

MGOC Events in bold

- August 2 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- August 10-16 – Monterey Motoring Classic Week
- August 12 – The Little Car Show, Pacific Grove,
- August 16 – Pebble Beach, Concours d' Elegance
- August 22 – William Morris' Death (08/22/63)
- August 22 – **MGOC Annual Picnic, BBQ and Swim, Club Meeting**, Los Gatos, Steve and Vicky Kellogg
- September 1 – MG Car Company transfers to Abingdon-on-Thames (09/29)
- MG TB introduced (09/39)
- September 4 – Cecil Kimber marries Irene "Rene" Hunt (09/04/15)
- September 5 – Scottish Games, Pleasanton
- September 6 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- September 12-13 – **Fourth Annual British Fall Classic**, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland
- September 20 – Danville Concours d' Elegance, Danville
- September 25 – MG EX 127 Magic Midget achieves 101.1 mph at Montlhery (09/25/31)
- September 26 – **Mount Diablo Tour, Club Meeting**, Livermore

From the Editor...

For Pete's Sake, these are MGs, not Maytags!

Up until now, my qualifications for anything "MG Expert" related was pretty rudimentary. In other words, if your MG is acting funny or you have a question about a mysterious leak and you are looking for some "MG Expert" technical advice ... well, I am probably NOT, your man. I pretty much know how to check 3 fluid levels, tire pressure, and turn a key. But, I do have a wife who is pretty good at baking special 90th Anniversary cakes and two daughters who can take semi-focused, below eye level, pictures, and handwrite articles, on a moment's notice, in exchange for a slice of pizza. However, someone must have taken recent notice of what we've been doing electronically, because I, of all people, was asked to give an afternoon talk, at the GOF West 2015 in Rohnert Park, on Social Media and Present Day MG Car Clubs. In other words, if you have a photoshop, newsletter, Apple Mac or Facebook question, well then, I AM, your man.

My talk followed a historical outline of how MG clubs have communicated with its members, over the years. We covered early informal Natter & Noggin' meetings by "word of mouth," published newsletters by "word of print," email blasts by "word of electronic," Facebook sharing by "word of posts," and instant messaging by "word of tweet." I shared our Octagon newsletter experience of how we brainstorm different features each month to keep interest up and expand our readership beyond just, the Bay area, through electronic social media, to our following, across the pond, in the UK. In fact, when I release the electronic editions, just after midnight, Pacific time, on the 1st of every month in the US; it apparently arrives, just in time, for UK'ers, as they are sitting down for breakfast. Several Brits, have emailed me back at 1 a.m. , Pacific Time, in order to thank us, for their morning reading material.

MG

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MGTC.....	185.00	185.00
MGTD & TF.....	185.00	85.00
MGA, MGB, MGC, Midget.....	108-125	75.00
HEAVY DUTY UPGRADE.....	10.00	10.00
SHOCK LINK (New or Rebuilt)	\$call	

BRAKES: sleeved and rebuilt

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MGB, Midget master 1968-80.....	\$95-145.00
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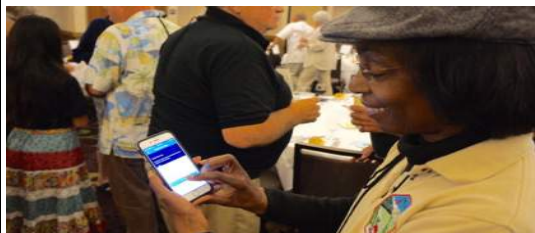
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When asked, how I come up with articles of interest each month? I simply replied, "well, we poke fun at our members who have suffered mechanical breakdowns and award them the Burnt Spark Plug Award." I believe, the secret of our success, has been to sensationalize other people's embarrassing mechanical mishaps. For some reason, people like to read about other people's problems. Plain and simple. It is why we have The Enquirer, People Magazine and Reality TV shows. It's just human nature. And as an MG Club, we have plenty of stories. For Pete's Sake, these are MGs, not Maytags!

Several follow-up questions had to do with how one sets up a Facebook Club page, and how to administrate it, while taking advantage of all the free, enterprise level, useful informatics, that are collected about our readers, such as: age, location, time of day they check in, and what articles attracted the most interest. Needless to say, I finally felt like I actually contributed something of significance to our club. And for that, I am very grateful for their invitation, to be a GOF speaker.



Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- Zelda Davis, President, Southern
CA MG Club, getting ready to
launch its new Facebook page!
3 ... 2 ... 1 ... **CLICK!**



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



1970 MGB GT for restoration or parts. Overdrive transmission, 5 powder-coated wire wheels, new rear leaf springs, approximately 50K miles on complete engine rebuild (block rebored only onc). Car was driven regularly through 2006, maintained by R. H. Reddy at MG Service in Kensington. Needs body work. \$3K or best offer. Contact Glenn Fieldman at glenn@sfsu.edu 415-570-1738 [Posted 06/15]



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]



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 tonneau. 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:

MGA Mk II and MGB Mk I, also interested in purchasing parts for MGA and early metal-sash MGB. Don Scott; 707 942 0546; don@napanet.net. [Posted 05/15]

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]

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. For sale at \$26,500. Contact Member Larry Matthews at 415-999-2362 [Posted 03/15]



1953 MG TD, Collector owned for 30+ years, original 1250 cc rebuilt motor with 57 hp and a top speed of 80 mph. New MG 5 speed transmission, new front disc brakes, 4.1 rear end, original MG wire wheels, early MGB suspension, side windows, original gauges, refinished dash, new paint and interior finished in the original color Kaki with Agate Brown fenders, almost new Tan top. There are a ton of extra parts that go with the car. This car runs great, no rattles, dependable and a great investment. Zero rust and rust repair. #228019. Asking \$24,900. Contact Myles Taketa at m_taketa@yahoo.com or 408-221-1702.



1953 MG TD, Matching numbers. Red with red interior. Older body-off restoration, still in excellent condition. Runs and drives great. Soft top with side curtains, tonneau cover, luggage rack, fog light. \$19,250. Contact member Philip Steward philip9235@gmail.com or 408-741-5956 [Posted 08/15]



1961 MGA1600. runs great and has new paint and interior. Black exterior and tan interior. I have the hardtop repainted also, but the soft top is not restored. I have records of all improvements over the last 10 years. Stored in Berkeley. Price \$14-16,000

Contact member Josh Oliver joshholiver@gmail.com or 510-710-7883 [Posted 04/15]



1966 MGB Roadster, reliable driver car cover (black) and new top (black), toe is fully removable for storage, new Simpson 3 point shoulder harness / seat belts, chrome air filters, AM/FM radio, British Racing Green, Michelin 185/70 R14 tires, car inspection report available from when bought, all maintenance / repair work done by On the Road Again, replaced muffler / water pump / shocks / brakes / pads / rotors and various other items. All copies of work available. \$12,800 invested, selling for \$8,250 OBO Contact member Paul Hughes paul_hughes@sbcglobal.net [Posted 05/15]



President's Ponderings ...

Hello MGCers,

It's an Adventure!! Seems like, whenever I drive our MGs, it feels like an adventure. I mean the good kind, as they both (knock on wood frame) have been driving pretty darn good this year.

Traveling up the coast to Fort Bragg was a blast, as I had a wonderful time on the Nor Cal Coast Tour. I think the funniest thing I heard was from Mike Jacobsen, who said it was the first time he can remember in a long time driving to Pt. Reyes Station under the speed limit. Well, I thought I was flying down the road. Oh well, with these cars it's more fun to drive slow cars fast than to drive fast cars slow.

Hope to see you on Saturday, August 22 at our Annual Picnic BBQ. It should be nice and toasty warm in Los Gatos, so bring your swim suit and floaties. The club will be provided the beverages and some snacks. Please bring your main dish to cook on the barby and a side dish to share.

Safety fast!
Steve Kellogg



MG Award

Meet and Greet or Most Gregarious Award

By Samantha Lee

On the week of June 16-19, I went to Rohnert Park for GOF West. My dad and I drove to the DoubleTree hotel and checked in. The host gave me a chocolate chip cookie and said they were free. So I got one everyday. Then I relaxed in the hotel room. I got a registration bag that had information for the week and an "MG" (Meet and Greet) booklet. We had to fill the book by meeting and greeting people during the week. I would ask them about their MGs and get their signatures. The person who had the most signatures would be rewarded as the most gregarious (MG). My dad told me that it would be a good idea to get a lot of signatures.

After that, my dad and I went to the orientation and then to dinner at Olive Garden with some friends.

The next day we went out to the Car Show. I went around, saw all the cars, and started collecting signatures. While I was getting signatures, I met someone named Zelda Carolyn Davis. She is the President of the Southern California MG Club.



She has a white MGB and had driven all over the United States. She had a map with all the cities she has driven to. Zelda got the Sacajawea Award for the woman who drove the furthest. We helped her with her Facebook page. I also got signatures from all the people in the MGOC, even though I already knew them.

The next day there was a rally scheduled, however, my dad woke up too late, and we missed it. He gave a talk about social media. I got more signatures at the talk. There was an auction and two dinners. I was usually able to get a whole table to sign my book. I collected signatures in the lobby whenever anyone walked by. I got to meet a lot of people.

On the last night I handed in my MG booklet and met President Lawrie Alexander. He told me I did a good job. He called me up to give me an award for completing my booklet. It was an "MG" Award for **Most Gregarious**. Thanks to everyone who signed my book. I had a great time meeting everyone.



Photos by Felix and Samantha Lee

PAST EVENTS

NorCal Coast Tour – well received – folks seem to have a good time. Will look at repeating next year possibly with an extra day added on to go to Eureka or farther south (San Simeon). Better time to travel is spring or fall to avoid heat.

Expenses:

Binder printing	\$18.71
Dinner at Silver's 28 @\$35.56	\$995.66
Pizza Reception Items	\$124.27
Pizza	\$300.78
Pizza Tip	\$20.00
Chandelier Tree	\$30.00
Total Expenses	\$1,489.42

If refund goes to Bob Luebbert for not attending then Net Loss is \$194.41.

Bob had cancelled the Thursday prior and said he would understand that he may not receive a refund. Magnets \$105 were gratis of Steve Kellogg and Kirk Prentiss.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 14 – 16 Canadian MG Jaguar Club Annual Heritage Classic – Vancouver, BC
- August 22 – MGOC Picnic and Barbecue – Kellogg House, Los Gatos
- September 12 & 13 – British Fall Classic – Morgan Hill
- September 19 – British Swap Meet – Formerly in Hayward – now in Danville at Blackhawk Museum
- September 26 – Natter n Noggin Meeting – Need Venue in the East Bay!
- October 17 – Natter n Noggin Meeting – Need Venue in the North Bay!

OLD BUSINESS

Door clings or magnets: A request was made for door clings or magnets with the MGOC logo. Dave McCann, who had the Rallye to Reno door signs made, said that he got those from Rallye Productions, the same place that makes the MGsBTBay dash plaques for us. Mike will get a quote for a size of approximately one foot square.

MGs by the Bay: Committee members for MGsBTBay 2016 to be set up by November 2015.

NAMGAR GT-42: Mike Jacobsen – NAMGAR has signed the hotel contract, so we're set for Sunday, June 18 through Friday the 23rd. Next up is to finish the committee assignments. Here's what we have so far:

Job	Name	MGOC	PBCC
Host Committee Co-Chairperson	Mike Jacobsen	X	
Host Committee Co-Chairperson	Lorin Cuthbert		X
Publicity		X	
Registration	Mike Jacobsen	X	
Hospitality			X
Car Show			X
Regalia	Andy Preston	X	
Activities	Lorin Cuthbert/Ken Palmer		X
Food	Louisa Cuthbert		X
Finance	Marla Preston	X	
Vendors	Randy Grossman	X	
Tech Sessions	John Wright		X
Web Site	Steve Kellogg	X	

Another thing we need to do soon is develop a logo. Ideas, suggestions, and sketches welcome! We need that before we can work on regalia.

NEW BUSINESS

A proposal to donate \$200.00 sponsorship to British Fall Classic was tabled because there wasn't a quorum for voting on expenditures. Same action for authorization to spend up to \$100 on the Annual Picnic.

BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andy & Marla will be attending the All-British Heritage event in British Columbia next month.

NEXT MEETING – Saturday, August 22, Los Gatos, time TBD.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:20pm

Submitted by: Mike Jacobsen

MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Mike's Museum, San Francisco

July 25, 2015

Call to Order: 9:50am by President Steve Kellogg

Attending: Mike Jacobsen, Steve Kellogg, Andy Preston, and Keith Shukait.

July Mileage Winner: Not applicable.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting, June 18: Approved.

REPORTS

President's Report: Steve Kellogg – Busy Summer Driving Season – NorCal Coast Tour was fun.

Vice President's Report: Andy Preston – Thanks to Steve & Vicky Kellogg for the club's first overnight trip in ages.

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston

Account	July 2015	June 2015	May 2015	April 2015
Checking	9,329.51	8,728.14	9,326.99	8,223.79
Savings	3,462.85	3,462.77	3,462.68	3,462.59
GT-42 2017	200.00	200.00		
Totals	12,992.36	12,390.91	12,789.67	11,686.38

There has been a lot of good news since the last Treasurer's Report. I mentioned to some of the attendees of the GOF that we had finally received our tax exempt status from the IRS. It was a big task and many thanks to all who helped me, mainly Tim Polidoroff, Mike Jacobsen and Andy Preston. Renewals have been rolling in steadily and no one seems to mind the slight increase in the renewal amount. I paid our deposit of \$700.00 to Hs Lordships for next year's annual brunch, thank you Marcia Crawford for arranging this always fabulous event.

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg

189	Number of Regular Members
59	Number of Regular Family Members
248	Total Regular and Family Members
16	Number of Corresponding Members
5	Number of Corresponding Family Members
21	Total Corresponding and Family Members
269	Total Members

Membership renewal letters went out July 1.

Status:

13 out of 16 Corresponding Memberships are up to date and paid – 81%

140 out of 189 Regular Memberships are up to date and paid – 74%

61 members receive the *Octagon* via the USPS.

Will send out reminder letters at around 8/15

Paper and envelopes	\$78.57
Postage	\$83.30
Total	\$161.87

Annual Membership Income:

Regular Member	132 @ \$25.00	\$3,300
Regular Member w/ Octagon	57 @ \$35.00	\$1,995
Corresponding Member	12 @ \$15.00	\$180
Corr. Member w/ Octagon	4 @ \$25.00	\$100
Total		\$5,575

Secretary's Report: Jing Chai – Absent

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George Steneberg – Absent

Regalia: David Wright – David was absent. Andy offered to take over regalia if David wished to pass it along.

The Octagon: Felix Lee – Absent, but said earlier that the GOF would be covered in the August *Octagon*. We have reached 100 LIKES on our Facebook page, Onward to 200! So far, only 8 submissions for the *MG Love* glossy book (hoping to get 50 submissions (100 pages) or more, to publish for the upcoming Holiday Season)

Website: Steve Kellogg – Have some swap meet & forum improvements planned. Facebook activity is picking up.

GOF West, Rohnert Park, 2015

And What a Gathering It Was

By Marla Preston

The Sacramento Valley MG Car Club did a fabulous job of hosting this year's GOF West at the Rohnert Park DoubleTree. There were members from 24 different clubs at the event. The long-distance winners were from Vancouver, Canada. Twenty four MGOC members attended the event and took home many awards!

This was one of one of the most well organized events we have ever attended and it was nice to sit back and enjoy somebody else's hard work. On Monday evening, we attended the orientation, which was presented by Lawrie Alexander, in his usual eloquent and humorous style. He outlined all of the events that were taking place during the week, so we could decide on what we wanted to participate in.

Tuesday consisted of the car show, held at the local community center, on the grassy field. Over 160 MG cars of all years and models were on the field. We led a spur of the moment car tour out to Bodega Bay and Duncan's Mills. The weather was perfect for top down driving and the scenery was spectacular.

Wednesday's program included the Road Rally and various talks, including, Felix's presentation on Social Media, which was very informative. In the evening, there was the live auction, and dinner, which Lawrie saved, by replacing the "well oiled" auctioneer.

On Thursday, there was the swap meet, Funkhana and we led a tour out to Francis Ford Coppola's winery, in the afternoon. We met up for the Awards Banquet in the evening and both the MGOC and SSTS did well! The following morning we met outside the hotel for a complimentary breakfast and to say farewell to friends, old and new.



Photos by [The Sacramento Valley MG Car Club](#) and some very nice random person after the Awards Banquet

GOF WEST 2015
CAR DISPLAY

VOTE FOR BSPA, VOTE
HERE ... LIKE CHICAGO,
VOTE EARLY, VOTE OFTEN ...

BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD

WHY ARE THEIR
BACKS FACING ME?

SEE, WHAT I MEAN? WE ARE PURR - FECT AND SHINY, NO BSPA HERE ...

"OUI, OUI", THAT'S BECAUSE WE ARE
"CONCOURS" ... WE ARE TOO "PRE-TTY"
... WE DON'T BREAK DOWN ... WE ARE
UPPER CLASS ENG-LISH ... JUST LOOK
AT OUR ENGINES ...

UH ... JUST ONE
CARBURETOR ...
"COUGH, COUGH"

LOOK OUT, "FALLING
BANJO BOLTS" ... GONE IN A
BLINK ...
GET THE EXTINGUISHER ...

TO BE
TOTALLY
HONEST, I TEND
TO UNDER
PRESSURIZE ...

I WILL
OVERHEAT ...
OR UNDERCOOL?
CONFUSED ...

I CAN
RATTLE
LOOSE,
ANYTIME, NO
WARNING ...
ANY GIVEN
DAY ...

"COMMANDO,"
NO CORK HERE...

I AM THE
THIRD
FAN ... THE
FIRST TWO
BOLDLY
WENT
WHERE NO
FAN HAS
GONE
BEFORE ...

MY
GAPS ARE
NOT
"SPARKING"
ALL THE
TIME ...

DYNAMO?
MORE LIKE,
"DYN-A-NOT" ...

I LEAK ...

I LEAK, TOO,
OTHERWISE I WOULDN'T
BE ENG-LISH
... LEAKING RIGHT NOW,
CHAPS ... EXCUSE ME

I'M
LUCAS ... NEED I
SAY MORE?...
PRINCE OF, WELL,
YOU KNOW THE
DRILL ...

REQUIRED TOOLS FOR THE ROADSIDE

I'M TOO
LITTLE

I'M TOO BIG

MEH, I'M CLOSE
ENOUGH ...

AWW ... NO
TAKERS?
GUESS YOU'RE COMING
HOME WITH ME,
AGAIN ...

..... TO BE CONTINUED

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MGOC Annual Picnic, BBQ, Swim

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2015

Time: 11:00 am - till coals get cool or sun goes down (which ever comes first)

Meeting Place: 107 Wilder Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Event: Our annual MGOC Picnic, BBQ, and Swim

BYOBSIYWTSOJSO (Bring Your Own Bathing Suit If You Want To Swim Or Just Show Off)

BYOMOSYWLITG (Bring Your Own Meat Or Something You Would Like To Grill)

WBTDBMNBWYLSYMWYBYODA (We Bring The Drinks, But May Not Bring What You Like So You May Want To Bring Your Own Drink Anyway)

FYOPOTSBTTATTITFBIHALOSTMRYP (Find Your Own Parking On The Street, But Try To Avoid The Tree In The Front Because It Has A Lot Of Sap That May Ruin Your Paint)

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 or president@mgocsf.org or "enroll" for the event online at www.mgocsf.org

We look forward to seeing you.



Date: Saturday - Sunday, September 12-13

Time / Place:

Saturday: Morgan Hill Wine Country Tour: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

[Butterfield BLVD CalTrain Station Parking Lot](#)

Wine Reception: 4-7 p.m.

[On The Road Again, 16840 Joleen Way, Unit G4, Morgan Hill, CA 95037](#)

Sunday: Show: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

8-10 a.m.: staging

[arrive at corner of East 2nd Street and Depot Street, Downtown Morgan Hill](#)

10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.: public viewing of cars

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.: Awards Ceremony

Event: Fourth Annual British Fall Classic

[Registration Form](#)

Please RSVP: to Bill Hiland bhiland@ontheroadagainclassics.com

We look forward to seeing you.

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MGOC MGS BY THE BAY 2015 WINNERS

MG AWARD

- Most Gregarious: Samantha Lee ('15 Uniball Pen, Blue)

FUNKHANA

- Post 1956 MGs
2nd Place Driver / Navigator: Sheryl King and Dennis O'Dea (MGA, Coupe, White)
3rd Place Driver / Navigator: Kirk Prentiss and Bob Luebbert (MGB GT, Red)

FIRST TIMERS CAR DISPLAY

- 1st Place TD / TF: Felix and Samantha Lee ('55 TF1500, Black)
- 1st Place MGA: Keith and Sharon Evans ('60 MGA 1600, Red)
- 1st Place MGB GT & V8: Kirk and Amy Prentiss ('69 MGB GT, Red)

CAR DISPLAY

- 1st Place TD: Tom Dunham and Valerie Kemp ('53 TD, Yellow)
- 2nd Place TD: Bob Luebbert ('53 TD, Blue)
- 3rd Place TD: Rod and Sue Schweiger ('52 TD, Green)
- TD Merit Award: George Steneberg and Marcia Crawford ('52 TD Mk II, Green)
- 1st Place TF: Steve and Vicky Kellogg ('55 TF1500, Black)
- 3rd Place MGB: Bill and Heidi Doyle ('76 MGB, Orange)
- 1st Place MGB GT: Ken Gittings ('67 MGB GT, Green)
- 1st Place MG Other: Terry and Cindy Sanders ('52 Arnolt MG, Blue)



Photo of Octagon Chandelier, in the Rohnert Park DoubleTree Ballroom, by Samantha Lee

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SUMMER

OREGON RENDEZVOUS, 8/6
 MONTEREY MOTORING CLASSIC WEEK, 8/10-16
 LITTLE CAR SHOW, 08/12
 TUNE AND SPOON LAFAYETTE, 8/15
 PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, 8/16
 MGOC ANNUAL PICNIC & BBQ, LOS GATOS, 8/22



FALL - WINTER

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND PLEASANTON, 9/5-6
 4TH BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 9/12-13
 DANVILLE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, 9/20
 MT. DIABLO TOUR, 9/26
 SEA-AIR-AHH TOUR, 10/2-4
 OLD CAR PICNIC, 10/17
 NORTH BAY TOUR, 10/17
 VETERAN'S DAY TOUR, 11/7
 FALL TECH SESSION, SAN FRANCISCO, 11/14
 MGOC HOLIDAY TEA, LOS GATOS, 12/12
 PLANNING MEETING, 1/9/16
 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, 1/23/16

For your official MGOC 2015 Tour Planner link here: <http://www.mgocsf.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=AgDpTROzveA%3d&tabid=63&mid=562>

British Fall Classic



Morgan Hill, Ca

The 2015 British Fall Classic will be held the weekend of September 12th and 13th in downtown Morgan Hill (just 10 miles south of San Jose.) Online registration is now open. To register go to: [2015 British Fall Classic](http://www.britishfallclassic.com). This takes you to the event website. Scroll down a little and the registration link is on the right.

Thanks again to our Title Sponsors: Ladera Grill and On the Road Again Classics! We are also grateful to Silver Sponsor, Heritage Bank of Commerce. Sponsorship opportunities are still available so, if you are interested, please contact Mary (mary@hiland-assoc.com).

As before, the net proceeds from this event will go to local nonprofit organizations.

Please spread the word! We expect a very full show!

MGOC Fill in the Caption

Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon



Photo by Kirk Prentiss

"How about now? Can you see where I backed into Kirk's car?"

- Keith Shukait

"These cars are so small, I can lift it with one hand!"

- Steve Kellogg

"I remember when you are only this tall!"

- Jon Parkinson

"Now, if you embarrass me one more time, someone's going to get a spanking!"

- Samantha Lee

"Turn your 'head' and cough, please"

- Bob Luebbert

"I always use a fine rubbing compound!"

- Tim Thresh

"Yup, it still has a pulse ..."

- Jim Carlson

"Nobody about, no CCTV, Yup, I could shoplift this all right!"

- MG Sports and Racing

"It's OK, sometimes cars get 'gas' too ..."

- Felix Lee

Each month, we provide a photo in need of a caption.

You, the reader, submit your caption to flee@hancmg.com.

The MGOC Board will chose the top finalists, which will then be revealed in the following month's Octagon



Photo by Marty Rayman

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Tom Dunham &
Valerie Kemp

Bob Luebbert



Steve & Cheryl Glenn



Rod & Sue Schweiger

George Steneberg &
Marcia Crawford

Marty & Naomi Rayman



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Andy & Marla Preston



Felix & Samantha Lee



Steve & Vicky Kellogg



Eric & Victoria Baker



Terry & Cindy Sanders



Keith & Sharon Evans



Dennis O'Dea



Sheryl King



Ken Gittings



Kirk & Amy Prentiss



Ken & Rosalie Bottini



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