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Newsletter of the M.G. Owners Club  
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**Bonnet Up! if you are a yellow BGT with black license plates, knockoff wheels and under-bonnet insulation**

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**MGs by the Bay**  
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### RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

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

### MGOCSE.ORG

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

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***The Annual All British Motor  
Vehicle Show and Swap Meet  
September 19, 2021***

***Due to attendance limitations, there will  
NO be day-of Registration***

Current Covid-19 restrictions prevented us from holding the Dixon Car Show in May of this year, but we are happy to announce that we have secured the date of Sunday, September 19, 2021 at the Dixon Fairgrounds in Dixon, CA!

We hope to return to our May date in 2022.

**All reservations must be made in advance, either online or by downloading a flyer and mailing it.**



All the members of United British Sports Car Club want to thank you for your participation. We are excited to be returning to the Dixon County Fairgrounds in Dixon, CA after having been rained out 2 years ago! We hope for another high attendance year to properly show all the British beauties, business vendors and swap participants.

Check our web site at [www.UBSCC.org](http://www.UBSCC.org) for information and updates about this year's show. We will post data such as the current car classes, a list of supporting businesses, a Q&A section, and pictures from past shows. We anticipate record breaking attendance and participation this year, so thank you in advance for your early registration! Since trophy classes are based solely on pre-registration, we encourage you to tell your friends and neighbors to register early. Three like cars create a trophy class; it's that easy to compete within your own class of similar cars!

If you have any questions, please feel free to respond to this e-mail.

Thank you again for your support of this great event! We'll see you on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September!



Best regards,  
Katie Costanzo  
Pre-registration  
Chair  
United British  
Sports Car Club  
[www.UBSCC.org](http://www.UBSCC.org)

At Dixon, 2018  
Shockey pic

One of the few  
places we can  
park on grass



# From the Editor



Looking disheveled, Dan arrives at Mt. Hood.  
Kirk Prentiss photo, Photo below: Marty Rayman

Hello, MG Fans, August 29, 2021

It was great fun to see many of you and your MGs at **MGs by the Bay**. What I loved about this year's event was all the spectators. The Bon Air center is very busy on a Saturday and many folks found their way to see our cars. I spoke to several folks who had seen the show advertised and came as a result. As Mike Jacobsen helped me load the MG after nearly everyone had left, there were still guys coming by looking for the show.

The center had nice coffee and food places and clean restrooms as well. A Five Star effort all round.

Covid continues to 'plague' us. The Highland Games in Pleasanton have scaled back and will not host the MGs this year. We have been unable so far to schedule a place for the club picnic and many people skipped the **MGs by the Bay** as a precaution.

The next big event is the all British meet at Dixon. I plan to sell spare parts in the swap meet. If you have a few things to sell, you could join me and help work the booth. You would need to register your car or drive in with me.

Pictured here are the two methods I used to haul the 1935 MG to recent events. It is some effort to get the MG into the bed of the truck but it is worth it for long trips, safer and faster. For closer events, the tow dolly is easy to load and requires less equipment. I also was able to drive it 60 miles to Pacific Grove.

Happy trails!

**Dan**

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Mini Owners of America San Francisco (MOASF) and Blackhawk

### About this event

Mini Owners of America San Francisco (MOASF) and Blackhawk Museum present:

30th Annual All British Motor Show. This event is free for spectators!

British Motorcycles always welcome !



### Date and time

Sun, October 17, 2021  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM PDT

[Add to calendar](#)

### Location

Blackhawk Museum  
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle  
Danville, CA 94506

### Refund policy

Refunds up to **7 days** before event

This is the 30th MOASF annual car show and the sixth year the event will be co-hosted by the Blackhawk Museum! Marque for the show this year is the Jaguar E-type marking the 60 year anniversary of this iconic car.

Please join us at the Blackhawk Museum to be part of the British Auto scene featuring beautiful marques from all of the isles. Please register early to show your car or motorcycle. Autos are placed by marque so early registration helps place autos with their marque.

- Show cars arrive 8:00 AM
- Open for public 9:00 AM
- Raffle Prizes/Awards 1:00 PM
- Show ends 2:00 PM

Motorcycle Registration is \$25. Automobile Registration is \$35.00 (includes Eventbrite fees).

To Register click on "Tickets". Pre-registration ends on Friday at 7PM, October 15, 2021. Day of Show Entry is available but fees increase to \$30 for motorcycles and \$45 for Automobiles.

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# Welcome New Members!

**Naomi Sachs of San Rafael** with a 1958 MGA 1500 frame off restoration.

**Robert Duncan of Kelseyville** with a 1972 MGB.

**Greer Ryall of Danville** with a 1979 MGB Black Limited Edition. I'll take some fresh pictures and tell you something of its history soon. Greer

**Jeffrey Abramson of Healdsburg** with a 1952 MG TD John Von Neumann Special and a 1952 MG TD. The Von Newman Special won the first Pebble Beach race!



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**Lloyd Faust of Novato** with a 1967 MGB/GT that has heavy patina and is a back yard survivor.

I'm an old guy and have been involved with MGs forever. I started working at the local BMC dealer when I was 12 years old (in 1956). I then married into an MG family. I visited Abingdon three times, 1966, 1979 and 1981 during the auction.

My first MG was a 1961 MGA bought new when I was 16 years old. I later built my first MGB-V8 in 1972 using a 215 Buick, Muncie 4 speed and XKE rear end assy. I am personal friends with Ron and Malcolm Gammons, which allowed me to build a works replica MGB vintage racer that fooled everyone and got me into the Monterey Historics. I was involved with getting the MGB body shell back into production at Heritage. I built (along with 3 guys from Brown & Gammons) the first body shell into a running car at the NEC May 1988. Car is known as "TAXI." I built an MGB driven by Sterling Moss and Jean Lindamood in the Pirelli Classic Marathon.

I could go on and on.....nobody could stay awake.....





## President's Ponderings

### How long have I been attending *MGs by the Bay*?

I think that *MGs by the Bay* was a great success and that has been reflected in the amount of positive comments I have received including one from BON AIR who had their Social Media Manager at the show taking photos and video for their future promotions. It was great to see so many new faces and cars that I haven't seen before and it made me think about the first time I attended an *MGs by the Bay* car show.

I looked up some old records and dash plaques and found that I (we) have been attending *MGsbtB* since 1998; that's right 23 years ago. At that time it was at Jack London Square and the first time I didn't know what to expect so I parked in the nearby parking garage and walked to the show. I soon realized that this was NOT a concours type of show and that our 1974 MGB GT was as good as any other car there. It was a show for all types of MGs just like it is now and everyone was very warm and welcoming.

So the next year, 1999, Marla and I proudly entered our car in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual *MGs at Jack London Square*. We thought we had the prettiest GT at the show but apparently on-one else did because we only got one vote! However that didn't deter us and since then we have participated in every show displaying different cars at various times and met a lot of people and have wonderful memories. This means that we've been doing this for 22 years! WOW! I wonder how many other members have done this. Maybe Mike, Dan or George?

Over the years the show has moved around to various locations but it is remained basically the same and supported by people like you who are passionate about their cars and proud to show them off and share war stories with like-minded people. Talking about war stories, check out pages 12 & 13 about Steve and Vicky Kellogg's return trip back from the GOF last month. It's definitely a strong favorite for the "Burnt Spark Plug Award".

Stay safe and keep on driving your cherished MG,

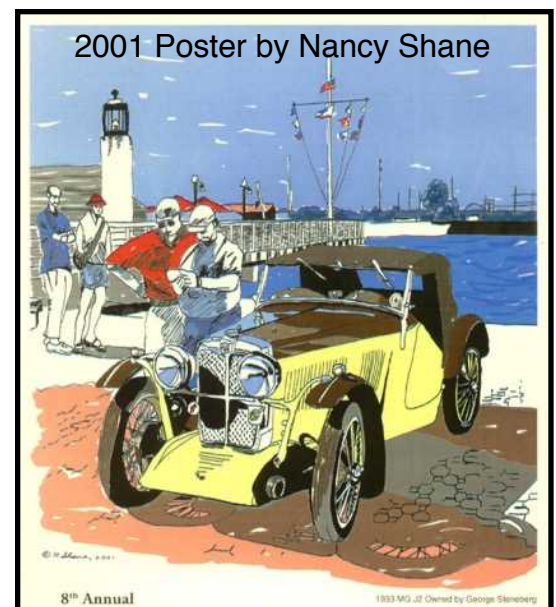
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Hunt



Marty Rayman



That's  
George  
with his  
J2!



## MGs by the Bay Report

Andy Preston

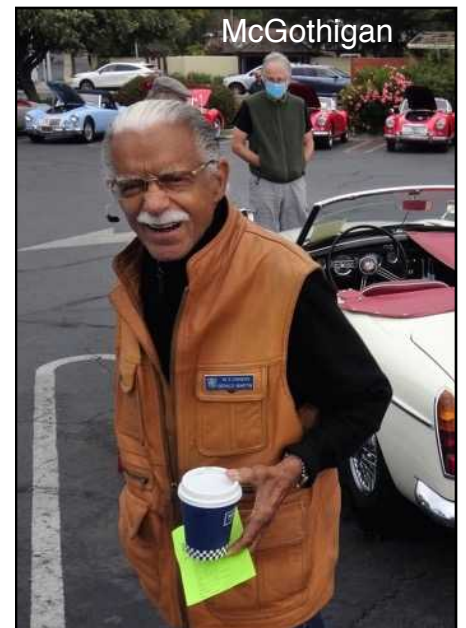
We had a great turnout for our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual MGs by the Bay which was held again this year at the BON AIR shopping center in Greenbrae. This is turning out to be a wonderful venue because all the cars are in the same area and easy to see. The management at BON AIR is fabulous to work with and secured the show area the night before so we didn't have any interlopers, and they supply tables, chairs and the tent and supply power. This is a tremendous help because we don't have to lug our own stuff which is a hassle.

The turnout was fabulous with 45 cars; with cars in all classes. We even had at least 3 cars in the pre-war and T series classes which is very rare. All the other classes were well represented with 9 MGAs! Apart from the owners we had lots of people from the general public just visiting and admiring these cars from a previous generation. Thinking about it the newest cars are over 40 years old and the oldest ones over 80 years old so many of the folks had never seen any of them before. This was especially true for a group of teenagers who were admiring all these really OLD cars.

For the first time we had a new award called the President's Award that I had the pleasure of deciding which car was the most deserving of such an honor. There were so many really spectacular cars that I decided to present the award not to the prettiest car but to most reliable and one that has travelled many hundred of thousand of mile from coast to coast and back again many times. I presented the award to Mike Jacobsen and his Iris Blue MGA which he has owned since high school and still drives it across everywhere. Well done Mike!

These events take a lot of planning and organization and I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in making this one very special.

Congratulations to the Award Winners in each Class (next page):



Workers fresh at the start of the long day!. Gerald Martin top right.  
Irish Wolfhound dwarfs Dan's Irish MG.





Class	Place	No	Owner	Owners Comments
TC	1	39	Rick Storms	Green. Restored in a racer style
TD	2	24	George Steneberg	Almond Green – Total body-off restoration – TD Mk II
TD	1	37	William Biller	Green – Ground-up restoration in 1986, current mileage 5010
TF	2	26	Glenn Storek	British Racing Green w/ Tan Interior – Fully restored original California car, spent many years in Minnesota and is now back home.
TF	1	42	Bill & Shirley Angeloni	Black w/ red int – Has been driven to all the western states and British Columbia. Stock body with Ford 5-speed and 4.3 ring & pinion.
MGA	3	16	Marty & Naomi Rayman	Red – Frame-off restoration
MGA	2	15	Paul & Oscar Williams	Black – Twin Cam roadster, Shipped to Canada in 1958, then to England in 1990, finally to California in 2016. Restored by owner over past 15 years. Recent engine rebuild by Autovintagery, La Jolla.
MGA	1	41	Adrian Szwarcburg	Dove Grey – Purchased by my wife's parents as their first car in 1960.
MGA Coupe	1	2	Andy Preston	Chariot Red – Restored by owner over 4 years and driven 15k miles since.
Early MGB	3	33	Eric Baker	Old English White with red interior – 9,949th MGB made, originally purchased in England and brought to California.
Early MGB	2	11	Don Scott	Iris Blue – A mix of original and refurbished.
Early MGB	1	13	Gerald Martin	Iris Blue – Had it for a long time – entered shows in the past 20 years
Late MGB	3	38	Doug Hollander	Bracken Autumn
Late MGB	2	36	Mark McGothigan	Bracken – 1975 Jubilee Edition, purchased in 1979, recently restored
Late MGB	1	32	John Mein	Tahiti Blue – 92,000 miles. I bought it brand new in August of 1977 when I got my first job. I bought it in Boulder, CO, at a Ford/MG dealer called Arnold Brothers.
MGB/GT	3	14	John Hunt	BRG – Stock model with overdrive.
MGB/GT	2	44	David Hicks	Pale Primrose
MGB/GT	1	45	Rod & Sue Schweiger	Yellow. Built by Rod
Midget	1	6	Richard & Rose Butler	Blue – With black stripes, black interior, and walnut dash
MGC	1	9	Chris Hannes	Mineral Blue – GT mostly unrestored 2 owner car which after 30 years in storage has been patiently made a very reliable road car over these past 15 years while maintaining its originality.
Pre-War	1	10	Allan Chalmers	Red – 1700 miles on restoration.
Special	1	40	Dennis Nichols	Blue – V6 conversion, T5 tranny custom
Most Customized	7		Ed & Rowena DeMayo	BRG – MGB/GT conversion to “pick-up” for Enzo, because dogs LOVE trucks.
Daily Driver	1	1	Kirk & Amy Prentiss	Old English White / Light Birch Grey – Character and class but without hoopla, the MG Mquette Varitone is a lovely and spacious saloon.
CYMLTTH	1	6	Paul & Oscar Williams	Black – Twin Cam roadster, Shipped to Canada in 1958, then to England in 1990, finally to California in 2016. Restored by owner over past 15 years. Recent engine rebuild by Autovintagery, La Jolla.
Premier	1	1	Kirk & Amy Prentiss	Old English White / Light Birch Grey – Character and class but without hoopla, the MG Mquette Varitone is a lovely and spacious saloon.
President's Award	8		Mike Jacobsen	Iris Blue – My first car

***CYMLTTH - Car You'd Most Like To Take Home (Not a Welsh award)***







McGothigan

Clockwise from left: Blower on the J3. Trunk of the MGC. A wave off from the Rubbernose Guys. Kids get exposed to the MGA at a tender age. The awards await their new owners.



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Ed wins the  
Special class.

TCs and TDs

The Mulgrews  
arrived in high  
style.



Hunt

High tech  
squirrel  
cage  
blower.



Rayman



# Gathering of the Faithful – Star Log Continued

Captain: S. Kellogg

Stardate – Thursday, July 29, 2021

Today is the last day of the GoF before we leave for home tomorrow morning.

It has been a great week starting with Monday afternoon when I met my brother Brian and his friend Linda Jones and his 77 MGB.

Brian had just finished rattle can painting his B and it turned out nice. Has that matte look to it. Being a First Timer to a GoF, he displayed his car in the new timers show along with about 20 other MGs. Off to a good start.

On Tuesday, the Full Car show took place and we displayed Brian's wood plaques at my 73 B on a sandwich board, because the plaques were of clubs that Vicky and I belong to. Had a lot of nice comments and the weather was mild.

In the afternoon, we took a Photo Rallye to the Multnomah Falls. I led in the Lexus with the dogs calling out the mileage when we saw an item that was in a photo. Toilets in trees, Roosters, rusty tractors, and other local sites were included. We stopped at the Vista House which gave a great view of the Gorge. Then down the winding road to the falls. Little disappointed as there was no place to park. Back up the hill through forests and farmlands and a cemetery completed our trip back to the resort.

That night Brian, Linda and I went to the Pub 26 and partook in their burgers.

Yesterday was the Funkhana which is a course you follow with a driver and a navigator around the parking lot while attempting events like ball drop in a circle, hoop toss etc.

I did it once with Kirk and we did ok and once with Brian. It was a lot of fun. Earlier in the morning, I found a laundromat and did laundry enough to get home with clean underwear. In the afternoon, Amy Kirk and I went into Sandy for Lunch. Had some nice crepes. Although as we are learning, the wait for food is terribly long at restaurants due to the low staffing.

I also went to the local Fred Meyers and got a pair of short pants in readiness for the hot drive back down I-5 on Friday. Temps are supposed to hit 105 in Grants Pass. Ugh. It'll be a long day.

Today there is a tech session on paint that we'll attend and a drive to Timberline Lodge in the afternoon. Tonight, is the Awards dinner. Should be fun.

Dogs are doing ok, but I think they miss their walks with Aunt Francoise and Uncle Doug. I'm sure Buster, our cat is home and loving it without the dogs and our wonderful House sitter Alex taking care of him.

That's it for now. Will write more when we reach Ferndale.

Steve, Vicky, Meghan, and Harry.

Stardate Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Well, the awards dinner was nice, and we knew a lot of people that got awards. Congrats to the Sorry Safari Touring Society for winning a participation award. (I had to lug it home). Congrats also go to Rod Sweiger, Kirk Prentiss, Andy Preston, Dan Shockey, and Mike Jacobsen for also getting a myriad of awards.

The next day we saw that it was going to be 105 in the afternoon in Grants Pass, OR which was our next stop. Ughhh. So, we decided to leave at O Dark 6:00 am to beat the heat. We planned on going the direct route from 26 to 212 to 205 and then down 5.

Kirk and Amy lead while Vicky followed with the mutts on the Lexus. As the most cautious and slowest driver, I brought up the end with the MGB, hood (top) up!

About 60 miles north of Myrtle Creek, I heard this slight whine in the back of the B. I was a little worried as it got louder and louder and only on acceleration that I pulled over in Myrtle Creek and found a shop with a lift to see what was going on with the differential. The pumpkin was dry as a bone (slight leak) and I was able to fill it with gear oil.

Steve and Vicky at the Columbia Gorge Overlook





Back on the road the sound persisted, and I made my way to meet my fellow travelers in Grants Pass.

So, Kirk being from the Medford and Grants Pass area was able to find a shop in Medford that had a guy that could fix the car. Went there and found out that they couldn't get to it until November or December.

So, I decided that I would have the B shipped to my home in Pebble and work with my mechanic down here.

It put a bumner on the trip for all concerned and the heat didn't help much either. Kirk's mom still lives in Medford, and I was able to store it there until I could get it transported back south.

We made the decision to cut the travels short one day and just make it home, so we cancelled our Sunday stay in Fort Bragg

And traveled to Ferndale the next day. We stayed at the Shaw House Inn which is very old circa 1890 and with a bed that was just as old. I kept slipping off the side of the bed all night long. Vicky and I got up at 4:15 am on Sunday to leave by 5:00 am for the long trip back to cool Monterey. When we got up, we had found out the Kirk and Amy had already left at 3:45 am!!

The trip south in the Lexus didn't start that well as a deer ran across the road in front of me before we left Ferndale. On the way out I also noted the low Tire idiot light on the dash. Crap!!

Found a station that had an air hose and filled up the left front tire which had a nice little screw in the tread. Must have been a slow leak and who knows how long it was in there, but at least we had tunes and air conditioning!!

Of course, my luck would falter again with a wild Boar running across the 101 causing a little fright in the cabin.

To make a long story short we made it back and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue through San Francisco was not that bad at 10:00 am.

So was the trip fun. Yes except for the last part. And we plan on going to the Go West next year when it is Buellton, CA.

Hopefully the Bar and Restaurant will be open in the Marriott, and all will be smooth.

Now to get to work on fixing the diff and getting ready for Car Week!!

Safety Fast,  
Steve, Vicky, Harry, and Meghan.



Marla and Mike  
at the car show,  
GOF West

Shockey pic





### GOF Fun:

Above: Kirk risks it all with Steve K. in the MGB

Left: Mike J. out the window with Kirk in the Magnette

Below: Busy show field on a cool overcast morning. Pre-WWII MGs in foreground

Shockey photos







# Keep Planning for 2021



Faust MGB at Laguna Seca

## SUMMER-FALL

### TBD: MGOC Club Picnic

Sept 4-5, MG Display, Highland Games, Pleasanton, SSTs - CANCELED

Sunday, Sept. 19, Dixon All British Show & Swap Meet, p. 3

Sunday, Oct. 17, All British Motor Show at Blackhawk Museum, see page 5

Oct 15-16, Sierra Tour, Chico, SSTs



## FALL-WINTER

Nov. TBD, Sonoma Tour, MGOC, Marla & Andy Preston

Sat., Dec. 11, Holiday Tea, MGOC, San Francisco, Mike & Elaine

Sat., Jan. 8, MGOC Planning Meeting, Berkeley, George & Marcia

Jan. TBD, MGOC Annual Brunch, Moss Beach, Marla

## Andiamo's Gold Country Road Rally

More info and photos from  
[www.andiamorallies.com](http://www.andiamorallies.com)



May 10-14, 2022, has been selected for the second annual Andiamo, Gold Country Road Rally. Registration will open November 2, 2021.

We are excited to announce that the [Edgewood Resort Lake Tahoe](#) will host our rally for two nights as part of our 2022 event. This fabulous resort hosted the inaugural rally in 2021 to rave reviews.

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## Updated Oil Data - Mobil1 for Classics!

I have an addition to your article on oil. I have been using Mobil 1 15W50, which has a much higher zinc and phosphorus content than the other weights that you did list, as well as being a closer match to the original spec weight of 20W50. Attached is the Mobil1 product data sheet with all the specs. - Max Heim

Brand	Viscosity	Nominal Phosphorus Level, PPM	Nominal Zinc Level, PPM	Product Description	Recommended Consumer Applications
Mobil 1	15W-50	1200	1300	Boosted, higher viscosity, advanced full synthetic formula designed for performance vehicles.	HT/HS applications. Racing and Flat tappet applications.









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**JUNE 19 - 23, 2022**



New member Jeff Stobbe has completed the install of the Buick aluminum 260 V8 in his BGT. The 1800 engine in my MGA coupe came from this car. He also has a/c installed along with an automatic gearbox. - Dan

Chalmers photo

Bill Traill has nearly completed his J2 restoration after 50 years of ownership by Bill and his father. Note the high tech door handle! (Temporary, Bill says.) Good quality, new rope. Should last a long time.

Shockey photos





# MGs at the Little Car Show

By Dan Shockey

A fun way to participate in the Car Week activities is the Little Car Show in Pacific Grove on Wednesday. Participants pay \$75 to show and have to be accepted. The limit is supposedly 1500cc but there were many cars there that came with larger engines and many with much larger engines installed. (Note the TRs.)

The MG Owners Club was represented by Amy and Kirk Prentiss with their Magnette, Vicky and Steve Kellogg with their TF, and me with my PA. The Kelloggs won the Veterans Award. I received a nice merchants award plaque.

They parked me next to the Dixieland band. Lots of families with dogs came by. I let the kids sit in the PA. It was great fun to tell folks about the MG.

I was able to drive the PA there and back despite some rough running. I set the timing too advanced and burned a spark plug. I then ran out of gas coming up the hill to my house, about 30 yards short of my driveway.

Try it next year!

Porsche Hubcap View

Shockey pics



Daniel Shockey of Scotts Valley is dressed as a U.S. Army soldier as he secures the hood on his 1935 MG PA during the Little Car Show in Pacific Grove on Wednesday. Shockey said he was dressed as a soldier because the car was brought back by many veterans who fought in World War II.

*Get the 'L' out of my name!*

DAVID ROYAL — MONTEREY HERALD CORRESPONDENT



# Member Notes

From Mike Jacobsen, on driving home from the GOF:

I, not wanting to miss any donuts, left about a quarter after nine and got home at the same time in the evening. The car ran fine, though hot since it was over 100°F in the Valley. The only problem was in the afternoon near Corning, CA when the engine began to stumble as if it was out of gas. I knew that wasn't right, since the tank was still half full, but when I slowed down I could hear the fuel pump ticking as if the tank was about empty. Checking the lines & carbs didn't show any problems so I decided it was vapor lock. Sure enough, after sitting with the hood up for about ten minutes, the car was fine. I went slower after that (we'd been doing 75~80 on I-5) and it was OK.

From Andy Preston, on returning from Oregon:

Hi everyone we're home safe and sound. The drive to Gold Beach via Coos Bay on Friday was wonderful and cool and the scenery some of the best we've seen. We left at 7:00 this morning from Gold Beach and had the heater on until Fortuna and then things got HOT quickly. It must have been in the 90s from Garberville to Ukiah and we both got back exhausted. The car did great and we drove at 70 most of the way and the temp gauge was up to 220F on some of the grades but recovered on the downhill stretches.

Sorry to hear about Steve's differential troubles but he was fortunate that he could leave his car at your moms, Kirk.

Thanks to everyone for making this a great time.

Notes from Max Heim:

I regret I won't be able to attend MGs by the Bay this year. I have to be in Portland on that date for my mom's 90th birthday celebration. We are driving up in my '67 Barracuda convertible (the MGB doesn't have enough luggage space for the stuff my wife wants to bring along).

I enjoyed reading about the GOF. I had too many work commitments. Maybe some day...

Thanks from Gary Germano:

Just wanted to thank you again for all of the great work you do for us with the monthly MGOC Newsletter! You do one fantastic job!

Update from Marja:

I have been puttering about in the Met. Had to replace the clutch slave cylinder last week after it failed. The clutch is back in operation, but I think I now have an air leak - waiting for Greg to call me back to discuss. The car 'lugs' and I have to keep the choke out to keep the car running, but then it's at too high revs.

The first Little Car Show I will miss, but I'm not comfortable with the Delta-variant threat and folks come from so many places.

News from Jennifer Orum:

I was hoping to attend the memorial service for Janet Veatch next month, but our land border with the US is not open yet. Vaccinated US citizens can drive north into Canada, but not so the other way.

Unfortunately our COVID-19 numbers are going way up again, and some parts of our province (the interior) are having restrictions imposed again. Also, B.C. has 300 wildfires burning, with at least one small town completely destroyed. Pretty distressing times.

Tomorrow our local MG/Jag Club is having a scaled-down Heritage event, done much like a Goodwood Revival, asking participants to come in 1950s, 1960s or 1970s dress. There's no show or judging, except for best costume, best decorated car and best dressed pet.

Show Notes from Tom Doyle:

I took this photo at the Los Altos Hills Show last Sunday. There were some really nice cars on display. Behind my car was a TC, an MGB and on the other side of the field was a blue 1979 MGB roadster who was owned by John who is a member of the MGOC.





### Little Car Show Notes from Dan Shockey:

I appear to be the early 'winner' of the burnt spark plug. The plug was so hot it cooked the body coating as well as torching the tip. I got stuck in very slow traffic getting out of Monterey then Hwy 1 was essentially closed at Moss Landing. (A car fire I heard.) I got home finally in 2 hours taking back roads. The PA loved the back roads but not the sitting in traffic and not climbing the big hills.

### Reply from Andy:

Hi, Dan, that is definitely a burnt spark plug, but you'll have competition for the coveted award with Doug Hollander and Steve Kellogg!

### Fire News from Tom Doyle:

We packed up things on Saturday and left for Park City, UT, where we are at now until the smoke becomes healthy at Tahoe. Heidi has breathing issues so it was paramount we left the area as soon as possible. We have a travel trailer and would use it if we didn't have good friends that let us stay with them. Park City is great and we have had very nice weather since we've been here.

Hope to see the gang at Dixon on the 19th. I have also rented a Swap Meet Spot to share with the Reno Club Members.

### Spark Plugs Notes from Bill Traill:

Check out KLG, Kenelm Lee Guinness was of the Guinness brewing family. He was into 1930's race cars. Saw the need for a reliable spark plug and so, made his own. Others asked for his spark plugs and so it began.

In communicating with the Brit suppliers I mention KLG (as they like their brews) history and none of them knew it!



## Classified Ads

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

**Import Car Mags:** almost a complete Hemmings Sports and Exotic and British mags from the early aughts. Free to pick up in Pinole. Text or call member Brian at 415-350-3365.

[brianappraiser@gmail.com](mailto:brianappraiser@gmail.com) (Posted 7/21)

**TD Parts:** Some MGA. Free if you take it all! See photo. Rear axle, gearbox, engine block, shocks, carb, brakes, in Healdsburg, Jeff Abramson; [jabramson@pulc.com](mailto:jabramson@pulc.com) (Posted 9/21)

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**MGB Luggage Rack:** Strap style. Nice chrome. \$100 Dan Shockey 309-696-0803, [magnut\\_dan@hotmail.com](mailto:magnut_dan@hotmail.com) (Posted 9/21)

**MG TD for sale:** 32,000 original miles with new paint and interior. It's red. Purchased new by Carole's uncle who let Carole drive it to University. It's a Vancouver, BC, car. Rear end pumpkin was switched which allows you to go 65mph easily. We drove it 1000 miles recently with no problems. Member Walter, (408) 768-0214 (Posted 08/21)

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### Engine Info from Carl Brown:

It's probably more than a valve problem. When the #4 exhaust valve failed the first time I took the head off for Dave Pelton to do a full valve job on it. I put the head back on but within a few months the valve failed again. I took it back to Dave for a look and we just figured maybe a bad valve, something with the valve seat or some such thing and he replaced the valve again. This time after getting the head back on he did the test where you check how the rings are holding pressure in the cylinder and found that #4 rings were a bit weak. The other cylinders are within tolerance. A few months later the valve burned again leading me to think that the rings need to be looked at as well. I'll get some grease under my nails one day and go after it.

### **MGs by the Bay** from Marty Rayman:

Thanks so much for all your hard work. Once again that was wonderful & for me, so close to home.

### And from Kirk Prentiss:

BRAVO! Like a "well oiled machine," the 2021 **MGs By The Bay** was a stunning success! Thanks to EVERYONE for your efforts to make this yet another memorable event.

### Reply from Mike Jacobsen:

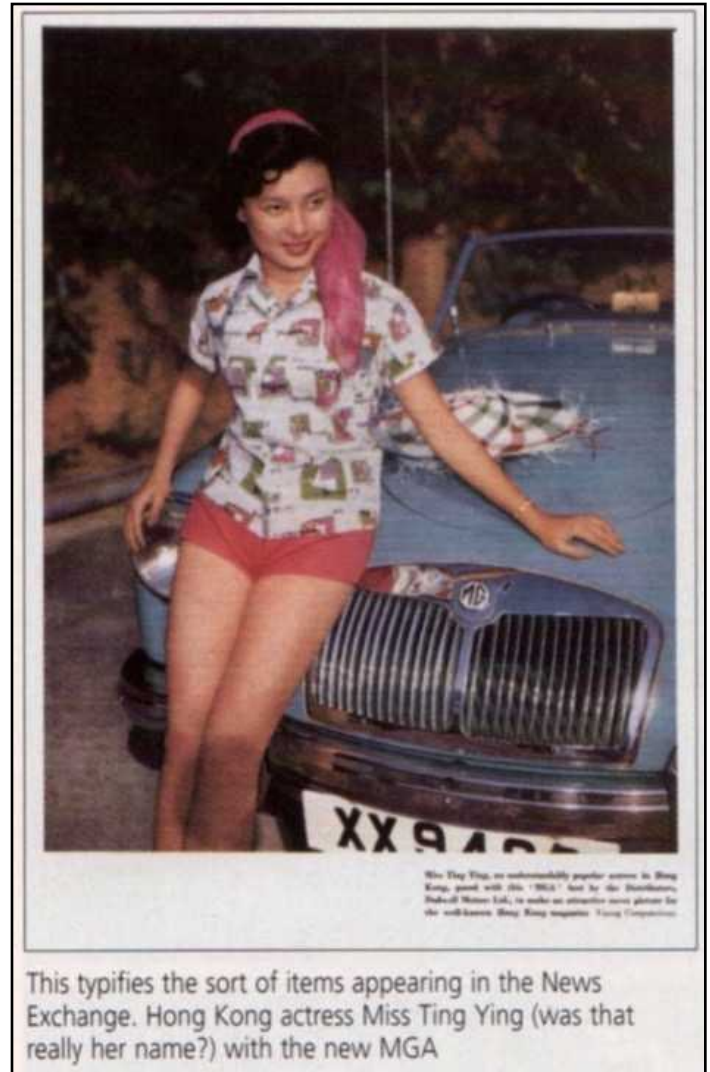
Yes, thanks to everyone. It's a good thing that it's only once a year, so we have time to forget how much work it is.

I'd especially like to thank Mark for taking on the task of getting the packet contents generated & printed. I had a much better vacation for that, since I didn't have to worry about how I'd get it all done at the last minute. Thank you, Mark!

### On the "FAT MG" license on the event T-shirt, from Mike:

I'd leave it. I think it's funny. And c'mon, park a Z next to any two-seater MG and the Z looks huge!

Miss Hong Kong helped promote the new MGA. Courtesy **Enjoying MG** magazine.



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6-Cylinder MGs (an MGC/GT and a V6 conversion), Ed's MGB pickup and Kirk's Premier Magnette get pride of place at the **MGs by the Bay** show.



MGs by the Bay, 2021  
Shockey photo