

THE OCTAGON

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



December 2014

About *The Octagon* and MGOC...

The M.G. Owners Club, formed in 1957, is the Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club, formed in England in 1930. The Peninsula T Register was formed in 1973 and is now an informal sub-group of the MGOC. We receive a copy of the MGCC's *Safety Fast*, available to members on loan from the corresponding secretary. The Club is also associated with the North American MGB Register, the North American MGA Register, and the New England MG T Register. The MGOC holds a business meeting on the second Thursday of each month at an event known as the "Natter and Noggin" in the style of English clubs. *The Octagon*, our newsletter, is published monthly by the M.G. Owners Club. Opinions expressed in *The Octagon* are not necessarily those of the MGOC, its members, or Board of Directors.

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"Andy Warholed" MGB Badge, created by member Rob Wamstad's son, Kyle

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Information on the MGOC finances is available upon request from the treasurer.

MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO *THE OCTAGON*

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

RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? Bob Stine is in charge of new member recruitment and can send you flyers. The Club roster is available to members from 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

December 7 – Blackhawk Cars and Coffee, Danville

December 13 – **MGOC Holiday Tea**, San Francisco, Mike Jacobsen and Elaine Chan

January 10 2015 – **MGOC Planning Meeting**, Los Altos Hills, Steve Kellogg, Felix Lee

June 14-19, 2015 – **GoF West 2015**, Rohnert Park, Andy Preston, Mike Jacobsen

June or July or August 2017 – **NAMGAR GT-42**, Monterey, Randy Grossman, Mike Jacobsen, Andy Preston

From the Editor...

The MGOC is as strong as ever,
Meeting attendance is busting at its seam,
Switching to rotating Saturday venues,
Is what really drove, 2014!

It was MG's 90th Birthday,
It's goal to be everyman's sports car was noble,
We celebrated with cake at our picnic,
But additional celebrations went global!

We've reached out to other countries
Canada, Copenhagen and the UK,
Clearly, the MGOC, in no longer just local,
But extends far out, and beyond, the Bay!

Our only new officer was Dan,
His experience, caused all to exalt,
Having just returned from the East coast,
Shockey for Secretary, won, by default!

Our planning meeting met early,
Over calendars, donuts, and maps,
Each Tour had plenty of rest stops,
Considering potential MG mishaps!

The Awards Banquet was held at Hs Lordships,
On the shores of Ber-ke-Lay,
Where we embarrassed the whole Preston family,
By passing on, BSPA ...

Andy Preston, took it in stride,
Never showing an ounce of trepidation,
In fact, he loves BSPA so much,
He takes it with him, on vacation!

BSPA got to travel the world,
As Andy packed it, according to plan,
We were really fortunate to get pictures,
Thanks, to that, Anonymous Frenchman!

We learned all about rechroming,
And it was enough to make grown men weep,
Because Samantha's take home message,
Was, apparently, "it is not cheap!"

We got to know San Francisco really well,
Which is great, if you are an SF-phile,
There were two tours, a month apart,
Requiring us to drive, each 49er mile!

Our President Tim's MGB was sidelined,
With a starter that would not start.
And faced with the usual dilemma,
Replace?, or fix?, the original broken part!

Despite several tries and failures,
Tim was under a common "MG Owner's" delusion,
Not realizing what other MG owners have come to know,
There is never a quick, inexpensive solution.

We had "Pescadero," "Oakland Hills," "San Francisco,"
"North Bay," "49er Tour," "Victoria BC,"
Picnic at Kennedy Grove,
Where you got to grill YFPOMOV
(Your Favorite Piece Of Meat or Vegetable)

There was "St. Patricks Day," "Clint Tech Session,"
"Oakland Air Museum," "North Meets South at Pismo,"
Rounded off by "San Francisco Tech Session," "Sonoma,"
"MGs by the Bay," and "GOF West, San Diego"

A few cruised all the way to "Ottawa, CA"
Where they held "NAMGBR GT-39,"
We got out signals crossed with "Santa Cruise,"
But Jack Ford promises it for next time

The SF Giants made the Wild Card,
First place division winners saw a spoil,
Giants took their third Series in seven,
Celebrating an Orange Black MGB, Tom Doyle

It's time, once again, for balloting,
We have a committee that is searching,
New Prez, New Vice, New Secretary,
We nominate Steve, Andy, and Jing!

We went live with MGOCSF Facebook,
Social media takes a certain type of psyche,
And please, please, please, whatever you do,
Just remember, to



Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

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Interim President's Ponderings...

Hello,

I'd like to introduce myself to you. My name is Steve Kellogg and I am the interim President of the MGOC of Northern California, for the next month or so.

First of all I'd like to thank Tim Polidoroff for all his tireless work and efforts he has put into the club these past 2 years. We wish him and Molly the best of luck, in Florida, in their future endeavors.

I have been into MGs since my wife, Vicky, decided she wanted to get one back in 2009. She had TDs and an MGB, when she was in her teens and early twenties, and thought it would be really fun to have another. Not being into cars, I went along with her and was mildly surprised when she found a 1955 MGTF 1500 (The Black Pearl) in San Luis Obispo over E-Bay.

This was back in November 2009, and we attended our first MGOC event, which was the annual dinner, held somewhere in South San Francisco. We met some really nice people that night, and from there, we were hooked. We joined the club and also the Sorry Safari Touring Society. Since then, we have acquired a 1973 MGB, (The Green Caterpillar), and attended countless events from GOFs, to monthly drives, and Tech Sessions. I guess you can say I'm hooked on our LBC obsession.

MG

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Oh yeah, I am also the VP, Registrar, and Webmaster for MGOC. I will be running for President of the MGOC, for 2015, and look forward to your support. The vote will be held at our Holiday Tea in San Francisco on December 13th. (see page 9)

The upcoming year should be a really fun one with the GOF 2015 being held in Rohnert Park. As they have opened it up to all MGs, not just the T series, I hope to see many of you there and that we have the highest attendance of all the clubs that week.

The club is what we make of it and I hope to see you at our monthly Saturday morning meetings, held in various venues throughout the Bay Area. Since we have moved the meetings to Saturday, attendance has been in the 20s! Remember, whoever drives their MG farthest to the meeting, gets a free meal!

Northern California is a great place to own an MG as we can drive year round on wonderful back roads. We will be holding our planning session, in January, in Los Altos Hills, and I encourage you to attend, in order to plan a 2015 full of events that you and your family will enjoy.

Safety Fast!

Steve Kellogg



Meet our Newest Member

MGOC's Youngest Junior Mechanic

By Rod Adams

My name is Rod Adams and I live in the east bay with my wife and two daughters. My father purchased a blue brand new 1971 MGB in 71, he drove it to about 70k miles and put it in the garage when he started contracting in the late 70's and needed a truck to and from job sites.

He gave it to me when I was 15 and I promptly tore it completely apart, more like a science experiment than an actual goal of an early restoration. Despite my lack of skills I was able to completely restore the car, doing everything but the final paint myself. Rebuilt the motor, interior, body prep, etc., complete with a chrome roll bar!

Needless to say, driving around our little town of Benicia California was cool for a high school kid. I sold the car to my sister after college. She drove it through high school, then went off to college. The MGB went back in the garage, but she forgot to put water in it! Blown head gasket I suspect.

Flash forward to this year, while helping my parents clean up their property with my youngest daughter, who is 12,

we decided to take on the '71 MGB again.

Although, currently in tear down mode, I hope to send the shell down to "*On the Road Again*," in Morgan Hill, by the end of the year, to have the body blasted and painted.

We plan on restoring it back, mostly stock, with all the current upgrades, to make it more drivable. Working on the car with my daughter brings back great memories, and has started some better ones, with her. I get about 2 hours out of her, before her attention span wanders, and we need to clean up. She is turning out to be a pretty adept, junior mechanic.

Side note, while searching the net for restoration ideas, I stumbled upon a 1977 MGB, with a Rover 3.9 liter V8 conversion / 5 speed, in British Racing Green, that is near perfect! I couldn't resist making an offer, so now I am the proud owner, of two MGB's.

My wife has giving me a pass, as the project with my youngest daughter gives me good "dad" points.



Photo by Rod Adams

MGOC Annual Awards Banquet

January 24, 2015

Saturday

11:00 am–3:00 pm

**Hs Lordships Restaurant
199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA
94710**

\$ 20 / person

RSVP by January 15th 2015:

Marcia at 510-526-8951

or George at j2george@pacbell.net



This year's holiday party is in San Francisco. Come on over for some holiday cheer, join us in telling MG stories, and celebrate the season with Club friends.

The Club is again sponsoring a toy drive. Please bring a new unwrapped toy, which we will deliver to a local firehouse. Please also bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvres to share. If you have a favorite tea, please bring that too. The Club will provide other beverages.

Date: Saturday, December 13, 12 - 1 p.m. MGOC Meeting, 1 - 4 p.m. Holiday Tea

Location: [115 Pinehurst Way, San Francisco](#)

Please RSVP to: Mike Jacobsen, 415-333-9699, MikesMuseum@yahoo.com

From the East Bay: Come over the Bay Bridge and follow the signs to 101 South toward San Jose. From 101, take 280 South toward Daly City at the interchange past Cesar Chavez Blvd. Exit at Ocean Avenue and take the first right on the exit ramp. Continue west on Ocean for about a mile to Pinehurst. Turn right onto Pinehurst. 115 is on the second block, the third house from the corner, on the left.

From the Peninsula: Come up 280 and exit at Geneva Ave. Turn left at the top of the ramp, and follow Geneva until the signal where it tees into Ocean Ave. Turn left onto Ocean and continue west about a mile to Pinehurst. Turn right onto Pinehurst. 115 is on the second block, the third house from the corner, on the left

SAN FRANCISCO

BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD

IN THE
BASEMENT
OF MIKE'S
MUSEUM,
IS ---



MIKE'S GARAGE

CAN ANYONE TELL
ME WHY MG OWNERS WORK ON
THEIR CARS IN THE DARK?

I KNOW, I KNOW ... IS IT
BECAUSE LUCAS ALSO MAKES THE
HOUSE LIGHTS?

YEAH,
LUCAS,
PRINCE OF
DARKNESS
STRIKES
AGAIN!

HMM, IN THE
DARK ---

GEORGE
MUST KNOW
THIS ONE ---

DARK IN
HERE? DIDN'T
NOTICE ---

NOPE,
THE CORRECT
ANSWER IS,
BECAUSE **STUDIES**
HAVE SHOWN THAT
WORKING ON MGs IN
THE LIGHT,
UNFORTUNATELY, DOES
NOT REDUCE THE
NUMBER OF
BREAKDOWNS OR
BSPAS... SO SAVE
ENERGY!

OMG,
LOOKS LIKE
I'LL BE IN
HERE A LONG
TIME ... 2030?
WAITING FOR
THE NEXT
OWNER ...

AND ALL THE POSTERS SAY? ... "A LONG TIME, INDEED ... FUTURE GARAGE "BARN FIND" ...

..... TO BE CONTINUED


Photos by Felix Lee


OFFICIAL BALLOT

MGOC CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 2014

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TREASURER Vote for one <input type="radio"/> Marla Preston Treasurer '55 MG TF1500, '60 MGS Coupe, '67 MGB, '74 MGB GT <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in		
SECRETARY Vote for one <input type="radio"/> Jing Chai Secretary '70 Midget <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in		

Where in the World is BSPA?



**Andy and Marla Preston
and BSPA
at Lake Louise,
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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MGOC BEST OCTAGON ARTICLE 2014 CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 2014

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Cruising in the B

By: [Name]
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☐ Cruising in the B

Pescadero Tour

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ Pescadero Tour

A Birthday MG Poem to Daddy, Baby Fender

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ A Birthday MG Poem to Daddy

Juicing Your MG

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ Juicing Your MG

Meet Our Newest Member

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ MONM: Ken Shapiro

Corrosion Prevention in the MG TC/TD Cooling System

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ Corrosion Prevention in the MG TC/TD Cooling System

On the Front Lines with Brian Moylan

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ On the Front Lines with Brian Moylan

Meet Our Newest Member

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ MONM: David Sullivan

Chrome, Baby, Chrome

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ Chrome, Baby, Chrome

Meet Our Newest Member

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ MONM: Charlie "Mike" Sullivan

Meet Our Newest Member

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ MONM: Sue Byron

Ride of Shame

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ Ride of Shame Part Trois

Light Blue Cars are the Best

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ Light Blue Cars are the Best

A Fish Out of Water

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ A Fish Out of Water

British Car Repair

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ British Car Repair

Front Fender Covers

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ Front Fender Covers

Greetings from the Happiest Place in the World

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ Greetings from the Happiest Place in the World

Dixon All British Motoring Show and Swap Meet

By: [Name]
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☐ Dixon All British Motoring Show and Swap Meet

Who is Dan Dow?

By: [Name]
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☐ Who is Dan Dow?

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☐ 3000 Miles in Five Days

Meet our Newest Member

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ MONM: Fred Davison

Meet our Newest Member

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ MONM: Ted DeJung

Catching Up on Classic British Sitcoms

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ Catching Up on Classic British Sitcoms

Meet Our Newest Member

By: [Name]
[Text of article]

☐ MONM: Keith Evans

MG Tour d'Oakland 2014

By: [Name]
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☐ MG Tour d'Oakland

Showing SF Giants Pride

By: [Name]
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☐ Showing SF Giants Pride

Meet our Newest Member

By: [Name]
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☐ MONM: Rod Adams

FIND YOUR GEAR SHIFT KNOB

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☐ Find Your Gear Shift Knob

A Sunny Tour of San Francisco

By: [Name]
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☐ A Sunny Tour of San Francisco

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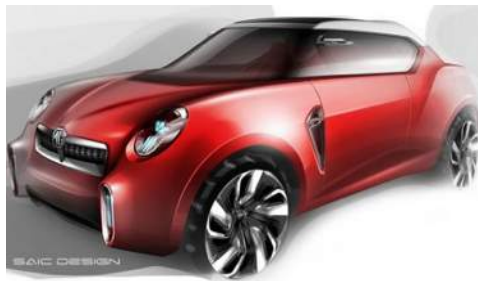
Fasten Your Seatbelt

2015 MG Roadster Rides Again

By John Hunt

The rumor mills is spinning fast these days. Surfing the net, I stumbled across a website called, “www.topspeed.com” and according to their sources, a new MG roadster is in the works. It will have some juice with a 130 horsepower engine under the bonnet. Given the small, lightweight size of the car, it could be a pocket rocket. Price point sounds compelling at an estimated 14,000 pounds or around 22,000 U.S. Dollars. Right now, they say they are targeting an announcement for 2015. Time will tell.

Here’s a link with the MG article: <http://www.topspeed.com/cars/mg-motors/2015-mg-roadster-ar132701.html>



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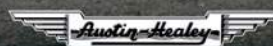


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MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Mike's Museum, 320 B Monterey Blvd, San Francisco

November 8, 2014

Call to Order: 9:03 am by Acting President - Steve Kellogg

November Mileage Winner – Andy Preston – got an extra donut!!

Previous Minutes - Approve the October minutes (Thank You! to Marcia and Tim.)

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston

Account	November 2014	October 2014
Checking	10,140.98	10,463.46
Savings	3,462.17	3,462.08
Total	13,603.15	13,925.54

Since the last Treasurer's Report we have donated \$50.00 to the Oakland Aviation Museum, reimbursed Marcia for outstanding Picnic grounds fees of \$128.00 and paid \$120.00 for web hosting fees.

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg

164 Members, 51 Family Members, 215 Total Members, 9 Corresponding Members, 1 Family Corresponding Member, 10 Total Corresponding Members

Marcia volunteered to call members that did not review and Steve Kellogg will provide a list of them with their phone numbers.

Secretary's Report: Dan Shockey – Nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George Steneberg – MGOC received a nice letter from the Aviation Museum thanking them for our \$50 donation.

Regalia: David Wright – nothing to report

The Octagon: Felix Lee – As of 11/8, there have been 362 downloads of the Screen Octagon and 22 Print Octagons. We've been averaging about 400 – 500 clicks per month! https://www.facebook.com/MGOCNorthernCalifornia?hc_location=timeline

The new Facebook page was also set up and the consensus is that it is being well received! Thanks Felix!!

Website: Steve Kellogg - Upgrade – new look and feel – Steve K. to send out a Board Request for voting on funds to upgrade and update the look and feel of the website as there was not a quorum present at the meeting.

Past Events

- Tour D'Oakland, Oakland, 10/19 – only three cars in attendance most likely due to being the day after the Sonoma tour.
- Sonoma Tour 10/18 hosted by Andy Preston was well attended with 22 cars
- Concour de Rodeo – Eric Baker showed his J2? And was written up in Classic MG Magazine

Upcoming Events

- Blackhawk Cars and Coffee, Danville 12/7
- **MGOC Holiday Tea, San Francisco, 12/13, Mike Jacobsen and Elaine Chan**
- Boxing Day Drive, North Bay 12/26, Sorry Safari club, Morgan club
- Jim Carlson offered to host a future MGOC meeting at his Pajaro Dunes beach home this coming Spring
- On The Road Again Pub Night – December 19th
- January 10 – MGOC Planning Meeting – Site – Felix Lee House in Los Altos Hills
- January 15 – Planning Meeting for NAMGAR GT-42 in San Luis Obispo – Could be a nice drive. Coordinated by Mike Jacobsen.
- January 24 – MGOC Annual Brunch – Hs Lordship's – Berkeley

Old Business

- Thank you gift for Tim & Molly to be presented at the Annual Banquet in January.

Business Resolved Online Since the Last Meeting

- By a vote of 4 (Tim, Marla, Craig, and Steve) to 1 (Dan) with George and John not voting the Board passed the proposed motion to update the MGOC's Roster distribution policy to allow Board members to receive the Roster in any format.

New Business

- Nominations for Board Positions
 - President – Steve Kellogg
 - Vice President – Andy Preston
 - Treasurer – Marla Preston
 - Secretary – Jing Chai

Mike Jacobsen will coordinate the collection and tally the ballots

Announcements

Eric Baker has ½ cases and full cases of Collectors Choice Motor Oil to sell

Where is the Stein Award – Who has it?

Next Meeting – December 13 – Mike Jacobsen and Elaine Chan – Holiday Tea and Meeting – Bring a Toy!!

Meeting starts at noon and is followed by the Tea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am



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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. As to the value of the car depending on who you talk to, the price range is from \$25,000 to \$35,000. I will accept \$25,000 or more. Contact Member Larry Matthews at 415-999-2362 [Posted 08/13]



1964-65 MGB Roadster is a project car. Up on blocks for 8 years and in DNO status, it doesn't look bad but does have issues. Other photos are available and we welcome inquiries. In Livermore CA. Contact Wes at WESNEL@ATT.NET [Posted 06/13]



1967 MGB roadster. Original CA car with paperwork back to its first sale. I am 3rd owner. Odo shows 83,562 which I believe is accurate. Pale primrose w/black leather and contrasting white piping. Overdrive. New seats from Moss, new carpets professionally installed, new SU carbs, new exhaust, new bumpers. I cannot see any signs of rust on this car, nor rust repairs. \$10,500. Don Scott; 707 942 0546; don@napanet.net. [Posted 06/14]



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]



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]



1974 MGB Tourer Rust-Free California car ready for the road. Very straight, glacier white, chrome bumpers, custom dark gray carpets, original excellent black upholstery, dashboard top replacement, all instruments operational, Craig radio/cassette, aluminum "minilite" wheels, tires new (2011, 500 miles), new black vinyl top (Moss, professionally installed, tonneau (1 new, 1 original), car jack and equipment in original bags, mileage: 102,000, new calipers / pads / bushings / bearings / steering boots / alignment / fuel gauge sender / instrument voltage stabilizer / rear wheel bearings / belts / hoses / etc. No clear history on engine work. Compression average 136 lbs/cylinder. Runs great. Asking \$12,450. Contact member Jack Ford at jackrada@att.net. [Posted 02/14]



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 tonneaus. 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:

Dashboard for Mk2 MGA, any parts you might have Mk2 MGA, 14-inch wire wheels that are in good-excellent condition for MGB. Don Scott; 707 942 0546; don@napanet.net.

Parts for Sale:

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]

Four painted wire wheels Ran true and smoothly when last on my '61 A (in '2004) – stored since then. A couple will need some touch-up paint, otherwise fine. Michelin radials, functional with good tread, minor sidewall cracks. \$350 or best offer. Please contact: Mark Lange, mark@marklange.org or 415-297-3456. [Posted 05/13]

MGA transmission from a '61 Operated perfectly when I took it out of the car in 2002 (converted to a 5-speed). \$250 or best offer. Please contact: Mark Lange, mark@marklange.org or 415-297-3456. [Posted 05/13]

For All Items Below: Please contact member: Dave Loader at loader.dave@gmail.com [Posted 09/13]

- **MGB late overdrive transmission with gear lever and switch.** This unit has been rebuilt by Quantum Mechanics and never used. \$500 obo

- **MGB Parts.** 5BRG crank, 4 pistons/rods, engine/trans plate, trans mount/stay rod, sump, engine block +.040 rebore, new pistons +.040, inlet manifold, pulley. Make offer.

- **MGA Parts.** 1600 camshaft, flywheel, generator, inlet manifold, front engine plate. Make offer.

For All Items Below: Please contact: Member Bob Luebbert at r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net [Posted 07/13]

- **MG TD Head Light Tie Bracket attaches to radiator**, Moss Part # 451-100, used -- great shape! Price \$20 OBO

- **Two Headlight Stone Guard for MG T-Series, come with attachments**, Moss part #222-150 \$30 obo

- **Gas Cap for 1975 MG/Sprite**, - never used- \$15 obo (thought it would fit on my 69 MGB - but will not)

- **MG TD chromed radiator shell, false nose, slates and medallion**- total for sale at \$1000 USD obo



For All Items Below: Please contact member: Ken Gittings at a_67_bgt@yahoo.com or 510-791-8445 [Posted 10/14]

- **Tourist Trophy 14" Black Leather Rim Wheel W/3 Matte, Drilled Spokes.** \$180.00. Moss Part# 489-030, Must use Tourist Trophy/Moto-Lita adapter hub sold by Moss.

- **One pair front springs for rubber bumper MGB**, used less than 10 miles, way to low for my GT. \$40.00

- **One intake manifold w/ceramic coating for 1 3/4" SU**, Just the manifold!

- **7/8" front sway bar, also 3/4" rear sway bar for MGBs**

- **Steel dash for early MGB (63-67)**, dash has been repaired and has wrinkle powder coat finish. \$190

- **Used "Bad Boy" air horn**, yes it works. \$15

- **Dual Weber intake manifold for cross flow head.** Intake manifold only!

- **Trailer hitch for an MGB.**

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: Andy 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

- at Union Jack 13555 Depot Street, San Martin, CA 95046

- call Marcello or John @ 408-686-1101 with any questions

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