

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 Jeremy Fulgon

Ken Miles' R1 and "Flying Shingle" R2 Racers at Laguna Seca

April 2008

About *The Octagon* and MGOC...

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

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Your stories, photos, tips, questions, and anything MGOC-related are always welcome in *The Octagon*. Please make your contributions by the 20th of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to alistaircookie@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 Tom Balutis upon request.

Forthcoming Events

MGOC Events in bold

- Mar. 29 – **Daffodil Hill**, Volcano, Sorry Safari Touring Society
- Mar. 29 – **Phil-abration, Sausalito Bay Model**, Abingdon Rough Riders
- Apr. 6 – **April Fool's Rallye**, Santa Rosa, **Empire Sports Car Club**
- Apr. 19 – On the Road Again Open House, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland
- Apr. 20 – **Mt. Hamilton Tour**, Abingdon Rough Riders
- Apr. 26 – **Cecil Kimber's 120th Birthday Run**, Oakland, Randy Grossman
- Apr. 27 – **Valve Cover Tech Session**, San Francisco, Mike Jacobsen
- Apr. 27 – **Pacific Coast Dream Machines**, Half Moon Bay
- May 3 – River Road Wine Tour, Pebble Beach Sports Car Club, Warren Pierce
- May 3-4 – **Moss Motors British Extravaganza**, Buttonwillow
- May 4 – **Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance**
- May 10 – **MGs by the Bay**, San Leandro Marina
- May 18 – **All British Meet at Woodland** (formerly Dixon), **UBSCC**
- May 18 – **Friendship Day**, Redwood City, **Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto**
- Jun. 1-8 – **British Car Week**
- Jun. 7 – **Wine Tour**, Sonoma, Andy Preston
- Jun. 7 – Hayward British Field Meet, **Mini Owners of America SF**
- Jun. 22 – **Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance**
- Jul. 6-10 – **GoF West**, Monterey
- Jul. 31 - Aug. 3 – **Rendezvous 2008**, Oregon, **Club T MG**

From the Editor...

Though my little harvest gold MGB has sat sadly in my garage, the presumed victim of leaky choke valves, I have happily made it out to our last two events: the Sherman's Way Film Premiere and the Vintage MG Races at Laguna Seca.

Bill Hiland generously loaned me his maroon MGB for the Sherman's Way event, and it's a beast. When I asked Bill if there was any way to drive it quietly, he responded, "No, why would you want to?" I have never driven an MG that powerful before. After a bit of an adjustment (to compensate for my initial fear of the car's jumpiness), I found it quite fun to drive. Thanks for loaning me the car, Bill.

As for the event itself, the film's director, Craig Saavedra, and star, Michael Shulman, led us on a short tour to the theater, complete with parade laps. We were really quite loud, and drew the attention of many unsuspecting people in downtown San Jose. The film was very entertaining, and I stayed for dinner at Hawg's with the cast and crew afterward. As my friend Robert Zacher said, "How often do you get the chance to tour to a film in a classic convertible with

the director and star, watch that film's world premiere, and sit down for dinner with the cast and crew afterward?"

Two weeks later, with my MGB still not sorted out, I headed down to On the Road Again for our tour to Laguna Seca. Not particularly interested in driving my '89 Camry behind our tour, I caught a ride down with Mike Jacobsen in his blue MGB GT. Once at the event, I meandered here and there, checking out the wide variety of vintage automobiles and, of course, taking pictures. Warren Pierce was pitting for a couple guys; and he and his wife, Kathy, graciously and gladly introduced me to the MGVR guys. Shortly after the noon track tour and MG only race, Bob Trencheny gave me a ride back up to Morgan Hill. Thank you Mike, Warren, Kathy, and Bob for making the event that much more enjoyable.

The marque of friendship indeed! I don't think I'd have enjoyed either of these events near as much if it weren't for my friends in the MGOC.

Jeremy Palgon

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President's Ponderings...

Wow! By the time many of you read this it will likely be April. The days are already longer with the onset of daylight savings time, and the weather is looking better for motoring with each passing day. I have been lucky enough to have my roadster out a number of times the last couple of weeks on some day trips for my job. I cannot claim to have a "daily driver", but I sure enjoy driving it whenever I can.

The Board and other volunteers are working feverishly on all the preparations for the annual MGs by the Bay car show. We are anticipating a great turn out; so be sure to fill out the registration form (on page 21) and get it mailed in. We will have more details about the show and activities in the May issue of the *Octagon*. We are going to put in a special request for better weather than we had last year when it was so cold and windy.

On March 15, a handful of us headed south to Monterey, a few in our MGs, to attend the HMSA races at the Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca. It was my first time on a track and I had a blast taking laps around it (with Bob Trencheny as my co-pilot using my video camera to shoot ten minutes or so of the ride). I am working with Bob to get the video linked to our MGOC website so you can all watch it. Though the weather in Monterey left a bit to be desired, the track was dry during our ride and it was definitely a memorable time.

Just a quick glance at the upcoming events listed here in this issue and posted on our website confirms that the 2008 Motoring Season is here! On March 29, some of our members are joining the Sorry Safari Touring Society on their tour to Daffodil Hill in Volcano. Our Cecil Kimber Tour will be on April 26, MGs by the Bay is on May 10, and on June 7 we will head to the Sonoma Wine Country for what is always an enjoyable ride.

I look forward to seeing more and more of you throughout the year; and I encourage each of you to come join the fun.

Regards,
Sam Gearhart



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A quick last minute reminder:

Daffodil Hill Day Tour

Saturday, March 29

We'll meet up with Sorry Safari at the Jack in the Box at the intersection of [Vasco Road and Industrial Way](#) (6020 Industrial) in Livermore at **9 am SHARP**. Please bring a snack, water, sunscreen, a hat, binoculars, a camera, a full tank of gas, comfortable shoes, and a spirit of adventure.

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And if you can't make it out to Daffodil Hill:



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March 29, 2008
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Mt. Hamilton Tour

Sunday, April 20

Up for a challenging drive up Mt. Hamilton to the Lick Observatory and back? Then come along as we meet up with the Abingdon Rough Riders for our annual trip over the tallest mountain in the area.

The drive is challenging, as there are a little over twenty miles of steep hills with some of the coolest (i.e. narrow and winding) roads in the Bay Area. The views from the road and the observatory are breathtaking.

This is not a trip for the faint hearted (or those prone to car sickness), and your car should be in good mechanical condition, as there are no services for over 70 miles. Please start with a full tank of petrol.

In a departure from our usual route, our ARR leaders plan to start on the backside and end up in San Jose (between 3-4 pm). We'll be stopping at The Junction for lunch, and we'll probably also stop at a winery in Livermore and the Mt. Hamilton Observatory.

When and Where: We'll meet at 9:30 am at [Starbucks, 3950 Mowry Ave.](#), Fremont Plaza (corner of Fremont Blvd. and Mowry), in Fremont. Do **NOT** go to the Starbucks at 5034 Mowry Ave. (between Blacow and Farwell)!

ARR Contacts: Barry and Sue Swackhamer, 408-608-5695, barry_sue90@hotmail.com

ESCA April Fools Rallye

Sunday, April 6

The Empire Sports Car Club would like to cordially invite you to their 44th annual April Fool's Rallye. Rallymaster Bob "The Beard" Jenkins has devised a scenic and fun 35 mile route for this A-B type rallye.

A rallye is not a speed event. It's a test of a team's ability to follow instructions along the route while looking for signs and situations that fit the definitions of the rallye. There will be a brief rallye school at 11 am for all those new to rallying.

When and Where: 10:30 am in the [Charles Shultz Museum](#) parking lot, Santa Rosa.

Cost: \$15 per car. All proceeds go to [Canine Companions](#).

Directions: Take the Steele Lane Exit off Highway 101, a mile North of downtown Santa Rosa. Go West on Steele and it will become Guerneville. Right on Range. Left on W. Steele. Right on Hardies and Left into the second driveway (museum lot).

Contact: Bob Jenkins, 707-546-6867, thebeard@sonic.net

Cecil Kimber's 120th Birthday Run

Saturday, April 26

By Randy Grossman

OK, so last year's Run was rainy and windy; but if you were there, you received a special merit badge from Past President Bob Stine for surviving the journey! This year I predict sunny breezy weather.

Melissa Johnson and I will lead you on a wonderful winding and hilly tour route just made for MGs. Cecil Kimber, whose birthday was 120 years ago on April 12 would be proud to be part of this adventure.

Melissa and I are spoiled as this tour begins right near our home. It's one of those 90-minute weekend drives you can take a few times a year when the sun is out and the mood strikes for a wonderful but challenging spin in the MG.

The fun begins at about 10:45 am. After some coffee and donuts (or bagels) and a quick driver's meeting, we will award a prize to one lucky participant of our tour before we head out. What is it, you ask? How can I win it, you wonder? Come on the tour and find out.

We will leave our home in San Leandro at 11 am and head through the Berkeley hills by way of Skyline Drive and Grizzly Peak Blvd., stopping at a vista point which I believe is truly the most panoramic view of the entire Bay Area bar none (including that view from the Marin Headlands). On a clear day you can see four bridges which cross the Bay. When we reach the top of Marin Avenue, we will go down the steep long hill (Make sure your brakes are in good shape!) and go over to Solano Avenue for lunch at Zachary's Chicago Pizza, which offers arguably the best deep dish pizza in the country. It is usually crowded, but not to worry. Solano Avenue is full of many marvelous restaurants of almost any ethnic cuisine imaginable, should you not wish pizza. The tour will officially end there, but for those wishing further fun, the Berkeley Marina is close by.

If you have any questions, call us at 510-483-3171. We hope you will join us. It will be a tour to remember.

When and Where: Meet 10:30 am at [874 Rodney Drive](#) in San Leandro.

Valve Cover Racer Tech Session

Sunday, April 27

There it goes! It's a...speeding MG valve cover? And look at that, it's lost some parts along the way (actually that's a winning strategy).

Once again we'll be having the fun and excitement of valve cover racing at MGs by the Bay. Come on out to this tech session and build your very own British speedster. Valve covers and parts will be available for a modest fee.

When and Where: Meet 2 pm at [115 Pinehurst Way](#) in San Francisco.

Contact: Mike Jacobsen, 415-333-9699, MikesMuseum@yahoo.com

Presented by the MG Owners Club

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Schedule:

8:30 to 10a.m.: Registration

10a.m. to 2p.m.: DJ Music

2p.m.: Awards



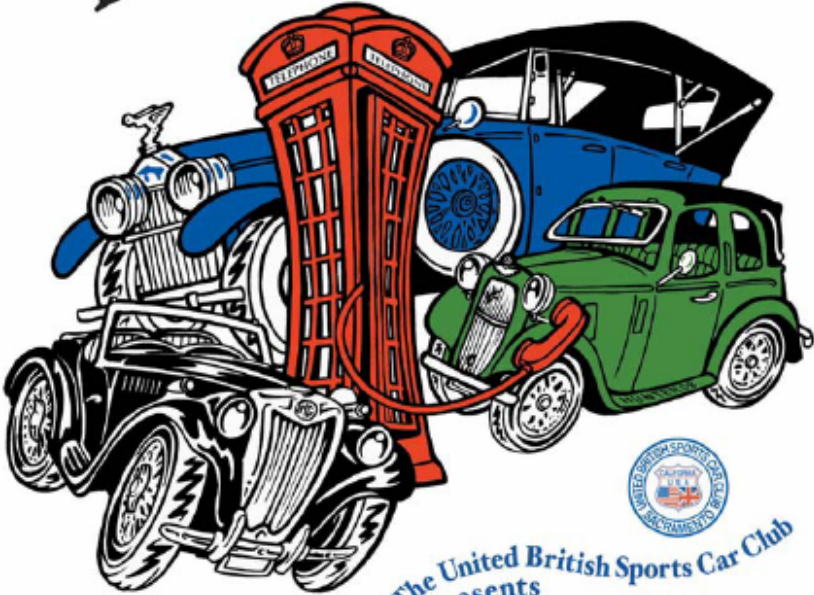
15th Annual

MGs by the Bay

Saturday, May 10, 2008

San Leandro Marina

Calling all British Cars



The United British Sports Car Club
Presents

All British Motorcar Show and Swap Meet

May 18, 2008

**Come out and join us at our new location at the
Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland, California!**

The United British Sports Car Club of Sacramento is proud to host Northern California's premier *All British Motorcar Show and Swap Meet*. This nineteen year tradition finds a new home at the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland after ten years in Dixon. A larger venue will provide more space to expand and enjoy even more fellow British car enthusiasts. We now offer an all grassy show field and more shade along the perimeter. This is a wonderful opportunity to see more than 300 cars representing over 90 years of British motoring history.

Cost: \$20 per car (with pre-registration before May 1, \$30 at the gate), free for spectators.

Complete Event Information and Registration Form:

<http://www.ubscc.org/CarShow.htm>

Pacific Coast Dream Machines

Half Moon Bay's Awe-inspiring World of Wonder

Rare Autos, Military Aviation Marvels, Monster Trucks, Motorcycle Trials

Sunday, April 27

A spectacular showcase of 2,000 magnificent machines: running the gamut from super cool cars, custom motorcycles, and one-of-a-kind woodie busses to tricked-out trucks, antique engines and tractors, and historic military aircraft.

Beyond the wide assortment of cars (everything from horseless carriages to Mark Martin's NASCAR show car), hundreds of aviation wonders are expected to be on display. Birds of every feather, from stylish home-builts and ultralights to spectacular military aircraft (including a B-17, a Japanese "Zero" fighter, a B-25 Bomber, P-51 Mustangs, and an F-4 Wildcat) will be on site for your amazement. There will also be a fascinating array of antique engine powered tools and tractors. And for your musical enjoyment, the Celtic folk band Claddagh will be playing.

When and Where: 10 am to 4 pm at the Half Moon Bay Airport on Highway 1, about twenty miles south of San Francisco and five miles north of Highway 92.

Cost: \$30 per machine (with pre-registration before April 15, \$35 thereafter). Spectators: \$20 for adults, \$10 for age 11-17 and 65+, and free for kids age 10 and under. Tickets are available at the gate only. The show benefits the [Coastside Adult Day Health Center](#).

Complete Event Information and Registration Form:

<http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/index.html>

Moss Motors British Extravaganza

Vintage Race and Car Show

Buttonwillow Raceway Park

Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4

Touted as the premier British car event on the West Coast, the Extravaganza features a popular choice British car show (with lots of prizes and trophies), a track drive on both days, a slalom event (with instruction), a BBQ on Saturday night, a pre-war exhibition tour in period correct clothes, British feature races, and two days of racing with over 250 cars.

Where: [Buttonwillow](#) race track is located a quarter mile west of I-5 on Lerdo Highway, near Bakersfield.

Cost: \$35 per person (with pre-registration before April 20, \$45 thereafter).

Complete Event Information and Registration Form:

<http://www.mossmotors.com/SiteGraphics/Pages/buttonwillow2008.html>

Vintage MG Races at Laguna Seca



Rows of MGs in the paddock (above)

MG Racers in the pits (below)



Lining up for the MG only vintage race (below)

Photos by Jeremy Palgon



Four Days of Vintage MGs

By Warren Pierce

Photos by Jeremy Palgon

Thursday started off with about forty MG enthusiasts getting together for a welcome party at the Martine Inn in Pacific Grove, featuring dinner and a tour of Don Martine's MG Museum. A surprise birthday party, complete with cake, was held for MG Vintage Racer Jim Weissenborn who, along with Scott Brown and Gary Anderson, organized this West Coast Focus Event of the MG Vintage Racers.

About noon on Friday, I started helping get the paddock area arranged so the majority of the MG racers could pit together. I had volunteered to help tech the MGs and, after a quick briefing on what to look for, off I went. Mostly I was checking for current safety equipment, helmets, driving suits, and fire extinguishers; but I had some fun pointing out non-MGA parts on the MGAs. The majority of the MGs were MGAs, with seven twin cams present! Most of the racers were from the East Coast, and newer parts are legal in the race organizations there. Most were running MGB master cylinders and plastic fans. One racer pointed to a dent in his bonnet where a blade had departed his metal fan. Probably a good item to check on our street cars! After teching the last car to arrive, it was off to the track party provided by HMSA. Later a lot of the MG guys and gals headed out to the Baja Cantina, I headed home.



A row of MGAs receiving attention in the pits

My black MGB was the first car in the corral on wet and windy Saturday morning. I arrived at the track at 7 am to deliver donuts to MG Paddock Central where the Pebble Beach Sports Car Club was providing coffee and donuts for the racers. Even though the track was wet and new to them the racers had a nothing but positive things to say about Laguna Seca. The highlights of the day were the noon track drive, with a mixture of street and race MGs out on the track, and talking with members of our MG club.

Saturday night a banquet was held at Laguna Seca Golf Course with various awards given out – the West Coast Focus Event Spirit Award Copper Bucket going to Jim Weissenborn. On behalf of the Pebble Beach Sports Car Club, I presented awards for The Longest Tow to Paul Fitzgerald (who towed his MGTD from New Hampshire!) and Favorite Race Car to Pete Thelander with his 1934 MG NE. The Pierce Manifolds Fastest Weber Powered MG award went to Don Cole with his MGB GT. The wording on the Weber award was changed from “Weber equipped” to “Weber powered” as Scott Brown was going to bolt a Weber to his floor board to be eligible!



Warren Pierce displays the Pierce Manifolds award for the Fastest Weber Powered MG

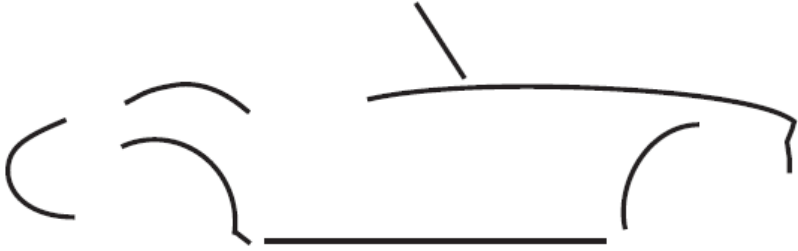
Sunday was sunny, windy, and cool. Similar to Saturday, the MG guys and gals raced with HMSA and had a MG only race, which was won by Scott Brown in his MGA "The Pile". After the noon MG drive, where I managed to hit 70 once, it was time to help the MGVR racers pack for their trip home, say goodbye to new friends, and drive Jim W's '62 MGA racer down Highway 68 to Ole Anderson's shop.



Mike Jacobsen and his MGB GT hold off Ken Miles' R1 Racer (on a parade lap)

What a great four days! This was the largest gathering of MG race cars on the West Coast for many a year with: fifteen MGAs, two MGB GTs, two MGB roadsters, two Midgets, a TF, three TDs, an MG L1, an MG NE, an MG NB (driven by Al Moss!), a Magnette Special, a Cooper MG, a Byers MG Special, and Ken Miles' R1 and "Flying Shingle" R2 Racers. The MGVR guys and gals are a great group of folks, and they're going to be back at Laguna Seca in four or five years for another Focus Event.

You are invited!



On the Road Again

British & Classic Auto Restorations

What: **Gala Open House**

Where: **On the Road Again**

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By Jeremy Palgon

On a cool, but pleasant, February evening, sixteen club members came out for the Sherman's Way Premiere. Craig Saavedra and Michael Shulman, the director and star of the film, arrived at our rallying point in the beautifully restored red MGB from the film. After a few minutes of chatting and comparing cars, Craig handed out Sherman's Way placards and movie soundtracks to everyone in our little tour. Then, with Craig and Michael in the lead, we headed off to the San Jose Repertory Theater for the premiere.

On our tour, in a preview of things to come, Craig and Michael found themselves momentarily confused about which direction to turn (despite the directions I'd handed them). The next thing I know, as if to foreshadow the film, Michael is running down the street asking me which way to which way to go.

As the film opens, Sherman (Michael Shulman), an uptight Yale student, is urged to be more spontaneous by his girlfriend (Lacy Chabert). At first he balks; but faced with losing her, he ultimately decides to fly out to California to visit her unannounced. When he arrives, he discovers that she's already found someone new. Upset, and taking her advice about spontaneity to heart, Sherman hitches a ride with Palmer, an eccentric former Olympic skier driving an MGB convertible. What ensues is a comedic and metaphorical investigation of the road of life.

From the film's website: "Sherman's Way starts with two strangers setting off on a road trip of convenience only to veer off the path into a comedic exploration of the random nature of friendship, fatherhood, and the annoying persistence of finding one's place in the world – a world in which one wrong turn can change your destination."



Craig Saavedra, Michael Shulman, and the MG from Sherman's Way with the MGOC

MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Gearhart at 7:07 pm. Also attending were Eric Baker, Randy Grossman, Mike Jacobsen, guest Brian Marloe, George Steneberg, Bob Stine, and David Wright.

The February minutes were approved as printed in *The Octagon*.

Treasurer's Report: Made by Mike.

Registrar's Report: Made by Mike.

Secretary's Report: Randy reported on letter from Dan Shockey thanking the Club for the gift certificate for Nancy related to her many years of work on behalf of the Club.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George filled out papers for MGB Register. There was a request for MG car posters to be made. George said he will handle it.

The Octagon: Jeremy has asked for any input on quality or content. George mentioned that he likes the centerfold photo spread. Mike noted that Jeremy is working on sending more copies electronically (to other clubs), which hopefully will bring down costs a little. Bob Stine said, "He's doing great. Tell him he still has the job."

Website: Everything running smoothly.

Past Club Events

Tech Session at On The Road Again with Marty Ray

Sherman's Way Film Premier: Bob Stine gave a positive report on the event.

Upcoming Club Events

Historic MG Races at Laguna Seca: March 13-16, 2008. We have our own corral. We are allowed in pits too.

Daffodil Hill Tour: with Sorry Safari on March 29.

GoF West: July 6-10, 2008 in Monterey. Mike sent Stuart Locke an email regarding the event. Mike has not heard back.

Cecil Kimber Tour: scheduled for April 26. Event will have same route as last year.

Sonoma Wine Tour: There is a date conflict between the tour and the Hayward Field Meet. Nothing has been resolved yet.

Old Business

Club Officer's Insurance: Sam needed to fill out forms and sign – which he did at the meeting. Mike will send back the forms and the check.

New Business

Selling Cardboard to GoF West: Motion made to sell 150 sheets at \$1.50 each. Motion carried.

Motion to Authorize \$30 for Cecil Kimber Event: to pay for donuts and prize for Cecil Kimber trivia contest winner. Motion carried.

Reimbursing Robert Milner: for gas to bring valve cover track to MGs by the Bay. Motion for \$75 for this expense is passed.

MGs by the Bay

Posters, T-Shirts, Advertising, and Sponsors: Dan Shockey is taking the lead on posters and t-shirts.

City of San Leandro Permit Status: Sam has obtained permit and will complete it and take it to the city.

Insurance Status: NAMGAR expects to have insurance certificate back to us in two weeks.

Valve Cover Races: No firm valve cover tech session yet, but we will have the valve cover races.

Utilities and Services: Sound system (entertainment), music, portable sanitation, and trash. Last year's cost was \$397.46 for port-o-potty. Sam will contact Pat Davis to see if he will handle this arrangement.

Motion to Have Either a DJ or Band: and pay up to \$500 for this event. Motion carried. Bob Stine will make these arrangements.

Next Meeting and Natter: 7 pm on April 10, 2008 at The Englander. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Submitted by Randy Grossman.



July 6 - 10

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Entries: All MGs are welcome, from daily drivers to complete restorations. The \$25 entry fee includes a dash plaque, an event t-shirt, and special coupons from our sponsors. Additional cars registered to the same owner are \$10 each, which includes a dash plaque only. All cars must arrive by 10 am sharp! This is necessary to allow for proper placement of the cars. If you arrive late, we **cannot** guarantee placement of your car with others in its class.

Return the registration form below with the entry fee. Photocopies of this form are acceptable. One form is required for each MG.

Mail before May 1, 2008 to:

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Short description of car: _____

MG model: _____ Year: _____

Body style: Coupe Roadster

Saloon Race car

Other: _____

Car color: _____

T-shirt size: M L XL XXL

Bringing a valve cover racer? Yes No

Has this car ever won First in Class at *MGs by the Bay*? Yes No

Release: Neither I nor my heirs will hold the MG Owners Club or the City of San Leandro liable for any loss, damage, or injury done to me, or my party, while engaged in this event or traveling to and from this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Club Meeting Natter & Noggin

April 10 (2nd Thursday), 7 pm

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