

# THE OCTAGON

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



**T DRIVERS ARE JUST BETTER PARKERS**



## May 2016

# 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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**T Drivers are Just Better Parkers**, North Meets South, Pam Shukait

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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.

## MGOCSSF.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 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

June 4 – **Natter & Noggin' Club Meeting**, TBA, Kellogg

June 5 – **MGs by the Bay**, Danville Livery, Kellogg

June 13 - 17 – MG 2016, Louisville, Kentucky

June 27 - 07/01 – GOF West 2016: Redmond, OR

# From the Editor...

... how (MG) ... played a critical role in the evolution of the British Monarchy...

HM Queen Elizabeth II was born on April 21, 1926, at 2:40 am, at 17 Bruton Street in Mayfair, London. She was the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York and, at the time, stood third in the line of succession to the throne after Edward, Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII), and her father, George (later King George VI). It was never suspected, at the time, that her father would ever become King, or that Elizabeth would become Queen, after him.

Princess Elizabeth was christened Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, after her mother, while her two middle names are those of her paternal great-grandmother, Queen Alexandra, and paternal grandmother, Queen Mary. Both Princess Elizabeth and her sister, Princess Margaret, were educated at home. Princess Elizabeth was a strong swimmer and won the Children's Challenge Shield at London's Bath Club when she was only 13 years old. In the same year, Princess Elizabeth first met, then, Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark. A letter written by Queen Elizabeth, just months before her wedding, reveals how she and Prince Philip first met and fell in love.

In this touching letter, penned in 1947, to a personal friend, Betty Shew, Queen Elizabeth describes how she met Prince Philip in 1939, discusses his love for fast cars, how the couple spent many nights dancing at nightclubs together, and were once chased by a photographer, as they cruised the streets of London, in his "tiny" MG.

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Apparently, Queen Elizabeth, goes on about "how proud" Prince Philip was of both his MG and being an MG owner. So, was it actually Prince Philip she fell in love with, or was it Prince Philip's "tiny" MG? Given how "cramped" the MG passenger compartments are, a sense of romance may have been sparked, perhaps, just based on the proximity afforded to its occupants. As opposed to, lets say, the cavernous space of a Rolls Royce or Bentley, where its occupants would have been kept at arms length from each other, and never would have allowed a romantic spark in the first place. If so, MG would clearly have a claim, on how its namesake played a critical role in the evolution of the British Monarchy. In some ways, I guess we'll never know. Clearly, history may have been very different if an MG were not involved. Just another example of **MG Love** ...



1947



2016

*Safety Fast!*

*Felix Lee*

- Happy QEII 90th and special thanks to the MG that brought them together and reshaped the evolution of the British Monarchy!





# President's Ponderings...

Happy Fellow MG'ers,

Well to me it really seems like the start of the driving season. A whole group of us traveled from as far North as Rohnert Park, San Francisco, Walnut Creek down the coast to Cambria via Highway 1.

What a drive!! I can imagine what folks from the midwest must feel when they see the ocean for the first time and see how magnificent it is.

Our MGs were made for this road, although, I have been accused of driving too slow. So we were the last to sit down to lunch and the last to check into the hotel.

Many thanks to Marla Preston for coordinating the details of the trip. The Rocky Point Restaurant will definitely see a return from us as the Lobster Bisque was to die for.

Got an ocean view at the Best Western Cavalier so life is as Larry David would say "pretty pretty pretty good."

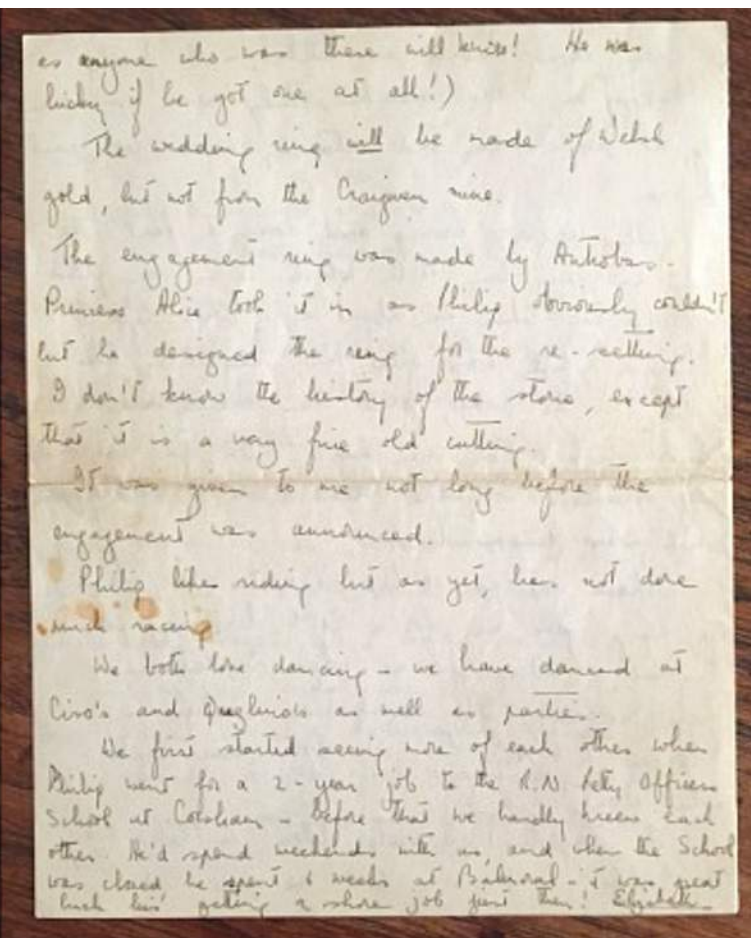
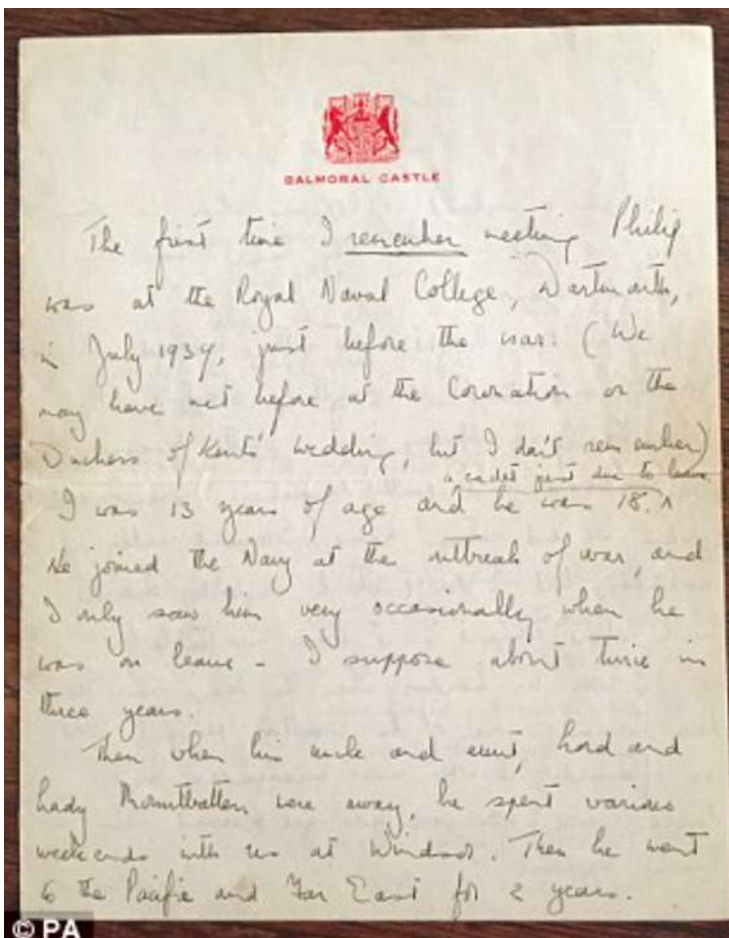
Onward to see the Hearst Castle tomorrow and drive to The British Paradise Car Club "North meets South" Car Show. Seems it's a little further *South* than *North* this year, but they always put on a great event.

Speaking of events, be sure to sign up for the MGs by the Bay Car Show on June 5th. See you there!!

Keep Calm and Carry on!

(Happy 90th Birthday Queen Elizabeth) and Drive Fast Safely!

Steve Kellogg



# Announcing the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual *MGs by the Bay*



The Bay Area's only all-MG show returns to The Livery in Danville on Sunday, June 5, 2016. The Livery is at 400 Sycamore Valley Rd, Danville, 94526 – one block west from the I-680 exit.

The MGs will be on display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., when the awards are presented. Voting is done by the car owners, and classes are determined by the number and types of cars at the show. In past years we have had classes for almost every different model of postwar MG, along with special awards such as Most Customized and People's Choice – the car you'd most like to take home.

All MGs are welcome, from daily drivers to complete restorations. The deadline for advanced registration and pre-ordering T-shirts is May 16.

## Program

8:00 to 10:00	Everyone arrives
10:00 to 1:00	People's choice judging
12:00	Winning raffle numbers drawn
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	Winners announced and prizes awarded







Advance registration is \$25 and \$30 on the day of the show. Additional cars registered to the same owner are \$10 each. Event T-shirts are \$10 and must be pre-ordered.

The show starts at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine, and awards are presented at 2 p.m. Popular vote judging, with awards for People's Choice, Best Daily Driver, Most Customized, and others. The class awards are determined by the number of cars registered.



Return the form below with the entry fee, or fill it out and pay online at [www.MGOCSF.org](http://www.MGOCSF.org). One form is required for each MG.

Mail before May 16, 2016 to:

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San Francisco, CA 94131-3141

Make checks payable to **MGOC** or use PayPal on our website

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MG model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Body style: ☐ Coupe ☐ Roadster

☐ Saloon ☐ Race car

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Car color: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

*T-shirts are \$10 each. There will only be a limited number of shirts available at the show.*

Short description of your car: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this car ever won First in Class at *MGs by the Bay*? ☐ Yes

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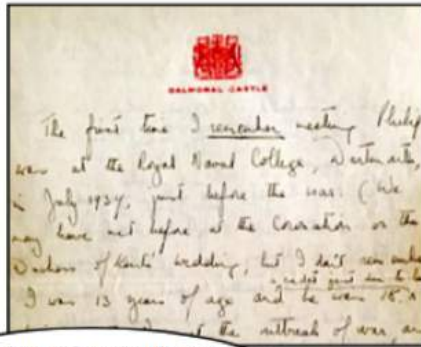
THE QUEEN'S  
90TH BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION



OH PHILIP, DO  
YOU THINK WE CAN  
GO FOR A RIDE?

WHY SURE,  
LILIBET, MY MG IS  
OUT BACK!

PRINCESS ELIZABETH RECOUNTS HOW SHE FIRST MET 18 YEAR OLD,  
PRINCE PHILIP, WHEN SHE WAS 13 YEAR OLD, AND HE OWNED A  
"TINY" MG SPORTS CAR ...



" Philip enjoys driving and  
does it fast! He has his own  
tiny M.G which he is very  
proud of - he has taken me  
about in it, once up to  
London, which was great fun "

The then Princess Elizabeth, in 1947

MGS AND  
CORGIS, TWO OF MY  
MOST FAVORITE  
THINGS

ABOUT TO ATTEND AN  
ALL BRITISH NORTH MEETS  
SOUTH EVENT IN THE COLONY OF  
CALIFORNIA ...



FULL BREAKFAST AND ENGLISH TEA



DRIVING AROUND IN AN  
MG BRINGS BACK ALL SORTS  
OF MEMORIES...



WHAT A FANTASTIC  
COLONY, THIS  
CALIFORNIA!



NEXT STOP,  
PARADISE BRITISH CAR  
CLUB'S MAIN EVENT,  
NORTH MEETS SOUTH!



..... TO BE CONTINUED

Photos by Pam Shukait





British Car Week is an annual awareness week intended for owners of Classic British Cars to get their cars out of the garage and drive them. While doing so, all who are involved will help create awareness of the classic British car hobby in local communities wherever there is participation.

It doesn't matter whether your car is in better than new condition, or perhaps it's a less than perfect unrestored gem, we love them all! As long as it can be safely driven down the road, this is a great opportunity to show off your favorite car and take advantage of what British car motoring is all about.

British car events are always a lot of fun, and a great place to meet others who share the same enthusiasm for our beloved old British transportation of the past.



**JUNE 13 - 17, 2016**

The North American Council of M.G. Registers is pleased to announce that MG 2016 will be held from June 13th-17th 2016, in Louisville, Kentucky! Registration is now live as of December 12, 2015.

Join the North American MMM Register, the New England MGT Register, the North American MGA Register, and the North American MGB Register for four fun-filled days of MG camaraderie.

Louisville is home of the "Louisville Slugger" (the official baseball bat of major league baseball), Churchill Downs (where the "most exciting two minutes of sports" is held each May), and is the source of 1/3 of the world's supply of bourbon. Louisville will have something to offer to everyone in attendance.

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**JUNE 27 - JULY 1, 2016**

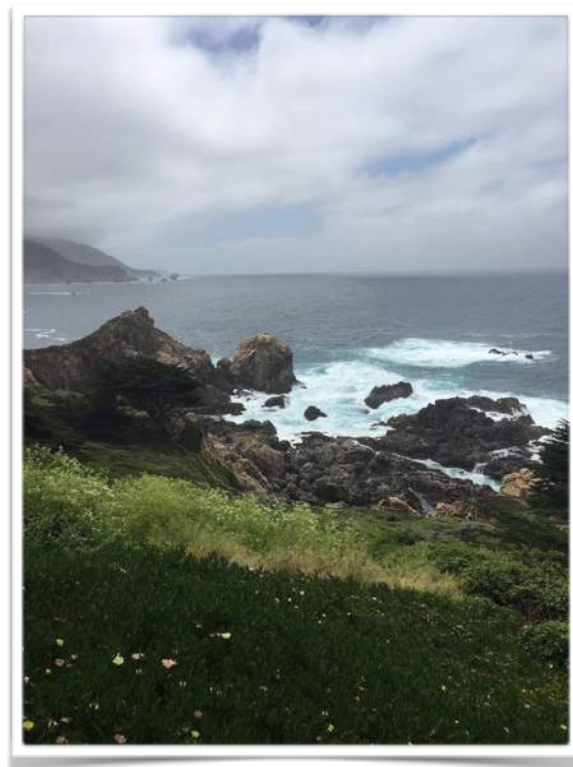
The Forty-Third annual GoF West will be held at the Eagle Crest Resort, a full-service destination resort located on 1,700 acres next to the Deschutes River in a high desert setting, just 18 miles north of Bend, Oregon.

The resort features a wide variety of premium accommodations including the fully-renovated Lodge at Eagle Crest. The Resort boasts spectacular views of the Cascade mountain range and serves as the perfect hub to you may want to participate in other activities such as mountain biking, rock climbing, paddle boarding, hiking, canoeing and other summer activities; most of these activities can be found just outside your door. Central Oregon has something for everyone.

The Resort features 14 miles of marked walking and biking trails, three 18 hole golf courses, the Spa at Eagle Crest, three sport centers, four pools, six tennis courts and a volleyball court. And Smith Rock State Park, Tumalo Falls, and the Cascade Lakes Scenic Byway are just some of the natural treasures that you can enjoy.

[REGISTRATION](#)

## QE II Tours the Colony of California



Photos by Pam Shukait

## MG Love



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# MGOC Fill in the Caption

*Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon*



**“Aw please, I’ll give you 3 bags of donuts!”**

- Richard Butler

**“Since when did you give tickets for oil leaks?”**

- Kirk Prentiss

**“But officer, I couldn’t have been speeding ... my car won’t go that fast!”**

- Jim Carlson

**“Falling on deaf ears”**

**“O sole mio ...”**

- Mike Sullivan

**“But officer, everyone knows, it is mechanically impossible that an MG could have attained such a speed!”**

**“Why, I am Andrea Bocelli ... Con te Partiro ... Paesi Che Non Ho Mai”**

- Felix Lee

Each month, we provide a 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 edition of *The Octagon*

*Posted by MG  
Barcelona*



## 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

### MIKE JACOBSEN



True confession: I was looking for a Triumph. I had to get a car for the commute to junior college, and I when I told my Dad I was thinking of a TR-2, 3, or 4, he was OK with that. The car I ended up with was one he found in the back lot of our local British car dealer: an MGA. I had no idea what an MGA was, but it seemed to fill the bill, and after \$700 changed hands, it was mine. This was in 1974. When my girlfriend first saw the car, she said "It's so tiny it looks like a baby." Baby G has been its name ever since.

When I discovered the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust, I wrote for the car's "birth certificate."

The certificate told me the options and colors the car was when new, plus the build dates.

Have you ever heard the common wisdom that you don't want a car made on a Friday afternoon or a Monday morning due to absenteeism on the production line? My car was begun on Thursday, December 31, and was shipped on Monday, January 4. Not only did I have a weekend car, it was a New Year's Eve car too, possibly the worst combination. My Dad claimed that explained why it had so many problems.

Many girlfriends learned to drive a stick shift in the MGA. One was too short to reach the pedals even with the seat at the end of its travel, so I relocated the seat slides farther forward. The next girlfriend was even shorter, so I moved the seat again, and got used to driving with my knees very bent. In 1999 I replaced the original floorboards, and the seat moved back to its stock location. Wow - so much room now!

Why have I kept the car for 42 years and counting? Partly because I'm constantly meeting people that used to have one and are sorry they ever sold it, and I don't ever want to be like that. But I think it's mostly because I've made so many friends through having an MG. Any car can get you where you want to go, but an MG also gets you what can't be bought.

Photos by Mike Jacobsen



#### MGA

- year of manufacture: 1960
- engine number: Unknown - the original motor was gone when I got the car
- chassis number: GHNL 83013
- color: Iris Blue (originally Alamo Beige)
- interior color: Black (originally Red)
- any modifications: 1800 5-main, 5-speed, lowered axle ratio, cooling mods, canvas top w/ zip-out window, some factory options



# Start Planning for 2016 ...



## WINTER - SPRING

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  
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 MGOC 2017 PLANNING MEETING, 01/07/17  
 MGOC ANNUAL AWARDS BRUNCH, 01/21/17

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Pam and Keith Shukait celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

Photo Selfie by Pam Shukait



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# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

*Nation's Burgers – El Cerrito*

April 2, 2016

**Call to Order:** By Steve Kellogg at 10:04.

**Attending:** Steve Kellogg, , Wayne Veatch, Mark McGothigan, Andy and Marla Preston, Ken Gittings, Marcia Crawford, George Steneberg, Stephen Born, Randy Grossman, Ken Shapiro, Jackie Turnshek, Mike Jacobsen, Paul Vreeburg.

**Mileage Winner:** Drove the furthest to the meeting in an MG: Steve Kellogg, 58 miles.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 5, 2016:** The Minutes were approved with no changes

## REPORTS

**President's Report:** The Kelloggs moving to PB is still in the air. House in LG did not sell. Looking forward to End of the month North Meets South Trip. Contact Marla to join her pre-meet (Thursday) overnight at and tour of Hearst Castle. Wayne and Randy offered to lead a caravan south on Friday, anticipating starting from Pillar Point Harbor, N of Half Moon Bay. Sorry to cancel the North Coast Coastal trip due to too few cars (4 including me) Thanks to Andy and Marla for hosting a very successful St. Patrick's Day drive, well-attended, with excellent weather.

**Vice President's Report:** Andy Preston: The St. Patrick's Day drive was the best one ever, despite the short staff at the Pelican Inn. Thanks to Pam Shukait for bringing 29 lovely decorated cupcakes.

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

Account	April 2016	March 2016
Checking	8,944.19	9,036.15
Savings	3,463.64	3,463.55
GT-42 2017	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	13,407.83	13,499.70

Expenses were for Octagon printing and mailing and monthly meeting. Income was a commercial ad from Union Jack. The \$1000 GT-42 2017 is being kept for those anticipated expenses. Randy questioned what should be done with this balance. Steve said Randy's questions will be tabled for further discussion at a later date.

**Registrar's Report:** Steve Kellogg

180	Number of Regular Members	
58	Number of Regular Family Members	
238	Total Regular and Family Members	
15	Number of Corresponding Members	
6	Number of Corresponding Family Members	
21	Total Corresponding and Family Members	
259	Total	

Increased by 1 Regular Member in March

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

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** George Steneberg: George passed out very nice color flyers for the New England MG'T' Register, Ltd., of Ridgefield, CT and their GOF in Concord, NH, September 7-11, 2016. He encouraged all to join.

See [www.nemgtr.org](http://www.nemgtr.org), click on Chapters and Chapter list to see that George Steneberg is Corresponding Secretary of the San Francisco Peninsula MG 'T' Register. In this context, the question came up "do we have more of the business cards we can pass out to prospective members?" Steve will bring a quantity to the next meeting.

**Regalia:** Andy Preston: Andy has same for sale. Ken suggested Andy list his wares in The Octagon. Andy agreed to do so. It was noted that Andy was wearing a very handsome MGOC shirt. He agreed he can show that online and add it to the Octagon listing.

**The Octagon:** Felix Lee: Felix was not be present as he is in Chicago but he mentioned to Steve this past week that he may have to relinquish his Octagon editing to someone else due to increased work load. He says it is ok if he gets at least three articles submitted to him each month. Then it is just a matter of cutting and pasting. Steve offered to send material as did Andy. There may be fewer articles. Marsha suggested re-running some historical articles.

**Website:** Steve Kellogg – I have switched over to Mail Chimp for Blasts. It seems to work a lot better and is easier to use. I will suggest that Felix do the same with his monthly Octagon.

Facebook status: Getting more hits and posts. Check it out.

Fixed link on Name Badge ordering on the site.

#### PAST EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Drive

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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](mailto:marlapreston@hotmail.com). SSTS will likely lead a drive down on April 29. After the meeting, Wayne and Randy discussed leading an MGOC group down from Half Moon Bay leaving there at 9:00 on Friday, April 29.

5/15 – USBCC Car Show and Swap Meet – Dixon

5/15 – Mid Peninsula Old Timers Club Friendship Day Car Show – Redwood City

5/22 – Corte Madera Car Show

6/4 – Envelope Stuffing and Meeting at George's MG Pub Room – El Cerrito

6/5 – MGs by the Bay – Danville. Ken G suggested and Steve agreed to sending an email blast with a flyer to all British clubs. Mike will create flyers for the Dixon show. Ken reported on T-shirts for the show: white will be \$10. Black would be \$20 and was voted down. Andy will have regalia available at a booth.

8/6 Annual picnic will be at Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area, Hitching Post picnic area, off of San Pablo Dam Rd., ten. Starting 11:AM. MGOC will pay the \$5/car fee.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**NAMGAR GT-42:** Will be in Solvang Jun 19 - Jun 23, 2017. Mike sent art for the MG annual program and will visit Solvang hotel while at North Meets South.

Steve did not send out the Survey regarding cost of Annual Brunch. Marla and Marsha reported we will keep it at HS Lordships and require a \$30 pp payment. After discussion and a motion having been passed, we'll keep the bar at \$100.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

None

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken S noted the Pebble Beach Concour d'Elegance August 16 with Club d'Elegance Tickets for \$750 or cheapskate tickets at \$325. See [MontereyCarWeek.com](http://MontereyCarWeek.com). Ken S also noted the Alameda Point Concours d'Elegance June 12. \$80 to enter your car, \$50 to display only, \$20 to see cars. See <http://www.alamedapointconcours.com/event.html>. Corvette and Ferrari are featured. Ken S also announced he is looking at a possible tour to Fantasy Junction in Emeryville. Always a great collection of cars. SSTS has a tour to Canepa May 21. See the Wind Machine <http://sstsmg.com/html/windmachine.html>

Warren Wendt of GOF West passed away.

Some discussion of a future meeting at Brennans for lunch. To be discussed next month.

**NEXT MEETING** – Saturday, May 7 at Nation's in El Cerrito

Meeting adjourned in timely fashion.

Submitted by: Wayne Veatch



# 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). Car was driven regularly through 2006, maintained by R. H. Reddy at MG Service in Kensington. Needs body work. \$3K or best offer. Contact Glenn Fieldman at [glenn@sfsu.edu](mailto:glenn@sfsu.edu) 415-570-1738 [Posted 06/15]



**1974 MGB GT** Chrome Bumper California car restored 10 years ago and always garaged since. Body is a modified Black Tulip (very deep purple) color with navy blue interior. It has been customized to create a "late model" car look with chrome pieces powder-coated black except for the bumpers. Car features custom wheels with low profile oversized tires. (205/45V16).

Engine and drive train are stock. Engine has less than 10,000 miles since rebuild; head was just done this year by On the Road Again with new valves and guides. Carbs rebuilt by British Sports Car center with new throttle shafts. Engine runs well with strong acceleration.

Restoration included many new parts and pieces. All quarter panels were replaced and rust removed from internal structural panels. new bumpers front and rear; door and window seals replaced; Brakes rebuilt with new master cylinder, wheel cylinders and calipers; new navy blue interior panels, headliner, carpets, dashboard, wood steering wheel, windshield, and seatbelts. Hatchback and Hood lifters replaced with gas strut versions. Seats are deep blue from a 1990 Honda Prelude.

Asking \$10,000. Contact member Jim Carlson [carlsonconsulting@comcast.net](mailto:carlsonconsulting@comcast.net) 408 802 0599 [Posted 09/14]



**1976 MGB Roadster** Orange with black interior (Giants colors). Vehicle has 22,000 original miles. 1800cc engine with Stromberg carburetor and 4-speed manual with electronic overdrive. Soft-top with 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 [widoyle@cox.net](mailto:widoyle@cox.net). [Posted 02/14]



### Wanted:

**MGA Mk II and MGB Mk I**, also interested in purchasing parts for MGA and early metal-sash MGB. Please contact member Don Scott; 707 942 0546; [don@napanet.net](mailto:don@napanet.net). [Posted 05/15]

**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 windscreen. Not crashed but rough. Rubber bumper car. Make Offer. Contact member Nick Becker at 925-932-9778 or [becker2226@astound.net](mailto:becker2226@astound.net) [Posted 05/13]

**Chrome Wheels:** Five chrome, spline-type 15x4.5 wheels with Dunlop tires. Wheels have 48 spokes. 14,000 actual miles. Two wheels need a couple of spokes each. They were on a TF with MGA front and rear axles. Asking \$950. Contact member Elliott Sopkin: [elliottsopkin@gmail.com](mailto:elliottsopkin@gmail.com). Posted 05/15]



**Announcements:**

**Enclosed Trailer for Rent:** Enclosed car trailer for rent (16' x 8'). Trailer has integrated braking system and lights with the tow vehicle, and a 12 volt 2,000 lb. Electric Winch. Electrical outlets in and outside the trailer and air conditioning. Rental rates are very reasonable with a discount for rentals of three or more days. Contact either Randy Grossman (415-518-5210) or Eric Baker (510-517-2165) for more information. [Posted 06/13]



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

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# Club Meeting

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**Date:** Saturday, May 7, 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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