

THE OCTAGON

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



March 2012

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 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 Mike Jacobsen 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

Mar. 8 – **Club Meeting**, New Englander Sports Pub, San Leandro, George Steneberg

Mar. 14 – **St. Patrick's Day Tour**, Parking Lot off Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael east of Hwy. 101, Steve Lilves

Mar. 16 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill & Mary Hiland

Apr. 14 – **Morgan Hill Tech Session**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill & Mary Hiland

Apr. 21 – **Mount Diablo**, TBA

From the Editor...

Spring is in the air and so will your driving plans, unless you attend one of our Spring Freshen-Up Tech Sessions. The first one was held last week at Craig and Kim Kuenzinger's garage (a.k.a. the Burnt Spark Plug Award Shrine.) There was a lively discussion about all sorts of fluids and why they are important for keeping our MGs running. Given my lack of mechanical prowess, I pretty much only picked up on the importance of gasoline ... uh, please excuse me, that would be petrol. Samantha Lee has penned her 10 year old take on what was discussed with bullet point reminders for tuning up your MG prior to the driving season. Please speak to any of the other 20 attendees for any other specific tip and trick details. Stay tuned for upcoming sessions at either Bill Hiland's shop, On the Road Again, or various other member's garages.

Got a DIY project but unsure how to DIY? Read on and see how Steve Kellogg turned a not so simple DIY project into a memorable DIYWYFCM (Do It Yourself With Your Fellow Club Members) project during a recent Tech Session and lived to tell about it.

Please let us know if you have a project you have either been putting off or need help with so that we might schedule a Tech Session around your project and make it a "teachable moment" for all who attend.

For many of us, tooling around with our MGs and taking them on the road is like a "childhood" dream that never ends. In this issue, you will meet Jacob Grossman, Randy Grossman's son, and learn about his childhood passion of creating and designing with Legos which he continues to pursue today, on the side.

Pub nights hosted by Bill and Mary Hiland have recently received national attention and coverage in Classic Motorsports Magazine for their fun game night gatherings and conversations over assorted spirits. Mary gives us an inside look at what transpires during a typical gathering at Pub Night. *Safety Fast!*

Felix Lee

- father of Samantha and Stephanie "who write the articles"



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President's Ponderings...

I held my first meeting as the new Club President on Feb. 9th, and was encouraged by the larger than usual number of members in attendance. I hope this trend will continue!!

Two tours to highlight this month include the St. Patrick's Day Mid-Week Tour on March 14th with Steve Lilves and the Spring Cheese Tour on March 24th with Andy and Marla Preston. I would like to invite all retired, or can take off, members to join us on the St. Patrick's Day tour to the Pelican Inn for lunch and all members to join us on the North Bay Cheese Tour ending in Point Reyes Station.

Both hosts have a long and steady history of leading exciting and well planned tours through Bay Area backroads with the occasional stops for wine. They have an impressive record and live by their motto, "Leave no MG Behind."

As we are on the subject of events, don't wait to the last minute to register, and make hotel reservations for the North meets South event on May 4-5th, and GOF West on June 18th-22nd.

George Steneberg



St. Patrick's Day Tour

Date: Wednesday, March 14th

Organizer: Steve Lilves

Meeting Place: Commuter parking lot just east of Hwy. 101 on Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael. We'll end up at Pelican Inn at Muir Beach around 3:00pm

Time: Meet at 11:00 am

Tour: Scenic two hour drive from Terra Linda to Sausalito. Afterward, you're invited to celebrate St. Paddy's Day with a pint or a spot of lunch at the Pelican's Inn's English Pub. Best be wearing some GREEN!

Please RSVP: Steve Lilves at 415-924-3172 or slilves@sbcglobal.net

Local Pub Nights at OTRA

By Mary Hiland

Has the cold, wet weather dampened your enthusiasm (and opportunities) for enjoying your classic car? Do you have the winter blahs since touring is just not an option right now? Until the spring weather gets you “on the road again”, how can you feed your passion for experiencing your classic automobile besides just looking at it and touching it while it sits in the garage?

Bill Hiland, owner of On the Road Again: Classic Auto Restoration, has come up with a singular remedy. While most of California—including Morgan Hill where On the Road Again is located—doesn’t experience severe winter weather, it does get cold and wet. This keeps a lot of beautifully restored classic cars in garages and their owners at risk of catching the winter blahs. To feed the passion and provide auto enthusiasts a chance to mix and mingle, Bill has created a unique experience for people at his shop once a month, November to April: Pub Nights!



On the Road Again’s Pub Night is an informal, low cost party. Bill provides popcorn, peanuts, and chips, while participants bring a variety of munchies to share as well as their preferred beverage. Car lovers of all varieties gather in the showroom and enjoy the many classic cars displayed there—the mix of which changes from month to month. There is an area where people can engage in games of darts, air hockey, and foosball or just sit and watch the classic auto movies projected on the back showroom wall.

People are also encouraged to walk around to the shop area (On the Road Again occupies 12,000 square feet) to check out restoration projects in process—engine building, a “green” paint booth, body work—there is lots to explore. People can talk cars with newly found friends or with the On the Road Again professionals who are always ready and willing to give a tip or two.

Started in 2010, Pub Nights have really caught on. Bill builds around holiday themes, e.g. Christmas, St. Patrick’s Day to keep it interesting and festive. Maybe some shop’s owners reading this will get inspired to emulate this creative way to gather faithful car enthusiasts for a unique and fun experience while their cars are taking a winter break. Better yet, if you’re in California during these cold, wet months, be sure to contact Bill at 408-782-1100 or bhiland@ontheroadagainclassics.com and get to the next Pub Night on March 16th, from 6:00pm till 9:00pm at On the Road Again, 16840 Joleen Way, Unit G-4, Morgan Hill.

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Submissions of articles / photos / anecdotes / repairs
are always welcome

Please make submissions by the 15th of the month preceding the
issue in which you would like it to appear

Email Felix Lee at octagoneditor@mgocsf.org

Start Planning for 2012 ...



SPRING

SPRING CHEESE TOUR, 3/24
 MORGAN HILL TECH SESSION, 4/14
 MOUNT DIABLO, 4/21
 NORTH MEETS SOUTH, 5/5-6
 MGS BY THE BAY, 5/20
 HAYWARD FIELD MEET, 6/2
 MG2012, GEORGIA, 6/6-10



SUMMER

GOF WEST: BUELLTON 200 MILES, 6/18-22
 PALO ALTO CONCOURS, 6/23-24
 NAMGAR GT-37, 7/9-13
 ANNUAL PICNIC JOAQUIN MILLER PARK, 7/21
 MONTEREY HISTORIC / CONCOURS, 8/11-19
 MILL TOUR, 8/19
 HILLSBOROUGH DE ELEGANCE, 8/26



FALL

STUDEBAKER MEET, 9/8
 DANVILLE DE ELEGANCE, 9/15-16
 BODEGA BAY TOUR, 9/22
 JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC 09/29
 TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, 10/6
 MORGAN HILL BRITISH CLASSIC, 10/20-21
 1000 MIGLIA S. BARBARA CONCOURS, 10/28
 PENINSULA TOUR, 11/10
 HOLIDAY TEA, 12/15

Poster Contest Award goes to ...



Toby Foster

MGB and MG Octagon Logo
Original Pen Drawing and Watercolor

BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD



..... TO BE CONTINUED

Photos by Felix Lee

Spring Cheese Tour

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2012

Organizers: Andy and Marla Preston 707 795 3480

Meeting Place: Bagel Street Café, 208 Northgate One, San Rafael

Time: Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 departure

Tour: This is a **rain or shine** tour so if it's raining or if the weather forecast is bad bring a car with wipers and a heater. As the title suggests we will be visiting 2 or 3 cheese factories/creameries on this tour and traveling on some new back roads that we haven't been on before. The tour starts at the Bagel Street Café, in San Rafael and ends up in Point Reyes Station for lunch. So it's an easy drive to and from the east or south bay.

We will head out along Lucas Valley Road, past Sky Walker Ranch and through the small hamlet of Nicasio. Our first stop will be at the Marin Cheese Factory where we will take a short break and enjoy coffee, snacks and of course sample some wonderful cheeses. Our second stop will be at the Petaluma Creamery who supplied the delicious cheese plate for the Fall Festival 2011. Again we can enjoy coffee, ice cream and of course sample some more great cheeses.

We will leave Petaluma and head over Wilson Hill and down Marshall Petaluma Road. There are some incredible panoramic views of the Marin County countryside as we climb up and descend towards Tomales Bay.

Our final destination and lunch stop will be at the Station House Café in Point Reyes Station. We will have a private dining room for our party and will be able to order off the open menu. After lunch you can walk around Pt. Reyes Station and visit the Cowgirl Creamery which is just down the street.

Please RSVP: to Andy or Marla Preston at 707 795 3480 or marlapreston@hotmail.com by March 21st. so we can confirm lunch reservations.

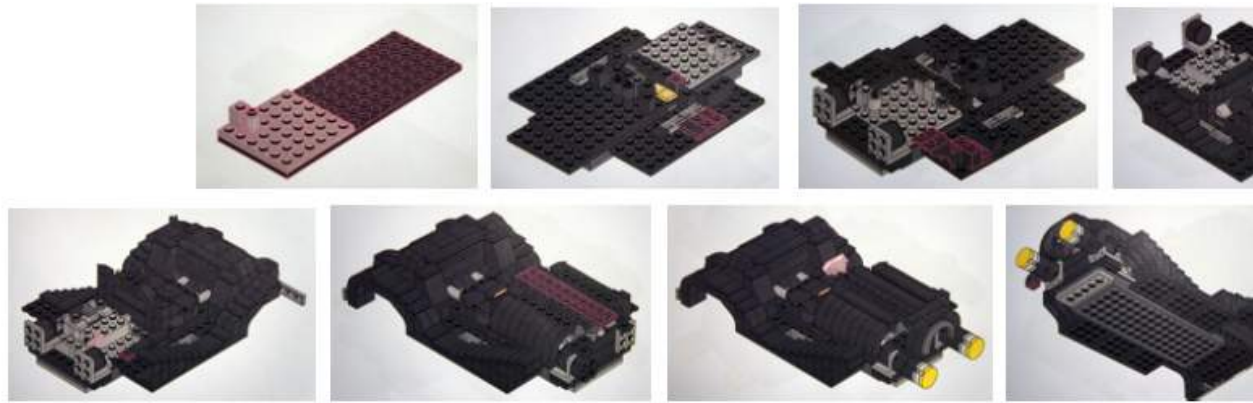
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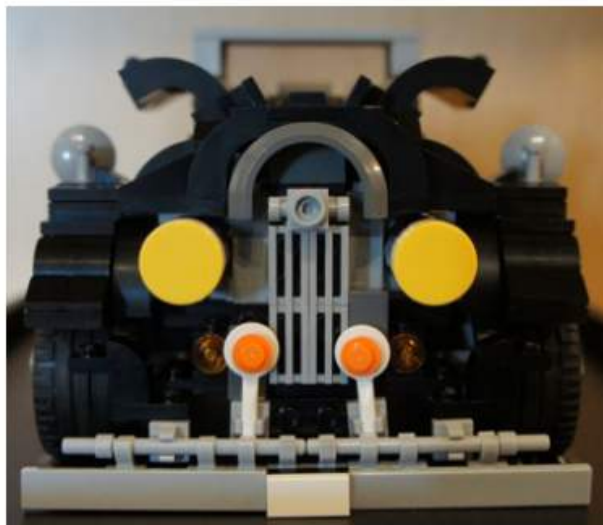
By FEL



I had the opportunity to sit and speak with Randy Grossman during the Awards Dinner Ceremony at the 2011 Rallye to Reno. He had just won the First Place Award for his class, MGA 1600 MkII, and was looking forward to sharing this bit of good news with his son, Jacob. "Like father, like son," Jacob had a similar interest in collectible cars and had recently achieved his childhood dream of acquiring a DeLorean.

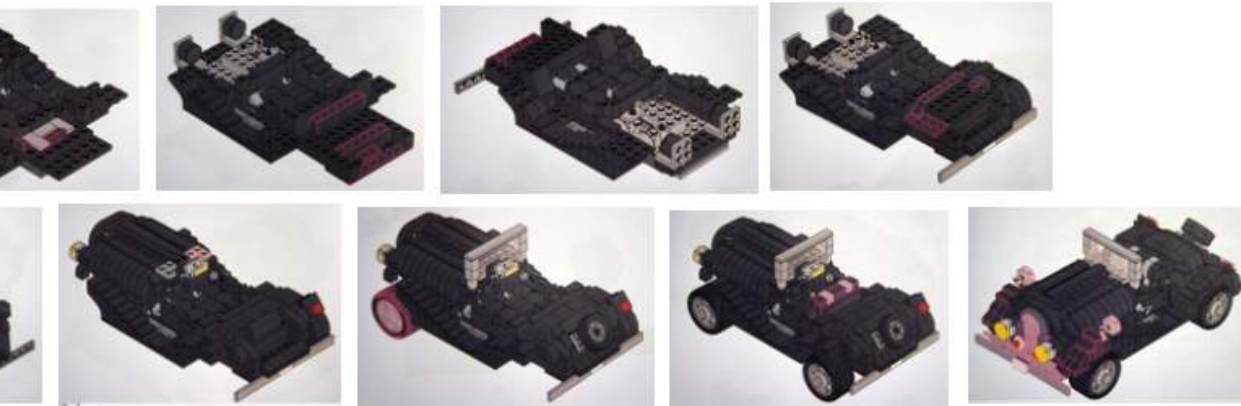
As the conversation continued, I learned that Jacob and I had something in common as well, healthcare. After receiving his degree in Nursing, Jacob pursued an advanced-level postgraduate degree and obtained his Masters of Science in Nursing and is currently the Manager of Nursing Education at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose.

Just so happens, the majority of my clinical practice is also at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, where I have been in private practice now for the past 11 years (I know, worlds colliding.) As soon as I returned from Reno, I sought out Jacob's office and introduced myself. And despite the many times we have since run into each other during our typical work days, we somehow never manage to talk about healthcare, only about cars. He talks about his DeLorean and I talk about my '55 TF1500 Roadster in triple black. Several months later, I happened across a website that made



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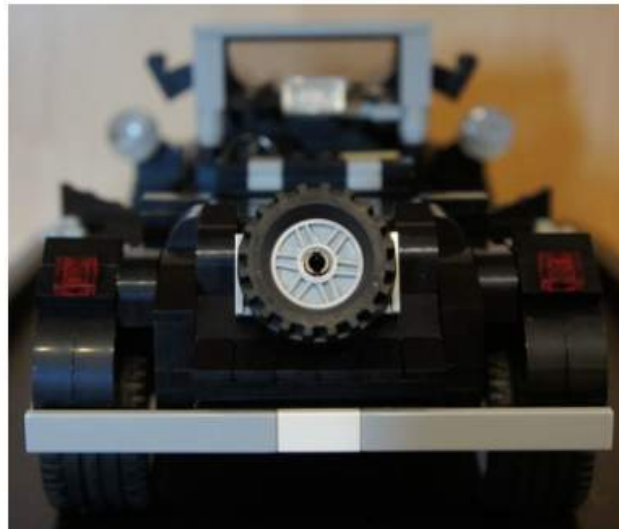


Jacob Grossman

a one-of-a-kind *Legos* kit for the DeLorean car and immediately forwarded it to Jacob. At the time, he nonchalantly mentioned that he had always been quite fond of *Legos* while growing up (I assumed, just like any other kid.) What I didn't realize was that "He Has Always Been Quite FOND of *Legos*" while growing up. Like a love affair.

As a total Random Act of Kindness, over the next two months, Jacob personally designed a one-of-a-kind, brick-by-brick, model of my '55 TF1500 Roadster in triple black, submitted it to an outfit called Design By Me, built it according to his own instructions and left it on my office desk for me to find when I returned from my Christmas holiday. Needless to say, upon my return, I stood motionless at my office doorway for several minutes, Jaw-Dropped Speechless! Two months later, I still cannot get over this random act of kindness for sharing his passion and gift for design.

When I asked Jacob if he would be open to having other club members contact and hire him to design and build their own MGs for display, he paused for the briefest of seconds and then with a sparkle in his eye said "Yes, definitely." Jacob can be reached either by phone at 215-779-9486 or by email: jhg.msn@gmail.com. Thanks again Jacob.



Tech Session Bullet Points

By Samantha Lee

Last Saturday I went to Craig and Kim's house for a tech session. ^{I learned that} oil gets dirty, use green coolant, make sure caps are not cracked, paying attention to light bulbs, changing tires if more than 10 years, and by the way, bubbles cause air to blow out, so don't have any bubbles. You should use a wood block and clean grease and lubricate the splines and look at arrow on the knockoffs. When you tighten lug nuts, the clicker is better for older people and brakes are important. The grease wears out and the rear axle has drain and fill plugs. Then Craig made Steve put a rack on his car by himself. He drilled holes making sure he didn't scratch the car. Now when you see Steve you can ask him what he puts on his rack!

Persons mentioned: Craig (Kuenzinger), Kim (Kuenzinger), Steve (Kellogg)

Items mentioned: caps (radiator), bubbles (tires), wood block (to keep car from moving while working on it)

Must Have MG Tech Tools



Pliers and Wentworth Wrenches



Oil Filter



Zinc Additive

Various Fluids for MG and Driver



Torque Wrench
"bad for old people"



Voltmeter, Wires, Tape,
Puller, File



Reserved Seating



Ratchet "Click" Wrench
"good for old people"



Grease Gun



Emergency Red Bag



Turkey Baster turned
Battery Specific Gravity Meter



The MG Owners Club

presents

MGs by the Bay



Sunday, May 20, 2012

This annual event is a gathering of MGs from across Northern California.
The show starts at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine, with awards presented at 2:00 p.m.
Same-day registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

In Danville, under the trees at The Danville Livery shopping center!

400 Sycamore Valley Road, Danville, 94526 – One block west off I-680

Awards: Judging is by popular vote, with awards for People's Choice, Best Daily Driver, Premier (from previous winners), and for every class, with classes determined according to the number of cars registered by May 1, 2012.

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 10:00 a.m. 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, 2012 to:

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MG model: _____ Year: _____

Body style: ☐ Coupe ☐ Roadster

☐ Saloon ☐ Race car

☐ Other: _____

Car color: _____

T-shirt size: ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

Release: Neither I nor my heirs will hold the MG Owners Club or The Danville Livery Shopping Center 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: _____

Nice Rack!



For my birthday this year, my wife Vicky gave me a luggage rack for my green MGB. All I needed to do was install it. So looking for the directions, I found none. I guess the supplier figures that if you order it, you must know how to install it.

I asked Craig Kuenzinger if we could use the Lab portion of the Tech session last month to install it, to which he replied "Yes." I'm thinking great, "a bunch of MG guys that have done this in the past, what could go wrong."



Well, of course nothing – the rack went on like a dream and I couldn't be happier. (They even let me drill the holes!!) Special thanks to Craig, Andy, Mike and everyone else who helped participate.

Here are few bullet points to consider when installing a rack:

- build the rack first with loosened bolts prior to fitting
- blue tape the rack bottoms and trunk deck so as not to scratch your finish.
- measure about 75 times before even thinking about drilling the four holes
- measure another 25 times before drilling the holes
- drill a small pilot hole at first (use a slow drill and let the bit do all the work)
- finish the holes for the bolts with a uni-bit metal cutter
- paint the inside of the holes with some touch up paint just like they do on the golf course
- use nonmetal washers on the underside of the deck lid so as not to leave scratches.
- cut the rubber pad to size before you place the rack on the deck lid
- hand tighten the bolts to a nice snug fit

Check out the pics in the Gallery on

www.mgocsf.org



Now I'm ready for the nice long trips where we'll take enough luggage so I'm not washing socks in the bathroom sink at night.

MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2012

President George Steneberg called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Also attending were John and Reid Bertolotti, Marcia Crawford, Toby Foster, Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen, Steve Kellogg, Craig and Kim Kuenzinger, Tim Polidoroff, Bob and Edi Shaheen, Russell Sheppard and David Wright.

The December minutes were approved as printed in the January Octagon.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: We are still solvent according to Mike Jacobsen. The Annual Brunch subsidy lowered our total a bit while a couple of incoming dues and income from ads added to our accounts.

Registrar's Report: The MGOC has 190 regular, 56 auxiliary, 12 corresponding and two associate members for a total of 260 members. The last order of name badges is late due to a problem at the engraver's.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Regalia: David Wright brought two extra large club jackets. Steve Kellogg and John Bertolotti each purchased a jacket (Mike Jacobsen will research the price). David has one more jacket at home and Craig Kuenzinger requested to purchase it. There was discussion regarding purchasing items with the club logo and some members knew of possible sources for logo merchandise.

The Octagon: Editor Felix Lee was unable to attend.

Website: This is a work in progress according to Webmaster Steve Kellogg. He suggested that two sections be formed – one for members only and one for the public. Everyone agreed and also agreed that the MGOC Bylaws should be included in the members-only section. On the subject of regalia Steve made a suggestion that the club not purchase large quantities and have to store the products but instead work with a company whereby members could purchase online individual items that included our logo. After much discussion Steve said he would research costs, availability, etc. plus methods of payment, and report back at the March meeting. Also, Mike will send Craig our contact information for our original domain, www.mgoc.org, and Craig will try to get access to it from our provider.

Past Events

Everyone agreed that the last three events – The Christmas Tea, The Annual Brunch and the Planning meeting were great successes. The planning meeting was attended by 23 people, many of whom came forward to volunteer for activities.

Upcoming Events

Freshen-Up Tech Session: Craig and Kim Kuenzinger will host this tech session on Saturday, February 25 (rain or shine) from 9am to approx. 1-2pm. A variety of MG issues will be covered. A motion was passed to allot \$75 for refreshments.

St. Patrick's Day Tour: Steve Lilves will lead this tour on Wednesday, March 14. Tim Polidoroff will contact Steve regarding meeting place, etc. and Steve Kellogg will put the info on the website.

The Cheese Tour: Andy and Marla Preston will lead this tour. See the article on page 17 of the February Octagon for complete details.

MGB Tech Session: Saturday, April 14 with Bill Hiland at On The Road Again in Morgan Hill. Mike will check with Bill as to the program.

MGs by the Bay: Sunday, May 20. Craig reported that he is working with Rob at the Livery. It was suggested that the cars be placed closer together and that the individual classes be closer together. All materials for set-up, etc. are at George Steneberg's and he will transport them to the show. George also said that Sam Gearhart had agreed to arrange for the trophies. George will keep in contact with Sam. George will also arrange with Sam to transfer all regalia from Sam's garage to George's. Craig will work on getting sponsors. Tee shirt design will be decided at the next meeting. Kim Kuenzinger asked about selling souvenirs such as mugs, pins, etc. Costs will be looked into. Raffle prizes were discussed and Craig will work on that. It was suggested the Club donate a gift basket of donated items from club members. Kim and Marcia will work on that.

Old Business

Secretary still needed: Marcia Crawford is filling in as an unqualified volunteer and hopes that someone will come forward and rescue the Club.

Recruiting (not business) card design and reprinting: Mike brought a page full of sample card designs created by Elaine Chan. Everyone agreed on the design with the large logo, to be printed on color stock with red and black printing. No address needed on card, just the website. Cost to be no more than \$100.

New Business

MGs by the Bay Poster contest: Submissions by Toby Foster, Randy Grossman and George Steneberg. Toby Foster's poster design was chosen as the winner and he will be awarded 10 copies of the poster and free admission to the event. Toby will work with Jeremy Palgon on the production of the poster.

Request for T-Series Info by GOF: Mike received a request from GOF West for member info including the number and type of MGs each member has. Mike will reply that no info on individual members is available, but he will give club site info. Steve will send email to all members informing them of the request and list the GOF contacts in case members wish to participate.

Links on the Website: These were discussed and it was agreed to list companies that advertise in The Octagon and add "Support Our Advertisers". All other links must be non-commercial.

Events page: It was suggested and agreed upon to list the Sorry Safari club events as well as other clubs' events on this page with highlighting for MGOC events. A request was made to list the business meeting on this same page.

Next Meeting and Natter

7pm, Thursday, March 8, 2012 at The Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott St., San Leandro.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm
Submitted by Marcia Crawford

Classified Ads

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