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



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MGA's on Display

June 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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COVER PHOTO: MG(A)s by the Bay, Samantha Lee

Club Meeting Natter & Noggin

June 14, 7 pm

The Englander Sports Pub & Restaurant

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Wanted:

Electrical Help: I am new to the world of MG, and am in the process of improving a 1959 MGA Roadster. I have replaced the wiring harness and need the expertise of someone with electrical know how to help me make sure I do not burn anything up when I put a battery to it. I will pay for their time and knowledge. Can you help me? I live in Walnut Creek. Contact Harry at 925-934-4973 or TipTot@astound.net.

Pre-1968 MGB roadster. Long-time MG nut seeking early B roadster. My preference is one that is a preserved original or one redone to original specifications; but I will consider most any steel-dash car, depending on its price and its needs. Contact Member Don Scott at 707-942-0546 or don@napanet.net.

MGOC ANNUAL PICNIC**SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012****KENNEDY GROVE REGIONAL PARK****HITCHING POST PICNIC SITE****EL SOBRANTE****10:30 AM TO 4 PM**

Come enjoy a day in a lovely park with old and new friends who share a love of MG's. There are sunny lawn areas and shady eucalyptus groves. Our cars will be parked for viewing adjacent to our picnic area. George will have the coals ready for you to BBQ by noon - so bring your favorite hamburgers, steaks, sausages and hot dogs and beverages of your choice. There will be signs directing you to our reserved area.

TO REACH KENNEDY GROVE:

From the Richmond area take I-80 to the San Pablo Dam Road exit. Turn south-east on San Pablo Dam Road and proceed through El Sobrante to the Kennedy Grove entrance (on the left), about one-quarter mile south-east of Castro Ranch Road.

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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 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.

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>.

Forthcoming Events**MGOC Events in bold**

June 1 (tonight) – **Pub Night**, On The Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland

June 2 – Hayward Field Meet, All British Car Show and Swap Meet, Hayward

June 6-10 – MGB 2012, Dillard, GA, The Peachtree MG Registry

June 10 – Well Fargo Capitol Concours, Capitol Mall, Sacramento. Alan Anderson

June 14 – **Natter & Noggin**, New Englander Sports Pub, San Leandro, George Steneberg

June 18-22 – GOF West 2012, Santa Ynez Valley, Buellton, CA

July 9-13 – NAMGAR GT-37, Dayton, Ohio, Dave and Lois Gribler

July 21– **MGOC Annual Picnic**, Kennedy Grove Regional Park, Hitching Post Picnic Site, El Sobrante, George Steneberg

From the Editor...

Any attempt at topping May is going to be hard. Many of us were treated to two very successful meets that bookended the month of May. The Paradise British Car Club's *North Meets South: Cruzin' in Paradise III* is a long-standing every other year tradition dating back to the late '70s which gathered over 100 cars at SeaCrest Resort overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Props to Larry Long, Jim Bull, Cheryl and Keith Smith for hosting such a well run time honored tradition.

With hardly enough time to wash off the "road kill" from our bonnets, this was followed exactly 14 days later by our own MGOC hosted annual MGs by the Bay 2012 event which gathered cars from all walks of MG use (daily drivers to trailer queens). As for our own crew, props to Mike Jacobsen for handling early / late and last minute same day registrants (you know who you are), Craig and Kim Kuenzinger for directing traffic and parking detail, Toby Foster for his original pen drawing and watercolor poster / T-shirt design, Kim Kuenzinger and Marcia Crawford for creating gift baskets, George Steneberg

and Tim Polidoroff for stuffing envelopes, Bob Shaheen for setting up the "large" sign and finally our sponsors Jim Silva, Dave Pelton, Robert's Awards and Bill Hiland for their continued unwavering support.

You would think June would be a month of "rest," but instead, before you even have time to turn the page on the calendar, Pub Night jumps right in **tonight**, June 1st at 6:00pm at *On the Road Again* in Morgan Hill for more motorsport camaraderie over food, drink, darts and air hockey. And before you can blink, you are up early the next morning for the Mini Owners of America, San Francisco Chapter 22nd Annual Hayward Field Meet for an All British Car Show and Swap Meet.

And if local events aren't enough to satisfy your MG Motoring appetite, pack up and travel out to Dillard, GA for MGB 2012, Santa Ynez Valley in Buellton, CA for GOF West 2012 or Dayton Ohio for NAMGAR GT-37. In short, something for everyone.

Safety Fast!

Felix Lee
- Still recovering from
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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, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120. Members may also email ads to the editor at octagoneditor@mgocsf.org.

Cars for Sale:

1980 MGB Coupe. One of the last to enter the USA, this MGB is in excellent condition. Runs great! Oil changes, brakes and mechanical work done recently. Recently re-done seats and carpet. Overdrive transmission that **WORKS!** Radio/CD player. British racing green w/gold stripe. Top mended and in good condition. Tonneau cover. **CLOCK WORKS TOO!** Asking \$5,000.00 for it. Contact David Alvey at 925-687-0168.



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1967 MGB with overdrive. Original owner, has all maintenance records, Bay Area car since new. 121K original miles and less than 2K miles since full mechanical rebuild. Excellent condition. Looking for owner that will continue to give it TLC. Asking \$15K OBO. Contact Stephen at 415-722-0556 or sdhom@sbcglobal.net.



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President's Ponderings...

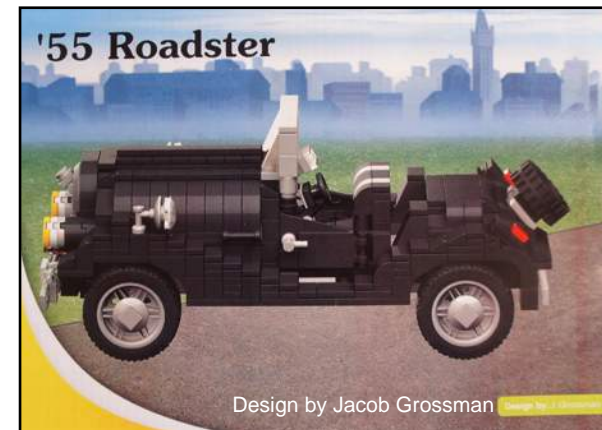
Marcia and I had wonderful ride to Pismo Beach and opportunity to participate in the *North Meets South* event. It was a very well organized event which started with a reception on Friday night, where we got together with old friends and met new ones. Saturday highlighted a 4 mile drive to a farm which was the site for the car show. A 50 mile rally started as you left the farm and got you back at the hotel about 3:00pm. There was just enough time for a brisk swim followed by a leisurely soak in the hot tub prior to the Awards Dinner.

Several of our club members received awards, which made me feel very proud. It was great to see so many MGOC members at this event.

We will be hosting our annual picnic on July 21st. This year it is going to be held at Kennedy Grove Regional Park, which is a wonderful park just below San Pablo Dam. There is a large lawn area with picnic sites in the shade. A large barbecue pit will be available for grillin' and a large horse shoe pit will be available for tossin'. Please watch for future updates in the *Octagon*.

Hope to see there!

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North Meets South at Pismo

By Andy Preston

Many members of the MGOC and SSTS made the 5 hour drive to Pismo Beach on Friday May 4th. and were rewarded with a fun and extremely well organized weekend. We took the direct route down Hwy 101 with our good friends Steve and Cheryl Glenn because it's always safer to travel with others. We stopped for lunch at the Wildhorse Café which is in the middle of nowhere, just off Hwy 101, close to King City. I had mentioned via email that we would be stopping there and just as we entered the café another caravan of MGs led by Wayne Veatch and Rod Schweiger pulled into the parking lot. They were followed shortly by the Kelloggs and Grossmans and then Mike Jacobsen and Elaine. In the middle of nowhere, a bevy of MGs appeared.

We all took different routes to Pismo Beach but all arrived in time for the registration and hospitality gathering on the roof of the SeaCrest Hotel overlooking a spectacular view of the beach and the Pacific Ocean. The weather on the roof was sunny and warm and we all had lots of time to catch up with old friends and make new ones while enjoying the complimentary local wines and refreshments.

Everything happens on Saturday and so it's an early start to get the bugs cleaned off the car and drive to the car show which is held at a local ranch. The car show was on a lush grassy lawn in front of a massive barn where we were served lunch.



There were beautiful British cars of all makes and models but I'd say that MGs were the predominant make because it was a NAMBG regional event. One car that I really loved was an early Morris Minor Convertible that had been lovingly restored by the original owner.

The car show finished at lunch time and we then all enjoyed a ranch style barbecue of tri-tip, beans, salad and all the fixin's. After lunch it was off to a gimmick rally of 75 miles touring around the back roads of the area. We finished up at Pismo Beach Marina and had time to quench our thirst with some of the local brews and chat with the locals as well as meet old friends.

Photo by Wayne Veatch

Recruiting (not business) card design & reprinting: Mike sent note -"Still not ordered, but after talking to Steve Kellogg – I will get the new cards made with the new Web address."

MG's By the Bay:

- Per Mike – Tees & insurance certificate received, dash plaques ordered awards ready and paid for.
- Per Craig, Rob will supply electricity and bath room keys.
- Bob and Craig will try to get the "large sign"
- Craig will explore the possibility of staging the MG's By the Bay at the Livery next year on the 1st Sunday of May.
- Tim delivered the t-shirts and were transferred to George.
- George will be picking up the awards Friday, May 11.
- George will ask Sam if the Club may borrow his PA system.
- The Board approved of drawing for raffle prizes by registration # eliminating the use of raffle tickets.
- Saturday, May 19, 10am, members will meet in George's Pub room to assemble registration packets.
- 42 registrations received as of Monday, May 7.
- Kim and Marcia have each made a raffle basket.
- Sam had Robert's Awards scan the new poster similar to past years. We don't have the bill yet per Mike

New Business

Next Meeting and Natter

- 7pm, Thursday, June 14, 2012 at The Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott Street, San Leandro.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58



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MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2012

President George Steneberg called the meeting to order at 6:51pm. Also attending were Marcia Crawford, Ken Gittings, Steve Kellogg, Craig and Kim Kuenzinger, Brian Linke, Tim and Molly Polidoroff, Susie Savage, Bob and Edie Shaheen and David Wright.

The April minutes were approved as printed in the May Octagon.

Treasurer's Report: The savings account stands the same. The checking account is lower due to purchases of grille badges and lapel pins, plus awards and dash plaques for MG's By the Bay, offset against receipts for MG's By the Bay.

Registrar's Report: The MGOC membership stands at 193 regular, 57 auxiliary, 12 corresponding and 2 associate members for a total of 264 members for a gain of one member over the past month.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Regalia: David Wright reported no sales for the previous month. He has a few grille badges which he will bring to MG's By the Bay.

The Octagon: Felix was unable to attend. Pictures from The North meets South event will be sent to Felix.

Website: Steve is updating Website and will include Sorry Safari's schedule of events on the announcement page. Regarding on line ordering, Field House has assorted shirts, hats, jackets, etc. A motion was made and passed that the club authorize Steve to spend \$99.00 to set up the site for Field House.

Past Events

MGB Tech Session: April 14 – A successful event was reported. Bill Hiland supplied his shop, his tools were used and parts bin was available for work on Jeremy's car and the mechanics provided advice. John Twist of University Motors was mentioned as a good speaker and Tim volunteered to talk with Bill regarding the possibility of having John Twist come to On The Road Again and give a seminar on MGs.

North Meets South: May 5 – A good turnout of over 100 cars came to Pismo Beach for the one day event. Eight members of MGOC received awards.

Upcoming Events

July Picnic: Saturday, July 21 – The Hitching Post Site at Kennedy Grove, East Bay Regional Park

Old Business

Qualified Secretary Still Needed.

The awards banquet was held at a local restaurant private room which was just a walk across the parking lot from the hotel. The food was remarkably good for a large party of over 120 and photos that had been taken during the event were projected onto a large screen for everyone to enjoy. The couple who came the furthest was a father and daughter who flew in from Newfoundland, Canada. They drove their MGF which he stores at Robert and Susan Milner's ranch in Manteca. Jennifer Orum drove the furthest coming from Vancouver, Canada in her concours quality red 1971 MGB, lovingly called B52.

MGOC members did extremely well in the awards presentations:

MGA 1500/1600	1 st place	Randy Grossman and Melissa Johnson
MGB 63 – 67	2 nd place	Andy and Marla Preston
	3 rd place	Bill Hiland
MGB 68 – 73	1 st place	Jennifer Orum
MGB GT	1 st place	Ken Gittings
MG T series	1 st place	Vicky Kellogg
	2 nd place	Rod and Sue Schweiger
	3 rd place	George Steneberg

This event is held every two years and is one of our favorite events. If I had to recommend only one to attend every two years it would be this one. The members and organizers from Pismo Beach Car Club couldn't have been more friendly or more gracious and they made everyone feel at home and welcome. This is one event not to miss in 2014.

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HAYWARD FIELD MEET, 6/2
MG2012, DILLARD, GEORGIA, 6/6-10
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GOF WEST: BUELLTON 200 MILES, 6/18-22
PALO ALTO CONCOURS, 6/23-24



SUMMER

NAMGAR GT-37, DAYTON, OHIO, 7/9-13
ANNUAL PICNIC, KENNEDY GROVE REGIONAL
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

cars do handle well and I survived without killing myself. However, I did sell that car and my other Minors and have not considered buying a Minor again.

I saw few Mk 1 MGBs at the show, but Brandon Augustine's Mk 1 was a standout among all the MGBs. Brandon told me that he has owned his red B roadster since 1986, and that he and his dad restored it over a five year period ending in 2005. This red '67 roadster was very pretty with silver wire wheels and detailed engine compartment. Brandon told me that the car was sold originally in Walnut Creek, but was stored in a container from 1972 to 1986 prior to his purchasing it. I commented that there were few enthusiasts his age involved with this hobby, and he said that none of his friends had old British cars. Brandon, who is 41, lives in Napa, and I had seen the car parked in St. Helena where he works but I didn't know its owner until now.

The '51 Allard of David Rossiter's was a standout at the show. Red and outrageous, sporting a Cadillac 331 OHV V8, an Allard like this must have really been the ultimate blend of hot rod and sports car in its day. David said that an original Allard only weighed 2,300 pounds, and had a top speed of about 140 mph. His car was purchased from a museum collection. I liked it a lot.

Having owned four MGB GTs, I was captivated by Carl Biagi's '72 B GT. It was located in the Winner's Circle as it won Best of

Class last year. Carl told me he had purchased his GT in 1974, and had used it originally as a daily driver. The restoration was lengthy; taking the better part of a decade, it was at a paint shop for seven years. Being a mechanic, Carl did all the other work himself. This car was outstanding. I have seen few B GTs that were this well detailed. He even retained all the smog equipment, so that it looks like a car in an MG showroom in 1972. About the only modification to the car I could see was wheels that were period alloys. But on the wheels were correct 20-year old Michelin XZX tires. We shared MGB GT stories, as I had just sold my '73 which I had owned for 25 years.

Unfortunately, an MG show took place on the same Sunday in Danville, and this did have an effect on the numbers of MGs at this show. There were only four MGAs here. The last photo I took as I left the show was an MGA Twin Cam coupe which must be one of the rarest of MGAs. According to the book Original MGA, only 323 MGAs of this configuration were manufactured.

Out in the parking lot was another red Mk 1 MGB roadster that should have been displayed inside and I snapped a photo of it. Parked in what little shade there was my Miata and next to it was a fiberglass Austin Healey replica that was also leaving. I asked the Healey replica owner why he didn't display his car, and he said he didn't even ask.

Pub Night

Date: Friday, June 1, 2012 (tonight)

Purpose: Free evening of darts, air hockey, music, and vintage racing movies!

Munchie bits will be provided as well as mixers and ice. Please bring your own beverage of choice.

Meeting Place: On the Road Again

16840 Joleen Way, Unit G-4, Morgan Hill

Time: Meet at 6:00 pm till 9:00 pm

Contact: Bill Hiland at 408-782-1100 or bhiland@ontheroadagainclassics.com

Woodland British Car Show

By Don Scott

Since all my MGs are in various states of (dis)repair, I drove my '01 Miata to the Woodland British Car Show. The 90 degree ambient temperatures and the 90 mph speeds on Interstate 80 may have added to the appeal of driving the Miata. This is the same Miata that failed to get me to the big MG show in Reno. Today it performed flawlessly as one would expect a newer Japanese car to do. But it doesn't provide the thrill of an MG even though it's a modern imitation of a classic British sports car.

I brought my camera and notepad as usual. As I arrived at the fairgrounds, the first British car I saw was an MGTF attempting to enter the fairgrounds on the wrong entry road. I later found out why the driver was a bit confused as to how to get into the display area. He had left home for the car show at 4:30am that morning and had been on the road for four hours in that TF.

A beautiful Morgan greeted me when I first walked into the car display area, and it was the first photo of the day. I met my friend Pat, and we toured the swap meet area. Dave Laughlin was there with his van of interesting parts for sale and his dog keeping him company. Selling parts next to Dave's display was a former enthusiast who had abandoned the hobby five years ago, and was liquidating some of his accumulation of parts. I bought a NOS Lucas voltage regulator still in the box for \$10. What a score! He told me that after 30 years of owning and driving and working on British sports cars, he had decided to change hobbies. He said he is a surfer now and drives to Santa Cruz from Sacramento in his Honda van to ride the waves. He said he was glad to have a hobby that didn't skin his knuckles and expose him to dangerous chemicals.

There were very few T-series MGs at the show, and the one TF that I saw driving in was the only TF at the show. But what a TF it was. I own a TF myself and can now recognize some of the details which distinguish an ordinary car from a show winner. This TF belongs to Grant Ross of Carson City. He has not owned it that long and told me he bought it sight-unseen from its prior owner in Pennsylvania.

Grant relied on the pedigree of the car as it had won AACA contests and they have very exacting standards. He didn't come right out and say it, but I think he paid around \$30,000 for this car. Seeing its detailing, I would say he did well on this purchase. When it arrived by truck, he must have been delighted when he first saw the car. Being a TF1500, it has a bit more power than the 1250 model, and he told me it has had a modern 5-speed installed for better highway cruising. It had a frame-off restoration in 2007. Even the tires are period correct Dunlop bias ply which he said were old but never used. The four-hour drive was from Carson City, Nevada. And when I left the show Grant said he was going to drive home again that afternoon! He has more courage than I have!

Bruce Blair must be the ultimate Morris Minor enthusiast. He also drove down from Carson City. With help from his family, he was displaying three Morris Minors and a Minor Junior pedal car. Bruce, wearing a factory-authorized BMC white shop coat, appears in the photograph beside his Minor 1,000,000. These little lavender Minor saloons were the special commemorative cars that marked the milestone 1,000,000 of Morris Minor production. BMC made a total of 350 of these unusual colored cars, and Bruce's car is one of only 21 that were exported to North America. Bruce told me that his Morris collection consists of 12 1000s, 1 1000000, 1 MM (the split-window model), two Minor trailers, and two pedal cars.

I told Bruce that I gave up on Minors after I nearly died in one. I once was very enthusiastic about Minors myself, and had just purchased a '67 Minor sedan that had been sitting for some time in western Marin County. With a new battery and a bit of work, I had it running and thought I could drive it home. As I was going down a very steep, winding, and long hill that descends into the Napa Valley, the brakes failed, the transmission failed, and the emergency brake cables broke. I was able to drive it into the hillsides on curves to scrub off speed. Closest I have come to dying as I am sure I was going about 60 mph by the time I reached the last curve at the bottom of the hill. But those

On the Scene at MGsBTB 2012

By Samantha Lee

I am always relieved when we actually arrive at MGs by the Bay in Danville and are greeted by Mike and Craig because the 1st time I came, we never arrived. Missed it by 1 exit, one fan belt and 1 freeze plug, 4 years ago. The second year we won 1st place and now we enjoy watching other friends get awards. We checked in and parked our car in the TF area. Waiting for other cars to arrive, we noticed shiny clean cars ^{everywhere}. We went to Road Street Cafe and ordered cinnamon raisin with butter. We talked to other owners and took pictures of me and their cars. As Bs, Cs, Ts and even a PB were there. We voted for many cars, (green, red and black ones mostly). We turned in our ballots and Elaine found me an XS denim MG shirt while waiting to announce the winners. I had French fries and chicken strips for lunch. Congratulations to all the winners. You can find all of them listed on page 14. That was the best car show ever.. until next year! So many cars to see, but so little time.

BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD

MGS BY THE BAY 2012

WHY DON'T YOU
COME THIS WAY AND I'LL
SHOW YOU A REAL GOOD
LOOKING BURGUNDY
MIDGET ...

NO THANKS, I'D
RATHER HEAD THIS
WAY AND CHECK OUT
THE TF'S,
I HEAR THERE IS A
YELLOW ONE NAMED
"DAISY"

MAYBE I
CAN GIVE OUT
GIFTS FOR
THEIR VOTES

OR
MAYBE I CAN
BRIBE THEM
WITH SOME
FOOD

PARKING
ONLY
VAN
ACCESSIBLE
MINIMUM
FINE \$250

EXCUSE
ME, BUT
CAN YOU
HELP A
MAN
DOWN ON
HIS
LUCK?

IT'S REALLY NOT THAT
HARD, JUST DISCONNECT THIS
WIRE AND POOF, INSTANT
BSPA ...

OH NO, NOT
THE PITY ACT?!

THE
BLUE ZONE?
NO, NOT THE
BLUE ZONE?!

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11:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch on your own at LADERA GRILL
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2:30 - 3:30 pm Drive-up presentation of awards



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Show Registration includes the Saturday Tour and Reception, with munchie bits and wines from local Vineyards. All show participants invited.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ CLUB: _____

PHONE: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

CAR MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____ Coupe ☐ Convertible ☐ Saloon ☐

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MGs by the Bay Awards

Class	Place	Owners	Car Type
TC	1	Terry Sanbders & Cindy Weiss	'47 TC
TD	HM	George Steneberg, Marcia Crawford	'52 TD Mk II
	HM	Molly and Tim Polidoroff	'52 TD
	3	Start and Joyce Locke	'53 TD
	2	Ameli Abramson	'52 TD
TF	1	Rob and Sue Schweiger	'52 TD
	2	Marla and Andy Preston	'55 TF
MGA	1	Vicky and Steve Kellogg	'55 TF-1500
	3	Dan Bennett	'56 MGA
	2	Jennifer Steneberg and Dan Shaffer	'56 MGA
MGA Coupe	1	Tom Dunham	'58 MGA
	1	Helen and Alan Clary	'58 MGA
Early MGB	HM	Steve and Vicky Kellogg	'73 MGB
	HM	Jim and Susan Richardson	'64 MGB
	3	Eric Baker	'63 MGB
	2	Robert and Edie Shaheen	'72 MGB
	1	Janet and Donald Smith	'66 MGB
Late MGB	3	Barbara Garrett	'76 MGB
	2	Michael Jamieson	'79 MGB
	1	Charles Schweiger	'79 MGB
MGB/GT	3	Eric and Linda Horodas	'67 MGB/GT
	2	David Hicks	'69 MGB/GT
	1	Ken Gittings	'67 MGB/GT
Midget	3	Rance and Sally Ann Haig	'67 Midget
	2	Christian Rowcliffe	'61 Midget
	1	Craig and Kim Kuenzinger	'79 Midget
MGC	1	Chris Hannes	'69 MGC/GT
Pre-War	1	Eric Baker	'36 PB
Saloon	1	Mike Jacobsen and Elaine Chan	'58 ZB Varitone
Most Customized	1	Joshua Miller	'74 MGB
Daily Driver	1	Alex Theriault	'58 MGA
Car I'd Like to Take Home	1	Tom Dunham	'58 MGA
Premier	1	Robert and Sue Luebbert	'53 TD

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