

# THE OCTAGON

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



Felix Lee's derby car takes 1<sup>st</sup> place

## March 2010

# 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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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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [mgowners@gmail.com](mailto:mgowners@gmail.com) or send them to: MGOC, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120.

## 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 Mike Jacobsen upon request.

## MGOC.ORG

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

# Forthcoming Events

### MGOC Events in bold

Mar. 13 – **Electrical System Tech Session**, Walnut Creek, Craig Kuenzinger

Mar.17 – **St. Patrick's Day Tour**, San Rafael, Steve Lilves

Mar. 28 – April Fools Rallye, Santa Rosa, [Empire Sports Car Association](#)

Apr. 10 – **Cecil Kimber Tour over Mt. Hamilton**, San Jose, Ken Gittings

Apr. 16-17 – North Meets South, Pismo Beach, Paradise British Car Club

Apr. 25 – [Pacific Coast Dream Machines](#), Half Moon Bay

May 1 – **Detailing Tech Session**, Walnut Creek, Craig Kuenzinger

May 8 – **MGs by the Bay**, Danville Livery

May 16 – [Friendship Day](#), Redwood City, [Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto](#)

May 23 – [All British Meet at Woodland](#) (formerly Dixon), [UBSCC](#)

May 29 - Jun. 6 – [British Car Week](#)

Jul. 12-16 – [GoF West](#), Big Bear Lake, [Vintage MG Club](#)

# From the Editor...

We had a wonderful Annual Dinner last month. Unfortunately I couldn't make it, but almost 50 members did. All the feedback has been positive, and *The Octagon* brings you great coverage. The editorial staff wrote an account of the evening (page 14), Bob Stine provided the photos (pages 12 and 13), and Samantha Lee offers a more personal perspective (page 15).

At the dinner, Sam gave a State of the Club report. He highlighted our growing membership and some accomplishments of the past year. He thanked our hard-working volunteers, and mentioned some of the upcoming events we have planned.

The Member Survey is complete and a committee is at work analyzing the data. I fully expect that the many thoughtful responses and suggestions will encourage new courses of action. Sam offers a preliminary analysis of the

responses to a key survey question on the next page.

And we have some great events planned for the next two months. Craig Kuenzinger is leading a tech session on electrical systems. It may not sound exciting at first blush, but when your little British car refuses to start, or your decades-old Lucas wiring harness finally releases its smoke, you'll wish you'd attended.

Steve Lilves has again volunteered to lead a mid-week St. Patrick's Day Tour in the North Bay. Everyone had great fun last year. Just remember to wear green.

On April 10, the Abingdon Rough Riders will join us for our annual Mt. Hamilton Tour. And just a week later, a number of our members will make the trip down to Pismo Beach for North Meets South 2010.

Before you know it, it'll be time for MGs by the Bay. Speaking of which, please register using the form on page 11.

Jeremy Palgon

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# President's Ponderings...

## If You Could Make One Change

I want to thank everyone who took the time to respond to our recent Membership Survey. Frankly, I am stunned and pleased by the numbers. When the board undertook this exercise, we expected to get perhaps 25, maybe 50, or, on the really optimistic side, 70 responses. We were flabbergasted to receive responses from nearly 50% of the membership. The board and I thank all of the 107 members who saw fit to take a few minutes of their time to provide us their input.

Needless to say all of your responses must be evaluated, analyzed, and reported back to you, the members. An ad hoc committee is already at work doing exactly that. You will see those results in coming months, along with recommendations the committee makes based on your answers. As you might imagine, there is a mountain of raw data that needs to be compiled into meaningful and readily understandable results. We are looking to see if there are any clear over-riding sentiments that suggest action items and/or changes to reflect the overall goals and activity interests of the club membership.

I personally have seen little of the raw data, since that is the committee's job (thank goodness). I did, however, review the dozens of responses to the rather simple question: *If you could make one change in the MGOC, what would it be?*

I looked at each response and wondered to myself, "What is that person asking for and how can the MGOC try to fulfill that request?" Obviously the committee will flesh out the details; my review was but a mere snapshot of the answers to a single question. Moreover, that snapshot is only how I focused and framed the subjects.

But I think the responses to this survey question alone might best summarize your thoughts and ideas. I doubt that you will be surprised that these responses brought a multitude of comments. However, some recurring themes, general items that convey many of the same feelings and views, became apparent. Interestingly, I found I was able to distill all of the comments, thoughts, and ideas down to six broad themes:

**1. Go British:** Promote interest in British sports cars, introduce a new generation of younger folks to MGs, and get fresh ideas from new and younger members.

Okay, get younger folks involved. I'm sure we'll need to pry them out of their BMWs, Hondas, or whatever else is the hottest set of wheels these days.

**2. Geographic Challenges:** Consider local chapters, encourage local drives, promote unofficial events. As one put it, "Face it, in our area we have three markets: North, South, and East Bay." Others noted they would never consider driving from Petaluma to Morgan Hill, or from San Jose to Sonoma, for an event.

Ah, our geographic challenge... not to mention trucks, traffic, and tolls.

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**3. Easy to Attend:** Increase member participation and event attendance. Whenever possible, do not charge members for attending events.

Not charging members is an interesting idea. Trust me, we've tried to increase participation. Perhaps your other survey answers will provide some ideas on how to do that.

**4. Technology:** Modernize the Club, improve the Web site, invest in technology, and provide more local internet interaction between members through the Web site.

This seems to be a worthwhile and achievable goal.

**5. Interclub Events:** Join with other car clubs for rides and events, have more weekend and overnight trips, and arrange more mid-week drives.

The love of driving seems to be alive and well here in the MGOC.

**6. Mechanics:** MGs are sports cars. Have more performance oriented events, racing and track time, provide better assistance and prices for obtaining parts, provide more information and help with restorations.

Perhaps this is a niche that has been overlooked in the past.

All are wonderful ideas, and many have been floated by me and others in the past. I have written previous ponderings inviting local members to connect to arrange informal or mid-week rides and get-togethers. I also offered Club resources and assistance to promote those. Likewise, I suggested regional chapters under the MGOC umbrella.

We would love to update and improve the Web site, and have actively advertised for a new webmaster. We hope to find the webmaster within the club, rather than outside. An outside webmaster would be professional but would need to be paid, and we try to be mindful of the fact that the MGOC is a volunteer organization.

Therein lies the rub, and is what I consider to be a most important question that was not included in the survey:

Are YOU willing to volunteer your time and energy to help implement your ideas? Well, are you?

The same 10 or 15 members seem to have done all of the planning over the years. We would love to have some fresh and enthusiastic volunteers to help implement your ideas and make the Club what you want it to be. You need to participate to make that happen. Offering your ideas is helpful, but not if it falls to the same few to try to implement them. Volunteer to lead a ride, arrange informal member get-togethers, help with event planning, the Annual Dinner, a summer picnic. Whatever it is, get involved.

I assure you that we look forward to continuing to improve our club with your help. Thanks again to all of you for taking the time and effort to respond to our survey!

Regards,  
Sam Gearhart

# Electrical System Tech Session

## Saturday, March 13

### Walnut Creek

**Ever had problems with the electrical system in your MG?**

**Want to know how to rid yourself of bothersome electrical demons?**

Member Craig Kuenzinger invites you to a tech session on automotive electrical systems. Craig is an ASE Master Technician in electrical (as well as ten other areas of automotive repair), and has been a technical instructor since 1974.

The tech session will cover alternators/generators, batteries, wiring, switches, horns, controls, lighting, and grounds. Craig will discuss and demonstrate how to make repairs and do maintenance. He will also have samples of basic tools and materials on hand. He'll also discuss what to have at home and in your car to handle the common problems of aging British cars with Lucas electrical systems.

The session will be geared to the level of interest of the participants. Craig plans to work on any electrical issues that arrive – so bring your car and its electrical demons.

**When and Where:** The tech session starts at 10:00 am on March 13 at the Kuenzinger's home at [1751 Lilac Drive in Walnut Creek](#).

**Contact:** Craig Kuenzinger at 925-934-3130 or [mrcraigk@aol.com](mailto:mrcraigk@aol.com).

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# St. Patrick's Day Tour

## Wednesday, March 17

### San Rafael

Free on St. Patrick's Day? Why not join Steve Lilves for a North Bay tour. Steve has planned a scenic two hour drive from Terra Linda to Sausalito. Afterward, you're invited to celebrate St. Paddy's Day with a pint or a spot of lunch at the [Pelican Inn's](#) English pub. Best be wearing some GREEN!

**When and Where:** Meet at 11:00 am at the commuter parking lot just east of Hwy. 101 on Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael. We'll end up at the Pelican Inn in Muir Beach around 3:00 pm.

**Directions:** From San Francisco, go north across the Golden Gate Bridge on Hwy. 101, through Central San Rafael, and exit Lucas Valley / Smith Ranch Road. Turn right onto Smith Ranch Road and right into the parking lot.

**RSVP** to Steve Lilves at 415-924-3173 or [slilves@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slilves@sbcglobal.net).

# ESCA April Fools Rallye

## Sunday, March 28

### Santa Rosa

The Empire Sports Car Club would like to cordially invite you to their 46<sup>th</sup> annual April Fool's Rallye. Rallymaster Bob "The Beard" Jenkins has devised a scenic and fun 35 mile route for this A-B type rallye.

A rallye is not a speed event. It's a test of a team's ability to follow instructions along the route while looking for signs and situations that fit the definitions of the rallye. There will be a brief rallye school at 11:00 am for all those new to rallying.

**When and Where:** 10:30 am in the [Charles Shultz Museum](#) parking lot, Santa Rosa.

**Directions:** Take the Steele Lane Exit off Highway 101, a mile north of downtown Santa Rosa. Go west on Steele and it will become Guerneville. Right on Range. Left on W. Steele. Right at Hardies. Left into the second driveway, which is the Shultz museum lot.

**Cost:** \$15 per car. All proceeds go to charity.

**Contact:** Bob Jenkins at 707-546-6867 or [thebeard@sonic.net](mailto:thebeard@sonic.net).

# Cecil Kimber Tour Over

## Mt. Hamilton

### Saturday, April 10

Ready for a challenging drive up Mt. Hamilton to the Lick Observatory and back? Then come along as we once again meet up with the Abingdon Rough Riders for our annual trip over the tallest mountain in the area.

The drive is challenging. There are a little over twenty miles of steep hills traversed by some of the most winding and narrow roads in the Bay Area. The views from the road and the observatory are breathtaking.

This is not a trip for the faint hearted, or those prone to car sickness. Your car should be in good mechanical condition, as there are no services for over 70 miles. Please start with a full tank of petrol.

We'll be taking a different route this year, as Ken Gittings will lead us from San Jose to Fremont via Mt. Hamilton. We'll be stopping at The Junction and the Mt. Hamilton Observatory. The tour will conclude at Bronco Billy's Pizza in Niles.

**When and Where:** We'll meet at 10:00 am at the former Circuit City parking lot at [2225 Quimby Road at Capitol Expressway](#) in San Jose.

**Contact:** Ken Gittings at 510-791-8445 or [aracingfan1@aim.com](mailto:aracingfan1@aim.com).



# **NORTH - MEETS - SOUTH 2010 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY APRIL 16 & 17, 2010**



## **Cruzin' In Paradise II In Beautiful Pismo Beach**

Come join us on the beautiful California Central Coast for this biennial event. The SeaCrest Resort hotel in Pismo Beach will play host to North Meets South 2010. The SeaCrest Resort sits atop a 150 foot bluff overlooking the California Coastline. Golf courses, tennis courts, and gourmet restaurants are located nearby. Hearst Castle and Solvang are less than 45 miles away. Pismo sand dunes offer additional recreational opportunities.

All British cars are welcome and encouraged to attend. The goal of the Paradise British Car Club is for everyone have a great time and display our great little cars. Don't miss out on the fun. Mark your calendar today and tell all your British car friends.

### **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**Friday:** Registration party at the SeaCrest Hotel, 4:00 to 9:00 pm. Meet and greet other British car enthusiasts, with complimentary beer, wine, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres.

**Saturday:** Late registration 8:00 to 9:00 am at the SeaCrest. Caravan from the SeaCrest Hotel to our scenic car show location. Leave the hotel for the car show at 9:00 am. Car show 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. A Santa Maria style Tri-tip luncheon will be catered from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Rally and Scenic Drive: 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Awards banquet at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, 891 Price Street, 6:00 to 8:00 pm with awards following.

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## MGs by the Bay

Saturday, May 8, 2010

### The Danville Livery



This annual event is a gathering of MGs from across Northern California.

The show opens at 10 am, rain or shine, with trophies awarded at 2 pm.

Same-day registration will open at 8 am.

**Returning to Danville, under the trees at The Livery shopping center!**

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**Featuring:** Music, raffle prizes, contests, trophies, food and drink, plus more!

**Awards:** Judging is by popular vote, with trophies awarded for People's Choice, Best Daily Driver, Premier (from previous winners), and for every class, with classes determined according to the number of cars registered by May 1, 2010.

**Entries:** All MGs are welcome, from daily drivers to complete restorations. The \$25 entry fee includes a dash plaque, an event t-shirt, and special coupons from our sponsors. Additional cars registered to the same owner are \$10 each, which includes a dash plaque only. All cars must arrive by 10 am sharp! This is necessary to allow for proper placement of the cars. If you arrive late, we **cannot** guarantee placement of your car with others in its class.

Return the registration form below with the entry fee. Photocopies of this form are acceptable. One form is required for each MG.

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# Annual Dinner

Photos by Bob Stine







# Members Enjoy Annual Dinner

On February 6, nearly 50 MGOC members and guests enjoyed our Annual Dinner at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. Although a couple members arrived late (having gotten directions mixed up) and a couple others could not make it (the unfortunate result of unforeseen circumstances), everyone present enjoyed a wonderful meal and a festive evening.

President Sam Gearhart offered some thoughts on the state of the Club, noting that in most respects it is better than the current state of our state or state of the Union! The Club has welcomed almost 40 new members during the past year, and now has nearly 270 members. Clearly the Club is strong and vibrant. Sam went on to introduce and thank the Board of Directors and other club volunteers present, highlighting some of the events and activities those volunteers organized over the past year.

Activities Director Randy Grossman reported some preliminary results from the recently released Membership Survey, noting that about 50% of the members had responded.

A few of our new members then introduced themselves and described their histories with MGs, interests, and what they hope to gain from becoming members. Andy Preston presented the Beer Stein Award to Wayne Veatch. The MG Beer Stein has been around for years and is passed from one recipient to the next for doing something significant or out of the ordinary with MGs during the previous year. Wayne organized and led a group of five MGs to the NAMGBR 2009 event in Breckenridge, Colorado.

With the evening winding down, Sam offered his vision for the future of the Club, mentioned some of the activities planned for the upcoming driving season, and thanked everyone for attending.



Photo by Bob Stine

Andy Preston presents Wayne Veatch with the MG Beer Stein Award

# Annual Dinner Report

By Samantha Lee

This was my first MGD annual dinner. We saw many friends and met new ones too. We ate at the Basque Cultural Center. We started with bread and soup for dipping. I ate the prime rib with au jus, scalloped potatoes, vegetables and ice cream. There were 47 people sitting at 5 different tables. President Sam hopes there will be a lot of events with many

participants. New members introduced themselves and told funny jokes. One person said he owned a Ford and was in the wrong room, but our food was better so he ate with us. Wayne Veatch won an award for traveling the most in his MGB. I celebrated Chinese New Year with Steve, Vicky and their Black Pearl MG TF 1500. Our MG Derby car won a first place trophy.



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# Sunset on Seventeen Mile Drive

By Bob & Edie Shaheen

Like most of us who own and admire little British cars, our 1954 MGTF has become a loved and high maintenance member of the family. This past fall while bumming around Monterey's Cannery Row, we wandered into [Gallery i](#) and saw an eye-catching expressionist-style painting of a red Alpha. Upon confronting the gallery dealer for his lack of MG art, he said that the artist, Steve Lucas, lives and works in Carmel and occasionally does commissions. The dealer, Jim Tulip, even graciously offered to contact Steve about possibly doing a painting for us. Luckily, Steve was interested in our project and agreed to take it on.

Steve often prefers to meet the owners and see the vehicle in person; but after we talked with Jim, had several telephone conversations with Steve, and subsequently emailed him way too many pictures of our MG, the die was cast for a mutual Christmas gift. We discussed our 40-year enjoyment of the Monterey Bay Area and therefore Steve placed our MG near the lone cypress. He named the painting "Sunset On The Seventeen Mile Drive". Steve had asked the meaning of our license plate, PAS DE 2, so we were pleasantly surprised to see the license plate (meaning "a dance for two") in the painting.

We have been so pleased with the finished painting that we mentioned our fellow members, who own a variety of much loved MGs, and asked Steve whether he might be interested in doing additional MG art. It turns out Steve also has an admiration for vintage cars, and he indicated a definite interest. If anyone is interested in preserving their MG for the generations, you can contact Jim Tulip at Gallery i on Cannery Row. If you would like to see our painting, we would be glad to show it off (along with a single malt).



# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

## February 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Gearhart at 7:10 pm. Also attending were Ken Gittings, Randy Grossman, Mike Jacobsen, Bob & Edie Shaheen, George Steneberg, Bob Stine, Bob Trencheny, and David Wright.

The December minutes were approved as corrected at the February 2010 meeting. The Annual Dinner was held in South San Francisco, not San Francisco.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances were nominal this month. Expenses for the Annual Dinner were discussed.

Registrar's Report: We now have 199 regular, 56 auxiliary, and 12 corresponding members for 267 total members.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George gets plenty of junk mail addressed to several previous MGOC officers.

Regalia: David Wright reported there were no regalia sales at the Annual Dinner.

The Octagon: Ken Gittings commented that Jeremy did a great job of photo correcting pictures Ken submitted for publication.

Web Site: Nothing to report.

### Past Events

Annual Planning Meeting: Discussions at the meeting included the Wine Country Tour, the St Patrick's Day Tour, and a second Waves to Wine to Wings Tour. We have confirmed leaders for all three tours and dates will be in the calendar. The WWW Tour will have a new name and new destinations. Mike Jacobson is still working with John Bertolotti to arrange a date for a tour of John's car collection. Lee & Valerie Sheldon offered to provide information for a San Francisco Tour. Mike Jacobson will find a leader for the tour.

Annual Dinner: Everyone who attended the dinner said they had a great time and the food was excellent.

### Upcoming Events

Electrical System Tech Session: Saturday, March 13 at the Kuenzinger's home in Walnut Creek.

St Patrick's Day Tour: Wednesday, March 17. Steve Lilves will lead this tour for the second year. The ride will meet at the commuter lot at 101 and Lucas Valley Road north of San Rafael.

### Old Business

MGOC Non-profit Status Filing: In January Mike submitted paperwork to the California Franchise Tax Board to justify our non-profit status. Mike has not heard back from the FTB.

Membership Survey: The survey is complete. Randy Grossman presented several interesting facts: 109 members responded to the 211 surveys sent. This is an extremely high response rate and indicates the survey results are very reliable. A few statistics: members average age is 60.6 years, members own an average 1.8 MGs, average membership is 8.1 years, average years of MG ownership is 17.1 years, 33% of MGOC members drive their MG year round, 82% of members read *The Octagon* from cover-to-cover. And the average membership satisfaction with the Club is 85%!

Winners of the Starbucks gift cards for completing the membership survey are Louis Peter Jaarsma, Edward Loughrey, Dan Neu, Mike Romo, Charles Rooks. Bob Trencheny will send the cards to the members.

Randy Grossman and a group of club officers will review the survey results after the remainder of the data is compiled.

NAMGAR West 2009: NAMGAR asked for a copy of the hotel contract and a financial accounting of the NAMGAR West 2009 event. NAMGAR agreed to split the losses from the event with the MGOC.

### **New Business**

At-Large Board Members: Craig Kuenzinger and David Wright agreed to be at-large members of the MGOC board. Craig and David served in the same capacity last year.

Monthly Board Meeting Venue: A few members have asked about having board meetings on the Peninsula so the hardship of driving across the bay is shared equally by all members. Several members pointed out that the Club has tried this in the past and there was no significant increase in member participation at the board meetings. Further it was noted that at the majority of the officers and the members regularly in attendance at the meeting resided in the East Bay. Despite these facts, the board members looking at the member survey will consider this issue as part of their responsibilities.

Annual Picnic Site: Sam proposed holding the annual picnic at the Craib Meadow Park near Joaquin Miller Parkway in Oakland. Sam Gearhart will contact Oakland Parks to see if the site is available on August 28.

NAMGAR West: There was an extensive discussion about putting on a NAMGAR West 2010 event, similar to the NAMGAR West 2009 event. All agreed it is very late in the time line to begin planning the event. Sam tabled the issue for further discussion next year. Mike will notify NAMGAR of the club's decision.

Signs and Vests: The board authorized Craig Kuenzinger to spend \$100 on signs and vests for MGs by the Bay.

Electrical System Tech Session: Randy Grossman made a motion for the club to spend up to \$50 for pizza at the Kuenzinger's tech session. The motion passed.

Regalia: David Wright still has three XL MGOC jackets. Contact David if you are interested in purchasing a jacket. David will contact the company that made the jackets for information on additional jackets.

# 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, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120. Members may also email ads to the editor at [mgowners@gmail.com](mailto:mgowners@gmail.com).

## Cars for Sale:

**1961 MGA Coupe**, 1600 cc engine, 5 speed gearbox. California car, completely restored by third (and present) owner in 2002, rust free, body straight, no accidents, 7,800 miles since rebuild. Original body panels, new front spoiler below bumper. All good original chrome, new rubber gaskets for body and glass. Painted "Paprika Red" (Jaguar color). New clutch slave and brake master cylinders, 2004. Pictures and further information upon request. Asking \$25,000. Contact Member Viggo Riddersholm at (650)341-9064 or [vriddersholm@yahoo.com](mailto:vriddersholm@yahoo.com), or Gordon Craig at [lismoregordon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lismoregordon@sbcglobal.net).



**1974 MG Midget**, asking \$8,000. Professional paint and bodywork - 3 years old (color: dark silver metallic). Datsun 5-speed, single rebuilt HIF6 carb, elec. Ignition, Pacesetter header, Monza muffler, Minilite wheels with 185-60x13 tires, upgraded 3/4 inch front sway bar, chrome rollbar, billet grill with bumper guard, stainless steel front brake and oil hoses, cloth seats, excel. carpet and stereo with 4 speakers. Old carbs, rostyle wheels, and trans. included. Runs great and sounds good. Very nice looking with lots of chrome. Contact Member Mark Hertz at (925) 757-2070 or [damhertz@prodigy.net](mailto:damhertz@prodigy.net).



**1949 MG TC** British racing green, right hand drive in excellent condition. \$35,000. Contact Member Larry at (415) 999-2362.

**1980 Triumph TR8** Platinum Silver. 86k miles. \$12,000. Contact Member Frank Oglesby at (775) 322-5179 or [flogles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flogles@sbcglobal.net).

**1973 MGB GT.** Nearly completed restoration. I redid the mechanicals, had body and paint done professionally. Upholstery is dark blue cloth as originally fitted. Has two nearly new six-volt batteries, correct rubber mats, and original carpeting. Has refurbished Rostyles with like-new 165-14 Dunlop radials. I have a professionally rebuilt OD gearbox, which is not installed, redone by Jerry Redmon of Napa Valley Auto Restorations. The car does need completion - some interior pieces need to be installed, and it needs some tidying. \$4,500. I'm in Napa Valley. Contact Member Don Scott at (707) 942-0546 or [don@napanet.net](mailto:don@napanet.net).

**1977 MGB roadster.** \$2500. Recent work done by Dan at Exclusive British European includes rebuilt carb. Many parts included in price, including new seat rebuild parts and new roll bar. For more information, visit <http://77mgbforsale.shutterfly.com> or contact Member Craig at [netrider117@yahoo.com](mailto:netrider117@yahoo.com).



**1953 MG TD.** \$28,000. Purchased in 1972 with a possible racing background. Completely rebuilt in early 2000 and raced since then two or more times per year at Infineon and Laguna Seca. Toured with several sport car clubs in the Wine Country. Contact Member Ferdinand at [ferdinands@att.net](mailto:ferdinands@att.net).



**1977 MGB** with 54,000 original miles, overdrive transmission, original "Sandglow" paint and autumn leaf interior. Well maintained by third owner. Price \$6,400. Contact Member Ellis at [Bovet177@gmail.com](mailto:Bovet177@gmail.com).



### Parts for Sale:

**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).

**Four 15 x 5.5 Minilite Replica Wheels** (Moss p/n 456-045), with appropriate lug nuts (264-965) and 195/65-15 Sumitomo HTR 200 tires mounted and balanced on them. Pristine condition and virtually new. \$600. S.F. Bay Area. Contact Rick at (510) 235-7410 or [cat\\_tail@comcast.net](mailto:cat_tail@comcast.net).

**MG TD parts: drive shaft** with u-joints, **rear end** with axles, **front and rear shocks**. I'm selling these items because I've upgraded my 1953 TD to a MGA rear end, brakes, and rear springs. \$200 for all. Contact Member Bob Luebbert at (510) 276-0365 or [r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net).

### Wanted:

**Pre-1968 MGB roadster.** Long-time MG nut seeking early B roadster. My preference is one that is a preserved original or one redone to original specifications; but I will consider most any steel-dash car, depending on its price and its needs. Contact Member Don Scott at (707) 942-0546 or [don@napanet.net](mailto:don@napanet.net).

## MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

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Annual Dinner: Due to an accounting error by the board, the MGOC made a small profit on the annual dinner. All board members agreed it is not the intent of the MGOC to make money on events.

**Next Meeting and Natter:** 7 pm on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at The Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott Street, San Leandro, CA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Bob Trencheny.

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The food is good so bring your appetites.

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