

THE OCTAGON

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



July 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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Vic Perrela's 1966 MG Midget, Winner, Premier Class, Samantha Lee

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Your stories, photos, tips, questions, and anything MGOC-related are always welcome in *The Octagon*. Please make your contributions by the 15th of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to octagoneditor@mgocsf.org or send them to: Felix Lee, 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.

RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? 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>.

Forthcoming Events

MGOC Events in bold

- July 1 – MG Car Company LTD sold to Morris Motors LTD (07/01/35)
- July 9 – **Natter & Noggin' Club Meeting**, Nation's Burger, El Cerrito, Kellogg
- July 16-17 – Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance, Hillsborough
- July 9 – MG Car Company LTD registered (07/21/30)
- July 23 – **Sonoma Back Roads Tour**, Sonoma, Preston
- August 6 – **MGOC Annual Picnic**, Kennedy Grove Regional Park, Hitching Post
Site, El Sobrante, Kellogg
- August 7 – Blackhawk, Cars and Coffee
- August 15-21 – Monterey Motoring Classic Car Week
- August 19-21 – 47th Annual Heritage Classic Weekend, Vancouver, BC
- August 21 – Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance, Monterey
- August 22 – William Morris' Death (08/22/63)

From the Editor...

MGs by the Bay 2016, was One to Behold

You would think that after doing something 22 times, for the past 22 years in a row, the 23rd time would be cake-walk. I mean, really, what's so hard about booking a parking lot a year in advance? or throwing together a photoshop image of an old car and sending it off to one of hundreds of T-shirt companies? who can't drive around to a couple of vendors and clubs in order to repeat a sob story from memory, in order to sign up sponsors for a simple car show? how difficult is it to pull out reused signs from storage, that specify where Prewar Midgets / TA / TB / TC / TD / TF / MGA / MGB / MGC / Magnette should be parked? who can't walk around snapping 100s of pictures so that others can have photo memories that will last a lifetime? what 4 grader is unable to add up a couple of illegible ballots thrown into a box in under 10 minutes to a weary and tired crowd? what is so exceptional about waking up at 5:00am to run yellow tape around eighty parking spaces in order to reserved them for registrants who are still 5 hours away from arriving? what could possibly be challenging about setting up an information booth and manning it for oh, lets say ... a typical 8 hour work day, but with no associated compensation, other than a slap on the back? and what monkey couldn't be trained to stuff a few papers into manila envelopes and have them ready on a fly, to hand out, at the drop of a hat, upon seeing the registrants drive up to the entry booth?

Well, let me tell you who can do that? MGOC, that's who. None of this would ever be able to come together if only

one, two, three, four or five people were to ever take it on. And that's why every year, it takes an extended team of 10, 20 or more braveheart individuals who begin planning for the next MGs by the Bay, the very minute the current MGs by the Bay ends. There is very little rest for the MG weary, but the members who take on this task every year and grab a new member to help out, is what it is all about and by doing so, MGs by the Bay 2016, was one to behold!

So I propose that if you see, hear or run into any of the following people, that you apply that fraternal MG chokehold around the neck or Heimlick around the waist, what is commonly known as a "hug" for a job well done:

Steven Kellogg (who happened to miss it due to illness), Andy Preston, Marla Preston, Craig Kuenzinger, Kim Kuenzinger, George Steneberg, Marcia Crawford, Mike Jacobsen, Wayne Veatch, Dan Shockey, Thuy Shockey, Elaine Chan, Bill Hiland, Ken Gittings, Ariana Moder, Dave McCann, Mindy Hungerman, Samantha Lee and your favorite two editors, Kirk Prentiss and yours truly.



Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- Who said editors were a staid bunch?

MG

TC-TD-TF-MGA-MGB-C-Midget

SHOCK ABSORBERS:

MGTC
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MGA, MGB, MGC, Midget
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President's Ponderings...

Good Morning Fellow MG'ers,

I am writing my pondering from Redmond, Oregon, home of GoF West 2016 at Eagle Crest Resort. So far it has been a fun week from the trip up with MGOC members Andy and Marla Preston and Ken Gittings. On Sunday, we took 101 and spent the night in Crescent City and drove the rest of the way through Medford on Monday to Redmond, OR.

The B Ran great and the only bummer to the trip is my trunk badge fell off or was stolen. Oh well, Moss Motors has overnight delivery and all was well.

Larry Long and Mike Campbell, the co-chairs are doing a great job putting on this event. Some day in the next couple of years I'd like to see our two local clubs get together and plan and host a GoF. We'll get some practice next year hosting the GT 42, in Solvang, so 2018 and on would be our window.

For next year there are three big events in SoCal for MGs: NAMGAR (National MGA Register) National Mtg. in Solvang from June 19 through June 23. GoF West 2017 in Santa Maria from July 10 through July 14 and NAMGBR (National MGB Register) National Meeting in San Diego from July 25 - July 28.

I know I'll be, at least, to one of them (NAMGAR) and hope to make the other two to make up for my missing Louisville MG 2016 last month.

Next big event coming up is the August MGOC Picnic at Kennedy Park on August 6th. See you at Nations in El Cerrito for our next Natter n Noggin meeting on Saturday, July 9 at 9:00 am

Safety Fast!

Steve Kellogg



Planning for MGs by the Bay 2016, "What could possibly go wrong?"

Photo by Felix Lee

Dean G. Spielman

1938 - 2016

By Dan Shockey

MGOC member Dean Spielman, 78, of Freeport, IL, formerly of Redwood City, passed away Friday, May 20, 2016, at his home in Freeport. He was born in 1938, and was the treasured husband of Amanda, whom he married in 1984.

Dean grew up in Freeport, IL and graduated from Freeport High school in 1956. He graduated from the School of Aviation at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in 1962, and immediately enlisted in Officers Candidate School. During the Vietnam Nam War, he served as Lt. JG on the USS Kearsarge which retrieved Mercury Astronauts Walter Shirra and Gordon Cooper from the Pacific Ocean on their returns from space. For more than thirty years, Dean was employed by United Airlines in California, finishing his career at the San Francisco Maintenance Base. He enjoyed restoring classic cars and was known as "Mr. Fix-It" to friends and family.

Dean got an early start with cars working as a teenager for Structo Manufacturing in Freeport, builders of cast metal toy cars and trucks. Dean bought their TD in the late 90s. "It was unrestored, the interior was all original, and we just drove it," says Amanda. Dean entered it into a lot of events and almost always took a prize. One year they took it to the Hillsborough concourse and they placed it in the unrestored circle.

Dean and Amanda were active in the MG Owners Club for a long time before retiring and moving to be near Dean's father in Illinois. They lived a 2 hour drive away from Dan Shockey while he was also in Illinois. Dan was able to visit and accompany them to a GOF held in Wisconsin.

A celebration of Dean's life, attended by family and friends from across the country, was held in honor of his 78th birthday in April.



September 14, 2009

Three members of the MGOC gathered at the GoF Central event in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, at a grand hotel on the shore of Lake Michigan. Dean and Amanda Spielman at left.

Lucas

Fact vs Myth

By John Hunt

What's the Lucas Industries story?

What's the story of Lucas Industries (a.k.a the prince of darkness)? We have all heard the some of the many Lucas related jokes such as, "Why do the British drink warm beer, because the refrigerators are wired by Lucas" or "Lucas – Inventor of the intermittent wiper" or "A gentleman does not motor about after dark" and the list goes on. The firm's early motto was, "King of the Road." As we will see, every story has story behind the story.

The Beginnings

The start of Lucas begins from humble origins in Birmingham, England. Joseph Lucas was born in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter on April 12, 1834 and even trained as an apprentice at H. & G.R. Elkington, Silversmiths. It appears not much is known about his life other than according to Wikipedia, "In 1860, he started a business selling buckets, shovels and oddments and in 1872 he admitted his son, Harry, into his business and within three years they opened the Lamp Works in Little King Street in Birmingham. They concentrated on the new types of lamp burning paraffin and petroleum for which there was considerable demand. The business became Lucas Industries."

The 1860-1870s were an exciting time. The British industrial revolution was in full swing. Queen Victoria was on the throne, the Birmingham was one of the key entrepreneurial and manufacturing hubs of England.

The Growth

From the article, "Prince of Darkness – Joseph Lucas", posted on Moss Motors website, "The business incorporated at the turn of the century and began to trade under the name Joseph Lucas Ltd., with most of the business centered on the burgeoning field of paraffin and petroleum fired lamps. 1902 was the first year that the company began to make automotive components – mainly small electrical components – and by the new year, business was so good that Lucas took time off for a long European vacation. A hard and tireless worker, Lucas had long abstained from alcohol and that doomed him when he contracted typhoid after drinking contaminated water in Naples. He was buried on January 14, 1903. Substantial growth happened on the cusp of World War I when the company entered into an agreement to supply Morris Motors Limited with electrical equipment – mainly magnetos, starter motors, horns, lighting and wiring – and throughout the war manufactured shells, fuses and electrical equipment for the war effort. When peace arrived the company began to grow and diversify by making braking components, hydraulic systems and electronic engine controls. An exclusive contract with Austin was signed in 1926 and while other companies struggled with the Depression Lucas acquired several competitors including Girling, Rotax and Vandervell."

Fact vs. Myth.

The reality was, Lucas did produce quality. All of Britain's car manufactures used Lucas, including Rolls Royce, Bentley, and Aston-Martin. As mentioned in the Moss article about Lucas, "Lucas components were simple, durable, easy to repair and reliable." The conclusion of Moss article was one that I held before finding it, which was essentially, old age and wear and tear have tarnished Lucas's image along with some well-meaning amateur mechanics who hadn't properly fix various electrical issues.

Today, according to Wikipedia, "The Lucas trademark is currently owned by ZF Friedrichshafen and is licensed to Elta Lighting for aftermarket auto parts in the United Kingdom." In the end, Lucas deserves credit for helping England create one of the largest car industries in the world at one time and for also, indirectly providing some good humor along the way as well.



The Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."

Lucas denies having invented darkness. But they still claim "sudden, unexpected darkness"

Lucas--inventor of the first intermittent wiper.

Lucas--inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.

The three-position Lucas switch--DIM, FLICKER and OFF.

The other three switch settings--SMOKE, SMOLDER and IGNITE.

Lucas dip-switch positions: LOW and BLOW

The original anti-theft devices--Lucas Electric products.

"I've had a Lucas pacemaker for years and have never experienced any prob..."

If Lucas made guns, wars would not start either.

Did you hear about the Lucas powered torpedo? It sank.

It's not true that Lucas, in 1947, tried to get Parliament to repeal Ohm's Law. They withdrew their efforts when they met too much resistance.

Recently, Lucas won out over Bosch to supply the electrical for the new Volkswagens. So, now the cars from the Black Forest will come with electrics supplied by the Lord of Darkness -- how appropriate!

Lucas is an acronym for Loose Unsoldered Connections and Splices

Did you hear the one about the guy that peeked into a Land Rover and asked the owner "How can you tell one switch from another at night, since they all look the same?" "He replied, it doesn't matter which one you use, nothing happens!"

Back in the '70s Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which didn't suck.

Quality Assurance phoned and advised the Lucas engineering guy that they had trouble with his design shorting out. So he made the wires longer.

Why do the English drink warm beer? Lucas made the refrigerators, too. Alexander Graham Bell invented the Telephone. Thomas Edison invented the Light Bulb. Joseph Lucas invented the Short Circuit.

Recommended procedure before taking on a repair of Lucas equipment: check the position of the stars, kill a chicken and walk three times clock-wise around your car chanting: "Oh mighty Prince of Darkness protect your unworthy servant."

Lucas systems actually uses AC current; it just has a random frequency. How to make AIDS disappear? Give it a Lucas parts number.

MGs by the Bay

2016 Awards

Class	Place	Number	Owner	Car Type
A-TC	1	18	Terry Sanders & Cindy Weiss	47 TC
B-TD	3	32	Jeanne Haslam	52 TD
B-TD	2	31	Jay & Wendy Morris	53 TD Mk II
B-TD	1	12	Tom Dunham	53 TD
C-TF	1	42	Felix & Kimberly Lee	55 TF-1500
D-MGA	3	39	Lorin & Louisa Cuthbert	60 MGA
D-MGA	2	6	Stephen & Naomi Born	62 MGA
D-MGA	1	29	Steve Rogers	59 MGA
E-MGA Coupe	1	37	Daniel & Thuy Shockey	57 MGA Coupe
F-Early MGB	3	55	Ari & Scott Moder	67 MGB
F-Early MGB	2	43	Gerald Martin	65 MGB
F-Early MGB	1	5	Mindy Hungerman	71 MGB
G-Late MGB	3	53	Paul & Denise Vreeburg	74½ MGB
G-Late MGB	2	48	Herb & Judy Guidry	78 MGB
G-Late MGB	1	11	Tom Doyle	76 MGB
H-MGB/GT	3	65	Michael Green	69 MGB/GT
H-MGB/GT	2	60	Keith & Pam Shukait	69 MGB/GT
H-MGB/GT	1	54	Andy & Maria Preston	74 MGB/GT
I-Midget	2	4	Richard & Rose Butler	72 Midget
I-Midget	1	58	Kim & Craig Kuenzinger	79 Midget
J-MGC	1	33	John & Karla Rogers	69 MGC/GT
K-Pre-War	1	10	George Steneberg & Marcia Crawford	32 J2
Most Customized	1	5	Mindy Hungerman	71 MGB
Daily Driver	1	4	Richard & Rose Butler	72 Midget
CYMLTTH	1	10	George Steneberg & Marcia Crawford	32 J2
P-Premier	1	26	Vic Perrella	66 Midget
CYMLTTH=Car You'd Most Like To Take Home				



Photos by
Mindy Hungerman and Samantha Lee





MGBTB 2016
THE FINAL MOMENTS
BEFORE THE AWARDS
CEREMONY ...



BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD

WHAT A LONG
DAY!

OMG,
OPERATOR
ERROR ?!?

SO SORRY FOR THE DELAY,
BUT WE ARE TRYING TO CONTACT
OUR SUPPORT STAFF!

WELL, WE
BETTER GET
STARTED!

WHAT'S THE
DELAY?



WORSE
THAN A RAIN
DELAY ...

IT'S BEEN OVER AN
HOUR ... WHEW

ZZZ ...

TO
REACH COSTA
RICA ...
DEPOSIT ANOTHER
\$10 PLEASE ...
BZZZZ

MAYBE THE
SATELLITE IS OVER TO THE
LEFT ...



HOW DO
YOU DO THE
SUMMATION
FUNCTION?

HEY DAVE,
XOXOX,
RU BUSY? SOS, NEED
HELP!
@ MGBTB, EVRY1
W8TING ...



WOW,
BFF, OMG MIKE,
LTNC,
GOT FAQS?, RTFM I
LEFT U, W8 ...
BRB, OK TMI ...
OK, B2K ... BTW,
AMA, GO ON,
HMU!



OH, THAT'S EASY
JUST START TYPING
EVERYTHING I SAY IN THIS
EXACT
ORDER, OK? ...



..... TO BE CONTINUED

Photos by Samantha Lee

MGOC Fill in the Caption

Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon



"Just another inch please!"

- Richard Butler

"No money down and only £199 per month and this blue baby is yours!"

- Jim Carlson

"Are you sure there is room for me too?"

- Bob Luebbert

"Press down...push to the right...then push back. Are you sure your last name isn't Lucas?"

- Jim Lucas

"Am I in the right Row?"

- Steve Kellogg

"The line, what line?"

- Ken Bottini

"...so how do you get out? Hell, how did you get in!!!"

- Kirk Prentiss

"Just another three blades please"

- Felix Lee

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a photo in need of a
caption.

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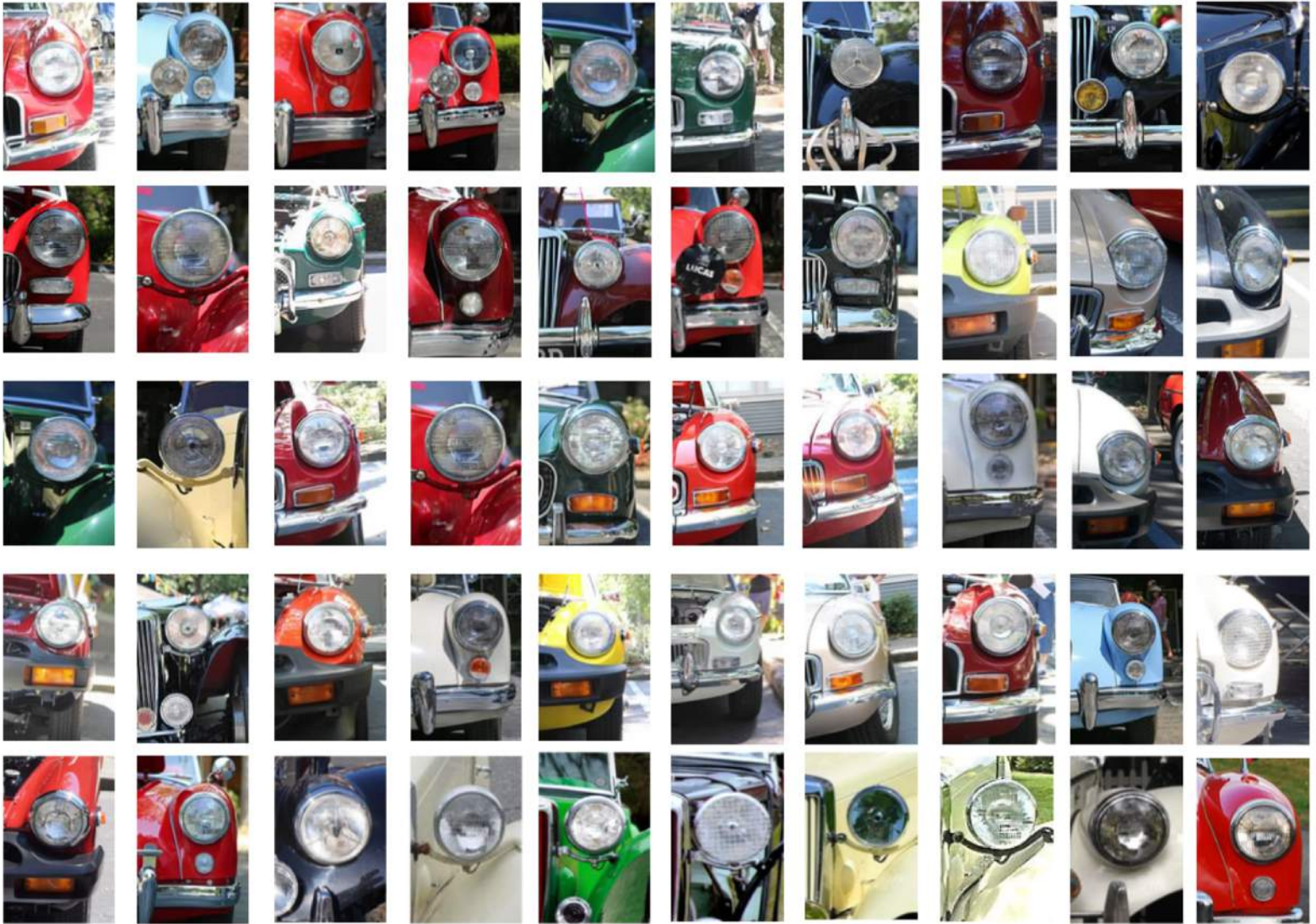
The MGOC Board will
choose the top finalists,
which will then be
revealed in the following
month's edition of *The
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Photo by
Samantha Lee



LIGHTS, LIGHTS AND MORE LIGHTS

PHOTOS BY MINDY HUNGERMAN AND SAMANTHA LEE



Start Planning for 2016 ...



SPRING - SUMMER

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
 5TH BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 09/17-18
 DANVILLE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, MG MARQUE, 9/17-18
 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

For your official MGOC 2016 Tour Planner link here: <http://www.mgocsf.org/Portals/0/DOCUMENTS/Events%202016/MGOC%202016.compressed.pdf>



MGOC Annual Picnic 2016

Saturday, August 6, 2016

11am-12pm: Meeting

12-4pm: Picnic

Kennedy Grove Regional Park

Hitching Post Picnic Site

Come enjoy a day in a lovely park with old and new friends who share a love of MGs. Bring your favorite meats for grilling or sharing. MGOC will supply ice, drinks and cups

RSVP: to Marcia Crawford at marciacrawford7@gmail.com

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MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Nation's Burgers – El Cerrito

June 4, 2016

Call to Order: By Andy Preston at 9:41am.

Attending: Stephen Born, Marcia Crawford, Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen, Craig & Kim Kuenzinger, Felix Lee, Andy Preston, and George Steneberg. Late arrivals were Kirk Prentiss and Keith & Pam Shukait.

Mileage Winner (and recipient of a free breakfast): Not awarded – no one drove an MG.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: May 7, 2016: Approved

REPORTS

President's Report: Steve Kellogg: Absent due to illness.

Vice President's Report: Andy Preston: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston:

Account	June 2016	May 2016
Checking	8,772.67	9,018.79
Savings	3,463.81	3,463.73
Total	12,236.48	12,482.52

Since the last Treasurer's Report we have had *Octagon* mailing and printing charges, MGs by the Bay entry fees, and payment of \$1,138.50 for the awards.

Secretary's Report: Wayne Veatch: Absent.

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg: Absent, but Andy said there are two new members since the last meeting.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Regalia Report: Andy Preston: He will have a substantial display at MGs by the Bay.

The Octagon Report: Felix Lee: Still looking for *MG Love* articles, with the goal of having a draft book in a few months.

Website Report: Steve Kellogg: Absent.

PAST EVENTS

The Dixon All-British show was good.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/5 – MGs by the Bay – Danville

6/12 – Alameda Point Concours de 'Elegance

6/13-17 – MG2016 in Louisville, KY

6/27 – GOF in Redmond, OR

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion of Club liability insurance, covering drives and events. Mike researched the coverage the Club already has through NAMGBR and NAMGAR and determined it was not only substantially the same as that provided by the Hagerty policy Marla investigated, but that the two policies could provide double coverage in some cases. After this was found, no further action was taken regarding Club liability insurance.

NEW BUSINESS

None

BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim & Craig will be arriving at The Livery at 5:30am to begin setting up for MGs by the Bay.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, July 9, at Nation's in El Cerrito at 9am for breakfast and 10am for the meeting. This location could be changed; check the July *Octagon*.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01am, when everyone left to go stuff packets for MGs by the Bay.

Submitted by: Mike Jacobsen



A New and Novel way of Attracting New Members to the MGOC

- step 1: track down where nonmember MG owners tend to have breakfast on a random Saturday morning
- step 2: plan to have the MGOC monthly meeting at the exact same restaurant on a Saturday morning
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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]



1954 TF 1250, British Racing Green with Tan Upholstery, Mileage 28,600, Fully rebuilt from frame up. Excellent condition inside and out. 5 speed transmission New tires and spare. Original service manual. Call (714) 469-7077 stewharvey@cox.net [posted 07/16]



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 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 (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 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 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. [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. [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 [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 [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. 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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