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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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CLUB ADVISOR PROGRAM

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:

MGOC Annual Picnic Wet Bar, Kennedy Grove Regional Park, Hitching Post, Felix Lee

Club Meeting

Burger Natter & Noggin'

Date: Saturday, September 10, 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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New and Used Parts Swap Meet / Bone Yard Sale: 2nd Saturday of the month starting January 11, 2013

- at Union Jack 13555 Depot Street, San Martin, CA 95046
- call Marcello or John @ 408-686-1101 with any questions

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Direct all questions about advertising to Mike Jacobsen at 415-333-9699 or MikesMuseum@yahoo.com. 2015 rates are: *monthly* (yearly): full page \$25 (\$240), half page \$18 (\$175), third page \$12 (\$120), business card \$8 (\$75). All ads expire on January 1, and fees for a partial year will be pro-rated to that date. Deadline for ad materials is the 10th of the preceding month. The MGOC makes no claims as to the reputation or quality of work performed by businesses advertising in *The Octagon*.

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>.

MGOC Notables

- September 1 – MG Car Company transfers to Abingdon-on-Thames (09/29)
- MG TB introduced (09/39)
- September 3-4 – Scottish Games, Pleasanton
- September 4 – Cecil Kimber marries Irene “Rene” Hunt (09/04/15)
- Blackhawk, Cars and Coffee
- September 10 – Natter & Noggin’, Club Meeting, Nations’s Giant Hamburgers, El Cerrito, Kellogg
- September 11 – Niles Run, Niles, Marsh
- September 17-18 – **5th Annual British Fall Classic**, Morgan Hill, Hiland
- Danville d’ Elegance, Danville, MG Marque
- September 25 – MG EX 127 Magic Midget achieves 101.1 mph at Montlhery (09/25/31)
- October 2 – Blackhawk, Cars and Coffee
- October 7-9 – **River Ranch / North Lake Tahoe / Sea-Air-Ah Tour**, Steve and Cheryl Glenn
- October 10 – William Morris’ Birthday (10/10/1877)
- October 14 – MG P-Type and N-Type introduced at Olympia Motor Show (10/14/34)
- October 16 – MG Magnette introduced at Olympia Motor Show (10/16/36)
- October 17 – MGB introduced at Earl’s Court (10/17/62)
- October 19 – MG Midget introduced at Earl’s Court (10/19/61)
- October 21 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill Hiland
- October 22 – **Pescadero Run**, Pescadero, Marsh
- MG TA introduced at Olympia Motor Show (10/22/37), MG TC introduced at Earl’s Court (10/21/45)
- October 23 – Abingdon closes with last MGB (10/23/80)
- October 25 – MG TF1500 introduced at Earl’s Court (10/25/54)
- October 29 – MGA introduced at Earl’s Court (10/29/55)
- October 30 – MG TD introduced at Earl’s Court (10/30/50)

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From the Editor...

... 5th Annual **Brexit** Fall Classic ...

Brexit is an abbreviation for "British Exit," which refers to the June 23, 2016 referendum whereby British citizens voted to exit the European Union and was patterned after several prior attempts by Greece to similarly exit the European Union, which at the time was coined "Grexit." Following the news of **Brexit**, markets and currencies were sent to its lowest levels in decades, resulted in the resignation of Britain's Prime Minister, David Cameron, and it may be another two years before the full effects of **Brexit** are fully realized.

However, another **Brexit** occurred nearly 70 years ago, at the end of World War II, with an altogether different set of economic and social consequences. In 1922, there were over 183 motor companies in the UK. UK production was dominated by Morris (founded by William Morris in 1910 in Oxford) and Austin (founded by Herbert Austin in 1905 in Birmingham), which together, totaled up to 60% of total UK auto manufacturing output. In 1932, the UK overtook France to become Europe's largest car manufacturer. However, during World War II, car production in the UK gave way to military and commercial vehicle and aircraft production. In order to recover from the post-war depression, government controlled steel supply was prioritized for foreign export businesses, number one of which, was the export or "**Brexit**" of UK car manufacturing. In 1947, steel was made available only to businesses that exported at least 75% of it production. And so, 75% of all British car production were destined for foreign shores. As such, by 1950, the UK contributed to 52% of the world's exported vehicles. The direct result of which, was a

plethora of, now "Classic" British cars throughout the world, and in particular the United States, including many of our all-time favorites such as AC, Aston Martin, Bentley, Bristol, Jaguar, Land Rover, Lister, Lotus, MG, Morgan, Rolls-Royce, TVR and Vauxhall. Its no wonder that British Car gatherings will typically number in the hundreds locally, and thousands nationally.

One of the largest gatherings and benefactors of this UK automotive manufacturing **Brexit** is Bill and Mary Hiland's 5th Annual British, or now, **Brexit**, Fall Classic, in Morgan Hill during the weekend of September 17-18th. The **Brexit** celebration starts with an afternoon tour of Morgan Hill, followed by a Wine Reception at Hiland's On the Road Again, and then the official **Brexit** Fall Classic car show along the tree-lined downtown in Morgan Hill.



Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- Come out to Morgan Hill and participate in the 5th Annual **Brexit** Fall Classic



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]



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: elliottsopkin@gmail.com. Posted 05/15]

MG

TC-TD-TF-MGA-MGB-C-Midget

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MGTC.....	185.00	185.00
MGTD & TF.....	185.00	85.00
MGA, MGB, MGC, Midget.....	108-125	75.00
HEAVY DUTY UPGRADE.....	10.00	10.00
SHOCK LINK (New or Rebuilt)	\$call	

BRAKES: sleeved and rebuilt

MGB, Midget caliper.....	\$85.00
MGA, MGC caliper.....	\$115-155.00
MGA, Midget twin master 1956-67.....	\$195.00
MGB, Midget master 1968-80.....	\$95-145.00
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Cars for Sale:

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



1952 TD, Convertible. Exterior- red. Interior- biscuit (tan). Condition: Excellent. Price \$20,999. Runs great. Complete off frame rebuild. Low mileage after rebuild. Bright red with a biscuit interior, tan convertible top, tonneau cover and side curtains. Detailed records available. Call (925) 947-1076 for more info. [posted 08/16]



1954 TF 1250, British Racing Green with Tan Upholstery, Mileage 28,600, Fully rebuilt from frame up. Excellent condition inside and out. 5 speed transmission. New tires and spare. Original service manual. Call (714) 469-7077 stewharvey@cox.net [Posted 07/16]



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 \$12,500. 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]



President's Ponderings ...

Good Day Fellow MG'ers,

Before the weather gets too cold my I suggest the following:

- Check your oil and tire pressure and lights on your MG.
- Take the top down. (if you can)
- Plan a drive in your area to the best place to view a sunset.
- Check www.weather.com to determine when your sunset will be and make sure you and get there with about 15 minutes to spare.
- Park your MG and just sit in it and watch the sunset for the next 30 minutes.

I tell you; you will feel invigorated and very much alive as our little cars were made for such a trip. The sunsets are pretty spectacular now with the to weather events happening in the Pacific Ocean, so make your driving plans soon.

Speaking of driving plans, South Bay Member, Dave Marsh is planning some more drives on September 11 and October 22 to Niles and Pescadero respectively. Check out the event calendar and RSVP Dave for what I hear are very nice drives.

See you at the Natter n Noggin Meeting in El Cerrito on Saturday, September 10!

Safety Fast,
Steve Kellogg



BURN! SPARK PLUG AWARD



Jim Jelter

August 18, 1953 - December 9, 2015

By Toril Jelter

You may already know, but husband Jim passed away in that we had 40 years together. even those were special - we especially knowing it might

I want you to know how times he spent with it and a special thank-you to Craig with an MG dilemma after the MG keys anywhere. I the keys with him"if I can't high and low. The keys were not keys. The MG keys were

I called a local locksmith, who enough to refer me to Old Republic - a gold set, on a blank pair of keys, I ordered from

I moved from our home, to Jim's remodeled childhood home, in Walnut Creek, in February, and found the MG keys hidden deep in Jim's underwear drawer, in conjunction with the move. The best times Jim and I spent together, the last year, were definitely going for a drive down to Danville, for our Saturday morning coffee. Thanks to all of you for your great club and friendship!

Kind Regards, Toril Jelter



for those who don't, my dear December. We were fortunate in The last 2 years, were hard, but savored our time together be coming to an end.

much Jim loved his MG and the fellow MG'ers. I want to extend Kuensing, who helped me Jim passed away. I couldn't find started thinking Jim had taken drive it no one can!" I searched with the other 7 sets of vehicle somewhere special it seemed.

Craig referred me to, and they were kind mobile locksmith who made me a beautiful Moss Motors.



Photos by MarketWatch and Samantha Lee

September 4 – Blackhawk, Cars and Coffee.

September 10 – El Cerrito, Nation's Hamburgers. Natter & Noggin and Club meeting at 10am.

September 17-18 – Morgan Hill, Fifth Annual British Fall Classic

September 17-18 – Danville, Danville d'Elegance

October 7-9 – Lake Tahoe, Sierra Tour by the Glenns. Starting points in Pleasanton and Sonoma. Taking Carson Pass to River Ranch Lodge, which is the home base for day trips.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A proposal was made to have next year's Picnic in Pebble Beach at the Kellogg's new house. A second, and more likely, proposal was to have the next Picnic in Tilden Park.

BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, September 10 at 10am at Nation's Burgers in El Cerrito at the corner of San Pablo and Central Avenues.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

Submitted by: Mike Jacobsen



MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Kennedy Grove Regional Park – El Sobrante

August 6, 2016

Call to Order: By Andy Preston at 11:35am.

Attending: Nina Barton, Stephen Born, Bill Brooke, Elaine Chan, Marcia Crawford, Dennis Day, Gary & Janet Germano, Ken Gittings, Steve & Cheryl Glenn, Randy Grossman, Mike Jacobsen, Melissa Johnson, Walter & Carole Kilik, Sheryl King, Dave Laughlin, Felix Lee, Bob Luebbert, Mark McGothigan, Kirk & Amy Prentiss, Andy & Marla Preston, Ernest & Valerie Rogers, Suzy Savage, Keith & Pam Shukait, George Steneberg, and David Wright. However, not everyone listed here actually paid attention to the meeting.

Mileage Winner (and recipient of a free breakfast): Not applicable since the meeting isn't at a breakfast place.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: July 9, 2016: Approved

REPORTS

President's Report: Steve Kellogg: Absent due to moving house this week and still unpacking.

Vice President's Report: Andy Preston: Thanks to Marcia & George for arranging and organizing this picnic; it's a lot of work. Andy has arranged a "lighthearted" car show with different awards for the picnic.

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston:

Account	August 2016	July 2016
Checking	11,632.30	9,469.29
Savings	3,463.99	3,463.92
Total	15,096.29	12,933.21

Since the last Treasurer's Report we have had *Octagon*, Annual Picnic, and renewal letter expenses. We have had 90 membership renewals, 25 by PayPal and 65 by check.

Secretary's Report: Mike Jacobsen, acting: Nothing to report except that Wayne Veatch is not doing well. (Late update: Wayne Veatch passed away Sunday, August 7, at 5:38am.)

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg: Absent

Corresponding Secretary's Report: George Steneberg: Nothing to report.

Regalia Report: Andy Preston: Nothing to report, but he did bring regalia for sale.

The Octagon Report: Felix Lee: The August *Octagon* was posted from Mt. Shasta. Felix still needs articles for the newsletter, especially for the *MG Love* series.

Website Report: Steve Kellogg: Absent.

NAMGAR GT-42 Mike Jacobsen

NAMGAR ran an online survey for GT-42, asking members to indicate whether or not they'd attend and to select events they'd prefer for the GT. The survey was up for a month and now we're analyzing the results to make up the event calendar for the GT.

PAST EVENTS

July 30 – Corralitos Tour by David Marsh. Nine cars on a route that went from San Jose, Watsonville, Corralitos (with a lunch stop at the famous Corralitos Market), and to Wright's Station Vineyard for tasting. Great weather and interesting back roads.

UPCOMING EVENTS (MGOC sponsored events are in bold text)

August 7 – Blackhawk, Cars and Coffee. Kirk Prentiss will lead a tour, starting at 6:30.

August 7 – Rowland Blvd in Novato, Cars and Coffee

August 15-21 – Monterey Motoring Classic Car Week

August 19-21 – Vancouver, BC, 47th Annual Heritage Classic Weekend,

August 21 – Pebble Beach, Concours d'Elegance

September 3-4 – Pleasanton, Scottish Games, featuring pipe bands, athletic competitions, and whiskey tasting. Kirk Prentiss is organizing the MGs. There will be up to 15 MGs and 15 Morgans. Cars must be parked by 8am and can't leave before 5pm.

Wayne Veatch

July 17, 1942 - August 7, 2016

By Rod Schweiger

MGOC member, Wayne Otis Veatch Jr. passed away on Sunday July 17, 2016 at the age of seventy-four, from complications of metastatic colon cancer.

Wayne called me a few weeks before, when he knew the end was near, and asked if I would say some words at his memorial. I told him, I would be greatly honored. Wayne chose several people to talk about various aspects of his life: a colleague about his career as a corporate attorney, a friend about his vast experience in Scouting, mentoring boys and young me, and myself, to talk about his experience in the old car hobby.

If you knew Wayne, you know he had a dark green MGB roadster, a light green Studebaker Commander sedan, and a grey Studebaker Avanti. He told me that his interest in automobiles went back to his youth growing up in Southern California.

When Janet and Wayne lived in Australia they had a few unusual cars, one a Morris Major sedan. He told me about how he bought the green MGB as an everyday car, and how it morphed into being a collectable. Before he would buy a car he would always do his research and find which were the desirable years and models. Could we expect any less from Wayne?

Janet, Wayne, my wife, Susan, and I, got to know each other through a number of MG clubs. Wayne discovered the MG Owners Club, and later Sorry Safari Touring Society. Over the years, we would go on day tours, overnight trips, and found that we had much in common: MGs, children, we both had two sons, all four are Eagle Scouts, and we all were on the same page when it came to politics and religion.

Once Wayne and Janet retired, they found more time to become active in the Wine Country Car Club, a group that includes some MG people and drivers of other sports cars and classics. The beautiful back roads of Marin, Sonoma, and Napa counties provided great warm weather drives, with stops at many of the region's outstanding wineries. Most recently, at our suggestion, Wayne and Janet joined us in another senior group of auto touring enthusiasts, CHVA.

Eight years ago, we invited Janet and Wayne to join us on New Year's Eve for an overnight trip to the Saint George Hotel in Volcano California. We dined, danced and toasted in the

tradition that would continue. New Year's Eve with the Veatches became a regular thing. With two years at the Saint George, two times to the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo, once to the W Hotel in San Francisco, once to the Durant in Berkeley, once to the Embassy Suites in Seaside, and this year to the Toll House in Los Gatos.

One particular story, that I remember fondly, was an MG tour to Hood River, Oregon for a big MG meet. Sue and I drove our '52 MG and the Veatches drove their '67 MGB, both are by the way, British Racing Green. We both took first in our class in the car display.

We discovered long ago, the trip is often more fun than the event itself. We extended our trip home by heading down 395 to Reno, where we met another MG couple, Mike and Mary Sindicic, and displayed our three little British Cars among all the big American hot rods, muscle cars and classics.

To celebrate Wayne and Janet's fortieth wedding anniversary and her birthday, we planned a trip to Calistoga, where we scheduled famous hot mud baths, massages, and naturally drove MGs. Five o'clock cocktails with cheese and crackers were a standard of our journeys; Wayne's favorite was "the perfect Manhattan". The exact formula he extensively researched and perfected. It was so Wayne.

In so many ways, Wayne was a bit like a big brother to me. Being about five years older he always had my respect. Not only was Wayne a good listener, but could also converse on a number subjects, and in native Spanish. His extensive reading provided him with background to speak intelligently without sounding opinionated.

When I was with Wayne I could see youthfulness. I felt I could see what he was like as a teenager and a young man. It was a youthful optimism, that he displayed, right up until the end. In February on a Valentine tour we found out that things were not going well, I was feeling low. But not Wayne, he hugged me and told me "he was going to drive this thing till the wheels fall off." What an attitude!

When I last saw him I told Wayne how deeply sorry I felt. He told me, "Hey don't feel sorry," and changed the subject. I couldn't tell him that it was me I felt sorry for, because I was losing a good friend, and that made me feel selfish. Good-bye old friend, gone but never forgotten.





Date: Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Tour Leader: David Marsh, 650-964-2341

Meeting Place: Starbucks on Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas and ends in Niles

Time: Meet at 10:00 AM to sign in

Depart: 10:30 AM with a full tank of gas

Tour: We travel up Calaveras Rd past Calaveras reservoir to Sunol then down to Niles via Niles Canyon Rd. Please note that Google Maps shows Calaveras Rd. closed. It is only closed during the week for work related to the Calaveras dam. IT WILL BE OPEN ON WEEKENDS. Total route length is about 30 miles. If you brought a two way radio, we will be on channel 5. Bronco Billy's – pizza, sandwiches and more (menu at brncobillysniles.biz)

- Niles Attractions:

The Essay Silent Film Museum (many early films, including some with Charlie Chaplin, were shot in Niles) Open noon until 4PM Sat & Sun

The Niles Depot Model RR & Museum – Open 10A until 4PM Sun

Train rides to Sunol and back – leaves Niles at 11:20A and 1:20P

RSVP PLEASE: RSVP with Dave Marsh by September 4



Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016.

Tour Leader: David Marsh, 650-964-2341

Meeting Place: Starbucks 1291 S. Mary in Sunnyvale at the corner of Fremont Ave

Time: Meet at 10:00 AM to sign in

Depart: 10:30 AM with a full tank of gas

Tour: We travel up Steven's Canyon, Mt. Eden Rd., Pierce Rd., SR9, Skyline Blvd., SR84, and Pescadero Rd. to Pescadero. Total route length is about 50 miles. If you brought a two way radio, we will be on channel 5. Stops at Alice's (corner of Skyline and SR84) – park across the street if necessary. End at Duarte's Tavern in Pescadero (menu at www.duarte Stevenson.com)

RSVP PLEASE: RSVP with Dave Marsh by October 15 so reservations can be made at Duarte's

DISCLAIMER: While I make every effort to ensure the route is open and safe, I DO NOT PRE-RUN THE ROUTE.

SUGGESTIONS: I'd like ideas for future runs. If you have any, or comments on the runs we've had, please let me know. Dave Marsh – email: marshes1@yahoo.com, phone: 650 964 2341



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SIERRA TOUR 2016 Fri Oct. 7 - Sun Oct. 9

Tour Leaders: Steve and Cherryl Glenn



The 2016 Sierra Tour will be unique in many ways, with two starting points. For our South and East Bay drivers, we will start in Pleasanton at the McDonald's at Santa Rita Road and I-580. Our North Bay drivers will depart from the square in Sonoma. Both groups will unite in Stockton for lunch at the Olive Garden Restaurant before beginning our less traveled route to Tahoe City and our base for the next 2 nights: River Ranch Lodge, www.riverranchlodge.com (530) 583-4264.

River Ranch is right on the Truckee River and has both a great bar and restaurant, so dinner Friday and Saturday nights will be in the Fireplace room. We have reserved the entire lodge, which has 19 rooms. Make your reservation ASAP, as it will fill up quickly.

Friday's drive from Stockton will be on two lane roads covering scenic countryside, mountain vistas and crossing both Carson Pass (El. 7960) and Luther Pass (El. 7740). We will drive the East side of Lake Tahoe to arrive at our lodge just North of Tahoe City. (246 miles)

Saturday: After breakfast at River Ranch, we will depart for Virginia City, NV, for coffee and sightseeing via Mount Rose (El. 8900). From Virginia City we will tour to Gardnerville, NV for lunch at J T's Basque Restaurant. Following lunch, we will return to River Ranch via the Kingsbury Grade and Daggett Pass (El. 7334) proceeding up the East side of Lake Tahoe to Tahoe City. Cocktails and dinner will be at River Ranch. (161 miles)

Sunday following breakfast and check out, we will head back over Luther and Carson Passes to Sutter Creek to regroup, have a milkshake and walk-about. From Sutter Creek, we will head down the hill to Lodi and our final lunch at the Lodi Beer Company, where the tour ends. (150 miles)

Total miles: 557 plus miles home from Lodi. This will be a rain or shine event covering some long and steep upgrades, downgrades and high mountain passes. Make sure your car and its brakes are up to the challenge, it could be difficult for TC's and TD's. The tour will be car optional; drive a car you are confident that can handle mountain driving.

To register: Make reservations at River Ranch Lodge (rooms average \$140, but vary). (530) 583-4264; tell them you are with the MG Club. After you have made your reservation, email Steve Glenn: stephencglenn@msn.com or Andy Preston: andypreston@sbcglobal.net. We will send you a confirmation with starting times and more information.



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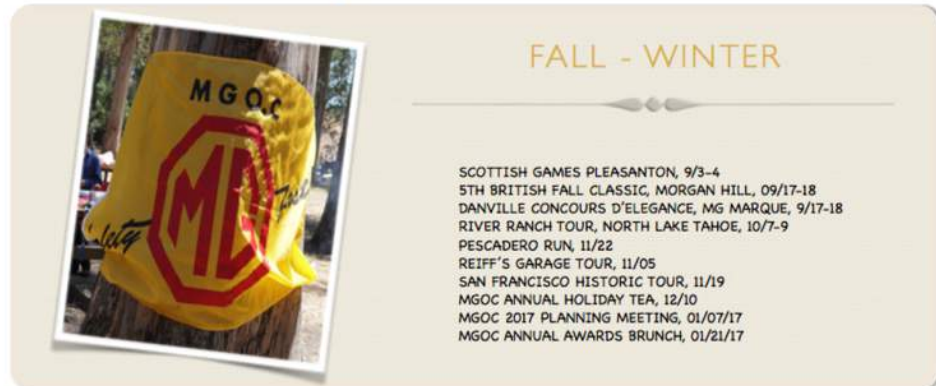
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Date: Saturday - Sunday, September 17 -18, 2016

Sponsor: Bill and Mary Hiland, *On the Road Again Classics*

Saturday:

12:00-3:30pm: Tour meets at Butterfield Blvd CalTrain Station parking lot, please arrive at 12pm for sign-in!

4:00 pm - Wine reception hosted by show sponsor, *On the Road Again Classics*, 16840 Joleen Way Unit G4, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 The reception is for registered car show participants. (Doors open at 3:30 pm for show registration.) Note: facility will be closed until 3:30 pm sharp.

Dinner: Please support our Title Sponsor Ladera Grill (reservations required) www.laderagrill.com or any of the other fine restaurants in downtown Morgan Hill.

Sunday:

8:00 am -10:00 am: Cars arrive at the corner of E 2nd Street and Depot in downtown Morgan Hill for staging

10:00 am-3:30 pm: Public viewing of the cars

Lunch On your own at Ladera Grill or several of the local restaurants.

2:30 pm-3:30pm Awards/Closing

Registration Form LINK

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Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon



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"Now it even handles like a Porsche"

- Dan Neu

"OH NO! We forgot the toilet paper!"

- Saul Klein (MG Car Club Florida)

"Did I forget anything?"

- Richard Butler

"Where do the clean underwear go?"

"DUCT TAPE! I don't see Duct Tape — Can't leave without it"

- Kirk Prentiss

"Where did I put the kitchen sink?"

- Jim Carlson

"DID I FORGET ANYTHING?"

- Steve Kellogg

"I just can't find the kitchen sink!"

- Amy Prentiss

"Just a few more spares and my tools - and we're ready to go!"

- Dan Shockey

Your computer has a virus, its called Windows ..."

- Keith Schukait

"Shoot! Forgot the kitchen sink!"

- Bob Stine

"Dear, did you bring the spare?"

- Ken Bottini

"So where's the kitchen sink gonna go?"

- Jim Lucas

"Owner is a Boy Scout ..."

- Mike Sullivan

"I'm pretty certain there is a Pokémon in there!"

- Samantha Lee

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

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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

TOM DOYLE



Believe it or not I found my 1976 MGB in *The Octagon*! Back in March of 2012 I was thumbing through the Octagon and noticed a former member from Hercules was selling a 1976 MGB for \$2,000. So I took a chance and ventured out to Hercules one day and took a look at it. It started but it had a faded interior to go along with sun bleached paint job. I offered the owner substantially less for the car which was accepted. My goal was to use it for parts or if it was in good enough shape to flip it. I ended up doing neither. At the time I had a 1978 MG and I ended up selling it to a man in Florida in 2013. So I sunk the proceeds from the sale of the 1978 into the 1976 and after a two year of restoration the tired old MG came out in grand fashion.

In 2014, I wrote up an article for the SF Chronicle "My Ride" feature about the restoration of my 1976 MGB. Coincidentally, and it was published (<http://www.sfgate.com/cars/myride/article/Showing-Giants-pride-with-MGB-Roadster-5825706.php>) on 17 Oct 2014 which was the day after the SF Giants won the National League pennant. I have entered the MG in a number of Northern California car shows and it consistently places. So I guess folks like what I have done to that tired old 1976 MG that I bought in 2012 and it doesn't hurt that the SF Giants have won a few (3) World Series recently. Let's Go Giants!



MGB

- year of manufacture: May 1976
- engine number: 18V802AE-L2889
- chassis number: GHN5UG406079G
- color: Vermilion (orange)
- interior color: Black
- modifications: 15"x7" Aluminum Panasport racing hubs, high performance aluminum radiator with electric fan, radio/CD/stereo

