

# THE OCTAGON

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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Feel free to call these members, who have volunteered to help with purchase, repair, and restoration of various MG models.

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### COVER PHOTO:

Llogg Run Lleader, Steve and Vicky's MG TF1500, "The Black Pearl," Samantha Lee

## Club Meeting

GOF West, Rohnert Park

June 16, 2015

6:00 pm: Natter and Noggin'



This month's Club Meeting will be held during GOF West in Rohnert Park

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Venue:** To be determined

**Please RSVP:** to Steve Kellogg at 408-354-4421 / [president@mgocsf.org](mailto:president@mgocsf.org) or "enroll" for the event online at [www/mgocsf.org](http://www/mgocsf.org)



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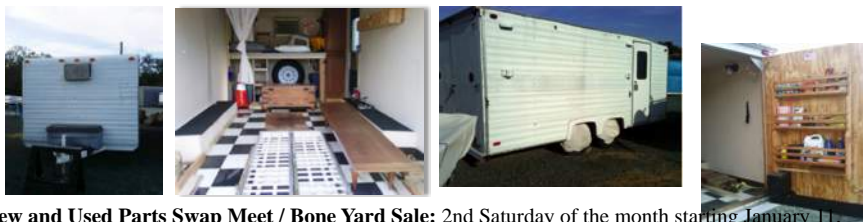
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**For All Items Below:** Please contact member: Ken Gittings at [a\\_67\\_bgt@yahoo.com](mailto:a_67_bgt@yahoo.com) or 510-791-8445  
[Posted 10/14]

- **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 either Randy Grossman (415-518-5210) or Eric Baker (510-517-2165) for more information. [posted 06/13]



**New and Used Parts Swap Meet / Bone Yard Sale:** 2nd Saturday of the month starting January 11, 2013

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## MGOC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [octagoneditor@mgocsf.org](mailto: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.

## MGOCsf.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 30 - June 7 – British Car Week
- June 7 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- June 14 – Run to Gilroy Gardens, Santa Cruz British Motorcar Club
- June 15-19 – **GOF West 2015**: Rohnert Park, CA: Sacramento Valley MG Car Club / MGOC
- June 27 – **Pajaro Dunes Beach Tour**, Jim Carlson
- July 1 – MG Car Company LTD sold to Morris Motors LTD (07/01/35)
- July 5 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- July 17-19 – **Mendocino Coast and Redwood Tour**, Steve Kellogg and Kirk Prentiss
- July 21 – MG Car Company LTD registered (07/21/30)

# From the Editor...

*Dearly Beloved, we are GOF here today, in the presence of these drivers ...*

The **GOF** will soon be upon us, and that's **GOF** (pronounced Gee Oh Eff, not Gof), short for **Gathering Of the Faithful**. So what exactly is this strange meeting of the **GOF**, you might ask?

Perhaps, your first notion was to assume **GOF** was a regional Evangelical meeting of sorts. Like a church service, traditionally held in a church building, specifically designed for that purpose. Or sometimes, its held in a home or store front, temporarily, until a permanent place of worship is found. The late '70s witnessed a bunch of **GOFs** take off with televangelism or radio ministries, which routinely broadcast their services through the airwaves. Ultimately, in our present time, culminating in websites, where **GOF** occurs in "cyber-churches," virtual reality constructs for people to attend through the internet, any time and any place.

Perhaps, your next notion was to assume **GOF** was a nostalgic, romantic, bittersweet meeting of "old" or "older" people, who share a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with emotion filled, happy or sad, personal associations. A desire to return to an earlier time in life and relive the "good 'ole days," where there was sense of social connectedness and positive self-regard, where individuals focus on coping strategies and ways of implementing them, thus increasing "support" in challenging times.

Turns out, **MG GOF**, incorporates, all of the above. You see, **MG GOF** is a religion of sorts, but between man/woman and car. Our traditional building of worship was Morris Garages, but nowadays, its our garages, the mechanic's shop, or temporarily, the side of the road.

## MG

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At **MG GOF**, we regularly bring our worn, weary and blown out parts to the alter, that is Moss Motoring, and trade them in for newer, not so OEM parts. On the east coast, **GOF** meets twice a year, since 1964, typically in the Spring (June) and Autumn (September), mostly determined by special events (or event rates) in a specific area. It started as a "low key" weekend to enjoy MGs and the people who own them. In fact, MGs arriving on the the Wednesday, "Early Bird Day," before the official **GOF** start, can participate in the "Great Unwashed" car show for "Best, Just off the Road Car Award, aka, BJOTRCA" On the west coast, however, **GOF** West (so designated because **GOF** (East) was first), registered in the the state of California, meets only once a year, since 1973, in the Spring (June). Because, hey, we're West Coast, and besides, we have other things to do.

**MG GOF**, on either coast, remains a gathering of "old" or "older" people, who have nostalgic, romantic, bittersweet, sentimental longings and a wistful affection for the automotive past. They scoff at most modern automotive conveniences such as seatbelts, "sealed" from oil leak engines, working electronics (including Delco), faithful starters, air-conditioning, "airbags" that are not the four you are riding on or the spare in the back, and more than two-way adjustable seats. The "Good 'Ole Days," revolve around breakdown stories that are part of MG lore. **MG GOF's** sense of social connectedness is the epitome of "misery loves company," which forms the backbone of our MG Support Groups that help us deal with the challenging times ahead. And if there is one thing MG owners can bet on, its those challenging times ahead. So, go ahead and fill in that application for **GOF West 2015 in Rohnert Park**, CA and be a part of that opening ceremony, "Dearly Beloved, we are **GOF** here today, in the presence of these drivers ..."

*Safety Fast!*

*Felix Lee*

- Why GOF? To be perfectly honest and correct, Why not GOTE? or GOf?



**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 onc). 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](mailto:glenn@sfsu.edu) 415-570-1738 [Posted 06/15]



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

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

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

Asking \$10,000. Contact member Jim Carlson [carlsonconsulting@comcast.net](mailto: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 [wt Doyle@cox.net](mailto:wt Doyle@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](mailto:don@napanet.net). [Posted 05/15]

**ZA/ZB Magnette**, in good condition. Please contact member Kirk Prentiss at: [kirkprentiss@gmail.com](mailto:kirkprentiss@gmail.com) [Posted 06/15]

## 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 windshield. 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). [Posted 05/13]

**For All Items Below:** Please contact member: Dave Loader at [loader.dave@gmail.com](mailto: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 ono

- **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.

**Chrome Wheels:** Five chrome, spline-type 15x4.5 wheels with Dunlop tires. Wheels have 48 spokes. 14,000 actual miles. Two wheels need a couple of spokes each. They were on a TF with MGA front and rear axles. Asking \$950. Contact member Elliott Sopkin: [elliottsopkin@gmail.com](mailto:elliottsopkin@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](mailto: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 \$14-16,000

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



**1966 MGB Roadster,** reliable driver car cover (black) and new top (black), toe is fully removable for storage, new Simpson 3 point shoulder harness / seat belts, chrome air filters, AM/FM radio, British Racing Green, Michelin 185/70 R14 tires, car inspection report available from when bought, all maintenance / repair work done by On the Road Again, replaced muffler / water pump / shocks / brakes / pads / rotors and various other items. All copies of work available. \$12,800 invested, selling for \$8,250 OBO

Contact member Paul Hughes [paul\\_hughes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paul_hughes@sbcglobal.net) [Posted 05/15]



**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](mailto:chevaili@gmail.com) (415) 441-7699 [Posted 09/14]



## President's Ponderings ...

Hello MGers,

By the time Felix sends this out (most likely in the wee hours of the night) MGs by the Bay will be over until next year. I would like to congratulate the winners and thank everyone for their participation.

Special thanks go out to Mike Jacobsen, The Kuenzingers, George Steneberg, and Marcia Crawford for all their extra efforts on making the show a success. Look for pictures on the website soon.

In a couple of weeks, Vicky and I will be heading north with our little MGs to Rohnert Park for the Annual GOF West. We're looking forward to seeing old friends from past GOFs and making new ones at this one. The first GOF we attended was back in 2010 that was held at Big Bear Lake in Southern CA. Vicky and I had just got our "Black Pearl" (1955 MG TF1500) the previous November, and after some shop work at On the Road Again, we were ready for the adventure south, not knowing what to expect.

We borrowed a trailer from Bill Hiland and off we went, taking 2 days to get there down Highway 101. Trailering a car was a new experience for me:

#1: I was scared to death with loading and unloading the car as the trailer was only a foot wider than the car.

#2: I avoided backing up the trailer as much as I could as it never felt quite right to do so as everything was opposite it seemed and

#3: It freaked me out at first when I was driving as I would see this car in my rear view mirror right up on my bumper.

Needless to say, we made it there just fine. The week was a great load of fun and we learned more about our car in the few days we

were there, than in the whole time we owned it. The host club made us newcomers feel very welcome, and it was nice having the tech guys come around and let us know that our windscreen was on backwards as the "Auster" frame label was on the wrong side and that our turn signals were hooked up backwards.

I had a bit of scare when one of the tech guys "adjusted" one of our doors especially when he told me to look away. Some muscular endeavor ensued that I would be afraid of doing myself, but the door did open and close a lot easier afterwards.

Our second GOF we attended (I don't really count the Reno MG2011, although I'm looking forward to the MG2016 in Kentucky, but that will be on a future ponderings ...) was in Buelton, CA. By then we were with friends in the MGOC; the Prestons, Glenns, George Steneberg and Marcia Crawford and the Polidoroffs. Once again, we had a great time, even though the Black Pearl, was giving us technical fits when hitting over 50 mph on the freeway. The take away, I best remember from this week, was Larry Long's 8 foot long protractor he used to line up the cars on the show field and visiting Mecca (Moss Motors in Goleta)

This year, I hope to see many of you at the GOF, as they are opening up and encouraging attendance from all MGs owners, not just T-Series and earlier. No more trailering for us, as Vicky and I, will be driving our LBCs up to the event early Monday morning on June 15th. Care to join us on another adventure?

Safety fast!  
Steve Kellogg



### Wanted

Submissions of articles / photos / anecdotes / repairs

are always welcome

Please make submissions by the 15th of the month preceding the issue in which you would like it to appear

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# Dixon British Car Show

*A Photo Essay*

By Don Scott

I drove by '65 Blue MGB Roadster to the Dixon show today. Longest trip I have made in the car since I bought it.



Very few MGAs at the show



Andy Preston's TF 1500: another masterpiece. I remember this car when he bought it, and he has worked his magic on it



This Mk1 B looked a lot better than mine!



The only TC there, owned by Betz Miller (I think I got that right), who drove all the way from Santa Rosa which has to be about 80 miles.



I liked this MGA 1500 as it looks like the ones used in the 1955 ads when the cars were introduced

Photos by Don Scott



Row of MGBs  
(my car is the fourth one back in the row )

## OLD BUSINESS

**MGs by the Bay:** Mike Jacobsen – 38 registrations to date. T-shirts and dash plaques have been ordered, need to order the awards.

**NAMGAR GT-42:** Mike Jacobsen – NAMGAR should sign the host hotel contract by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Once we have the hotel confirmed we can begin work on tours and events.

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

Proposal to spend not more than \$300.00 to purchase 18 large and 18 small mugs to be sold at MGs by the Bay and as online regalia. Passed with six Yes votes and one abstention.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

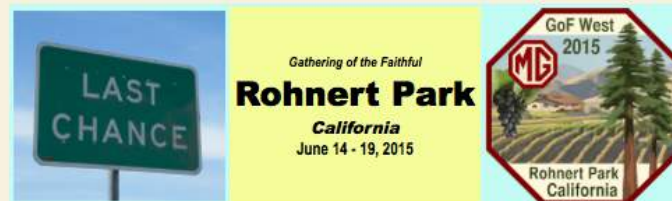
A request was made for door clings or magnets with the MGOC logo. Mike will check with Dave McCann, since Dave had the Rallye to Reno door signs made.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, June 16 at the GOF West, Rohnert Park, Site TBD, 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm

Submitted by Mike Jacobsen

## LAST CHANCE



Only 22 days until:

**GoF West 2015**

*This is your last chance.  
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More details and registration information may be found at [www.gofwest.org](http://www.gofwest.org)

If you have any questions about GoF West 2015, please e-mail [Lawrie@Britcars.com](mailto:Lawrie@Britcars.com) or telephone [530-676-7226](tel:530-676-7226) between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, p.d.t.

# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Llogg Run – Half Moon Bay

May 9, 2015

**Call to Order:** 2:52 pm by President Steve Kellogg

**Attending:** Bob & Marsha Frietas, Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen, Steve & Vicky Kellogg, Felix & Samantha Lee, Kirk & Amy Prentiss, Andy & Marla Preston, Mike Romo, Karen Walker, and a few more whose names weren't recorded.

**May Mileage Winner:** Andy Preston

**Approval Minutes of Previous Meeting, April 18:** Approved

## REPORTS

**President's Report:** Steve Kellogg – Thanks to everyone for coming today. We have MGs by the Bay, the GOF, the Pajaro Dunes tour, and the Ft. Bragg weekend coming up.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Marla Preston

Account	May 2015	April 2015
Checking	9,326.99	8,223.79
Savings	3,462.68	3,462.59
Total	12,789.67	11,686.38

We've received 30 entries for MGs by the Bay and a \$200.00 donation from On The Road Again, plus paid for the May *Octagon* printing in the amount of \$140.27.

**Registrar's Report:** Steve Kellogg

185	Number of Regular Members
56	Number of Regular Family Members
<b>241</b>	<b>Total Regular and Family Members</b>
12	Number of Corresponding Members
4	Number of Corresponding Family Members
<b>16</b>	<b>Total Corresponding and Family Members</b>

**257 Total Members**

Added five new members since the last meeting – Membership Renewal letters and blast will go out in June.

**Secretary's Report:** Jing Chai – Absent

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** George Steneberg – Absent

**Regalia:** David Wright – Absent, but Steve had sample white mugs in two sizes with the MGOC logo in black on them.

**The Octagon:** Felix Lee – Articles needed! We have 83 "likes" on Facebook. The "MG Love" book deadline is planned for August first.

**Website:** Steve Kellogg – Updated the Swap Meet. section. So far no one has added any items to the Forum or Swap Meet. Members can add their own swap meet posts, with text and up to three pictures to not be greater than 1MB each. Steve reviews all submissions.

## PAST EVENTS

Tech Session in Walnut Creek was fun. Thanks again to Kim & Craig Kuenzinger and to Doc de Fossi for the use of his awesome garage.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. May 17 – UBSCC Car Show – Dixon
2. May 30 – MGsbtBay Envelope Stuffing – El Cerrito
3. May 31 – MGs by the Bay – Danville
4. June 15-19 – GOF West – Rohnert Park
5. June 16 – Natter n Noggin – Meeting at GOF West!
6. June 27 – MGOC Day at the Beach – Pajaro Dunes
7. July 17-19 – MGOC Weekend Drive up the Coast to Fort Bragg and the Redwoods!

# The Aussies are Coming

*Argentina to Alaska*

**By Ken Bottini (father of member Mindy Hungerman)**

As a member of your Club, as well as a member of the MG Car Club Northwest Centre, thought I would share with MGOC about some adventurous MGers from Australia. In January 2015 some members of the MG Car Club of Victoria, Australia, loaded 6 MGs, (1-MGA, 1 MGB roadster, 4 MGB GTs) into containers and shipped them to Chile. From there, they began the adventure of driving from South America to an end point in Fairbanks, Alaska. The group carried misc. repair parts with them—head gaskets, fuel pumps, fan belts, etc., in locations of the cars many of us would never have thought of.

We knew that the group would be making a stopover in Seattle. We kept contact with them via email. As they traveled north some of the roads traveled were "unbelievable", and some of the border crossings were interesting to say the least. As they entered some of the towns, they were greeted by local car clubs—the word was out that they were coming. Around April 2, they travelled through Mexico and it was uneventful. When they crossed into New Mexico, they contacted our Club. A few important points of interest lay ahead before they reached the Pacific Northwest - the Mormon Temple and Yellowstone Park. Next on their itinerary was a stop was in Spokane, Washington. Upon their arrival they were greeted by the Inland Empire MG Car Club. After a day of rest, they continued their drive west to Seattle. About 15 of our Club members met them at bridge over the Columbia River in the town of Vantage. After a brief visit to a wind farm, we convoyed to Bellevue, which is east of Seattle.

On Wednesday, April 28th, we headed from the hotel to the Museum of Flight in Tukwila. Upon entering the parking area of the Museum, the adventurers were met by a local TV crew. Wow, what a surprise! As a docent at the Museum, I gave them a tour of the WWI and WWII section of the Museum. The next day we assisted them with some minor repairs. On Friday, they headed north to Vancouver, BC. They planned on resting there for three days and connect with the Vancouver MG Car Club. The last note we had from them was that they were headed north towards Fairbanks. Once they reach Fairbanks they will back track south and ship their MGs back to Australia. They will have traveled over 20,000 miles during the past five months.

Here is an interesting side note; in 2012, the same group traveled from South Africa to Egypt. As for future plans – it looks like they are looking at a possibility of traveling from Los Angeles to New York and returning west driving Route 66 to Albuquerque.

These "Aussies" are truly amazing folks. Try that with a modern car!





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**Date:** June 15 - 19, 2015

**Event:** "GoF West" is the name given to a regularly held "Gathering of the Faithful" for owners of MG cars in the western United States and Canada. Initially the Gatherings were for owners of pre-1956 cars, however, as the years passed and MGs were no longer being imported, it was realized that excluding cars built after 1956 meant a lot of MG enthusiasts had nowhere to gather. Now, GoF West welcomes owners of any car wearing the MG octagon.

## Schedule:

- Monday, June 15th: Registration, Orientation, "First Timers" Car Display, Arts, Crafts & Photo Contests
- Tuesday, June 16th: Main Car Show
- Wednesday, June 17th: Competitive Rally, Tech Sessions, Auction Dinner
- Thursday, June 18th: Funkhana, Swat Meet, Flea Market, Advisory Council and Steering Committee Meeting, Awards Banquet
- Friday, June 19th: Farewell Breakfast

**Registration:** <http://www.gofwest2015.britcars.com/onlineereg.html>

**Website:** <http://www.gofwest2015.britcars.com/index.html>

**Any questions?:** to Steve Kellogg at 408-354-4421 or [president@mgocsf.org](mailto:president@mgocsf.org)

**We look forward to seeing you.**



**Date:** Friday, July 17 - 19, 2015

**Event:** Our weekend will start on Friday morning in the South Bay heading up 280 through San Francisco and across the Golden Gate Bridge.

Once we hit 101, we'll make stops to pick up folks from the East Bay in San Raphael.

We will then move over to the Coast and travel up to Fort Bragg.

A nice economical hotel will be chosen and dinner is on your own.

Saturday, we'll take a drive to the Redwoods of California. Dinner for all will be in a special restaurant, Silver's on the Wharf

Sunday, we'll all head home or other points north, south or east.

**Please RSVP:** to Steve Kellogg at 408-354-4421 or [president@mgocsf.org](mailto:president@mgocsf.org) or "enroll" for the event online at [www.mgocsf.org](http://www.mgocsf.org)

**We look forward to seeing you.**

## MG Love



Start collecting your photos and writing your 2 paragraph blurb for the official MGOC **MG Love** glossy coffee table book

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engine number  
chassis number  
color  
interior color  
any modifications

**To be included in the Final Print Edition**

please send all submissions to [flee@hancmg.com](mailto:flee@hancmg.com) by August 1, 2015 in order to have it by the Holidays  
**Nephews and Nieces, this would be a great present for your Uncles and Aunts, who may just leave you their MGs, instead of their children**

Cost: TBD based on number of pages

## MGOC Fashionably Late-ista

**Marty Ray**



at Hwy 92 with his MGBGT by the reservoirs, a couple years ago or so "This was the day we went on our "solo tour" in an attempt to catch up with the club tour. The club had met at a breakfast restaurant in Foster City and we got there pretty late, however, just in time to see a couple of MGs heading out the other way.

We turned around and tried to catch up, but it didn't work out, we did not see any further sign of club folks in their cars. We went from Foster City in a loop up into the mountains and back.

It was a nice ride even though we never caught up with the club.

Photo by Marty Ray



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## SPRING - SUMMER

RUN TO GILROY GARDENS, 6/14  
 GOF WEST 2015, ROHNERT PARK, 6/15-19  
 PAJARO DUNES BEACH TOUR, 6/27  
 MENDOCINO COAST AND REDWOOD TOUR, 7/17-19  
 HILLSBOROUGH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE, 7/19  
 OREGON RENDEZVOUS, 8/6  
 MONTEREY MOTORING CLASSIC WEEK, 8/10-16  
 TUNE AND SPOON LAFAYETTE, 8/15  
 PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE, 8/16  
 MGOC ANNUAL PICNIC & BBQ, LOS GATOS, 8/22



## FALL - WINTER

SCOTTISH GAMES PLEASANTON, 9/5-6  
 4TH BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 9/12-13  
 DANVILLE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, 9/20  
 MT. DIABLO TOUR, 9/26  
 SIERRA TOUR, 10/2-4  
 NORTH BAY TOUR, 10/17  
 VETERAN'S DAY TOUR, 11/7  
 FALL TECH SESSION, SAN FRANCISCO, 11/14  
 MGOC HOLIDAY TEA, LOS GATOS, 12/12  
 PLANNING MEETING, 1/9/16  
 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, 1/23/16

For your official MGOC 2015 Tour Planner link here: <http://www.mgocsf.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=AgDpTROzveA%3d&tabid=63&mid=562>

### British Fall Classic



Morgan Hill, Ca

The 2015 British Fall Classic will be held the weekend of September 12th and 13th in downtown Morgan Hill (just 10 miles south of San Jose.) Online registration is now open. To register go to: [2015 British Fall Classic](http://www.britishfallclassic.com). This takes you to the event website. Scroll down a little and the registration link is on the right.

Thanks again to our Title Sponsors: Ladera Grill and On the Road Again Classics! We are also grateful to Silver Sponsor, Heritage Bank of Commerce. Sponsorship opportunities are still available so, if you are interested, please contact Mary ([mary@hiland-assoc.com](mailto:mary@hiland-assoc.com)).

As before, the net proceeds from this event will go to local nonprofit organizations.

Please spread the word! We expect a very full show!

## MGOC Fill in the Caption

Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon



Photo by Dan Shockey

"Bicycle and MGA share three issues:

1. Wire wheels
2. Not a lot of horsepower
3. Overheating?"

- Don Scott

"I KNOW I can catch this guy ..."

- Bob Stine

"The Little MG that Could, I know I can, I know I can ..."

- Samantha Lee

"Damn bicycle is going faster than I am ..."

- Mike Sullivan

"One Trek Manpower vs 90 MG Horsepower, Any Questions?"

- Felix Lee

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

You, the reader, submit your caption to [lee@hancmg.com](mailto:lee@hancmg.com).

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



Photo by Kirk Prentiss

# LLOGG RUN

BY SAMANTHA LLEE

Two weeks ago, I went on the Llogg Run to Half Moon Bay, starting from Llos Gatos. We met at the Llos Gatos Starbucks. We chatted for a llong time about a llot of stuff and then we lleft.

We were the second car in the rallye, because the Kellogg's (not the cereal company) car was lleading the way. We broadcast various songs over the walkie-talkie on channel 5, that Randy Grossman llent me. A little while llater, we all pulled over and had to wait because the rest of the cars were llagging way behind.

After a few minutes, the llate cars finally came and we set on our way to Big Basin State Park. We drove through the woods and underneath trees. There was a really big one, and I llooked up at it, and it was really tall. Then we drove a llong way to Cameron's Inn to have our Natter and Noggin Meeting and llunch. I got hot chocolate and their freshly baked pizza since it was cold that day. I lloved it!

Andy Preston showed me an article that was posted about him in a classic car magazine called *Vintage Motorcar*.

After the meeting, and llunch, we lleft Cameron's and drove the llong way back to our homes. The Llogg Run made for a llovely day. Later ...



~~Kellogg's~~  
Run

Photos by Kirk Prentiss

