

# 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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British Racing MGreen, MGOC St. Paddy's Day Tour, Kirk Prentiss

## Club Meeting

### Burger Natter & Noggin'

**Date:** Saturday, April 2, 2016

**Time:**

9 a.m.: Breakfast

10 a.m.: MGOC Club Meeting

**Location:**

Nation's Giant Hamburgers

6060 Central Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530

510-528-8888

**Event:** Club Meeting

**Please RSVP:** to Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 /

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**New and Used Parts Swap Meet / Bone Yard Sale:** 2nd Saturday of the month starting January 11, 2013

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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 [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>.

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## Forthcoming Events

### MGOC Events in bold

- April 2 – **Natter & Noggin' Club Meeting**, Nations Giant Hamburgers, El Cerrito, Kellogg
- April 3 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- April 5-9 – **Coastal Tour II**: Fort Bragg > Eureka > Crescent City, Kellogg / "Magic" Prentiss
- April 8 – NAC Purchase MG Rover (04/08/05)
- April 12 – Cecil Kimber's Birthday (04/12/1888)  
Cecil Kimber and Old Number One win Gold at Land's End Trial (04/12/15)
- April 15 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland
- April 16 – 1,500,000th MG built, TF 160 (04/16/02)
- April 28 - May 1 – **North Meets South**, Buellton, Paradise British Car Club
- May 1 – Octagon registered as MG Trademark (05/01/24)
- May 7 – **Natter & Noggin' Club Meeting**, TBA, Kellogg
- May 9 – MG Rover Group formed (05/09/00)
- May 11 – MG Midget wins Team Prize at Brooklands Double Twelve (05/11/29)
- May 15 – UBSCCCS, Dixon Fairgrounds  
Friendship Day, Redwood Shores
- May 20 – **OTRA Pub Night**, Morgan Hill, Hiland
- May 22 – Corte Madera Centennial Vintage Car Show
- May 28 - June 3: British Car Week

# From the Editor...

... British Racing ... **GREEN**? ...

In the early international racing world, every major motoring country had its own national color. France was, and is **Blue**, Germany was, and is **Silver**, Belgium was, and is **Yellow**, and Italy, of course, was, and is **Black**, but then changed to **Red**. But what about the British? Did the British not race? Were British cars not world competitors? Well, turns out the British did race and yes they were World Racing Champions. As such, their color was not only a color, but a "Racing" color, British Racing ... **Green**. British Racing **Green**? ... **Green**, you ask? Where in the world did the **Green** come from?

The national colors of the United Kingdom are usually associated with some combination of **red**, **white** and **blue**, where the **blue** is often a very dark **blue**. These are the very same colors that are depicted in the colors of the British flag and are, in turn, taken from the flags of England (**red** and **white**) and of Scotland (**blue** and **white**). Historically, the British Armed Forces fought in **Red**, and at sea, an Order in Council defined that the **Red** Ensign and Union Jack, with a **white** border, represent all British Ships. So once again, where in the blazes, does **green**, or more specifically, British Racing **Green** come from?

Interesting enough, it all began with an American, Gordon Bennett, a rich newspaper baron, from New York.

Gordon Bennet was one of the first organizers of international motor racing, such as the Grand Prix, which pitted nation versus nation. In the days of the Gordon Bennett Cup, in 1903, each country was told to

choose a national color. Once again, France chose **Blue**, Germany chose **Silver**, Belgium chose **Yellow**, Italy chose **Black**, but then changed to **Red**, and the British? Well, the British were actually scheduled to host the races that year, but British Parliament had just set the national speed limit at 12 mile per hour, and as a result, switched the location of the races to neighboring Ireland, instead. As a mark of respect, to their Irish hosts, Britain painted all of its race cars ... **Green**, in what would become known internationally as, **British Racing Green**. The car that raced for Britain that year, was a 1903, **Green** Napier, capable of 80 miles per hour. And there you have it, the genesis of **British Racing Green**.

As is usual, with this time of year, being April 1st and all, you are all probably quite suspicious, and rightfully so, that I may be trying to pull off another tremendous hoax of an editorial. In other words, you have all, once again been had, at the expense of my editorial wit. And that's ok to admit it, that you have been "had," once again, for the 5th consecutive year of my editorship.

Historically, each time this year, like on April 1, 2012, when I had you believing that the **FAST**, in the Slogan, "**Safety FAST**," stood for several supportive women in Cecil Kimber's early life (Fanny (Cecil's mother), Aimee (Cecil's mother-in-law), Sarah (Cecil's great grandmother) and Thel (Ethel, Cecil's sister-in-law).

Or on April 1, 2013, what about the time I had you believing that there was going to be an official MG handover countdown back to the UK after SAIC's 99 year purchase lease runs out in 2105?

Then there was April 1, 2014, when I told you about the Affordable Classic British Car Act? You know, the one where, "If you already own a classic British car, and you like it, you can keep it, (just kidding; no, you can't). Your current classic British car will be taken from you and you WILL be required to purchase a new classic British car."

## MG

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

**MGA MKII Gearbox**, this is the late model MGA gearbox with the ribbed housing (not to be confused with the, almost identical, early model MGB housing). Needed for my MGA MKII restoration project where I am trying to keep things as original as possible. Please contact member Mark Cox at 415-341-4169 or at [mark\\_cox@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mark_cox@sbcglobal.net) [Posted 02/16]

## Parts for Sale:

**MGA Parts: Pair of SUH4 carburetors with linkage**, need to be rebuilt. \$50

**MGA Parts: Four 15"x48" spoke wire wheels with tires**, \$200 for all four

Contact member Dave Loader at 408-910-4022. [Posted 12/15]

**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 windshield. 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: [elliotsopkin@gmail.com](mailto:elliotsopkin@gmail.com). Posted 05/15]



# 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]



**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 \$14,500.

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



**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 one). 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]



And just last year, on April 1, 2015, with the help of Tim Cook, the President of the MG Club of Northumbria, UK, who participated in the marvelous rouse of rumors of the newest MG smart car to be manufactured in conjunction with Apple Computer?

So I get that many of you are suspicious about what you just read, in the above editorial, about the genesis of *British Racing Green*, and your reluctance to be "had" for the fifth year in a row. Only to be shocked when I write, "Happy April Fool's Day!" And no one would ever fault you for being suspicious of yet, another great hoax.

But this year, the April Fools is on you! Yep, that's right. Its all true, at least according to our friends at *Top Gear*. So as strange as it may have sounded, my accounting of the genesis of *British Racing Green*, is in fact, FACT! So for this year, fooled you, not once, but twice!! Happy April *British Racing Green* Fool's Day!!!



*Safety Fast!*

*Felix Lee*

- Wishing history were different and Britain chose British Racing Triple Black, instead



## President's Ponderings ...

This past month I decided to sell the MGB and the MGTF, dip into our equity Line, sell some of Vicky's Blue platters and buy myself a Frontline Developments MG Abingdon Edition. I barely understand the specs on the car, but they seem pretty awesome:

- \* 0-60 mph: 3.8 seconds Manufacturers estimates
- \* Top speed: 160 mph Manufacturers estimates
- \* Power: 304bhp @ 6,800 rpm
- \* Max torque: 241 lb foot / 326 Nm @ 5,200 rpm
- \* Compression ratio: 12.5:1
- \* Max rpm: 7600
- \* Power to weight: 339 bhp / tonne

The plan is to get it shipped here in time to drive to North Meets South at the end of April, for the break in period. Then in June, I'll drive to Kentucky for the MG 2016 and then from there, I'll head on up to Redmond, Oregon for the GoF West!

I think I'll cruise on up to Vancouver, BC after the GoF West and check in on Jennifer Orum and see if she wants to cruise across Canada together towards the East Coast. I would then head south, stopping in Manhattan and Washington DC to see some friends and end up seeing Tim and Molly Polidoroff and their monkeys in Florida. From Florida, I'll drive back through New Orleans for some Gumbo, Texas for some BBQ Brisket in Austin and New Mexico for some Southwestern Cuisine.

Little drive on over to San Diego for some Fish Tacos and back up the Coast to the Bay Area in time for MGOC August Club Picnic. Now that is what I call a road trip. My Lovely wife Vicky would probably join me on the eastern leg of the trip as she has more friends back east than I do and Oh Yeah,

Happy April Fools Day!!!!!!



Safety Fast and all Hail to The Octagon!

Steve Kellogg



# Saint Paddy's Day Tour 2016

... Maybe St. Patrick had Something to Do with It ...

By Andy Preston

This tour was organized by Andy and Marla Preston and open to both the MGOC and SSTS and attracted lots of members from both clubs. Sixteen MGs and 30 people showed up on Thursday March 17, 2016 for the annual Saint Paddy's Day run. Don Livingood drove all the way down from Oregon in his MGA, top down all the way. Way to go Don! Other participants were; Jean Behse & Bill Thompson, Steve & Cherryl Glenn, Dick & Judy Scardamaglia, Keith & Pam Shukait, Michael & Susa Black, Terry & Cindy Sanders, Marty & Naomi Rayman, Bob Bundy, George & Marcia, Kirk & Amy Prentiss, Wayne & Janet Veatch, Bobbie & BJ, Herb & Judy Guidry, Jeanne Haslam & Guest, Dave Laughlin & Stephen Born and Marla & Andy.

It had rained almost every day in March, so we were a very apprehensive about the weather but it turned out to be fabulous. It was the warmest day all month, with temperatures reaching over 70 degrees with bright sunny skies, just perfect for our little British cars.

Maybe St. Patrick had something to do with the weather. He is the patron saint of Engineers and maybe MGs as well.

We all met at the Harvest Market parking lot on San Marin Drive in Novato and drew quite a crowd of locals who were very interested in looking at the cars and chatting to us. How often do you see 16 MGs in one place these days?

We set out along Novato Blvd and turned onto Hicks Valley Rd which takes up through farmland and beautiful countryside. It was green everywhere; it didn't matter where you looked it was



Photo by Kirk Prentis



## PAST EVENTS

Tech Session in Walnut Creek – Thanks to Craig and Kim. This was a terrific session.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 17. Andy will lead a St. Paddy's Day drive, as discussed above.

April 2 Meeting location TBA, likely Nation's Hamburgers in Albany

Coastal Tour Part II, April 4-9, Fort Bragg, Eureka, Crescent City. Steve Kellogg. Will be cancelled if there are not more than 7-10 cars signed up by 3/14. Only 2 not including Steve have signed up – both from Sacto.

North Meets South April 29-May 1 in Buellton. See <http://paradisecarclubhome.com/nms.html>. Book your hotel now. 40s costume contest and The Amigos band. Marla is leading a caravan from the North Bay to Cambria on April 28 with a pre-meet tour of Hearst Castle. Contact her for details, marlapreston@hotmail.com. SSTS will likely lead a drive down on April 29.

See The Octagon for the complete calendar.

## OLD BUSINESS

**NAMGAR GT-42:** Will be in Solvang Jun 19 - Jun 23, 2017

## NEW BUSINESS

After discussion of how much was spent at the last MGBTB on awards and buying many shirts which were not sold, the consensus was to keep the awards and cut the shirt expenditures. It was moved and passed that T-shirts for MGs by the Bay will not be included with registration but available by pre-order only. The cost will probably be \$10 for a white shirt but Ken Gittings will research the option of colored shirts, which may cost more, and will report at the next meeting. The entrance fee will stay at \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door.

The Annual Picnic in August: Marcia reported on her research of Tilden park options and will book Willows Picnic area. Will hold 50 cars and 100 people. Cost is \$168 – can be cancelled if we find a better option.

HS Lordships has become too expensive for the club to subsidize meals at \$26 + per person (\$46 pp less \$20 + \$100 bar charge). Marla will explore options and encourages suggestions. Steve will send a survey: Would members prefer to pay \$30 pp at HS Lordships or go elsewhere – where?

## BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

None

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None, other than as discussed herein.

**NEXT MEETING** – Saturday, April 2 at a site TBD.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:30

Submitted by: Wayne Veatch

## 10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't wash your eyes with soap.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried no. 3.
6. When you did no. 3, you realized it's possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You're smiling right now, because you were April fooled.
8. You skipped no. 5.
9. You just checked to see if there is a no. 5.
10. Share this with your friends to have some fun too! :-)





# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

*Geroge's Pub Room - 9 Pomona Avenue, El Cerrito*  
March 5, 2016

**Call to Order:** By Steve Kellogg at 10:06.

**Attending:** Steve Kellogg, Wayne Veatch, Colin Hammond, Mark McGothigan, Andy and Marla Preston, Ken Gittings, David Laughlin, Marcia Crawford, Pam and Keith Shukait, George Steneberg, Felix Lee, Stephen Born, Brian Linke and Suzy Savage.

**Mileage Winner:** Not Applicable, as we did not meet at a restaurant.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** February 6, 2015, as amended to delete unauthorized comments mysteriously inserted into the Treasurer's report.

## REPORTS

**President's Report:** Vicky and Steve will be moving to Pebble Beach at the end of this month. Steve's plan is to remain President of the MGOC for the remainder of the year, provided he doesn't go nuts! Thanks to George and Marcia for hosting us this month. Still need to find a restaurant for future meetings. After the meeting we will check out Nation's Hamburgers in Albany.

**Vice President's Report:** Andy Preston: As advertised on his emailed flyer, Andy will host the St. Paddy's Day Drive on March 17, meeting at 10 AM at Starbuck's, 127 San Marin Dr, Novato, to The Pelican Inn. Rain or Shine. Please RSVP to Andy, 707 795 3480 or marlapreston@hotmail.com prior to March 14th.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marla Preston :

Account	March 2016	February 2016
Checking	9,036.15	8,691.43
Savings	3,463.55	3,463.47
GT-42 2017	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	13,499.70	13,154.90

**Registrar's Report:** Steve Kellogg

179	Number of Regular Members
58	Number of Regular Family Members
237	Total Regular and Family Members
15	Number of Corresponding Members
6	Number of Corresponding Family Members
21	Total Corresponding and Family Members
258	Total

Increased by 6 Regular Members and 2 Corresponding Members in February

**Secretary's Report:** Wayne Veatch: Present, taking notes and producing these Minutes.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** George Steneberg: Nothing new to report. Still receiving ads addressed to Bob Stine.

**Regalia:** Steve Kellogg brought 36 Mugs to the meeting for Andy's Regalia - \$10.00 when purchased at meetings and \$20.00 when purchased on line. Andy brought a very neat display board, showing available items.

**The Octagon:** Felix Lee: It's looking great. Felix plans to print a vast number of MG Love articles as a glossy coffee table book.

**Website:** Steve Kellogg – There is a glitch with the Newsletters (Blasts from Steve and for the monthly Octagon). Seems that since the first of the year, sbcglobal.net and pacbell.net domain e-mails have been blocked. Affected members are advised to go to their email settings and allow these domains to send them messages instead of regarding them as spam and junk and/or "update" their addresses. There was discussion advising such members to abandon their addresses and switch to Gmail.

Keith Shukait will work up a fix for affected members that Steve will post on the Announcements/Home page of the website, and on the Facebook page.

Steve used MailChimp to send the last blast and it seemed to work well. It is also capable of showing more graphics. Could be really nice for Event Flyers. There seems to be a broken link on the website for ordering badges. Needs to be fixed.



velvety green. We climbed Wilson Hill Rd and at the top of the hill you are rewarded with one of best views of Sonoma hills in the North Bay. We continued into Chileno Valley which is one of my favorite areas to drive especially this time of year. If you didn't know where you were, you'd think you were driving the country lanes of England or Ireland.

Leaving Chileno Valley Road we headed out towards the coast and the shoreline of Tomales Bay. We passed by many cafes and restaurants that specialize in oysters. Our first stop was at Pt. Reyes Station where we could take a short rest and chat with everyone. We continued along Shoreline Highway, through Stinson Beach and then started the gradual climb on the west side of Muir Woods National park that offers spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean along the way. The sun was shimmering off the water making this a day to remember. This is truly breath taking scenery and one of the best drives in California; and we were so fortunate to be able to enjoy it on such a glorious day.

Our final destination and lunch stop was the Pelican Inn at Muir Beach. This authentic English Pub was originally in England and was taken down brick by brick and rebuilt at Muir Beach. It's probably the closest you'll ever get to a real English pub without going there. The food was traditional English faire; with favorites like: bangers and mash, shepherds pie, ploughman's lunch, and most people's favorite fish and chips. Even though the service was a little slow no-one seemed to mind and everyone had a great time.

After lunch we had a special treat courtesy of Pam Shukait who had made cup cakes for everyone. Many thanks to Pam for taking the time and making 29 cup cakes that were absolutely delicious.

Photos by Kirk Prentiss





# BURN! SPARK PLUG AWARD

MGOC MEETS AT ONE OF ITS FAVORITE MEETING SPOTS, ANY STARBUCKS ...

LET'S SEE NOW, HMM ...  
RED, RED, BLUE, RED ...



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, NO GREEN MG'S?

WE'RE HERE!



UMM, NO ONE SEEMS TOO EXCITED DEAR ...



OK GANG, MADE IT!



DIDN'T ANYONE GET THE EMAIL? TEXT? SMOKE SIGNAL?



SNIFF, SNIFF, TOO ASHAMED TO EVEN LOOK UP ...



DO HATS COUNT?



BARF ... BRITISH RACING GREEN MAKES ME, KINDA SICK ...



HEY, EVERYONE, IS THIS THE MGOC ST. PADDY'S TOUR?

FINALLY, NOW WE CAN PASS OUT THE CUPCAKES ... XOXXOX!



..... TO BE CONTINUED

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## Student Film in Need of a Sports Car from 1960's- 70s Era

**Short Film:** Blackwood

**Running Time:** 30 minutes

**Date:** April 10, 2016, 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Where:** San Leandro Hall of Justice, Downtown San Leandro and a back parking lot in San Leandro

**Why:** Help a college student with her senior thesis, compensation \$100

**What:** Chase Blackwood is the lead of a Special Gang Unit. Blackwood and his partner Ramon Fuego get their best lead after two years. A man named Toro. Ringo a notorious Mexican gangster is the prime suspect for recent uprising of the Trinity drug, a powerful hallucinogen. In an unsuccessful attempt to catch Ringo.. Captain Bentley takes Chase of the case. With Ramon's disappearance just Chase and Grace Washington another fellow detective must bring Ringo down. With no one to trust but each other they must stop this cop killing drug operation. In a thrilling tale of deception, smart violence, and betrayal.

The actors will enter your car as a getaway car. A camera on a suction mount will be used to film the driving scenes. The actor will drive around San Leandro or there is an option of putting the vehicle on a trailer and simulate driving scenes.

**RSVP PLEASE:** Raven La Rue Mullenax (producer / director) at [ravenlaruem@gmail.com](mailto:ravenlaruem@gmail.com), cell: 925-6301



## MGS BY THE BAY IS BACK

This year the show is on Sunday, June 5th back at the Danville Livery and I encourage you to sign up.

The cost to enter is \$25.00 for the first car and \$10 for each added car. Due to increased costs, T-Shirts will be sold separately at \$10 each. As in the past year, the T-shirt will have Rod Schweiger's 2015 MGBTB Premium winner's beautiful TD displayed on the front. [CLICK HERE](#) to get more details on how to sign up for the show. You can either mail in your application with a check or fill out your application on line and pay via PayPal.

Come and see your old friends and make new ones at the show and share your love of the great MG marque.

Photo by Marty Rayman

## MGOC Fashionista

Judy and Herb Guidry really really really like **MGREEN**



Photo by Kirk Prentiss

## MG Love



Start collecting your photos and writing your 2 paragraph blurb for the official MGOC **MG Love** glossy coffee table book

**We will need your:**

year of manufacture  
engine number  
chassis number  
color  
interior color  
any modifications

**To be included in the Final Print Edition**

please send all submissions to  
[flee@hancmg.com](mailto:flee@hancmg.com)  
ASAP

in order to have it by this or next year's Holidays

**This would be a great addition your MG Library**

Cost: TBD based on number of pages

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KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

**SAVE THE DATE !!**  
**April 29-30, 2016**  
**NORTH MEETS SOUTH**  
Keep Calm and Motor On  
To Beautiful Santa Ynez Valley

The Paradise British Car Club, host of the biennial event known as North Meets South, evolved over the years to an All British Car Club, which it is today. The first "North Meets South" event was held in 1978. Over the years, as the club evolved, so did the NMS event to become host to all marques of British cars, but it has never lost its Central Coast charm, hospitality and enthusiasm. We hope you agree and come join us in 2016 in the Santa Ynez Valley on the beautiful California Central Coast.

The Santa Ynez Valley is located just 30 minutes from the beaches of Santa Barbara, three hours from Los Angeles, and four hours from San Francisco, and is an ideal venue for this event offering marvelous accommodations, great driving roads for our British cars, and a wide variety of attractions to keep you all enthused. There are six quaint towns within the Valley, all with different cultures that you can explore. The Santa Ynez Valley is also home to more than 80 wineries, consisting mainly of small, family-owned boutique operations. The drives that we have planned for this event will take you to several of these wineries, depending on the route selected.

Our host hotel is the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley Marriott Hotel, located in the town of Buellton. The Marriott is a full service resort hotel with all of the amenities that you would expect: individual climate control, speaker-phones with data ports, complimentary wireless internet access, hair dryers, irons and in room refrigerators to chill your favorite wines from the Santa Ynez Valley. The hotel has an outdoor pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center. For this event, a complimentary full American breakfast for two is included in your room reservation

[Flyer](#)  
[Registration](#)



## Start Planning for 2016 ...

### WINTER - SPRING



PRESTON CASTLE TOUR, 04/09  
NORTH MEETS SOUTH, 04/28-05/01  
UBSCCCS, DIXON FAIRGROUNDS, 05/15  
FRIENDSHIP DAY, 05/15  
RUSSIAN RIVER TOUR, 05/21  
CORTE MADERA CENTENNIAL VINTAGE CAR SHOW, 05/22  
BRITISH CAR WEEK, 05/28-06/03

### SPRING - SUMMER



MGs BY THE BAY, DANVILLE LIVERY, 06/05  
MG 2016: LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, 06/13-17  
GOF WEST 2016: REDMOND, OR, 06/27-07/01  
BIG BAND STREET DANCE, 07/16  
HILLSBOROUGH CONCOURS, 07/17  
SONOMA BACKROADS TOUR, 07/23  
WESTSIDE PROGRESSIVE MEAL, 07/30  
MGOC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC, 08/06  
MONTEREY MOTORING CLASSIC CAR WEEK, 08/15-21  
PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE, 08/21  
47TH ANNUAL HERITAGE CLASSIC WEEKEND, VANCOUVER BC 08/21  
34TH RENDEZVOUS, 08/25-28  
TUNE 'N SPOON, 08/27

### FALL - WINTER



SCOTTISH GAMES PLEASANTON, 9/3-4  
DANVILLE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE, MG MARQUE, 9/25  
5TH BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 10/1-2  
RIVER RANCH TOUR, NORTH LAKE TAHOE, 10/7-9  
REIFF'S GARAGE TOUR, 11/05  
SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC TOUR, 11/19  
MGOC ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA, 12/10  
MGOC 2017 PLANNING MEETING, 01/07/17  
MGOC ANNUAL AWARDS BRUNCH, 01/21/17

## MGOC Fill in the Caption

*Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon*



Shared by Don Scott

**"I knew I should of replaced the floor ."**  
- Richard Butler

**Let's move it people, the light is *MGREEN***  
**"I wonder where the START button is on this thing!"**  
- Jim Carlson

**"Early development of an MG Fashionista"**  
- Jim Lucas

**"Nothing like a drive in my MG on a sunny day,  
with a belly full of ham and eggs!"**  
- Bob Stine

**"Got to get home before dad gets up!"**  
- Ken Bottini

**"Young Stevie Kellogg shows an early interest in  
the new MG TD"**  
- Wayne Veatch

**"Jim Lucas, was destined to be a BSPA winner!"**  
**"BSPA Progeny"**  
- Felix Lee

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photo in need of a  
caption.

You, the reader, submit  
your caption to  
[flee@hancmg.com](mailto:flee@hancmg.com).

The MGOC Board will  
chose the top finalists,  
which will then be  
revealed in the following  
month's Octagon



# 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

## MARK MCGOTHIGAN

I worked in a car dealer in high school and was intrigued by the British sports cars that came through occasionally. I had a brief encounter with a BRG 1967 AH Sprite. Then I picked up my 1975 MGB Tourer in San Diego in 1979.

I bought my 1975 MG MGB Mk III 2dr Convertible 4-cyl. 1798cc/62.5hp 1bbl for my 19th birthday in March 1979 in National City Ca. It ran out of gas on the way home from the dealer. I was stationed on a guided missile cruiser in San Diego, 32nd st. I paid the car loan off after a cruise with my sea pay. In San Diego, I took it on many adventures from LA to Ensenada BC (1979) with sailor buddies. I changed the rostyle wheels to more styled gold modulars that are still on the car. Rolled up and down the East coast back in the punk & rave eras with many adventures.

Then in 1982 I drove my MG to the east coast around Philadelphia, where it ran around to places like a Black Flag Concert entrance, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts where I worked, and Temple University. In 1983 I totaled it after overloading it with friends on the way home from a punk wedding and had the front end rebuilt by a drag racing shop in NJ- right before I started college and was broke. In 1992 after it was stolen in North Philadelphia and recovered in bad shape, totaled again, I started a long term restoration. It was banged up a little but still a great looking car. We still had a lot of summer fun in it.

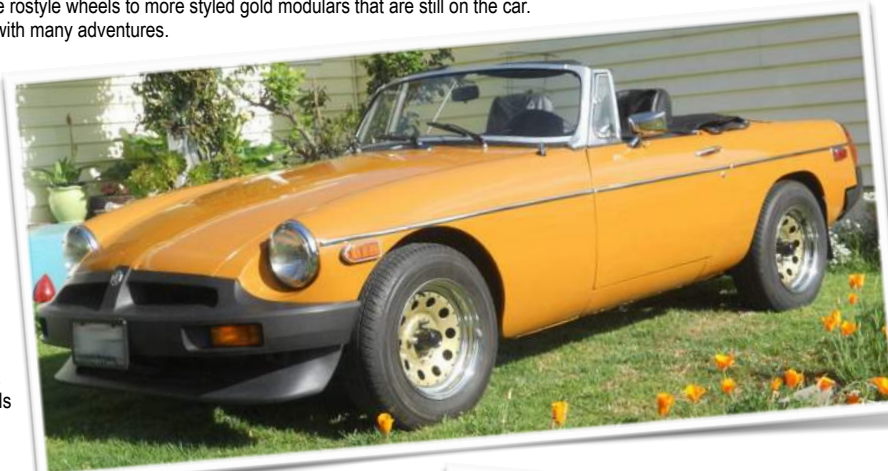
In the late 90s it rode back to California in a trailer, to Dillon Beach, Marin Co. where it sporadically cruised to the Pacific beaches and coffee shop. Then it was parked in a beach cottage garage in Marin and then a ranch in the hills awaiting a refit. It entered the 21st century in 2013 with a body respray with bedliner under and clear coat over the unusual Bracken and interior refit to boot. After storage in several sites, including the notorious "Flash" ranch in gold the mechanical resto began in earnest, when I towed it into out of the engine compartment and road ready with a new clutch etc. Months later I drove it back to the bay area to begin a new chapter in its history. I finally got to drive it over the Golden Gate Bridge in 2008. I did a garage rolling restoration of the body and full interior in spring 2013 and it is sweet looking, better than new, with a 2013 clear coat under the 70's era Bracken (brown/orange) BLVC 93 urethane paint (Bracken is a heath fern in England that turns beautiful orange in the fall). The restoration process was the culmination of years of preparation and was complete in 90 days.

My MGB was shown in its first car show, the Northern California MG Owners Club 20th Anniversary show in Danville CA in 2013. My 1975 baby now tours with original engine and transmission, to all the swell spots in the bay area in 2014 based in the east Oakland hills. We've both been through a lot!  
Photo Album <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151111038096375.437399.631596374&type=3>

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my baby, owned for 38 years since 1979. runs great, jubilee edition, storied history, respray just dried, back soon. pixes of travels and rolling restoration: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151111038096375.437399.631596374&type=1&l=a2904f9761>

Photos by Mark McGothigan



### MGB

- year of manufacture: 1975
- date of build: 23-24 August 1967
- engine number: 18V 801AE -L232
- chassis number: GHN5UF383154G
- color: Bracken BLVC93
- interior color: Autumn Leaf
- modifications: Gold modular wheels in the eighties
- total mileage: Restored 2013  
60,000 miles