



# THE OCTAGON

Newsletter of the M.G. Owners Club  
The Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club



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## MGs by the Bay!



**Annual Picnic Aug. 6**  
**Black Star Pirate BBQ Run Aug. 27**  
**Cricket on the Green Sept. 25**

Premier Class sets up  
by Dan Shockey

# August 2022

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [magnut\\_dan@hotmail.com](mailto:magnut_dan@hotmail.com) or send them to: Dan Shockey, 12632 Edith Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92841

## RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? The club roster is available from Steve Kellogg upon request.

## MGOCSE.ORG

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

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## Help Celebrate George's 90th Birthday!



## MGOC Annual Picnic Saturday, August 6, 2022



11:30am-12:00pm: Club Meeting

12:00 -2:00pm: Picnic

Tilden Park in the Berkeley Hills, the Padre Picnic Area

The park is reached via Canon Drive, Shasta Road, or South Park Drive, all off Grizzly Peak Boulevard in Berkeley.

Come enjoy a day in a lovely park with old and new friends who share a love of MGs. Bring a picnic lunch or your favorite meats for grilling. George will fire up the BBQ\*. MGOC will supply charcoal, ice, drinks and cups. \* If the park permits fires this year





# From the Editor

It was truly great to be at **MGs by the Bay** and see so many of you good folks. Thuy enjoyed a gathering of high school (in Saigon) friends that day in San Jose so the trip was dual-purpose. I elected not to haul the MG. It seemed too much for a one-day event and gas is so spendy right now. Just getting there was enough.

Wiring seems my thing at present. I am getting ready to install a new wire harness in the TD that was totaled in the garage fire. And I have been helping my son-in-law wire his prototype electric motorcycle. Read about the bike at: <https://electrek.co/2022/07/20/ryvid-anthem-electric-motorcycle-unveil/>

I also need to wire in a rear fuel pump on my 1935 MG. It appeared to vapor-lock on the rally at the GOF. I plan to use an MGB "pusher" pump back there in line with the "sucker" up front. I should install the new harness in that MG as well. That means a lot of disassembly that I am not up for.

Lots of photos this Octagon with the two major events recently. Sorry for the lack of articles this issue. Will catch up in the "slower" months ahead.

Many great events coming up. Be there!



Photo: Dan wearing wire harness lei

**Dan**

Below: Marin press coverage!

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**BON AIR CENTER  
CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY**

Friends Dorothy Burke of Kentfield and Bob Huber of Greenbrae look over a 1950s model MG at the MGs by the Bay car show at Bon Air Center in Greenbrae on Saturday. Below, the dashboard of a 1958 MG with right hand drive. The event featured dozens of classic cars from all over Northern California, restored and carefully customized.

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# Black Star Pirate BBQ Run

## Saturday, August 27, 2022

### Meet at 9:45am



As Lou Reed said, "Do you want to take a walk on the wild side?"

#### Disclaimers:

- Road contains many speed bumps and pot holes
- Drive is a narrow lane
- You park on a dirt and/or gravel parking lot
- Limited bathroom facilities - only one toilet
- Limited shade, you could sit in hot sun
- No reservations - High risk of long lines



#### What you can also expect:

- Funky bohemian atmosphere
- There's a reason why you have long lines, the BBQ food is amazing
- Often have live music in the afternoons
- See a unique part of the Bay

<https://www.blackstarpig.com/>



Who is in for MG car optional road trip?

This tour will happen with one or many. RSVP is encouraged, but not required.

Meet at Keller Beach Park, Point Richmond at 9:45 am with 10:15 am Point Richmond Tour start. We plan to end at 11:00 am lunch at Black Star. Stay as short or as long as you like.

RSVP & Questions: If you have any questions, please call John Hunt cell: 925-330-7849 or e-mail me at:

[huntsails@comcast.net](mailto:huntsails@comcast.net)







Dad says he remembers when gas was 16 cents a gallon but also remembers that wages were 13 cents an hour at that time. Dad turns 98 in early August. He says he doesn't like getting older but isn't keen on the alternative either. And he reminds us that Christmas is only 5 months away. He says, "When you get older, the holidays get closer together but the bathrooms get further apart."

- Dan Shockey

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Joe Shockey drove George's TD  
at the GOF in 2001, with wife  
Leona and pooch Tangee

## C Type Turns 90

This great video turned up on  
YouTube: <https://youtu.be/CNlg4dsOy1Q>

A whole alphabet of MG history  
before the T type!





## President's Ponderings

### **MGs by the Bay**

I'm pleased to say that our little car show was a resounding success after all. I must admit to being a little concerned when we only had 9 cars signed up with 3 weeks to go but many members responded to my pleas for help and we ended up with 35 MGs at the show which was a nice amount. For those counting we had 1 TC, 4 TDs, 4 TFs, 5 MGAs, 9 MGBs + 2 RBs, 7 GTs, and 3 Premium class (TA, Midget, and A Coupe). As I said in one of my emails, 'if your car isn't running put it on a trailer' and 2 members did just that. Thank you. In fact James Pierson won 2<sup>nd</sup> place with his TD and the last time his car ran was 53 years ago in 1969 and he was able to drive it on the parking lot.

It takes a lot of time and effort to put on the show every year and I'd just like to thank everyone who helped make it a success. Who knows, we may do again next year.

### **Annual Picnic**

Remember that our Annual Picnic is coming up shortly in a week's time. It's on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Tilden Park and we have reserved a private picnic area for the club. This is always a fun event so I encourage everyone to attend. It's also one month prior to George Steneberg's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday so we'll be celebrating that as well. BTW, George has been a member of the club for the longest time and joined shortly after the club was formed in 1957! George also has a car that was built in the same year as he was born, a 1932 MG J2. Way to go, George!

### **In My Garage**

I've been working on the MGA Coupe recently getting it ready for Car Week at Monterey. I think I've been accepted for the **Little Car Show** in Pacific Grove but haven't had any confirmation yet but they cashed my check. Let's hope so. First of all, I replaced the tires that were 14 years old! They looked great but IMO, after 10 years you're on borrowed time. I decided on Vredestein 165 HR 15 which is the stock size for the car. I have Vreds on my other cars and love them. I had the tires shipped directly to Dependable Tire and Brake in San Rafael that I've used many times before for wire wheels. Ron (the owner) is great. He also uses my balancing cones that I got from the UK that you need to get them perfectly balanced.

Secondly I replaced the 2 - 6 volt batteries in the car with one 12 volt. It's almost impossible to find the 17 HF 6-volt batteries and if you can, they're around \$220 each plus shipping. I went for an Optima Battery that fits in the battery cradle without any modifications at all. I took lots of photos and will write an article for next month's **Octagon**.



The more you drive your car the better it gets.

**Andy**



Rayman Photo



# Marin MG Tour & Cricket Match

## Sunday, September 25

- Marin historical driving tour (Discover new fun facts about Marin)
- Gourmet deli lunch pick up at Woodlands Market
- Enjoy afternoon picnic & cricket match in Piper Park in Larkspur

Meet: 9:15am at Mill Valley Safeway (across from Mill Valley High) Starbucks in shopping center; 1 Camino Alto. Depart 9:45am!

Tour Leader: John Hunt, call 925-330-7849 or e-mail at: [huntsails@comcast.net](mailto:huntsails@comcast.net)

More Info: See next issue for all the particulars



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Many prints and jigsaw puzzles are available with British car art by Kevin Walsh. We encourage you to support his work.



# Lugging the Car

for *The Octagon*, August '22

by Mike Jacobsen



On my constant-length list of things to do on the MGA, the two that most recently came to the top were to service the battery and replace the fresh air hoses. Having the battery disconnected and the heater air supply hose out of the car allowed a third project to jump up the list: Installing a charging lug.

MGAs, Bs, and Cs have their batteries back behind the seats and it's hard to reach the battery terminals when you need to jump-start a car or want to charge your battery. But MGAs also have a mechanical starter switch under the hood, and that's what the battery's hot terminal connects to. That's a handy place to connect a cable – just open the hood – but the switch's hot stud is small. Adding a lug makes it easy to connect a cable there.

A cable end would have been the easiest thing to use, but I didn't have one, so I made one. I started with a scrap piece of 3/8" copper pipe, shown in Figure 1. I don't remember what it came from or why it had a flare on one end, but I figured the flare would help hold on the insulator I planned. I cut off a couple inches and smushed (yes, that's a technical term) one end in a vise as in Figure 2. Then I drilled a hole large enough for the pipe to fit over the starter switch's stud and ground off the corners, as shown in Figure 3. I also cut off a piece of 1/2" rubber hose to serve as an insulator.

I had clear access to the switch since the air hose was out of the car. While the battery was out of the car I removed the nut and washer on the hot side of the switch, placed the lug over the stud, and reinstalled the nut and washer – Figure 4. The final step was to slip that short piece of hose over the lug to insulate it



Figure 1 – The Tube



Figure 2 – The Crimp



Figure 3 – The Lug and Insulator



Figure 4 – The Lug Installed



Figure 5 – The Lug Insulated

The air hose covers the switch and lug, but there's still enough room that the lug doesn't touch anything, and with the air hose's flexibility it's easy to reach the lug, remove the insulator, and connect a cable. Now if I want to jump-start a car or have mine jumped I won't have to uncover the battery. You could also do something like this on a B or C, but the lug would have to be down at the starter and that's not as convenient.



# Come Back to the Beach in an MG!

## por tercera vez



**Friday – Sunday**  
**October 14 – 16, 2022**

They say that once Labor Day is over and all the tourists have gone, the Monterey Peninsula's weather is glorious. So make it a weekend trip to the home of the AT&T Golf Pro Am, Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Laguna Seca, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Cannery Row, Carmel by the Sea, Monterey Jazz Festival and the home of your hosts, Steve and Vicky Kellogg.

Our Weekend will start Friday evening at the Crown and Anchor British Pub in downtown Monterey.

The following morning, We will take a leisurely tour on the 17 Mile Drive, Cruise through Pacific Grove and Old Monterey, drive over the Laureles Grade to Carmel Valley and take a few winding roads before we head back to our accommodations.

We then head south on Highway One to Big Sur and its' iconic views and sites of the coast. You'll have a lunch at Big Sur Restaurant of your choice. You can then head back up the coast at your leisure as the afternoon itinerary is up to you.

In the evening, Vicky and I would like to invite you to our house for a Central Coast themed Dinner where we'll regale the days' events.

On Sunday, you'll be on your way back home.







## Where is the Inn?

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Pacific Grove, CA 93950

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Refer to **MGOC/Sorry Safari** when making your reservation.



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# Tres Tiempo!



# GoF Log 2022 - Buellton, CA

By Steve Kellogg

## Tuesday, June 28

Well, I'm sitting here in my hotel room at the Buellton Marriott. Very nice room. King bed, nice bathroom, and good HVAC. I remember coming to this hotel for the 2012 GoF. Later for a **North Meets South** Car Show for which I didn't make reservations and had to stay at the Motel 6 down the street. Vicky was not a happy camper to say the least.

Took the drive down Highway 1 yesterday after meeting up with the Prestons and the Hollanders at the Rio Road Chevron. The B ran great! Drove to the Fernwood Bar and Grill for Lunch and sat on the back deck. Good Lunch as it's like stepping back into the seventies. Of course, they served a \$20 Big Sur Burger like all the other local restaurants.

After lunch we tooted down the highway mostly in overcast as the fog would come in and out. Spent a good deal of the journey behind a van from Florida who pattered along at their own slow pace. (Can you believe me when I say I wanted to speed up?)

We stopped in Cambria for a bio break and gas. \$7.49 for premium! Out of Cambria we went for about 30 miles to 101 at San Luis Obispo. Heated up quite a bit and there a few slow spots but all in all we made it to the hotel at around 5 pm. Too late for me to register for the GoF. I think I may try Highway 1 all the way from the hotel back to home on Friday.

The first timer car show was going on in the back and there were some nice cars. At the orientation meeting, there were a lot of folks that were first timers. Hope they have a good time.

Larry Long and Mike Campbell put this GoF on and are worried that this 50<sup>th</sup> might be the last as no club has stepped up to run next year's.

Today is the car show and a couple of Tech sessions that look interesting. I'll also be setting up my brother's wood plaques on the arts and craft display room.

That's it for now. I miss my dog Meghan and her buddy Harry but know she would have been miserable on the drive down. I also miss my new 4 post lift that was installed in the garage last week and my Breville Espresso machine. What else..... Oh yeah, I miss my wife Vicky, but she's not a big fan of the Split Pea Capital of the World!

More tomorrow.

## Wednesday, June 29

We had a nice day yesterday at the car show. There were 2 Bs there that were early models that were nice. If I'm lucky, I might get a third place! Too bad we didn't have the TF down here. Although it wouldn't be eligible for an award it would have been the nicest down here, I think.

Lunch was from a food truck and GoF subsidized the cost, so it was pretty good. I had the chicken.

After the show I went back to the hotel and set up Brian's (my brother) plaques on the display board for the Arts and Crafts. I think he has a good chance to win an award.

The tech sessions were not very interesting. Oil Pumps for T-Series and what a shop sees when folks bring in their cars that aren't running.

For dinner a group of us went to AJ Spurs. Meat lovers delight. I had the baked Halibut. It was a huge piece and a little dry, but the tartar sauce was good and that helped.



Steve at GOF -  
Shockey photo



Unfortunately, I'm getting a little flair up of Le Gout so I'll pass on the drive today as the weather looks to be hot again. It must have been that cheesy Quesadilla I had on Monday that set it off. It's mild so it should be ok by tomorrow. So, I think I'll just take it easy and head to the store for some Tart Cherry Juice. (Too much information?)

Tonight, is the Auction which I usually pass on. I think I'll head to the World-Famous Anderson Pea Soup Restaurant for dinner and to get a can of soup to bring home to Vicky. Am I a great husband or what?

#### Thursday, June 30, 2022

Yesterday was a relaxing day. Had lunch at the Habit. Very nice salad. I went to the Auction to see the items. Not much interested me. The only thing they had was an oil drain used for lifts that might have been nice in my garage with the new lift, but there is no way I could fit it into the B to get home.

Had dinner with Mike and Elaine at the Firestone Brewery. Really interesting as there was no wait staff. You placed your order online, along with using your credit card to pay or run a tab. I think this will be the future of fast casual restaurants to reduce staffing. You only need cooks and runners. Had the fish tacos and they were mighty tasty.

Today is the Funkhana which I'll watch for a while and then perhaps take the top down on the B and make a 10-mile trip to Solvang to try some Scandinavian food. Tonight, is the awards banquet and I'm hoping to get an award for the wooden plaques my brother made.

#### Home Again

I took Highway 1 from Buellton all the way up the coast. Nice and cool and not too much traffic or many vans from Florida clogging the route!

### **Local GOF Award Winners, Listing from Sue Schweiger**

SSTS and MGOC award recipients:

FUNKHANA: First Place (Modern MG) Tony and Heather Lenci  
Second Place (Navigator TD) Dan Shockey

CAR DISPLAY:	Pre War	First Place	Dan Shockey and Thuy Nguyen
	MG TD	Third Place	Rod and Sue Schweiger
	MG TF	Second Place	Bill and Nancy Oldham
	MGA	Second Place	Mike Jacobsen and Elaine Chan
	MGB	Third Place	Lynn and Roberta Bryant
	Premier	First Place	David Miller, MGA Coupe



MGA tail view of the show field.

Shockey photo



# Member Notes

## GOF From Jim Carlson:

We got home just fine. The only problem we had was the speedo quit on the trip down and so I downloaded an app on my phone to track speed and also distance with an odometer. The app also logs the trip. Coming home we hit a top speed of 77 mph in the TD. Our average was closer to 62, but with a tail wind we were flying. It reminded me of when I was flying Piper Cubs many years ago; a tailwind or headwind made a huge difference in ground speed. With the TD, I could barely keep up 55-50 with a headwind between King City and Salinas. Once we picked up the tail wind after Salinas, we hit the 77 mph... probably also on a short downhill stretch.

## Andy in TF 1800:

Jim on a trip down to Buellton for another event we got our TF up to 84 mph on a downhill stretch before the front end became extremely light with the front wings acting like aerofoils. Our TF has a 1800 Volvo drivetrain!

## Reply from Jim:

That would be exciting! I don't think we had the airfoil effect. I also have a 5-speed transmission in the TD. Much quieter ride on the hwy.

## GOF trip from Mike Jacobsen:

We got back at 10pm. No car problems, but we visited quilt shops in Morro Bay, Atascadero, and two in Paso Robles before stopping at my uncle's in Salinas for dinner. Makes for a slow trip. Andy, maybe you have another Chitty Chitty Bang Bang in the garage...

## GOF trip from George and Marcia:

Great time the whole week Made it home with the usual traffic, not too bad.

## Note from Dave Marsh:

Thought I'd let you know that I've moved out of the area to Shingle Springs, CA. Over the last six or seven years I've enjoyed attending MGOC events and meeting other members. But, as I grew older, I found the need to be closer to family so I'm starting this new adventure. Cheers to all,

## Thanks from All:

I have to echo everyone else and say "Thanks" for all the work you've done for the club over the years. - Mike Jacobsen

## MGbtB from Marty Rayman: (Photo from Marty)

As we prep'ed the A for MGsBtB, starting with the tires, whitewalls & wheels yesterday, Luca learned a whole new vocabulary; hub caps, whitewalls, ignition, choke, throttle, starter, chrome bumper, rocker panel.. Thanks for all your hard work in presenting this wonderful show for our lovely little MGs & their owners. You folks are the best!

## Note from Dan Shockey:

A 1970 MGB/GT has arrived in the LKQ Pick-Your-Part Yard in Monrovia. White. VIN: GHD5UA195857G.

## Pres Coverage from Scott Pinsky:

From today's Marin *Independent Journal*, page 3. I see they had the good taste to picture the dash of my 3<sup>rd</sup> place-winning RHD MGA! Great event yesterday! Thanks for all the time and effort that went into it! Looking forward to more great events this summer and fall!

## Home again from Tom Doyle: (Bee in Bonnet photo from Tom)

I really have an MGC but somehow I have acquired a "B" (bee). Does that mean that next year I can enter in the "B" Class too?

Good to see everyone on Saturday .... Departed Marin on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am and arrived in Tahoe around 1:30 with two minor stops. The MGC ran great and I got around 22mpg going up the hill ... It was really hot around Dixon to Rocklin but once I got past Colfax it cooled off nicely. Also my gas cap was waiting for me at the Roseville Costco so all is good on that end.

## MGB – Buick V8 Conversion from Jeff Stobbe:

I have not really worked on the B. I installed a new vacuum advance but haven't even driven it yet with it. It was difficult to start when cold and I hope this cures it. I was going to use a V6 but then Gordon offered me the V8 along with my original drive shaft from my old V8 so I switched.

## Thanks from Linda Hunter:

I want to thank you both for helping us to sell our MGBGT and our '51 TD. Kevin and Christine of Sierra Classic Sports Car Repair bought our GT and a gentleman in Durango, Colorado, bought our TD. The TD just left today. I really appreciate your help and now I can work on restoring my 1960 MGA.



# Welcome New Members!

## **Laurel Eber & Richard Klaiss of Richmond with a 1959 MGA Coupe**

We're happy to provide you info. We purchased it 2 weeks ago. It had been sitting in a nearby driveway for 20+ years. Since it was covered and resting on stands there's minimal rust. The interior is near perfect. There is oil in the engine which we feel is a good sign that the car will start. The wiring looks good, the brakes are frozen. That's what we know for now. It is currently stored at a local repair shop. They promise to check it out in a few weeks. Fingers crossed! Rich is a British and Italian car enthusiast. His first car from when he was in High School was a Bugeye Sprite. Over the years he's owned many classic British and Italian cars and raced many of them on track. He now has a 1986 Alfa Romeo Spider. I have no background in this area.

We're looking forward to connecting with this group soon. Thanks for the warm welcome!



## **Robert Ferguson of Moraga with a 1974 Irish Racing Green 1974 MGB Roadster**

Thanks for reaching out. Purchased the MGB in Oct 2020. Wanted one since childhood. Was planning on updating my member profile on the site with a little info and a photo.

## **Ryan Ward of Campbell with a Chrome Bumper 1974 MGB/GT**

Thank you for the welcome! I'd be happy to share some info. My MGB GT was the first car I ever bought for myself, so my first car really. I am a 3rd generation MGB owner. My Grandpa had a '64 roadster, which my Dad then bought and then subsequently drove into the ground. So I like to say that I'm carrying on the family MG tradition. I bought it in 2013 and put a lot into it. I am 6'9" so people usually comment on how small the car is in comparison to me; I fit comfortably. Most people my age do not know about MGs so I try my best to teach as many as I can about them, which kind of comes naturally since I am a history teacher by trade. I will attach a photo at the Skyline Skid as well as others from 9 and 35. I quite enjoy taking my car up Highway 9 even though I am much slower than the majority of people on that road.



## **Grant Trombetta of Petaluma with a 1973 MGB Roadster**

I joined the club after attending the show on July 16 in Greenbrae. I went to gain a little inspiration for working on my car and found much, much more. I'm new to MGs and was taken aback by the beauty and engineering. I've attached a photo. I have owned my MGB a little more than a year.

The first 60 years of my love affair with cars was centered on American cars, primarily muscle cars from the 60's and early 70's. I sold the last one a few years ago but could not get the hobby out of my system.

In an effort to learn something new in my older years I decided the MGB was the way to go. I wanted a chrome bumper car so hence the 1973 roadster. It is a little rough and could use bodywork and new paint but it is still a joy to drive. I learned the hard way that tuning SU's was way harder than adjusting the jets on a Holley 4 bbl. For the first time in my life I had to send my car to the shop on a tow trailer after I took the ignition and intake systems apart.

Some health issues for my wife and I limit my ability to participate in person but I hope to attend events whenever possible. Thanks for the welcome and happy motoring. - Grant



## **Welcome Jack Ripsteen of Oakland with a 1956 MGA and 3 Morris Minors**

The MGA is a 1956 with original plates and in almost perfect shape 3 Morris Minors in restored shape. Woody, convertible and Sedan Thanks for reaching out. Cheers, Jack

## **Harry Albers of Larkspur with a 1969 MGB Roadster**

## **Bruce Harbert of Chico with a 1962 MGA MkII**

## **Bob Taft of Benicia with a 1969 MGB Roadster**

## **Lukas Vami of El Cerrito with a 1979 MGB Roadster**

**Russell Taft of Benicia with a 1968 MGB Roadster**, Also a 1957 Aston Martin DB2/4 MkII, 1959 Aston Martin MkIII Drop Head and a 1968 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow

Photos from Members



# GOF "Funkhana" Photos



New GOF Chairwoman  
above. Watch out!  
Mary, Marcia and Dan  
rope 'em. Dan sings for  
his breakfast.  
Bill Traill photos







# Keep Planning for 2022

## SUMMER



**Sat., Aug. 6: MGOc Annual Picnic, Marcia & George**

**Sat., Aug. 27: Black Star Pirate BBQ Run, John Hunt**

Sept. 3-4, Highland Games, Pleasanton, MG display, Kirk Prentiss

**Sun., Sept. 25: Caravan to cricket match, John Hunt**

Oct. 1, CRSG Vintage Races, Celebrating MGB 60th anniversary, Club corral & race car track laps

## FALL



**Oct. 14-16: Back to the Beach, Vicky & Steve Kellogg, Carmel**

Above: Marty Rayman on the Breakfast Club Rally in July  
Rayman Photos

Right: Popular vote results from **MGs by the Bay.**

Congrats to all!

Class	Place	No	Owner	Car Type	Color
TC	1	30	Keith Simon	48 TC	Green
TD	3	36	Jeff Abramson	50 TD	Red
TD	2	23	James Pierson	53 TD	Woodland Green
TD	1	16	Jim Brady	50 TD	White
TF	2	25	Anthony (T. J.) & Deni Marrone	54 TF	Almond Green
C-TF	1	37	Don Smith	54 TF	Ivory
MGA	3	1	Scott Pinsky	58 MGA	Black
MGA	2	24	Tim Moriarty	58 MGA	Red
MGA	1	8	Marty & Naomi Rayman	62 MGA	Red
Early MGB	3	18	Don & Anne Scott	65 MGB	Irus Blue
Early MGB	2	34	Russ Taft	68 MGB	BRG
Early MGB	1	26	Gerald Martin	65 MGB	Irus Blue
Late MGB	3	17	Bill Dodson	72 MGB	Blue
Late MGB	2	32	Mark McGothigan	75 MGB	Bracken
Late MGB	1	31	Lukos Vamis	79 MGB	Green
MGB/GT	3	29	Ariana & Max Moder	74 MGB/GT	Damask Red
MGB/GT	2	13	Carl Biagi	72 MGB/GT	Mallard Green
MGB/GT	1	28	Kirk & Amy Prentiss	69 MGB/GT	Tartan Red
Midget	1	22	Christian Rowcliffe	61 Midget	Old English Whit
MGC	1	5	Tom Doyle	69 MGC/GT	Damask Red
Most Customized	1	36	Don Abramson	50 TD	Red
Daily Driver	1	8	Marty Rayman	62 MGA	Torch Red
CYMLTTH	1	36	Jeff Abramsom	50 TD	Red
Premier	1	9	Allan Chalmers	38 TA	Red



# More GOF West Photos

Jim Carlson Photo



Andy Preston



Eric Baker unloads



Hollander MGB at show



TC Heads Home  
Shockey photos



Eric Baker MG PB on show field





## ***MGs by the Bay! in Photos***



TF arrives

Amy and Kirk put luggage rack to good use

GT Row by Andy Preston

Mike checks us in

Upper and lower photos by Marty Rayman







Tom Doyle photo



Shockey Photos except top right





Shockey photos unless marked



Rayman photo



Rayman photo



Gerald Martin  
Andy Preston photo





Rayman photo

Gerald Martin (right) drove the winning early MGB to the show - at age 94!

Shockey photos



## Classified Ads

Ads are free to MGOC members and \$6.00 per month for non-members. Some ads picked up from other clubs.

**MGB Parts:** New AI head, complete, professionally ported, non-smog. \$1300; Chromed (not polished AI) valve cover (used), \$100; Pair SU carbs, rebuilt by Dave Pelton, unused, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pair SUs, rebuilt then used. Both from 1967 MGB. Composite rear leaf springs \$150 pair, mgb, axle restraining straps, nylon, \$20 pair. Lots of other parts. Also valve cover racers! Member Ken Gittings, 341-206-5871 (Re-posted 6/22)

**1934 MG PA Airline Coupe:** Restored. Show winner. In Chicago area. Contact Dan for information. (Posted 7/22)

**Enclosed Trailer for Rent:** Enclosed car trailer for rent (16' x 8'). Trailer has integrated braking system and lights, 12 volt Electric Winch. Reasonable rates. Eric Baker (510) 517-2165

We list ads for 3 months. Advise if you want them extended. For additional ads, see prior issues of *The Octagon* or [MGOCSE.org](http://MGOCSE.org)





Elaine - Andy Preston photo



Rayman photos below



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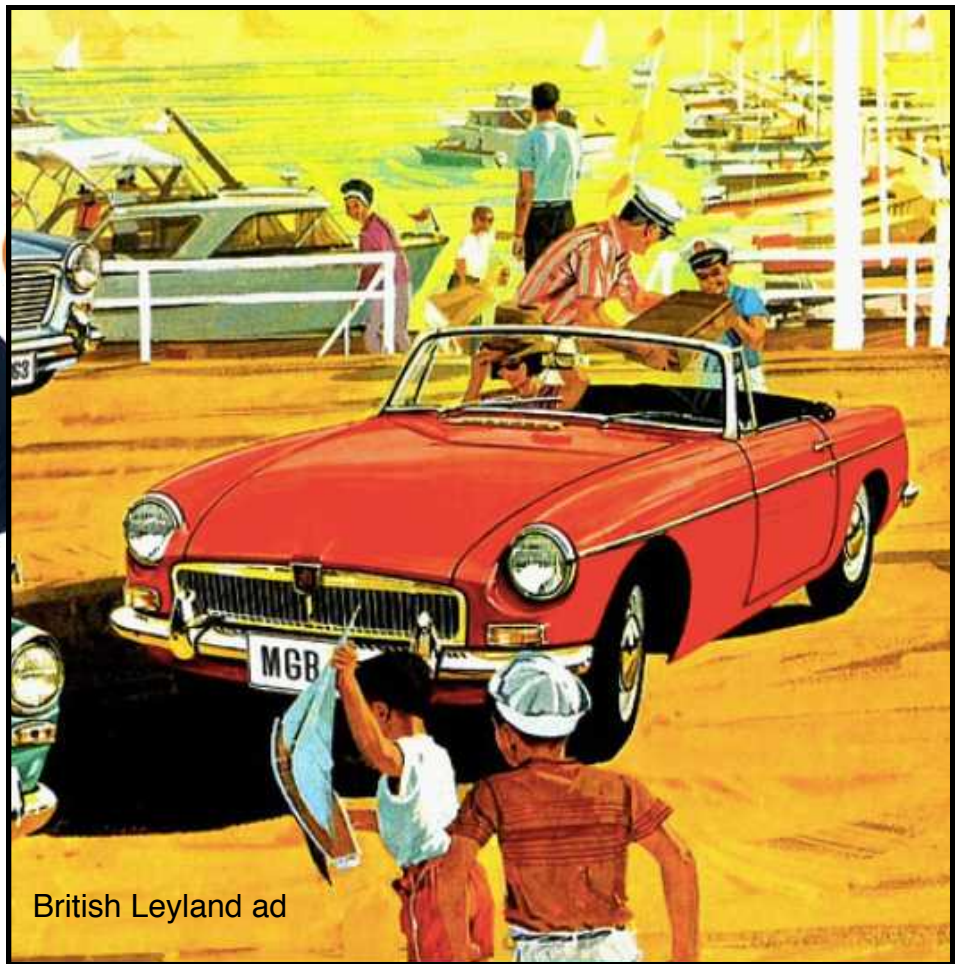



**North American MGB Register**





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320 B Monterey



British Leyland ad



A Great Start!  
Shockey photo

