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Newsletter of the M.G. Owners Club
The Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club



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**St. Patricks Day Tour led by Marla & Andy Preston
Rainbow over the Bay blesses participants
Photos by Pam Shukait**

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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 subgroup 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 at an event known as the "Natter and Noggin" in the style of English clubs. *The Octagon*, our newsletter, is published monthly by the MG Owners Club. Opinions expressed in *The Octagon* are not necessarily those of the MGOC, its members, or Board of Directors.

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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 magnut_dan@hotmail.com or send them to: Dan Shockey, 10 Willis Rd., Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? The club roster is available from Steve Kellogg upon request.

MGOCSE.ORG

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

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San Juan Bautista Tour



Start: Starbucks in Safeway at
6477 Almaden Expressway (at
Camden) San Jose.

Meet at 10:00am to sign in.

Depart at 10:30am



Saturday, April 21

Backroads Tour through Three Valleys

Lunch at Jardine's in San Juan Bautista

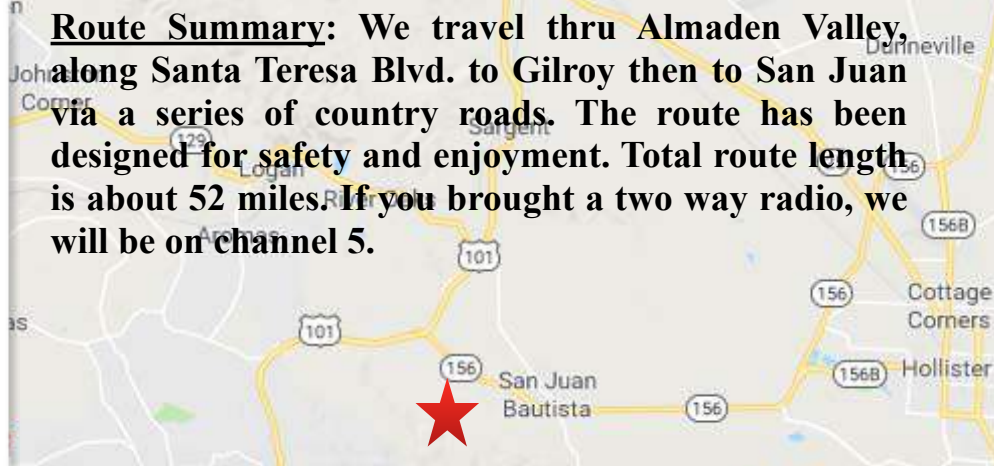
Departs from Almaden Expy. in South San Jose

Organizer: Dave Marsh, (650) 964-2341

RSVP by April 21 so reservations can be made at Jardines!



Route Summary: We travel thru Almaden Valley, along Santa Teresa Blvd. to Gilroy then to San Juan via a series of country roads. The route has been designed for safety and enjoyment. Total route length is about 52 miles. If you brought a two way radio, we will be on channel 5.



From the Editor

It is Spring! My allergies confirm it. We don't normally get Spring Fever here like I remember in the Midwest. (Hay Fever, yes!) Perhaps that is where the April Fools come from. My poor PA has been on ramps for weeks now while I fought off a series of flu, allergies and more flu. I can hardly use the term "progress."

We are into the spring driving season however, ready or not! The opportunity to do the track tour on April 7 came up on short notice. We also have a tour south of San Jose on April 21. I missed the St. Patrick's Day Tour. By the reports and photos, it appears a big success. Thanks to Andy and Marla.

March 29, 2018



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MGs by the Bay is coming soon as well. Be sure to get that in your calendar. We hope to avoid all the conflicts we encountered for the early June date. But the Rough Riders have their spring trip to the Sierras our weekend in May.

I am behind on everything after missing several days of work and having no energy or enthusiasm for anything. I wondered how I would be able to do this newsletter.

I am tentatively planning a driving trip to the Midwest on my sabbatical in June and July. I'd like to tow the PA for the GOF (Central) in Wisconsin. "Miles to go before I sleep." I can't work those long hours anymore...

Hope to see you soon. Happy trails.... **Dan**



Still waiting. But note new side screens, new tires & wheels, new wooden tool box, new luggage rack, ... Shockey Photo.

See MG Club members racing!

More info next page



Classic Sports Racing Group - Vintage Racing Since 1968



When: Saturday April 7 - Track opens at 8am

What: All-MG Club Corral in Paddock

Parade Laps (slow speed) at noon: No helmets required

Costs: \$12 per adult for entry (\$20 weekend pass). Seniors (65 up) Free!
Children 12 and under free! Students Free! Veterans Free!

Limited number of free entry tickets available. Sign up early!

Parade Laps: \$25 per car separate donation fee

Sign-Up: Dan Shockey, magnut_dan@hotmail.com, 309-696-0803

CSRG David Love Memorial Races, April 7-8, Sonoma Raceway

For the spectator this is a chance to do a little time travel back to the '50s, '60s & early '70s to see the evolution of race car design & development in the wonderful environment of the Sonoma wine country. Bring a picnic or enjoy the excellent food and craft beer and wine that are available in the paddock.

The event is intended to be a family affair and children are enthusiastically welcomed. High school and college students as well as vets are admitted free with appropriate ID. You will find that the competitors are more than willing to put kids in their cars and let them try them on for size.

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What You Need to Know:

There are 8-9 Race Groups, most containing two to three classes of cars. The Saturday and Sunday schedules are more or less identical. There are 7-9 groups qualifying on Saturday morning, followed by 8 groups of races that start @ 11AM. On Sunday, instead of the morning qualifying, there's a race for each group, followed by afternoon races for each group.

Please engage the competitors in the paddock---unless of course they are about to go out on the track. The competitors love to talk about their cars.

Earplugs are not a requirement, though they are recommended, particularly for young children.

There will be an abundance and variety of food available for purchase in the paddock at the Race Track Café (near the main entrance). There is covered seating as well.

Bathrooms are available in a number of places in the paddock.

Though the paddock is where most tend to gather, you can drive the perimeter of the track and park at whatever corner you wish.

Admission tickets will be available for purchase at the gate.

Pets are allowed but they must be on a leash at all times. You are legally responsible if your pet harms anyone or anything on the premises.



President's Ponderings

How does the saying go? "Neither rain, nor sleet nor snow will stop the mail from being delivered" or something like that. Well Don Livingood drove down from Medford Oregon in his MGB GT through rain, sleet and snow to join us on the St. Paddy's Day Tour. He even showed me a photo of his car covered in the white stuff. **Well done Don** and it just goes to show how reliable these little cars can be although in all honesty I don't think they came with a V6! Read more about the tour later on in this issue.

April is turning out to be a busy month with lots of activities planned and going on.

First of all thanks to Shock we have the track tour and Vintage car races at Sears Pt. on April 7th. One of our members Chris Patterson will be racing his red MGB car #33 so look out for him on the track and in the pits. Also our very good friend Bill Angeloni will be there with his ivory MG TF 1500 which will be driven by Joe Huffaker Jr who also works on the car. Joe recently rebuilt the engine and believe it or not it's now pushing out well over 100 BHP from the stock XPEG engine. The car races between 4000-6000 rpm all the time while on the track but don't try this with your own car or else you'll probably blow up your engine. For more information see the flyer in this issue and remember that Dan has free tickets for entry to the track.

The next weekend on April 14th we have the delicious All American breakfast at Nations in El Cerrito and our Club Meeting. The main topic of conversation will be the upcoming MGs by the Bay car show on May 6th so if you want to get more involved or just say hello we'd love to see you there.

On following weekend April 21st we have the San Juan Bautista Tour led by Dave Marsh. This is a lovely area especially at this time of year and will be driving along the backroads through Three Valleys. Marla loves this historic Mission City so we plan on driving down and joining in the fun so we hope to see you as well. For more information see the flyer in this issue.

Time is closing in on our Signature Event MGs by the Bay so you can register online or fill out the registration form in this issue. Remember it's only a month away on May 6th and we have lots of awards.

See you at the track. Take care and drive safely,

Andy

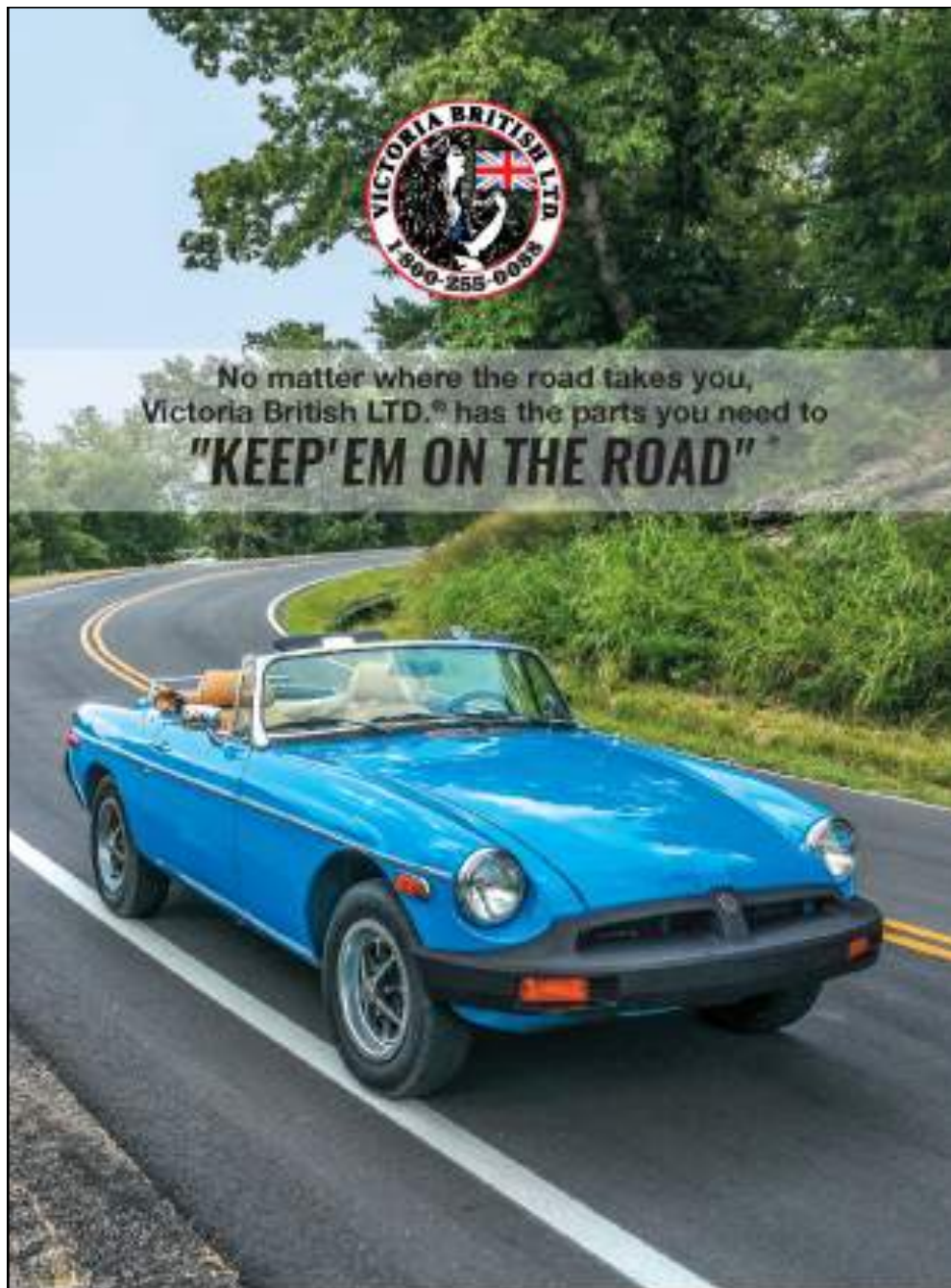




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Tom Smith and his lovely Birthday Present at left. Photo from Tom.



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New Members

Welcome Hays Englehart of Moraga with a 1973 MGB Roadster with an OD.

Welcome Lisa Severson and Chuck of South Lake Tahoe with a 1954 MGTF, off frame restoration and a 1959 MGA undergoing a full restoration! (They hope they'll be drivable by September's GoF West 2018. See article page 20.)

Welcome Thomas Smith of Petaluma with a 1951 MGTD. His story:

A little history on me and my TD. At the age of 17 in 1963, I purchased my first TD... costing \$175. I drove that car until I went into the service in 1966.

On my seventieth birthday, two years ago, I found this little 1951 TD in Memphis, Tennessee. It was my goal to acquire one that was completely done over and this had been.....a ground up, approx 2002.

Although it's a little harder to get into than when I was 17..... the great feelings of my youth and wonderful times is still there! I can just sit and look at her for hours ... what beauty. I will send some pic's also.

Thank you for your interest...all my best,

Tom Smith, Petaluma, CA.

Welcome to the MG Owners Club!

The 25th Annual:

MGs by the Bay!

Sunday May 6, 2018

at the Danville Livery

400 Sycamore Valley Rd, Danville, Just West of I-680



Peoples Choice Awards - Restaurants on Site
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Free Entry & Parking for Spectators
\$25 Entry Fee in Advance - \$30 day of event
Register by Mail or On-Line - MGOCSF.org



Announcing the 25th Annual
MGs by the Bay

Sunday May 6, 2018 at The Livery in Danville

400 Sycamore Valley Road, Danville, 94526 – One block west from the I-680 exit



All MGs are welcome, from daily drivers to complete restorations. Advance registration is \$25 (\$30 on the day of the show). Additional cars registered to the same owner are \$10 each. Event T-shirts are \$10 and must be pre-ordered. The deadline for advanced registration and pre-ordering T-shirts is April 21.



The show starts at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine, and awards are presented at 2 p.m. Popular vote judging, with awards for People's Choice, Best Daily Driver, Most Customized, and others. The class awards are determined by the number of cars registered.

Return the form below with the entry fee, or fill it out and pay online at www.MGOCSF.org. One form is required for each MG.

Mail before May 1, 2018 to:

MGs by the Bay
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 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip code: _____
 Email address: _____
 Daytime phone: () _____

MG model: _____ Year: _____
 Body style: q Coupe q Roadster
 q Saloon q Race car
 q Other: _____

Car color: _____

T-shirt size: q M q L q XL q XXL

T-shirts are \$10 each. There will only be a limited number of shirts available at the show.

Short description of your car: _____

Has this car ever won First in Class at *MGs by the Bay*? q Yes

Release: Neither I nor my heirs will hold the MG Owners Club or The Danville Livery Shopping Center liable for any loss, damage, or injury done to me, my party, or my vehicle, while engaged in this event or traveling to and from this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



MG SA in Hollywood
from the *Wall Street
Journal*
(Story page 21)

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Rebuilt TD in BRG
Ad page 6

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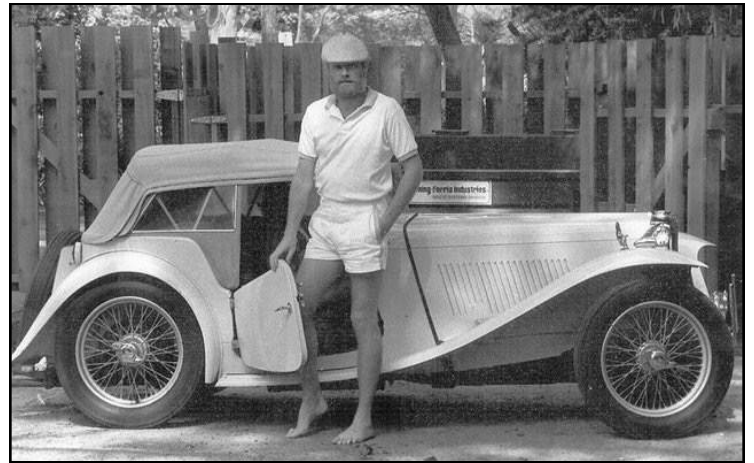
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Friendship Day 2018

This is our 43rd Friendship Day Event
Sunday May 20, 2018

This year Friendship Day will be held at #3 Lagoon Dr. At Redwood Shores, between Oracle and The Pullman Hotel East of Hwy 101 at the Marine Parkway. Take Belmont (Ralston Ave. exit) or San Carlos (Holly St. exit). Parking for 400+ cars, trucks, trailers & motorcycles plus a lawn area with shade trees for picnicking. Walkways go along the lagoon. Complimentary coffee and donuts for early arrivals. Food & drinks will be available, catered by "The Canyon Inn". Enjoy the Informational booths, Goodie bags and Door prizes! Gates open at 8 AM with the usual \$15. fee. (includes the goodie bag with dash plaque and door prize ticket For the 1st 400 entries)



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You are invited to bring a card table and information about your club.

Friendship Day brings car clubs,
collectors and hobbyists together.



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ALL BRITISH MOTORING SHOW AND SWAP MEET



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May 20, 2018
Dixon Fairgrounds

This amazing show, held on the site of the Dixon fairgrounds, is a fantastic place to see and be seen with all forms of British cars and motorbikes! Stroll the grounds and bond with your fellow enthusiasts, as you peruse the finest offerings of British motoring. And you don't need to be a secret agent to find what you need in our swap meet, filled with all sorts of new and used parts, cars and accessories. So keep up the British end and register your vehicle now to join the largest gathering of British motoring in Northern California.

Pre-Registration closes on May 3rd. Make sure to register by then to save on the registration price and to assure there are enough cars in your class to get your own trophies!



A British Motor Vehicle Tradition **Participants' Choice Awards**

All entries will receive a dash plaque, goody bag and a ballot for voting in the Participants' Choice Awards. This is a show for the pleasure and company of others who share your interest in vintage British machinery. Judging is by popular vote of your peers, each of whom has a vehicle entered in the show. Each entrant receives one ballot and may cast one vote per class. There have been over 35 classes at past shows and classes will again be determined by preregistered vehicles. Three or more of the same vehicle type make a competition class, not including the Winners' Circle entrants. Based on early registration results, classes are created for each major marque, and certain subdivisions within marques. Where there are not sufficient early entries to justify a separate class, entries will be grouped by type of vehicle.

Vendors and participants set up at 7:00 AM. Gates open to the public at 8:00 AM. Final registration: 10:00 AM. Voting closes at 12:00 PM. Awards Presentation: 1:30 PM. This is not a "concours" but a chance for British vehicle lovers to get together, display their vehicles and have a good time. Any vehicle could go home with a trophy. So bring your British "ride" and enjoy the camaraderie!

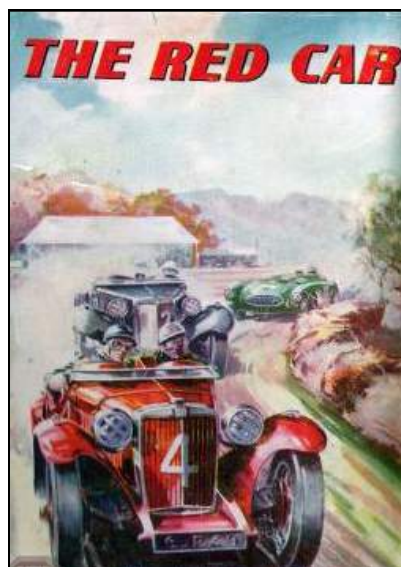
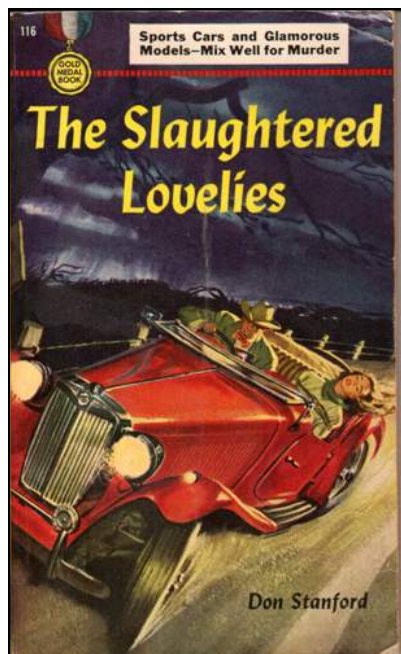
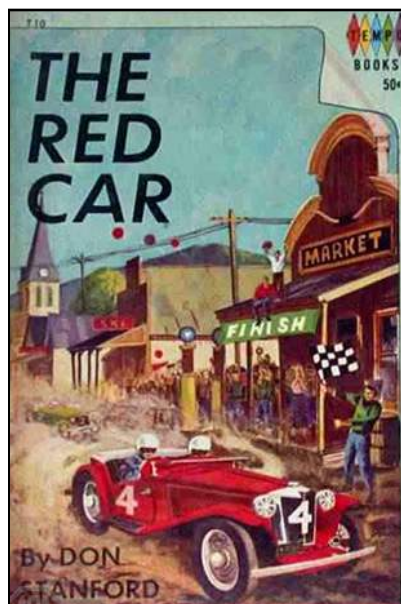
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From Sacramento: Take I-80 West to exit 66A to merge onto CA-113 South toward Dixon/Currey Rd. Stay on 113 South (which becomes First Street) for 2 miles and enter at the marked gate on the left.

From the Bay Area: Take I-80 East toward Sacramento and take exit 63 - Dixon Ave. and go east on West A Street for 2.2 miles. Go right on North First Street for 2 miles and enter at the marked gate on the left.



Free visitor parking is available across the street from the event.



The Annual All British Motoring Show and Swap Meet - May 20, 2018

Participants' Choice Awards:

As described on the reverse side of this flyer

Judge's Choice Award:

One vehicle will be chosen as best of show!

Special "Winners' Circle" class for previous year's winners:

First place class winners from last year's show will be featured in a special Winners' Circle area and compete against each other for the Best of the Best. This also provides an opportunity for other vehicles to win a trophy in their individual classes.

Entry Details: FREE admission to the public

Vehicle (car or motorcycle)

Show Pre-Entry: \$30.00

(Or \$40.00 day of event for each vehicle)

- ☐ Dash plaques to all entrants
- ☐ Great goodie bags
- ☐ Free raffle ticket for every entry

Swap Meet Space:

Private Parties - \$15.00 Pre-entry

(Or \$20 day of the event)

Business vendors - \$30.00

Food vendors - \$30.00

Swap meet includes new & used parts

Everyone will enjoy:

- ☐ Food and drinks on site
- ☐ A variety of vehicle club displays
- ☐ Large selection of raffle items to win. Tickets available for purchase at the UBSCC club booth.

For more information or to download forms or register on-line, go to: WWW.UBSCC.ORG

or call: (916) 761-2626 or (916) 332-9129

Vendors and participants set up at 7:00 AM. Gates open to the public at 8:00 AM.

Final entry and registration: 10:00 AM. Awards presentation: 1:30 PM.

British motorcycles and race cars are welcome! - Show held rain or shine

Detach here

Detach here

2018 Event Registration and Order Form

Circle Choices:

Vehicle Entry

\$30 each vehicle

Swap Meet

\$15 per space

Business Vendors

\$30 per space

Food Vendors

\$30 per space

Place the total of these amounts onto the entry fees line at the bottom of the form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Club Affiliation(s) _____

Vehicle 1: _____

Year: _____ Marque: _____ Model: _____ Body Type: _____ Color: _____

Vehicle 2: _____

**\$ Save \$ on the Show!
Pre-register by May 3rd!**

Commemorative Shirts

with double-sided art featuring the show logo, are available through pre-orders until May 3rd.

A limited number will be available the day of the show. Please indicate size, color and quantity on this registration form.

Shirt price is not included with entry fee. Shirts not picked up the day of the event become property of the UBSCC.

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Short sleeved		Kiwi Green, Classic Pink		2 _____	\$ _____
feminine neckline				1 _____	\$ _____
Polo shirts	S-2XL	White, Light Stone,	\$32	1 _____	\$ _____
		Ultramarine Blue, Mint Green		2 _____	\$ _____
Sweatshirts:	S-2XL	Carolina Blue, Light Pink	\$30	1 _____	\$ _____
Crew Neck				2 _____	\$ _____
Sweatshirts:	S-2XL	Carolina Blue, Light Pink	\$40	1 _____	\$ _____
zipped, hooded				2 _____	\$ _____

Entry Fees: (see entry details) \$ _____ Total Paid: (entry plus shirts) \$ _____

The deadline for pre-registration and for pre-ordering shirts is May 3rd.

My signature releases: The United British Sports Car Club, its officers and agents; Dixon Fairgrounds, its officers and agents; participating British car clubs, their officers and agents and all other sponsors, directly or indirectly connected with this event, from any liability and/or responsibility for personal and/or property damage caused by me and/or any member of my party.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: UBSCC

Mail to: P.O. Box 161974, Sacramento, CA 95816

Completed entries and checks must be postmarked by May 3rd

Keep Planning for 2018 ...



Don came from Oregon to show off his lit up cap & shirt



SPRING

Vintage Car Races Corral, Sonoma, Sat 4/7
 Club Meeting, Nation's Burgers, Sat 4/14
 Pub Night, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Fri 4/20
 San Juan Bautista Tour, Dave Marsh, Sat 4/21
 SSTS Lenci & Pesek Tour, Sat 4/28
 Club Stuffing Meeting, George's Pub, Sat. 5/5
 MGs by the Bay, Danville, Sun 5/6

I've looked at cows from both sides now



SPRING - SUMMER

Dixon All-British Show & Swap, Sun 5/20
 Friendship Day, Redwood City, Sun 5/20
 Sonoma Historics Festival, Fr-Su 6/1 - 6/3
 Lundberg Studios, Davenport Road House, Hwy 1 Tour, Dave Marsh, Sat. 6/16
 Marin Headlands Tour, Nike Missile Site, John Hunt, Sat. 7/7
 GOF West, South Lake Tahoe, Sept. 10-15.
 Register now at GOFwest.org

Pub Night! April 20

On The Road Again - Morgan Hill

16840 Joleen Way, Unit G4

Our next Pub Night of the season will be Friday, April 20th. Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

Please bring some wine or beer to share and we will provide snacks.

By Bill & Mary Hiland



St. Paddy's Day Tour

Andy Preston

I don't think it rained at all in February but March brought on the spring rains and it rained almost everyday but that didn't deter the MGOC and SSTS members who turned up for this year's St. Paddy's Day tour. In fact I joked "what do you expect this is typical Irish Spring weather".

We had 21 members from both clubs and 13 cars (5 of which were MGs). As we left the parking lot the skies cleared and then the weather couldn't have been more perfect for a St. Paddy's day drive around the spectacular Marin countryside and coastline, sunny and warm.

Before we left the parking lot, Marla handed out green goodie bags with water, green cookies and St. Paddy's day necklaces for everyone. As I noted in my "Ponderings" Don Livingood drove down all the way from Medford, Oregon to join "his favorite Northern California car club".

We all set out from Terra Linda and headed down Lucas Valley Rd and through rural farms to our first stop at the Marin French cheese factory in Nicasio. Here everyone had the chance to take a break and taste and buy some of their wonderful cheeses. I think the gals at the cheese factory were pleased to see us because it had been a quiet day so far due to the weather. They couldn't have been more pleasant and helpful.

Full of cheese we headed out through Chilen Valley and enjoyed spectacular views of hills and valleys as we drove down to CA1 (Shoreline Hwy). In fact the view from the top of Wilson Hill was one of the clearest I've ever seen! We drove along the edge of Tomales Bay enjoying dazzling views as the sun bounced off the bay waters. We finished up at our lunch stop at the Station House Café in Pt. Reyes Station where we enjoyed a wonderful lunch with good service as always.

Next year St. Paddy's Day will be on a Sunday so we hope to see you there.



Damp Gathering. Note the Goodie Bags in the GT. Thanks to Marla. Photo: Mike Jacobsen



"And feather canyons everywhere
I've looked at clouds that way

"But now they only block the sun
They rain and snow on everyone"

Both Sides Now, by Joni Mitchell

Left photo: Pam Shukait

Photos top and bottom: Andy Preston,



Remembering Ken Smith, “the Dali Lama of MG”

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of another great member of our hobby, Ken Smith. Ken was active with NAMGBR and the MGB Driver Magazine. He also served as editor for Classic MG Magazine.

Along with his wife, Barby, Ken shared his passion for the MG Marque throughout the world for most of his 80+ years on earth. Ken worked at Moss Motors for 25 years and, with Barby at his side, traveled across the country for many years supporting British car events and representing Moss.

Like most of us, his love affair with MGs started at a very early age. As Ken related, “My earliest memories of MGs were as a schoolboy in my hometown of Sheffield, England. On my way home from school I had to change trams and walk a few hundred yards to catch the next one; walking past a car dealer called Charlie Wathen. There I saw all kinds of MGs like J2s, P-Types, SA saloons, VAs and the big magnificent WAs. For me they kindled a fire that has remained bright ever since.”

A 1965 tartan red MGB was Ken’s first foray into the MG brand. Upon joining the local MG Car Club and visiting the Abingdon factory regularly, Ken’s innate ability to make friends with anyone interested in MGs earned him the trust and respect of many of the people building his favorite cars. Ken was befriended by key MG personnel like John Thorley, Syd Enever, Don Hayter and Syd Beer opening a whole new world of access and insight. Ken was so inspired by the cars and the people who produced them that he went on to chronicle their operation in his 1996 book, *Aspects of Abingdon*.

This book, which is now in its second edition, is a tribute to the workers who built the MGB’s, MGC’s and Midgets at the MG factory in Abingdon-on-Thames, based on interviews with those workers.

Ken Smith passed away in early January. His wife, Barby, and his two sons, Trevor and Kevin, were by his side. He will be sadly missed by us all. By Rob Mullner & Others

I remember first meeting Ken at our 2007 MG event in Rohnert Park. Great guy, always had a good word. I always looked forward to seeing them (Ken & Barby) at various regional MG events, I don’t think they missed many. He was truly one of the MG gurus of the world. - John Hunt

The Mossmobile, piloted by Ken & Barby, was at a couple of early MGs at Jack London Square events. That’s when I met Ken. The last time I talked to him was at the Santa Maria GoF that we went to last summer. In two dozen years between those times I saw him at pretty much every major show I attended, and not just on the west coast. - Mike Jacobsen

Classified Ads

Ads are free to MGOC members and \$6.00 per month for non-members. Some ads this month are from other clubs. May be of interest to members:

MGA Disk Wheels: (4) wheels, (4) hub caps and (3) tires. Late 1500 style. Recently replaced. \$140 for all. Member William Charuhas, williamcharuhas@gmail.com, 925-462-1565 (Posted 2/18)



1975 Midget: In storage since 1977. Only 21,000 miles. New tires, top & brake parts. Engine is frozen. Body repainted and has minor damage. Located in Marysville, CA. Non-member George Fisher, 703-232-9175 (Posted 4/18)

Enclosed Trailer for Rent: Enclosed car trailer for rent (16’ x 8’). Trailer has integrated braking system and lights, 12 volt Electric Winch. Reasonable rates. Eric Baker (510) 517-2165

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Call Me “Grease Girl”

by Lisa Severson

I acquired the “A” a few years ago as a total rust bucket. It has a freshly painted frame, rebuilt engine and tranny, and is now a fully finished rolling chassis. I’ve done some bodywork, but I still need to put a lot more time into it. I pretty much have all of the pieces needed for total restoration, but do need to find both front fenders.

The reason I started the “A” project was that my husband’s TF was worn-out and needed a full restoration. Once I got involved in his project, I decided I needed my own to work on.

Chuck (my husband) bought his TF while we were living in Anchorage in the late 80s. We only drove it when temps raised over 70, so back then, it was just a few days a year! In 1995, we moved overseas and put the car in storage. We moved to San Francisco in 2002, where it was my daily driver.

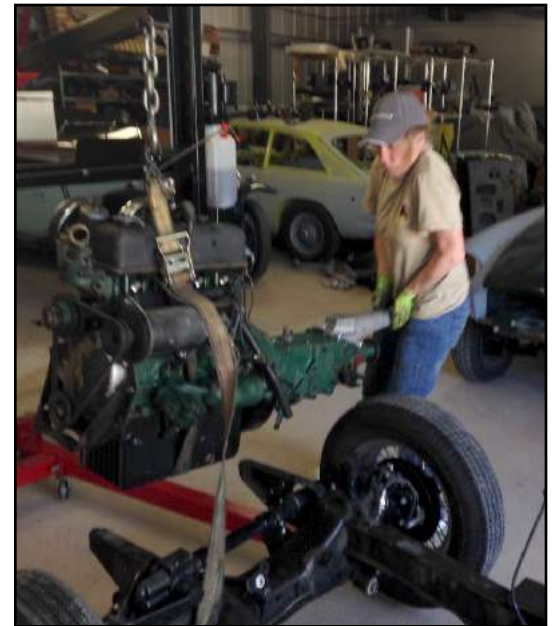
When we moved to Houston in 2010, my husband drove it to work until it basically fell apart due to old age.

We embarked on the road to restoration in 2014 and became friends with a long time restoration enthusiast through Houston’s MG Club. Both cars are now in California.

The above photos helped me earn the name “Grease Girl” by the guys in the Houston MG club.

This is what I started out with. Original paperwork work describes it as a 1959 MGA 1500, glacier blue w/ gray interior and blue top.

Feel free to contact me if you need more information. We look forward to becoming involved in the MG Owners Club. Cheers,



Author Photos





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MG SA in Hollywood

from the *Wall Street Journal*

Jean Clyde Mason, 84, an artist and designer from Los Angeles shares her vintage car, bought in 1963. Jean Clyde Mason's 1937 MG SA, which she calls 'the epitome of fine design.' The car came by boat and my husband picked it up at the dock. He drove home and said, "Come down and see your new car." I was blown away. I was working as an advertising artist and I had graduated UCLA with a design degree. To me, this was the epitome of fine design. My husband put big white-wall tires on it and I thought, this is the most glamorous car I had ever seen.

The car ran beautifully, and I started driving it from our home in the Hollywoodland neighborhood to my advertising job downtown. We had owned English cars, so it did not bother me that the steering wheel was on the right-hand side. One of the things I loved about the MG was how it looked in our neighborhood. Many of the original homes in Hollywoodland were built before World War II, so the car fit right in.

All these years later, I still live in the same house and still drive this car. On Sundays I will drive to the top of the hill near my home and enjoy the view. Then I will drive to the Tam O'Shanter, which is a stylish English restaurant founded in 1922. They let me park in front so people can see the car. I have had a magical life and this car has been a wonderful part of it.

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MGOC Meeting Nosh 'n 'Natter Saturday, April 14



Date: Sat, April 14

9am: Breakfast

10am: Meeting

Nation's Giant Hamburgers

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We look forward to seeing you!

