

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

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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: John Bertolotti and his MGA coupe at the Peninsula Drive and Canepa Car Museum Tour, photo by Mike Jacobsen

February MGOC Meeting

Natter n' Noggin

What:

The first MGOC breakfast meeting! We're trying to increase MGOC member involvement in MGOC planning by having breakfast meetings at alternating locations every other month (vs. having all meetings weekday evenings at The Englander in San Leandro). In February we'll hold our first breakfast meeting at Mimi's Restaurant in Foster City, so come and join us for a chance to discuss upcoming events, organize new events, share technical issues and possible solutions, and most importantly socialize with your fellow MGOC members.

When:

February 9, 2013, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
 (Breakfast 9 AM to 9:30 AM... meeting 9:30 AM to 10 AM)

Where:

Mimi's Café at 2208 Bridgepointe Pkwy, Foster City, CA 94404
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Four painted wire wheels. Ran true and smoothly when last on my '61 A (in '2004) – stored since then. A couple will need some touch-up paint, otherwise fine. Michelin radials, functional with good tread, minor sidewall cracks. \$350 or best offer. Please contact: Mark Lange, mark@marklange.org or 415-297-3456.



MGA transmission from a '61. Operated perfectly when I took it out of the car in 2002 (converted to a 5-speed). \$250 or best offer. Please contact: Mark Lange, mark@marklange.org or 415-297-3456.



Wanted:

Electrical Help: I am new to the world of MG, and am in the process of improving a 1959 MGA Roadster. I have replaced the wiring harness and need the expertise of someone with electrical know how to help me make sure I do not burn anything up when I put a battery to it. I will pay for their time and knowledge. Can you help me? I live in Walnut Creek. Contact Harry at 925-934-4973 or TipTot@astound.net.

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

MG TF Part: One rear spring for a MG TF, original type preferred. Contact Member Andy at 707-795-3480 or andypreston@sbcglobal.net.

4-5 Chrome Spoke Wheels for MGB (14"-15" in good shape) / 1976 MGB Dashboard: Contact Member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at wtdoyle@cox.net.

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Direct all questions about advertising to Mike Jacobsen at 415-333-9699 or MikesMuseum@yahoo.com. 2012 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*.

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 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? Bob Stine is in charge of new member recruitment and can send you flyers. The Club roster is available to members from Mike Jacobsen upon request.

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>.

Forthcoming Events

MGOC Events in bold

- January 12 – **MGOC Annual Planning Meeting**, Center for Excellence in Nonprofits, Redwood Shores, CA, Tim and Molly Polidoroff
- January 25 – **Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, CA, Bill and Mary Hiland, www.ontheroadagainclassics.com
- January 26 – **MGOC Annual Awards Banquet**, Hs. Lordships, Berkeley Marina, CA, George Steneberg and Marcia Crawford
- February 9 – **Club Meeting**, Mimi's Cafe, Foster City, Tim Polidoroff
- February and March Events to be determined at January 12th's MGOC Annual Planning Meeting

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From the Editor...

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear
Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure, measure a year?

In daylight, in sunsets
In midnight, in cups of coffee
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife
In five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure, a year in the life?

Jonathan Larson, Rent

MG

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

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MGA, MGC caliper.....	\$155.00
MGA, Midget twin master 1956-67.....	\$225.00
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How will you measure, measure this coming **MG New Year**? In miles, in fan belts, in quarts of oil? In rallies, in tours, in stately concours? In tech sessions, in club meetings, in holiday greetings? How will you measure this coming **MG New Year**?

New Years typically mean new beginnings with new resolutions. For MG owners, that may mean bringing the MG out more often or finally getting that transmission or brake job done. But, unfortunately, for many of us, New Year's Resolutions are simply a "to do" list for the first week of January. By the second week of January, most of our "gung ho" plans typically fall by the wayside and we are back to being preoccupied with our daily rigmaroles.

Exactly a year ago today, Sam Gearhart challenged us to institute our own "Annual Driver & Mileage Contest." His concept was intended to be nothing more than a simple and informal way for us to increase our enjoyment of owning MGs. In other words, he simply wanted us to just get out there and drive our MGs. His concept was simple, "just log your miles driven and report them back to him."

My variation of Sam's challenge is even simpler and I guarantee it will require very little effort on your part as well. Simply, take out your smart phone and take a picture of your odometer. Some of you have already done this, submitted your photos, and you will find them in the centerfold of this edition of *The Octagon*. If you haven't already done so, no frets. Do it now and we will spot you 10 or more miles. Then, on the last day of the year, on exactly December 31, 2013 at 11:59 p.m., take out your smart phone a second time and take another picture of your odometer. Then enter octagoneditor@mgocsf.org and hit "Send," Shazam, done! Now how easy was that?

If for some reason you are in the 0.0001% of people who do not yet have a smart phone (and you know who you are ...) Just send me the number. E-mail, snail mail, land line phone, whatever. Piece of cake. Simple as pie. Slam-dunk. Walk in the park. Don't worry about the math either. Assuming your odometer works, my daughter, Samantha (11 year old) will do all the calculations. She has straight A's in Math. Now, given that the MGOC has 253 members, it may take her a day or two. So please try and be prompt when sending in your photos or numbers. We'll be waiting ... and maybe, just maybe, there may even be an Award at next year's Annual Awards Banquet for logging the most MG miles in this coming **MG New Year ...**

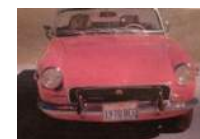
Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- will start tutoring Stephanie (7 years old) in long subtraction, as a backup



'70 MGB. Widow selling "well taken care of" MGB of her deceased husband. Contact Mary at 510-538-3878.



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.



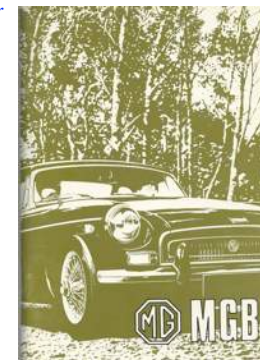
Parts for Sale:

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.

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.

Weber Downdraft Carburetor: Fits MGBs, asking \$150, Contact member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at wtdoyle@cox.net.

Two (2) 1969, 1970, 1971 MGB "Official Driver's Handbooks". Both are in "new/unused" condition. The discounted MGOC Member cost is \$10/handbook. FYI, these manuals were donated to the MGOC by Suzy Savage (Thanks Suzy!) and the sale proceeds will be used to support club activities. To purchase one (or both) manuals please contact David Wright at 510-653-3831. If these manuals are not purchased by an MGOC club member they'll be offered for sale at a later date on Ebay where they currently sell for \$14.95 http://www.ebay.com/itm/1969-1970-1971-MG-MGB-US-Official-Drivers-Handbook-Tourer-GT-/121008395014?pt=Motors_Manuals_Literature&hash=item1c2ca99306&vxp=mtr



Classified Ads

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

Cars for Sale:

1952 MGTD Time to let go of my first car—same owner since 1968. Asking \$21K. This yellow bird has been garaged for the last 44 years, has no rust and just over 69K original miles, original engine. Recent mechanical work: valve job; new fuel pump; brake hoses, speedometer and front suspension arm replaced. Top is in very good shape, side curtains are somewhat foggy. Tires, tuck & roll black leather upholstery, paint, front & rear bumpers all new about two years ago—only driven 160 miles since then. (Needs exhaust system.) More pictures available—email bijou20@pacbell.net or call BJ at 415.399.1310



1976 MGB with over drive needs a new home. No time to care for properly. This was former member Gary Lukey's car. Maintained by Baroo in Albany. Not currently licensed. Top replaced in 2009, seats as well. Newer metal fuel pump. Asking \$2,000 or best offer. Transmission is worth \$1800. Need the space for my Jag. Photos available. Contact Lanny Clark at 510-410-7572 or lannyclark@aol.com.

1967 MGB with overdrive. Original owner, has all maintenance records, Bay Area car since new. 121K original miles and less than 2K miles since full mechanical rebuild. Excellent condition. Looking for owner that will continue to give it TLC. Asking \$15K OBO. Contact Stephen at 415-722-0556 or sdhom@sbcglobal.net.



1978 MGB Roadster. Maroon with beige interior. Vehicle has 43,000 original miles. 1800cc engine with Stromberg carburetor and 4-speed manual with electronic overdrive. Soft-top with two tonneaus. AM/FM/CD stereo with removable face, remote control and MP3 interface. Luggage rack, new tires, many extras. Currently registered in California. Asking \$10,500. Contact Member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at wtdoyle@cox.net.

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

'64/'65 MGB Roadster Project Car. Up on blocks for 8 years and in DNO status. It doesn't look bad, but does have issues. Other photos are available and we welcome inquiries. In Livermore, CA Contact Wes Nelson at 925-447-4393 or WESNEL@ATT.NET.



President's Ponderings ...

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!

2012 was a busy year for MGOC—with many good tours, several interesting and informative tech sessions, a great MGs by the Bay and other special events. All of these events were possible because of the many volunteers in the club who gave of their time and effort.

MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL!!!!

Speaking of volunteering I hope you all have marked your calendar for Saturday January 12, 2013 and are coming to the planning meeting with ideas for the coming year. (See time and place in this edition of *The Octagon*)

The Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 26, 2013 will again be held at Hs. Lordships in Berkeley. (See flyer in this edition of *The Octagon*) This has become a popular event with good food, good friends and a few good surprises or two in the Awards area. At the Banquet, it will be my pleasure to install the new officers for 2013. As you know, I will be stepping down. We hope that our newly elected President, Tim Polidoroff, will be able to attend. Rumor has it, he may have run off to Egypt for a short visit to assist with the ongoing Middle-East Peace Negotiations. Our newly elected vice-president Steve Kellogg and our ever diligent Treasurer Mike Jacobsen will also be installed at this time. I hope to see you all there.

Thanks for a good year.

George Steneberg



Still looking for those cufflinks

Photo by Mike Jacobsen

Green Party

By Mike Jacobsen

I just got back from a party at the home of some friends. To say that my friends are "green" is an understatement. Their home has solar panels that produce a surplus of electricity they sell back to the local utility company, rainwater catchment barrels that provide irrigation water for their extensive vegetable garden, landscaping designed to keep the house cool in the summer, and on and on. She drives a hybrid car, while he has one of the most fuel-efficient gasoline cars available, but they bicycle to as many places as they can. Their party is an annual affair, and the guests are a like-minded bunch, save one – me. I was invited because my MGA lives in their garage.



I haven't been able to attend the party for many years, as it's usually the same day as an annual party in my family. But this year the events were on different weekends, so I could attend both. I was a little leery of going to my friends' party, since everyone would see the (a car buffet is set up in the driveway, with the garage door open) and I would be identified as the owner. I was worried that an MGA, with a carbon footprint the size of Rhode Island, wouldn't be well-received by the other

carrying a potluck dish walked by as I was retrieving my dish from the trunk. "Looks like we're going to the same party," I said, and she agreed. Remembering that the MGA needed new windshield wiper blades, I had brought a pair with me, and took those out with my dish.

"What are those?" she asked.

"Windshield wiper blades. I need to change them."

"Now?"

"Yeah, it seemed like a good opportunity," I replied, and began walking toward the house.

Then it dawned on me. "Oh, these are for the car in the garage, not this car here." That made all the difference.

"Oh, is the cute little car in their garage yours?"

And so it went. I met people that had owned an MG or Triumph or even a TVR in one case. One fellow told me that he still had his Morris Traveller tucked in a corner of his garage. A neighbor from down the street had a Midget that he'd converted to



guests.

I considered making the 30-odd mile trip via train and bicycle to better fit in and establish some credibility, but then I realized that if I did that, I wouldn't get home until about midnight. So I caved in and drove my daily driver. I parked down the street, but my first indication of how the evening would go came as soon as I arrived. A lady

battery power. Nobody cared that the MGA would register as a gross polluter in a modern emissions test. They all thought it was cute and told me stories of cars they'd had that were like it. My worries of being tarred and feathered were unfounded.

It just goes to show that a Little British Car is an ambassador of goodwill everywhere, even among hyper-milers and bicycle advocates.

- text.
- Publicity – Ken Gittings suggested that the club needs to get MGs by the Bay 2013 on the calendars of other clubs and various publications. Mike & Tim will handle that.
- At Craig's request, George will inventory the supplies for MGs by the Bay.

New Business

Election Results – George reported that four ballots were received. Tim Polidoroff was elected President, Steve Kellogg Vice-President, and Mike Jacobsen Treasurer.

Next Meeting and Natter

Saturday, February 9, 2013 at a site and time to be listed in the January, 2013 *Octagon*. The Annual Brunch doubles as the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm
Submitted by Marcia Crawford

MGOC ODOMETERS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2013



76,154: Don Davis, '52 TD

62,144 + 810 (reset): David and Dolores Olson



69,672: Bud Alderson



100,000 + 00,000 (some time ago):
Mike Jacobsen and Elaine Chan, '58 ZB Vartone

8,166: Steve and Vicky Kellogg, '55 TF1500



9,658: Tim and Molly Polidoroff, '52 TD



100,000 + 84,079: Bob Stine, '68 MGB



69,083: Jim Carlson, '74 MGB GT



100,000 + 58,093: John and Sharon Hunt, '71 MGB GT



9,495 + 70,855: Andy and Marla Preston, '67 MGB



85,243: Rick Harvie and Marja van den Hende, '54 TF

26,392: Steve and Vicky Kellogg, '73 MGB

MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2012

President George Steneberg called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Also attending were Stephen Born, Marcia Crawford, Ken Gittings, Craig & Kim Kuenzinger, Mike Jacobsen, Brian Linke, Tim Polidoroff, Suzy Savage, and Bob & Edie Shaheen.

The Thursday, November 8, 2012 minutes were approved as printed in the December *Octagon*.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: A slightly lower balance this month due to the cost of hosting of the website. Still missing receipts from Jeremy Palgon for the printing of *The Octagon* since May, estimated at \$750.00 to \$800.00.

Registrar's Report: The MGOC membership stands at 183 regular, 55 auxiliary, 12 corresponding, and 3 associate for a total of 253 members. There were three late renewals.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Regalia: David Wright was unable to attend because of illness.

The Octagon: Felix Lee was unable to attend but sent the following:

- Requests for submissions to *The Octagon*.
- Needs transmission article from Tim.
- Needs President's Ponderings ASAP.
- Requests odometer reading photos from members as suggested by Past President Sam Gearhart.
- The January 2013 *Octagon* will be one day late due to holiday travel.

Website: Steve Kellogg was unable to attend but sent a message that he's implemented a system where members who do not renew and are removed from the list may be reinstated on the website when they renew.

Past Events

Canepa Motorsports Tour: Scotts Valley, November 10 – Tim Polidoroff. A good turnout of approximately 28, great tour of the showroom, museum, and shop, plus a great lunch stop just down the street. A couple of cars ventured over to Half Moon Bay after lunch.

Mt. Diablo Drive: November 24 – John Hunt. Beautiful weather and about 10 people enjoyed the tour and lunch.

Upcoming Events

Holiday Tea: Saturday, December 15 – Marcia Crawford & George Steneberg. The November and December *Octagon* have all the information.

Annual Brunch: Sunday, January 26, 2013 – See the December *Octagon* for all the info. Marcia Crawford and George Steneberg will be taking reservations. Checks should be made out to MGOC. Marcia will coordinate with Felix regarding all the particulars for this event to be in the December and January *Octagon*.

Old Business

Secretary still needed: We are still looking for a qualified secretary.

Bylaws revision: The committee is working on this and hopes to be finished in January with a report following in February. This includes the work on electronic Board voting.

2013 Planning meeting site: The Planning Meeting will be held on January 12 in the Redwood Shores area. Details will be in the January *Octagon*.

MGs by the Bay

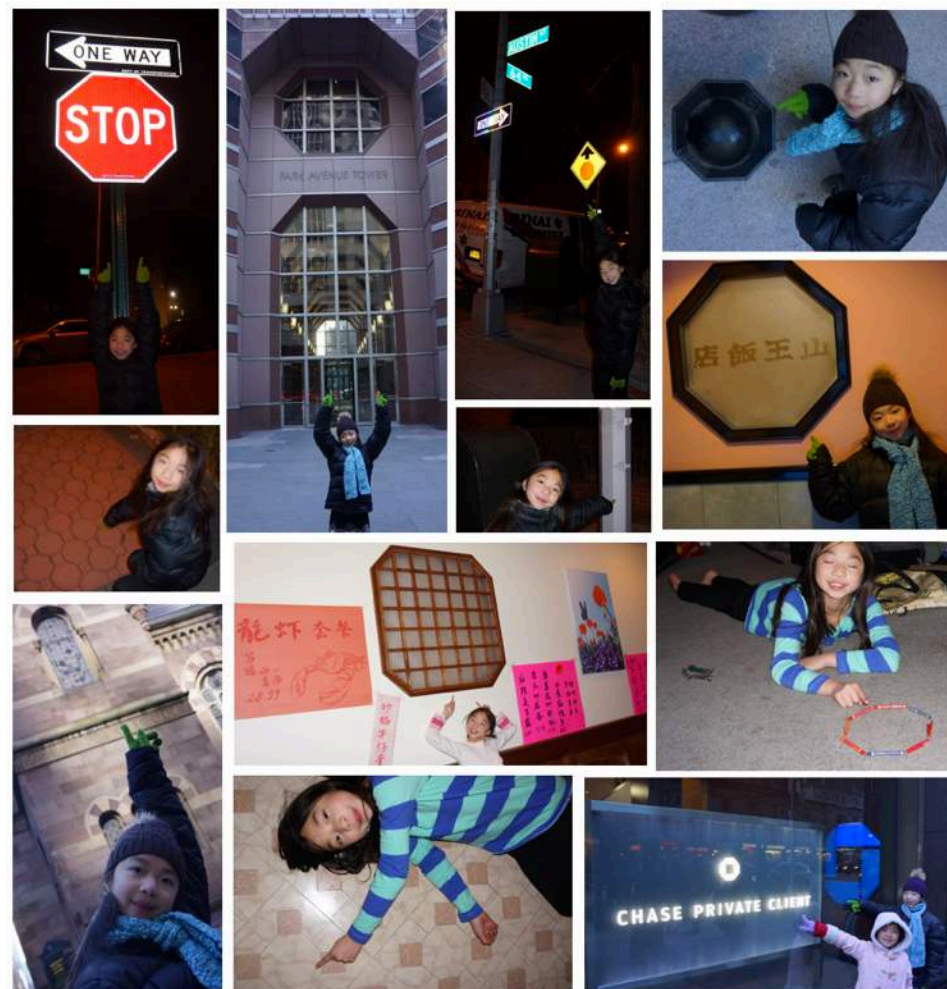
- Show date – Craig reported that Mimi has our date of June 2, 2013 on her calendar.
- Posters – Mike showed a draft event poster with Sam's car at the Livery, and a 20th anniversary draft commemorative poster.

Poster book – Randy Grossman was unable to attend but has a mock-up of the book. Mike will provide the

Octagons in NYC

By Samantha Lee

While vacationing in NYC over the Holidays, I came across several Octagons that reminded me of the MGOC.



Photos by Felix Lee

BURNT SPARK PLUG AWARD



KEN GITTINGS
1992



FELIX WONG
1999



RANDY GROSSMAN
2005



FELIX LEE
2011



CRAIG KUENZINGER
2012



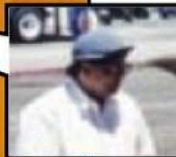
DAVID WRIGHT
1998



MIKE JACOBSEN
2001



PATTI BRENNAN
2002



DANIEL MCCANN
2003



JOHN HUNT
2004

I WONDER
WHO WILL IT BE
IN 2013?

..... TO BE CONTINUED

Photos by Felix Lee



MGOC Annual Awards Banquet



January 26, 2013
11:00 am-3:00 pm

Hs Lordships Restaurant
199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710

\$ 20 / person

You are cordially invited to enjoy the company of fellow club members at an all-you-can-eat buffet Luncheon Banquet. A no-host bar, a delicious and plentiful buffet luncheon and beautiful views of San Francisco Bay (weather permitting)

Come to a full filled afternoon, with many awards, installation of 2013 Club officers and great time visiting with current and new members of MGOC.

PLEASE - Make your reservations by Jan. 15, 2013.

E-Mail your RSVP to: j2george@pacbell.net

Mail your check to:

Marcia Crawford
150 Purdue Ave.
Kensington, CA 94708

Plenty of parking for all the beautiful MG's

Directions: From Highway I-80, exit at University Avenue in Berkeley and head West, towards the bay. If you are approaching from the south, go east on University and then make a legal U-Turn. Stay left on Marina Boulevard. Continue straight until you come to a dead end into the Berkeley Pier. Turn left on Seawall Drive. Hs Lordships is located at the end of the street.

Specific directions from all parts of the Bay area are available at:

<http://www.hslordships.com/directions.html>



MGOC Annual Planning Meeting Saturday, January 12 Redwood Shores



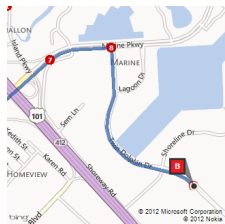
Want to plan a picnic? Have a favorite route for a drive? Need some help on your repair or restoration project? Well, here's your chance to suggest an event for next year's MGOC calendar.

Come to the annual "Planning Meeting" with your ideas for drives, meetings, events, and tech sessions. The Club board will be happy to work with you to make your event a reality.

When: Come at 9:30 am for a coffee and a lite continental breakfast (donuts, muffins, and apple strudel). The meeting will start at 10 AM and will run until noon.

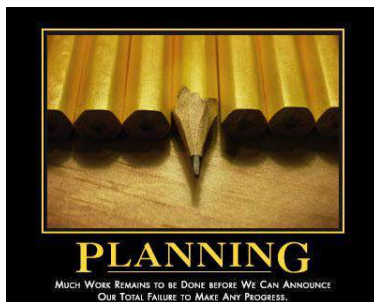
Where: CEN's (the Center for Excellence in Nonprofits) offices at the Sobrato Center for Nonprofits located at 330 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 151 Redwood City.

RSVP: Tim Polidoroff, 650-342-6443, or e-mail polidoroff@comcast.net

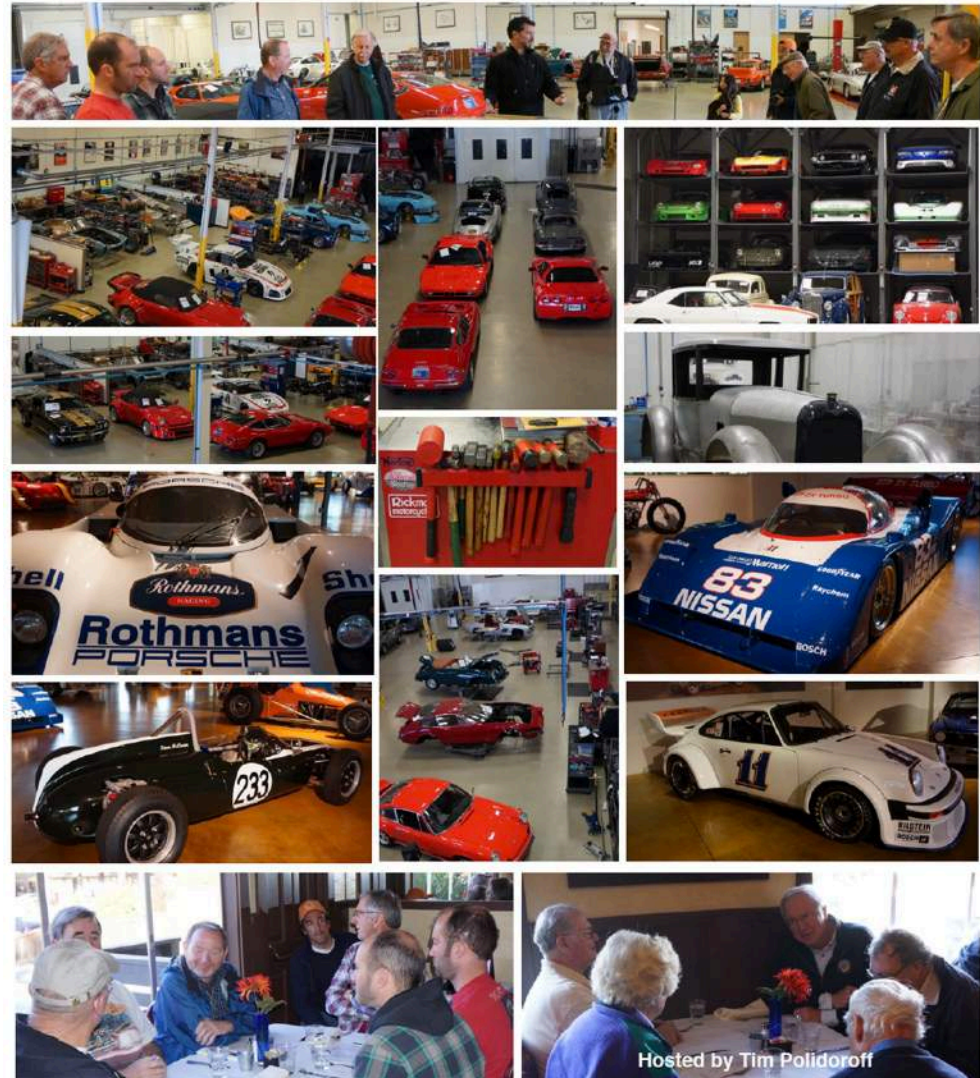


Directions: From San Francisco take US -101 South. From the East Bay take CA-92 West (San Mateo Bridge) to US- 101 South.

1. At exit 412, take ramp right for Ralston Ave toward Marine Parkway 0.3 mi.
2. Turn left onto Ralston Ave 0.3 mi.
3. Road name changes to Marine World Pkwy 0.2 mi
4. Turn right onto Twin Dolphin Dr. 0.7 mi
5. Arrive at 330 Twin Dolphin Dr, Redwood City, CA 94065



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MGOC Holiday Greeting Cards



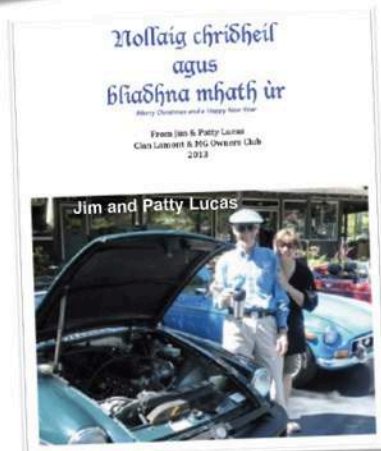
Steve and Vicky Kellogg



Bob and Edie Shaheen



Felix, Kimberly, Samantha and Stephanie Lee



Jim and Patty Lucas



Randy and Melissa Grossman



Jim and Anne Carlson



MGOC Bylaws



The Bylaws Update Committee (Past President Bob Stine, Vice-President Tim Polidoroff, and Treasurer Mike Jacobsen) was organized last month to work on the Constitution and Bylaws, which were originally written in the late 1950s. They've been "patched" from time to time (the last update was in 2006) but they've never been overhauled until now. The committee isn't finished but we thought a status report was in order.

Changes being proposed include:

- Collapsing the four membership categories to two.
- Replacing the tiered fee schedule for new members with a flat rate.
- Specifying the exact composition of the Board.
- Clarifying the rules for authorizing Club expenditures.
- Allowing for electronic meetings in certain circumstances.
- Make club membership open to anyone with an interest in MG automobiles (MG ownership is no longer required).

We plan to have the complete list of revisions available for review in January, followed by an election to vote on the changes. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or comments, contact one of the committee members - contact info is on the inside front cover of *The Octagon*. Watch this space for further information!

NOT TOO LATE

WHAT'S ON YOUR ODOMETER?

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

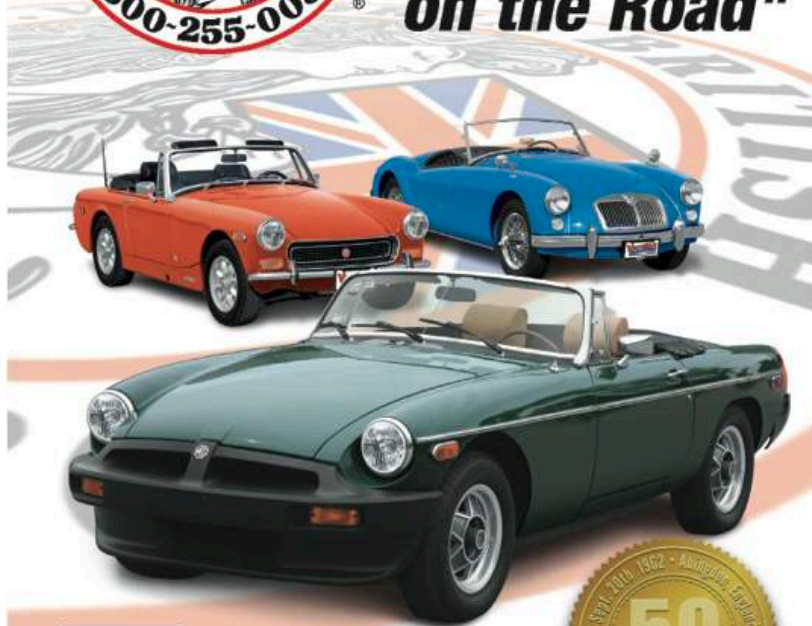
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January 25, 2013
6 pm - 9 pm

Free evening of darts, air hockey,
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Munchie bits will be provided
as well as mixers and ice

Please bring your
own beverage of choice

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Email Felix Lee at octagoneditor@mgocsf.org

MGOC ODOMETERS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2013



78,974: Craig and Kim Kuenzinger, '79 Midget



100,000 + 63,341: Dan Neu '74 MGB GT

200,000 + 64,794: Wayne and Janet Veatch '67 MGB



58,808: Jim Carlson, '53 TD



82,779 + 8,196: Andy and Marla Preston, '60 MGA Coupe



85,148 + 74,852: Andy and Marla Preston, '74 MGB GT



74,608: Marty and Naomi Rayman, '53 TD



38,849: Tim and Molly Polidoroff, '80 MGB



47,437: Ken Gittings, '67 MGB GT

3,540: Don Malcolm, '49 TC



63,398: Andy and Marla Preston, '55 TF



72,000: Mike and Elisabeth Jamieson, '79 MGB



54,047: Felix and Kimberly Lee '55 TF1500



6,855.5: Bill and Mary Hiland, '78 Supercharged MGB