

# 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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4th Annual British Fall Classic in Morgan Hill Logo, Bill Hiland

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [octagoneditor@mgocsf.org](mailto:octagoneditor@mgocsf.org) or send them to: Felix Lee, 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.

## RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? 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

- October 2 – SSTS Sea-Air-Ah Tour, Kirk Prentiss
- October 4 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk  
Niello Concours at Serrano, El Dorado Hills
- October 10 – Vintage Aircraft and Motor Car Show, Sonoma  
**Superbowl 50 Classic Car Club Day**, Levi's Stadium, Steve Kellogg  
William Morris' Birthday (10/10/1877)
- October 17 – **North Bay Tech Session**, Steve Kellogg  
MGB introduced at Earl's Court (10/17/62)
- October 19 – MG Midget introduced at Earl's Court (10/19/61)
- October 21 – MG TA introduced at Olympia Motor Show (10/22/37)  
MG TC introduced at Earl's Court (10/21/45)
- October 23 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland  
Abingdon closes with last MGB (10/23/80)
- October 25 – MG TF1500 introduced at Earl's Court (10/25/54)
- October 27 – MG YT-Type introduced at Earl's Court (10/27/48)
- October 29 – MGA introduced at Earl's Court (10/29/55)
- October 30 – MG TD introduced at Earl's Court (10/30/50)
- November 1 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- November 7 – **Veteran's Day Tour** (TBA)
- November 14 – **Fall Tech Session** in San Francisco (TBA)
- November 20 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland

# From the Editor...

*Best in Show goes to .... the town of Morgan Hill!*

Morgan Hill, established in 1846, as part of the independent California Republic, incorporated in 1906, encompasses an area of 12.9 square miles, and is located in the southernmost part of Silicon Valley, in Santa Clara county. Morgan Hill is named after an early landowner, Hiram Morgan Hill. Although, originally a community of farmers, orchardists and ranchers, Morgan Hill, has evolved into a thriving bedroom community with year-round attractions, due to its mild Mediterranean-like climate, such as wineries, outdoor recreation, fine-dining restaurants, retail shopping, and autumn British classic car shows, on Monterey Avenue, in the heart of downtown.

Morgan Hill's association with classic British cars dates back to 1992, when it hosted the first *California Autumn Classic*. The event was first organized by Bill Meade and was easily, the "jewel" of British car shows, in the Northern California area. It had run, continuously, for 19 years, until 2011. Faced with the dreaded uncertainty of a year without a classic British car show, local British car restoration shop owners, Bill and Mary Hiland, of *On the Road Again*, volunteered to keep the tradition going, and in 2012, without skipping a beat, sponsored the 1st Annual British Fall Classic, in the all too familiar venue of downtown Morgan Hill. Along with it's retail sponsors, the British Fall Classic annually raises over \$5000 for local community charities, such as Community Solutions. This newest tradition is now in it's fourth year and continues to be an ongoing tradition, that Bill and Mary state, "is well worth the effort."

As is the case with any thriving downtown trying to stay ahead of the times, thoughtful planning is required to

provide for community and cultural centers, streetscape improvements, public art, street and roadway improvements, public parking and under grounding of utilities. Beginning in 1980, a series of public workshops were held to discuss downtown revitalization with subsequent amendments to the original plan in 1981, 2003, 2007, 2009 and 2010. Municipal Bonds were issued in 2008 and generated \$24.6 M toward this goal. A multi-level 275 parking structure, roadwork and median improvements were a significant focus for the revitalization project. As the projects toiled on through the summer and into early autumn of 2015, major under grounding projects were still ongoing with open ditches throughout the downtown and side streets. This placed vital ongoing work on a collision course with the upcoming *4th Annual British Fall Classic*, which was scheduled a year in advance, to take place on September 13, 2015. At this juncture, the prospect we were faced with, at best, was covering the uneven ditches with large steel plates with black top seals and loose gravel everywhere. Emergency back-up plans for relocating the event to a nearby winery would have dismayed many of the downtown retailers and restaurants who dearly look forward to this annual fall downtown British classic car tradition.

To make a long-story short, Morgan Hill's City Manager, Steve Rymer, and the City Council made "**impossible**" happen. Their "*Can Do, Just Make It Happen*" attitude, within a few days, filled in all the ditches, swept up all the gravel, and the Northern California 23 year, continuous running tradition, but now called, The *4th Annual British Fall Classic*, took place on September 13th, without the slightest hitch. And for that, the Best in Show goes to ... the **town of Morgan Hill!**

*Safety Fast!*

*Felix Lee*

- looking forward  
to #24



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# President's Ponderings...

Hello Fellow Little British Car Lovers,

I need some help figuring out what to do and I hope some of you can help me make a decision.

Vicky and I figure the Black Pearl (MGTF1500) needs new upholstery which is more authentic to the car. The existing has seats that are too wide and the panels around the Chassis bar under the scuttle is on wrong. It would be really nice to get fresh new upholstery especially if we are going to Louisville Kentucky next year for the All MG Marque meet up and GoF West in Redmond, Oregon.

The other issue I have is that while driving up to and back from yesterday's meeting in the Green Caterpillar, (MGB Roadster) I noticed some metal on metal clunkiness noises when changing gears that sounded to my untrained ears that I may need a new transmission.

Decisions, Decisions.

Oh well, I hope to see you at the Levis Stadium Super Bowl 50 Classic Car Show and next month's meeting in San Rafael. This weekend, we are off to Pacific Grove with the Sorry Safari Touring Society's Sea-Air- Ahh Tour.

Should be a lot of fun!! How can it not be when you're driving an MG!

Safety fast!  
Steve Kellogg



09/28/15

Dear Octagon,

I had a pleasant surprise this week.

In the summer I was contacted by a fellow who writes articles for the UK-based international magazine "MG Enthusiast." He arranged to come to my house in West Vancouver to interview me and take a bunch of photos of my little MGB. He later informed me that there will be a piece on the B in the October issue of the magazine. So while I had expected something to be coming out in "MG Enthusiast", I was certainly not prepared for the five-page article that showed up, with oodles of color photos, including some I'd taken on my travels around North America. On the last page, he lists the car clubs I'm in and of course the MGOC Northern California and Sorry Safari Touring Society are on the list.

The article is online, but available only to those who subscribe or purchase a single issue for \$4.99 at <https://pocketmags.com/viewmagazine.aspx?titleid=663&title=MG+Enthusiast>

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Jennifer Orum, Member MGOC

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# Another Successful British Fall Classic

*4th Annual British Fall Classic in Morgan Hill*

**By Bill Hiland**

We used to worry about getting rained out, then this year we were having a show in the middle of a construction site, and then along comes a 105 degree Fahrenheit heat wave and a few cars no showed because of the fear of heat stroke! Go figure, organizing a car show is not for the faint hearted!

With another one in the history books, it is time to reflect about the great volunteers, the Sponsors, the clubs and all the effort that goes into the British Fall Classic each year.

This year had a new twist, the City of Morgan Hill is in the middle of building a 200 car parking structure right down town at the location of our Awards Presentations, and the Main Street (Monterey Road) was all torn up with the laying of new electrical and irrigation piping. Four (4) weeks before the show we secured a "back up" location at one of the wineries in the area, and then approached the city folks to see if they could get things cleaned up and the holes filled for the show downtown, to support the local businesses. It did not look good, but working with the City we had great cooperation and the

job got done! I have to give a "thumbs-up" to the City Manager and his staff for their commitment to the show, the downtown, and getting the job done well and on time.

The Blistering hot weather eased up for the Tour on Saturday and we had over 35 cars participate in the 60 mile tour through the South County backroads and drivers enjoyed a stop off at Kirigin Winery.

The Saturday wine and hors' devours reception at On the Road Again Classics for those registered for the show was another highlight and well attended. We have found that having fun while you are raising money for local nonprofits like Community Solutions and El Toro Club House just doesn't get any better!

We would like to take one more opportunity to thank all of this year's sponsors: Ladera Grill, On the Road Again Classics, e-bay Motors, Hagerty Classic Car Insurance, Guglielmo Winery, and the Triumph Travelers and MG Owners Club of California.

Let's do it again in 2016!



Photo by Bill Hiland

4TH ANNUAL BRITISH  
FALL CLASSIC DRIVE

# BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD



LINING UP FOR THE START



AND THE **FAST** GROUP IS OFF!!



THE **FAST** GROUP IS AVERAGING  
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UP THIS DRIVE!



THE **FAST** GROUP EVEN HAS TIME  
FOR A BREAK AT THE RESEVOIR!



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AT THE START ... NEEDING HELP ...



JOE'S **FAST** GROUP JUST  
LAPPED THE **MG** GROUP!!



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MGs, JUST DO THE  
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ANY QUESTIONS?

..... TO BE CONTINUED

Photos by Felix Lee

## 4TH ANNUAL BRITISH FALL CLASSIC IN MORGAN HILL WINNERS



Richard Kahn '64 AH 3000BJ8



Bob Shaheen '72 MGB



Robert LaMar '55 Morgan 4+4



Michael Gross '64 Triumph TR4A



Pieter Kapsenberg '08 Lotus Exige



Brent Pullen '70 Ford MkII Cortina



Hudson Vitaich '56 AH 100 M Le Mans



Robert Petrokas '65 Sunbeam Tiger



Jack Murphy '58 Lister Knobbly



Andy Preston '74 MGB/GT



Phil Foster '60 Morris Minor 100



Daniel Ludwig '68 Triumph TR 250

## 4TH ANNUAL BRITISH FALL CLASSIC IN MORGAN HILL WINNERS



Richard Clakeley '66 AH 3000 MKIII



Andrew Malone '63 Triumph Sport 6



Richard Baez '54 MG TF



Valeri Kemp '80 MGB



John Carey Rolls Royce 20 HP



John Grosso '59 AH 100-6



Ali Syed '04 LTI TX2 Taxi



Jan Williams '54 Jaguar XK120 DHC



John Carey '63 Jaguar E-Type FHC



Michael Hart '80 Triumph TR7



Frank Bauman '61 Triumph TR3



Greg Trewin '59 AH Bugeye Sprite

## 4TH ANNUAL BRITISH FALL CLASSIC BEST IN SHOW



Jim Stone '59 MGA Twin Cam

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*Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon*



Photo by Southern CA MG Club

**“A HOT Root Beer Float?!?”**

- Mike Sullivan

**“Heck of a time to steam clean the engine”**

- Ken Bottini

**“Speaking of hot rods - Meet my Hot Roadster!”**

- MG Passion

**“Oops, I don’t think I was supposed to add the Root Beer there ...”**

- Jim Carlson

**“Root Beer does a good job at stopping fires”**

- Samantha Lee

**“How was I supposed to know it wanted Diet Coke?”**

- Felix Lee

**“Should have used *Organic* Root Beer?”**

- Clueless Californian

**“Belch - Ah Root Beer”**

- Dan Neu

**“Right folks nearly there, has anyone else got a contribution for the bottle!!!!”**

- Eric Batchelor (MGCC Yorkshire)

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a photo in need of a  
caption.

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your caption to  
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The MGOC Board will  
chose the top finalists,  
which will then be  
revealed in the following  
month’s edition of *The*  
*Octagon*



Photo by Samantha Lee in Maui

## MG LOVE

SAMPLE TWO PAGE SPREAD  
WE ARE PLANNING TO PUT TOGETHER A COFFEE TABLE SIZED GLOSSY MGOC COLLECTION OF  
MEMBERS AND THEIR MGS  
DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION ON PAGE 10

### MARTY AND NAOMI RAYMAN



I had a collection of classic car collector cards as a child. When I saw the MG TC, it was in British Racing Green. I knew that was the car that someday I would own. I just loved those motorcycle-style wheels and fenders.

While living in NYC, I used to check the NY Times classified ads for MG TC's. They were about \$1,880 at that time. That was bit steep for my bank account, and I would have needed to rent an indoor garage spot and be very concerned about NYC winters. I filed away the idea under, "for the future."

After moving to Northern California, the idea became tenable. When a classmate was diagnosed with an advanced, untreatable cancer, I decided that life was short and now was the time to act. Around Thanksgiving 1997, I saw my future care, TeD, in the window of Cars Dawdyak, on Franklin St. in San Francisco.

They also had a TC on display. I decided that I would prefer the advantage of left hand drive and all the upgrades that a '53 TD offered. Not knowing about the MG clubs, on December 2nd, 1997, I purchased the TD without any advice and lucked out with a great auto. I drove it home, across the Golden Gate Bridge, in pouring rain and found out about every spot that leaked water. The top has been up only three times since. I then drove it to the home of an acquaintance, who owned a B GT.

I pulled into the driveway and he motioned for me to back onto the asphalt. "Didn't you know these cars leak oil?" he asked. Sure enough, I had purchased a real British automobile! I then asked him what was the most important tool to carry in the car. Without missing a beat, he said, "A cell phone." It's been a love affair ever since. And it brings a smile to my face every time I drive TeD.



Photos by Marty Rayman



#### MG TD

- year of manufacture: 1954
- engine number: XPAG (built late 12/53)
- chassis number: 84559/73317
- color: British Racing Green
- interior color: Biscuit

# Start Planning for the rest of 2015 ...



## FALL - WINTER

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

## 4TH ANNUAL BRITISH FALL CLASSIC IN MORGAN HILL WINNERS

CLASS	MARQUES	1st PLACE	2nd PLACE	3rd PLACE
A	Jaguar E-Type	John Carey: '63 Jaguar E-Type FHC	William Brooks: '69 Jaguar E-Type Series II	Michael Moore: '63 Jaguar E-Type
B	Jaguar XK / Saloons	Jan Williams: '54 Jaguar XK120 DHC	Dean Moore: '56 Jaguar Mark 7M	
C	British Race	Jack Murphy: '58 Lister Knobbly	Jeffrey Awender: '80 Dulon MP21	
D	Morris Minor / Mini	Phil Foster: '60 Morris Minor 100	Lorenzo Dunn: '77 Austin Mini	Bruce Hurlbut: '67 Austin Mini
E	Austin Healey 100s	Hudson Vitaich: '56 AH 1000 M Le Mans	Harry Nystrom: '56 AH100 4BN-2	Bill Putnam: '55 AH 100M
F	Austin Healey 3000	John Grosso: '59 100-6	Jeff Pedersen: '60 AH 3000 BN7	Tracy Drummond: '60 AH 3000 MkI
G	Austin Healey 3000 MkIII	Richard Clakely: '66 AH 3000 MkIII 8J8	Nick and Sandy Klein: '66 AH 3000 BJ8	Robert Blair: '65 AH 3000 MkIII
H	Triumph TR2 / TR3	Frank Bauman: '61 Triumph TR3	Bob Kinderfehrer: '61 Triumph TR3A	Gabriel Velasquez: '57 Triumph TR3
I	Triumph TR4	Michael Gross: '64 Triumph TR4A	Mike Galke: '66 Triumph TR4A	
J	Triumph TR-260 / TR6	Daniel Ludwig: '68 Triumph TRR 250	Elliot Stage: '71 Triumph TR6	Vernon Burditt: '74 Triumph TR6
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U	MGB post '74	Valerie Kemp: '80 MGB	Melinda Mongeluzzo: '79 MGB	Micaela Stites: '74 MGB
O	MGA	Jim Stone: '59 MGA Twin Cam	Les Stuart: MGA	Dave Loader: '60 MGA
Q	MGB / GT All Years	Andy Preston: '74 MGB/GT	Steve Glenn: '72 MGB/GT	Carl Biagi: '72 MGB/GT
P	British Special	Andy Brent Pullen: '70 Ford MkII Cortina	Albert Guerini: '56 Nash Metropolitan	Pete Snyders: '66 English Fiord Anglia
S	Morgan	Robert LaMar: '55 Morgan 4+4		
T	British Luxury	John Carey: RR 20 HP	David Foster: '52 Aston Martin Lagonda	David Wilson: '74 RR Silver Shadow
V	Rootes Group	Robert Petrokas: '65 Sunbeam Tiger	David Wilson: RR Corniche	Doug Lyle: '59 RH Hillman Husky
W	Winner's Circle	Richard Kahn: '64 AH 3000 Bj8	David Smith: '60 Sunbeam Alpine Series 2	
X	British Modern Performance	Pieter Kapsenberg: '08 Lotus Exige	Craig McAmis: '74 Triumph TR6	George Barry: '53 Jaguar C Type Replica
Z	British Modern	Ali Syed: '04 LTI TX2 Taxi	Rob Bernardino: '11 Lotus Evora S	Bill Bayliss: '15 Jaguar F-type S
			Franj Oglesby: '03 Jaguar XK8 Coupe	Jim Rogers: '95 Jaguar XJS



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# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

## *Horatio's Restaurant*

September 26, 2015

**Call to Order: 12:03 pm** by President Steve Kellogg

**Attending:** Bud Alderson; Eric Baker ; David Gallagher; Mark McGothigan; Randy Grossman and Melissa Johnson; Kirk and Amy Prentiss; Andy, Marla, and John Preston; Keith and Pam Shukrait; Wayne Veatch; and David Wright

**August Mileage Winner:** Andy Preston – 61 Miles

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting, Aug 22:** Approved

### REPORTS

**President's Report:** Steve Kellogg – Start thinking about being on the MGs by the Bay Committee. Upcoming events – Levi Stadium Car Show and Tech session in October.

**Vice President's Report:** Andy Preston – Drove up to Vancouver BC to attend British Heritage Show and took 1<sup>st</sup> place, with Wayne Veatch winning second place.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marla Preston

Account	September 2015	August 2015
Checking	9,851.47	9,361.81
Savings	3,463.03	3,462.94
GT-42 2017	1,000.00	200.00
Total	14,314.50	13,024.75

We have had a few more renewals since the last Treasurer's Report. The big change is that we received the \$1,000.00 seed money for GT-42 2017 and I was able to reimburse the \$200.00 borrowed from the MGOC checking account to set up the GT-42 account.

**Registrar's Report:** Steve Kellogg

#### September, 2015

164 Number of Regular Members

56 Number of Regular Family Members

**220 Total Regular and Family Members**

13 Number of Corresponding Members

5 Number of Corresponding Family Members

**18 Total Corresponding and Family Members**

**238 Total Members**

#### August, 2015

189 Number of Regular Members

58 Number of Regular Family Members

**247 Total Regular and Family Members**

16 Number of Corresponding Members

5 Number of Corresponding Family Members

**21 Total Corresponding and Family Members**

**268 Total Members**

We had five new members join since August 16. Dropped 25 members on 9/1 that did not renew their membership.

**Secretary's Report:** Jing Chai – none - Jing has not renewed his membership, is no longer Secretary, and has the status of "Former Member."

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** George Steneberg – Absent

**Regalia:** David Wright – Passed along the regalia duties to Andy Preston. The club thanked David for all of his Regalia efforts these past years.

**The Octagon:** Felix Lee – I only have about 12 submissions (24 pages) so far for the MG Love coffee table book, we can continue collecting submissions through next year and plan for a end of year 2016 printing. Goal is to get about 75 - 100 submissions for a 150 - 200 page book. We are up to 119 Facebook LIKES.

**Website:** Steve Kellogg – Members are not able to post in Forum/Swap Meet Section

### PAST EVENTS

Picnic Pool Party was fun. We had about 20 attendees with many not wanting to chance the hot weather and drive to Los Gatos. Next year, we should find a park in the East Bay for a more central location.

British Fall Classic went well although not as many cars were there as in years past.

**MGOC Winners:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place MG T-Series – Felix and Samantha Lee
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place MGB Pre 1974 – Bob and Edie Shaheen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> MGB Pre 1974 – Dave Marsh
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place MGA – Jim Stone
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place MGB/GT all years – Andy and Marla Preston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place MGB/GT all years – Stephen and Cheryl Glenn
- Best in Show – Jim Stone' MGA Twin Cam

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October 10 – Levis Stadium Super Bowl 50 Car Show
- October 17 – Natter n Noggin Meeting – San Rafael – Pier 15 restaurant followed by a Tech Session at Clint Wright's. Bud Alderson, Trailmaster
- Oct 17 Jimmies old time Car show in Golden Gate Park – contact Wayne Veatch if you'd like to attend.
- Natter n Noggin Meeting for November date and site TBD

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Door clings or magnets:** No report.
- **MGs by the Bay:** Committee members for MGsBTBay 2016 to be set up by November 2015.

**NAMGAR GT-42:** Mike Jacobsen – Absent

**NEW BUSINESS**

Progress is good on Prentiss Magnette

**BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Eric Baker has motor oil with ZDDP at a good price

**NEXT MEETING** – Saturday, October 17, Pier 15 Bar and Café – San Rafael – 10:00 am

Meeting adjourned at: 12:30 pm

Submitted by: Steve Kellogg



**Date:** Saturday, October 17, 2015

**Time:**

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Tech Session

**Location: British Car Repair**

142 Mill Street, San Rafael, CA 94901

**Event:** After the meeting we will have a Tech Session with Clint Wright and a rolling diagnostic session with member cars which we can put up on a lift.

**Please RSVP:** to Bud Alderson at [iralderson@comcast.net](mailto:iralderson@comcast.net), Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 / [president@mgocsf.org](mailto:president@mgocsf.org) or "enroll" for the event online at [www.mgocsf.org](http://www.mgocsf.org) by October 14th

**We look forward to seeing you.**

# Classified Ads

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

## Cars for Sale:

**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](mailto:m_taketa@yahoo.com) or 408-221-1702. [Posted 06/15]



**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](mailto: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](mailto:joshholiver@gmail.com) or 510-710-7883 [Posted 04/15]



**1966 MGB Roadster**, reliable driver car cover (black) and new top (black), top 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](mailto:paul_hughes@sbcglobal.net) [Posted 05/15]



**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](mailto:chevaili@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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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. Please contact member Don Scott; 707 942 0546; [don@napanet.net](mailto:don@napanet.net). [Posted 05/15]

### Parts for Sale:

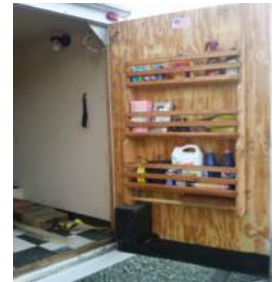
**MGB Parts: Autopower Roll Bar** SCCA Race Approved, 1.75" DOM. Roll bar has diagonal brace, horizontal seat back brace, and small restraint bar behind driver's seat. Asking \$150. Two Chrome Luggage Racks, trunk lid mounted. \$50 each. Contact member David Wright at 510-653-3831. [Posted 05/13]

**MG Midget Rolling Chassis Body Shell** No VIN No Title. No engine, transmission, differential, front bumper, or windscreen. Not crashed but rough. Rubber bumper car. Make Offer. Contact member Nick Becker at 925-932-9778 or [becker2226@astound.net](mailto:becker2226@astound.net) [Posted 05/13]

**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](mailto: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]



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# Club Meeting

October 17, 2015

**Natter and Noggin'**  
**Pier 15 Restaurant and Bar**  
15 Harbor Street, San Rafael, CA 94901

**Time:** 10 - 10:30 a.m.: Breakfast  
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.: Meeting  
11:00 - 11:15 a.m.: Travel to Tech Session  
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Tech Session

**Location: British Car Repair**  
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**Please RSVP:** to Bud Alderson by October 14th at  
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