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



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About *The Octagon* and MGOC...

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

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COVER PHOTO:

MGs by the Bay, 23rd Annual, June 5, 2016, Rod Schweiger's MG TD, T-Shirt Design by Ken Gittings, Andy Preston, and Mike Jacobsen

Club Meeting

Burger Natter & Noggin'

Date: Saturday, June 4 2016

Time:

9 a.m.: Breakfast

10 a.m.: MGOC Club Meeting

Location:

Nation's Giant Hamburgers

6060 Central Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530

510-528-8888

Event: Club Meeting

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg at 408-355-4125 /

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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? 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

- May 28 - June 3 – British Car Week, All Over the World
- June 4 – **Natter & Noggin' Club Meeting**, Nation's Burger, El Cerrito, Kellogg
- June 5 – **MGs by the Bay**, Danville Livery, Danville, Kellogg
Blackhawk Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk
- June 13 - 17 – MG 2016, Louisville, Kentucky
- June 27 - 07/01 – GOF West 2016: Redmond, OR
- July 1 – MG Car Company LTD sold to Morris Motors LTD (07/01/35)
- July 9 – **Natter & Noggin' Club Meeting**, Nation's Burger, El Cerrito, Kellogg
- July 16-17 – Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance, Hillsborough
- July 9 – MG Car Company LTD registered (07/21/30)
- July 23 – **Sonoma Back Roads Tour**, Sonoma, Preston

From the Editor...

Now that the Summer has Arrived, Here are Some Easy Things to do in order to Enjoy the Best MG Driving Experience, Ever ...

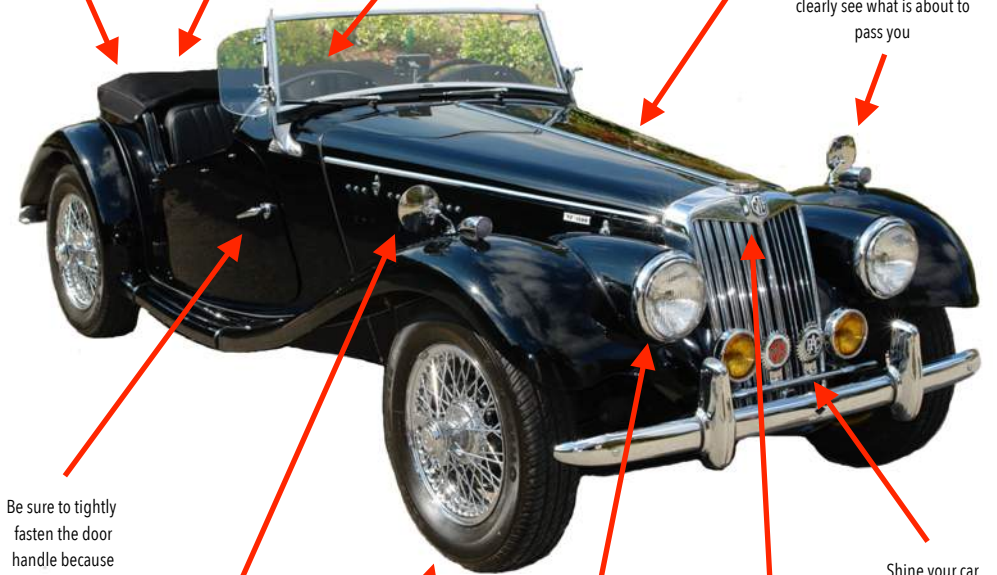
Make sure your top works in order to avoid that wind-swept hair look, unless you are Andy Preston

Keep topping off the petrol because you have no confidence that the blue warning light ever worked

Always check your engine under the bonnet so that when you break down by the roadside, you can raise your hands and confidently say, "But I just checked the engine."

Clean off your driver side mirror so you can clearly see what is about to pass you

Securely fasten the tonneau cover in order to prevent any more, than the usual number of British parts, falling off your British car



Be sure to tightly fasten the door handle because these are called "Suicide" doors for a reason

Clean off your passenger side mirror so you can clearly see the slow moving traffic on your right that is about to pass you

Make sure you do not under inflate your tires in order to avoid a 4 game suspension

Wipe off any headlamp bugs as bugs will actually reduce the measured brightness of these Lucas headlamps

Clean off the MG badge so you can clearly point to it when people ask you "it that a Morgan?"

Shine your car badges in order to distract the AAA man from noticing the smoke coming from under the bonnet

Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- Safety Fast Driving with you latest tips!



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



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

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

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

1976 MGB Roadster Orange with black interior (Giants colors). Vehicle has 22,000 original miles. 1800cc engine with Stromberg carburetor and 4-speed manual with electronic overdrive. Soft-top with tonneau. AM/FM/CD stereo with removable face, remote control and MP3 interface. 15" PanaSport Aluminum Alloy hubs w/new tires. No rust and is fully restored to like new condition in and out. It is currently registered in California. Asking \$14,500. Contact Member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at wtdoyle@cox.net. [Posted 02/14]



Wanted:

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

MGA MKII Gearbox, this is the late model MGA gearbox with the ribbed housing (not to be confused with the, almost identical, early model MGB housing). Needed for my MGA MKII restoration project where I am trying to keep things as original as possible. Please contact member Mark Cox at 415-341-4169 or at mark_cox@sbcglobal.net [Posted 02/16]

Parts for Sale:

MGA Parts: Pair of SUH4 carburetors with linkage, need to be rebuilt. \$50

MGA Parts: Four 15"x48" spoke wire wheels with tires, \$200 for all four

Contact member Dave Loader at 408-910-4022. [Posted 12/15]

MGB Parts: Autopower Roll Bar, SCCA Race Approved, 1.75" DOM. Roll bar has diagonal brace, horizontal seat back brace, and small restraint bar behind driver's seat. Asking \$150. Two Chrome Luggage Racks, trunk lid mounted. \$50 each. Contact Member David Wright at 510-653-3831. [Posted 05/13]

MG Midget Rolling Chassis Body Shell. No VIN. No Title. No engine, transmission, differential, front bumper, or windscreen. Not crashed but rough. Rubber bumper car. Make Offer. Contact Member Nick Becker at 925-932-9778 or becker2226@astound.net. [Posted 05/13]

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

Classified Ads

Ads are free to MGOC members and \$6.00 per month for non-members. Please send copy (and check made payable to MGOC if a non-member) to MGOC, 27330 Ursula Lane, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Members may also email ads to the editor at octagoneditor@mgocsf.org.

Cars for Sale:

1949 MGTC has a rebuilt engine with very few miles on it. The car has also been rewired with a new wiring harness. The car has been painted to the original color. The car has a new top and side curtains and original tool kit. The wood in the doors is in good condition. The compression in the engine is about 120 in each cylinder. I have been told that if it is driven more that number will come up higher. For sale at \$26,500. Contact Member Larry Matthews at 415-999-2362 [Posted 03/15]



1961 MGA1600. runs great and has new paint and interior. Black exterior and tan interior. I have the hardtop repainted also, but the soft top is not restored. I have records of all improvements over the last 10 years. Stored in Berkeley. Price \$14,500.

Contact member Josh Oliver joshholiver@gmail.com or 510-710-7883 [Posted 04/15]



1967 MGB GT. This is pretty much an all original, (except for the first two years) a one owner car. Purchased new in San Rafael, CA, from the local British Car Dealer. I purchased this car about a year ago, and have receipts for about \$6,500 of various items repaired by my mechanic, including a rebuilt transmission. The car had not been driven much for the past several years. I bought the car as a gift for my Brother, but, due to his extremely bad tennis hips, he has extreme difficulty getting in and out. Price \$8,375.00* Contact Robert chevaili@gmail.com (415) 441-7699 [Posted 09/14]



1970 MGB GT for restoration or parts. Overdrive transmission, 5 powder-coated wire wheels, new rear leaf springs, approximately 50K miles on complete engine rebuild (block rebored only one). Car was driven regularly through 2006, maintained by R. H. Reddy at MG Service in Kensington. Needs body work. \$3K or best offer. Contact Glenn Fieldman at glenn@sfsu.edu 415-570-1738 [Posted 06/15]



President's Ponderings ...

Good Morning Fellow MG'ers,

Summer is here and the weather is glorious for driving our MGs as much and as far as we can. I hope your next drive is to MGs by the Bay this Sunday where you can see a lot of great cars and meet some wonderful fellow MG Enthusiasts.

Online registration is closed, however you can still show up to the Danville Livery, the same day and register then.

The subject of "where do our annual dues go?" came up at a recent past meeting. Turns out the majority of our funds go to our two largest events of the year.

The January Annual Awards Brunch where the club subsidizes the meal served by about \$25 per

attendee in order to encourage participation in the event. The other event is the MGs by the Bay, where we try and keep the entry fees and T-shirt sales at a breakeven amount, but lately, with the rising cost of awards and T-shirts, the club eats a little every year.

We keep approximately \$10,000 as a buffer in the treasury in case of unexpected expenses and down payments for future events. We are also able to keep our banking fees very low due to the amount we have in the bank. If you have any questions, please feel free to attend one of our monthly meetings or contact me at 408-355-4125 or e-mail me at president@mgocsf.org.

Although I'm a little bummed out that I will not be attending the MG 2016 in Louisville this year, I am really excited about the upcoming GoF (Gathering of the Faithful) being held in Redmond, Oregon from June 27 - July 1. Remember, this event was opened up to all Vintage MGs including post 1955 As, Bs, Cs, Magnettes and 1100s. Should be a great drive up and back.

Let us know if you plan to attend and would like to drive up and back in a caravan. We'll hook you up!

Steve Kellogg



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North Meets South 1940s Costume Finalists
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Memorial Day, 1952

... Brand New in England ...

By Don Scott

My friend Ken Smith bought a MGTD brand new in England many years ago. Ken was nearing the end of his US military service and was stationed in England. The year was 1952.

On Memorial Day of that year, Ken purchased his TD in Bury St. Edmonds where he was stationed. Being a sergeant in the USAF, he had the benefit of having a car shipped to the continental US at no cost to him, and this was a factor in his buying a car overseas.

Other cars Ken considered buying were a TR2 and a Jaguar XK120, but the lower price of the MG was the deciding factor. Ken recalled the exact amount he paid- \$1,445. (This is about \$14,000 in today's money.) After enjoying the MG in jaunts around England, he had it shipped to New York when he left the military. Ken met the car at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn in November of 1953, and proceeded on a rapid cross-country trip by himself in the TD. The trip took him four days and four hours.



Every time he stopped for fuel or food, the little MG would attract crowds, as such cars were very unusual to see in most parts of the US. His route took him on two turnpikes, the Pennsylvania and the Oklahoma. He traveled on two-lane Route 66 from St. Louis to Bakersfield, then up Highway 99, eventually ending up at his destination in Calistoga. Ken said that he cruised at 70 mph on the turnpikes, and used one quart of oil on the trip. Ken kept the TD for a few years, but then traded it in, for a new Sprite, in 1958.



6/4 – Envelope Stuffing and Meeting at George's MG Pub Room – El Cerrito. Meet at Nation's Burgers first at 9 AM for breakfast. We'll then caravan to George's Pub Room.

6/5 – MGs by the Bay – Danville

6/12 – Alameda Point Concours de 'Elegance

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

OLD BUSINESS

- NAMGAR GT-42 to be held June 19-23, 2017 in Solvang. Committee Meeting held in Buellton on 4/30/16 was very productive, covering details and publicity. The tech sessions may feature history of the MGA. The hotel is "fabulous", downtown, within walking distance of the show. Plan to book your hotel room early.
- Mike reported he distributed MGs by the Bay flyers to all MGs at Buellton and Marcia Crawford will do the same at Dixon. Wayne will do the same for any MGs at Friendship Day.
- Discussion on having a Brunch Meeting at Brennan's in Berkeley. Decided to do so on July 9, starting at 11 AM

NEW BUSINESS

- Need auction items for GoF West in late June. Please contact Steve Kellogg if you have anything in your garage you'd like to part with.
- Mike brought an album from Jennifer Orum of photos of last year's Heritage Classic and encouraged all to consider attending this year's event in North Vancouver, BC, on August 19-21 this year. Marla agreed it was a great show and recommended driving up the coast, avoiding I-5. Wayne agreed.
- Discussing the best way to get to GOF West in Redmond, OR, June 27 to July 1: Kirk Prentiss has offered to find a comfortable road up, avoiding I5 and the heat of Redding. Wayne and Ken suggested the more efficient way is to grit one's teeth, leave home at 5 AM, go up I-5 and stop for breakfast at the Hi Lo Café in Weed at 9:30, having avoided the heat. The road from Weed to Redmond is a pleasant 4 hour drive up scenic Highway 97. Get it done in one day.
- Marla pointed out that members receive virtually all of their annual \$25 dues back in benefits: The Club returns an average of \$21.42 to each member. Steve will produce an article for the *Octagon*: "Where your money goes."
- Marla suggested the Club sign up for liability insurance, covering drives and events. Hagerty has such a policy for \$500/year. Mike pointed out that the Club is already covered for such through NAMGBR and NAMGAR. He will check details and report at the next meeting.

BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, June 4, commencing at Nation's at 9 AM for breakfast then to George Steneberg's MG Pub Room for MGBTB envelope stuffing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM

Submitted by: Wayne Veatch, Secretary



North Meets South
Can you guess who took this photo?
(hint: red cap)

MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Nation's Burgers – El Cerrito
May 7 2016

Call to Order: By Steve Kellogg at 9:53

Attending: Eric Baker, Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen, Steve Kellogg, Andy and Marla Preston, George Steneberg, Wayne Veatch

Mileage Winner (and recipient of a free breakfast): Ken Gittings, 45 miles

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: April 2, 2016: Done

REPORTS

President's Report: Steve Kellogg: Nice trip to Buellton – Thanks to Andy and Marla for setting up the drive down Highway 1. Andy and Marla won second place in the Jaguar "Sports" category for their E-Type Touring car. George won a first for his car in the "TC and earlier" class. Andy will write an article for the *Octagon*. Steve had intended to bring New Members Business Cards – will do so for the next meeting.

Vice President's Report: Andy Preston: Has ordered awards for MGs by the Bay from Roberts Awards in San Leandro. This year there will be no "honorable mention" awards.

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston:

Account	May 2016	April 2016
Checking	9,018.79	8,944.19
Savings	3,463.73	3,463.64
Total	12,482.52	13,407.83

I am no longer reporting the GT-42 seed money as it does not belong to the club and will need to be paid back after the event next year. We had *Octagon* printing and mailing expenses.

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

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg:

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

No changes in April – Recalculation of Columns gave erroneous amount in March 2016.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Regalia Report: Andy Preston: He has regalia materials available today and will have a substantial display at MGs by the Bay.

The Octagon Report: Felix Lee: Upgraded to PDF compression software at a \$48 annual cost. A motion passed to reimburse Felix for this expense.

Website Report: Steve Kellogg: All is running well. Please advise him if you encounter a "404" error.

PAST EVENTS

North Meets South – see President's Report.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/15 – USBCC Car Show and Swap Meet – Dixon. We have MGs by the Bay flyers to distribute there.
5/15 – Mid Peninsula Old Timers Club Friendship Day Car Show – Redwood City
5/21 – SSTS tour to Canepa in Scotts Valley
5/22 – Corte Madera Car Show

North Meets South

... April 28 - May 1 ...

By Andy Preston

Over 30 members of the MGOC and SSTS made the drive down to Buellton for the wonderful NMS car event. This is one of our favorite events and takes place every other year. It is hosted by the Paradise Car Club and as the name suggests attracts British car clubs from both NorCal and SoCal and this year was no exception with at least 80 cars on the field.

Twenty of us from both clubs decided to leave one day early on Thursday morning and drive down the Pacific Coast Highway and stopping at San Simeon for Thursday evening. The Thursday tour was organized by Marla and on the way down we stopped at Rocky Point Restaurant at Carmel-by-the-Sea for lunch. This restaurant sits atop a cliff edge over looking the Pacific and was the perfect spot to stop and enjoy the views. The food was fabulous and Vicky Kellogg proclaimed that the Lobster Bisque was the best she had ever tasted! If you ever get a chance you must try it out.

On Friday morning we took the time to visit Hearst Castle taking different tours. We've visited Hearst Castle many times but continue to be more impressed every time. You always see something you didn't see before and our tour guide was great and that makes such a difference.

The NMS festivities started on Friday evening with a hosted "Meet and Greet" at a local winery in Buellton. The Santa Ynez wines are interesting but very different from the Sonoma/Napa wines that we know. The winery was overflowing with MG enthusiasts from all over the west coast and this gave us lots of time to catch up with old friends who we hadn't seen for sometime. This is such a fun event.

On Saturday morning the car show was held at a local park just outside Buellton on grass; which is always nice. There were classes for all British Cars but MGs were the predominant class. After a catered lunch we were off to a self guided tour of the Santa Ynez Valley. Bob Englehart volunteered to lead the group, so 20 of us were happy to follow along. Other people took the rare opportunity to visit the Mendenhall's Automobile Museum of Gasoline Pumps and Petrolia.

After the tour we still had lots of time to check out the charming (Danish) town of Solvang which is the site of the NAMGAR GT 42 in 2017 hosted by ourselves, the MGOC and the Paradise Car Club.

The awards banquet and 1940s style dance party took place in the evening. Many of our group took the opportunity to dress up in 1940s style attire and looked fabulous. In fact in the costume contest, First Place went to our own Dan and Thuy Shockey. Dan was in RAF uniform (and ready to scramble at a moments notice) and Thuy was a debonair socialite. Second place went to Wayne and Janet Veatch in a 40s style suit and dress.

Many MGOC and SSTS members won awards namely:

1st. place pre-war MG
1st. place MGB GT
2nd. Place MGB GT
2nd. Place Jaguar Sports
1st. place Other British

George Steneburg 1932 MG J2
Keith and Pam Shukait
Steve and Cheryl Glenn
Andy and Marla Preston 1969 E-type
Steve and Vicky Kellogg MG TF



North Meets South 1940s Costume Finalists
Photos by Dan Shockey and Kirk Prentiss

BURN SPARK PLUG AWARD



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CHECKING OUT THE
NEWER MODELS!

WHAT? I
JUST PICKED
UP THIS
JACKET LAST
WEEK!



IS THAT
MARCIA CHECKING
ME OUT ???

WOOT,
WOOT!

CHECK OUT
THOSE CURVES!
HEY, MOVE OVER, YOU ARE
BLOCKING MY VIEW OF
THE MGA!



HEY GUYS, SUCK IT IN, I THINK
THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT US!
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British Car Week is an annual awareness week intended for owners of Classic British Cars to get their cars out of the garage and drive them. While doing so, all who are involved will help create awareness of the classic British car hobby in local communities wherever there is participation.

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

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



JUNE 13 - 17, 2016

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

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

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

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JUNE 27 - JULY 1, 2016

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

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

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

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Announcing the 23rd Annual MGs by the Bay



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

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

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

Program

8:00 to 10:00	Everyone arrives
10:00 to 1:00	People's choice judging
12:00	Winning raffle numbers drawn
1:00	Judging closes and ballots counted
2:00	Winners announced and prizes awarded



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 MGs BY THE BAY, DANVILLE LIVERY, 06/05
 MG 2016: LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, 06/13-17
 GOF WEST 2016: REDMOND, OR, 06/27-07/01
 BIG BAND STREET DANCE, 07/16
 HILLSBOROUGH CONCOURS, 07/17
 SONOMA BACKROADS TOUR, 07/23
 WESTSIDE PROGRESSIVE MEAL, 07/30
 MGOC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC, 08/06
 MONTEREY MOTORING CLASSIC CAR WEEK, 08/15-21
 PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE, 08/21
 47TH ANNUAL HERITAGE CLASSIC WEEKEND, VANCOUVER BC 08/21
 34TH RENDEZVOUS, 08/25-28
 TUNE 'N SPOON, 08/27



FALL - WINTER

SCOTTISH GAMES PLEASANTON, 9/3-4
 DANVILLE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, MG MARQUE, 9/25
 5TH BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 09/17-18
 RIVER RANCH TOUR, NORTH LAKE TAHOE, 10/7-9
 REIFF'S GARAGE TOUR, 11/05
 SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC TOUR, 11/19
 MGOC ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA, 12/10
 MGOC 2017 PLANNING MEETING, 01/07/17
 MGOC ANNUAL AWARDS BRUNCH, 01/21/17

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The Field at North Meets South
 Photo by Kirk Prentiss

MGOC Fill in the Caption

Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon



"Maxwell, if we get busted we are both going to the dog house!"

- Richard Butler

"I'm dog tired, you drive us home!"

- Ken Bottini

"I say Nigel we should have no problem catching that fox with this thing ..."

- Jim Carlson

"Is that Elvis" "nothing but a hound dog" MGA?"

- John Hunt

"Dogleg to the left? Are you barking mad?!!!"

- Jim Lucas

"Sarah, did you bring the doggles?" George, it's your convertible, YOU bring the doggles!!"

- Kirk Prentiss

"Quick barking directions at me!", "I think it's time we 'paws' this drive." "Can we put the top on? The wind is messing up my fur"

"Dog Day Afternoon"

- Bob Stine

"Let's get out of this Barking Lot!"

- Felix Lee

Each month, we provide a photo in need of a caption.

You, the reader, submit your caption to flee@hancmg.com.

The MGOC Board will chose the top finalists, which will then be revealed in the following month's Octagon

Posted by
 Dan Shockey



MG LOVE

SAMPLE TWO PAGE SPREAD

WE ARE PLANNING TO PUT TOGETHER A COFFEE TABLE SIZED GLOSSY MGOC COLLECTION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR MGS

DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION ON PAGE 15

KEN GITTINGS



MGB-GT

- year of manufacture: 1967
- engine number: 18GB-U-H 66209
- chassis number: GHD3L116574
- color: British Racing Green
- interior color: Black with White Piping
- modifications: Supercharged, 5 Speed Transmission, Power Windows

Photos by Ken Gittings, Samantha Lee, Kirk Prentiss