

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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March 2007

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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Your stories, photos, tips, questions, and anything MGOC-related are always welcome in *The Octagon*. Please make your contributions by the 20th of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. The editor's address is: Bob Trencheny, 601 Greyllyn Drive, San Ramon CA 94583. Or, you may email contributions to Tbobj@aol.com.

RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR THE MGOC

Have you helped recruit any new members lately? Bob Stine (650-349-5128) is in charge of new member recruitment and can send you flyers. The club roster is available to members from Mike Jacobsen upon request.

Forthcoming Events

MGOC in **bold**, SSTS: Sorry Safari Touring Society

March 3 – **South Bay Tour** by Jeremy Palgon, See Feb. *Octagon*

March 8 – **Club Meeting & Natter**, page 23

March 10 – **Napa Valley Tour**, Andy Preston, page 17

March 10 – Laguna Seca 50th Anniversary, page 13

March 17 – **St. Pat's Parade**, Dublin, with SSTS, page 17

March 18 – **MG 2007 Planning Meeting**, Oakland, page 23

March 24 – **MG Wiring Tech Session** – Joe Rubio, Dan Shockey, page 15

Apr. 7 – **Cecil Kimber Run in the East Bay**, Randy Grossman, page 9

Apr. 21 – **Dyno Day**, San Jose, Bill Hiland, page 21

Apr. 23 – Got Guts at Thunderhill Raceway, page 17

Apr 29 – Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay

May 5-6 – Vintage Auto Racing; Moss British Extravaganza, Buttonwillow

May 6 – Hillsborough Concours

May 18-20 – *North Meets South*, Paradise Club, Santa Ynez, CA

May 20 – All British Motorcar Show and Swap Meet at Dixon

May 20 -- *Day on the Green* Car Show, Los Gatos

May 12 – **MGs by the Bay**, MGOC, San Leandro

26 May – 01 June – British Car Week. Get Out and DRIVE!

June 2-3 – Wine Country Classic, Vintage Racing at Sears Point

June 8-10 – *Open Roads 2007*, Lake Tahoe www.goldengatehealeys.com

June 16 (Sat) – **Tour Training Session/Trial Run** (for *MG2007*), North Bay, Mike Jacobsen

July 2-6 – GoF West, Park City, Utah, Area clubs caravan

July 16-20 – **MG 2007** in Sonoma Valley, See www.MG2007.org

July 23-27 – NAMGAR GT-32, Whistler, B.C., **MGOC caravan?**

Aug. 11 – **MGOC Picnic**, Peninsula, Bob Stine

Aug. 11 – Classic Yacht and Car Show, Marin Yacht Club

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Aug. 17-19 – Monterey Historic Races; Pebble Beach Concours, etc.

Aug 26 – **Miniature Golf and East Bay Tour**, John Hunt

Sept. 8 – **Possible Swap Meet**, All British, Shockey/Grossman

Sept. 8-9 – **Palo Alto British Field Meet**

Sept. 22 – Cherries Jubilee, Monterey, **Possible MGOC caravan**

Oct. 13 – **Mt. Diablo Tour**, MGOC, Bob Trencheny

Oct. 20-21 – San Juan Bautista British Meet, **SSTS/MGOC caravan**

Nov. TBD – **Kart Races**, MGOC, Bob Stine, Go Kart Racer in Burlingame

Nov. TBD – **Canyon Tour**, MGOC, John Hunt

Day on the Green Car Show

Sunday, May 20th

MGOC members have been invited to the Day on the Green Car Show at Lexington Elementary School in Los Gatos. This annual show has no entrance fee and has a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Peoples Choice Award. All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation and a free meal for coming out and displaying their cars. The show is from 2:00 to 6:00 pm on Sunday May 20th. For details check the web site: <http://tinyurl.com/2b2stx>

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President's Ponderings...

MG Weather – It feels *so good* to be driving my MGB again—in February! I'm reading about the horrible snow storms in Denver and on the East Coast, but I'm basking in our awesome California sunshine.

Charity Drive, Anyone? – Member Randy Grossman is “champing at the bit” to host a charity drive. Last year, he and John Hunt converted the Annual Christmas Tea into a “Toys for Tots” drive. They were able to collect a considerable number of toys and delivered them to the San Francisco Fire Department. Randy really wants to come up with a plan to collect money for a charity. However, he's having a hard time getting support for the idea. If you have a specific charity you'd like to support and you'd like to help Randy organize a fund raiser for it, contact him directly at 510-768-0038 or r.m.grossman@comcast.net.

Upcoming Events

MGs by the Bay is coming up in May. The planning efforts have been largely overshadowed by our planning for the national event in Rohnert Park in July, but we do have some new additions to our annual car show this year. Music will be provided by **Music Innovations**, featuring music of the 50s and 60s in honor of our club's 50th anniversary. Also, for the first time we'll be providing **Valve Cover Racing**. (See details and rules in the January issue of *The Octagon*. We'll provide a tech session this month to give members the guidance they'll need to create their valve cover racers in preparation for the event. The Indy 500 has nothing on the MGOC!

Slot Car Racing Proves To Be Effective Incentive For Meeting Attendance – Bob Trencheny discovered a slot car racing track across the street from *The Englander*; as an added incentive for us to attend our membership meeting, he reserved the track for us at 7:00 pm on February 8. We enjoyed it so much, we decided to do it again this month. The plan is to meet at the *Slot Car Magic* hobby shop and race until 7:45 and then cross the street for dinner and the meeting. See details elsewhere in this issue of *The Octagon*.

MG by the Bay still needs volunteers – I've agreed to organize the volunteers for MGs by the Bay this year and I still need help with set-up before the show, guiding parking and cleanup after the show. I'm dragging my son out from Delaware to help me this year. He'd love to see some enthusiastic MGOC member volunteers. My number is in the Directory of Officers in the front of *The Octagon*; feel free to call me to volunteer if I don't call you first.

Fraternally,

Bob Stine
President, MGOC
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From da Ed...

Well, spring arrives this month and that is OK with me. I am ready to get the car out on a regular basis and put some miles on it. It makes the car run better and sometimes it makes me run better too! It will not be long before I can drive it to work a few days a week. I don't drive the MG in the rain so I am somewhat limited on driving to work. And, don't forget that Daylight Savings Time starts March 11th this year so that will help it feel like spring even more.

On another MG note I am happy to report I have brought more lucky people into the MG family. My sister and her husband are in the process of buying a 1973 MGB roadster as I write this. They were supposed to pick up the car from Good Ole Boys Auto Sales in NC today but the turn signals and brake lights were not working so it will have to wait another day or two.

One of the good ole boys was supposed to have the lights fixed but he does not seem to have much experience with the Scions of Lucas. I wish I was kidding about the Good Ole Boys but I am not! That really is the name of the car lot. I drove the car last weekend and it felt really solid and well preserved.

Unfortunately all of the paperwork on the history of the car was lost when the Good Ole Boys office trailer went up in smoke a few weeks ago. Again, I wish I was kidding.

So if you travel the Charlotte NC area, watch for a teal 73B, it just might be my sister; and watch out for the brake lights!

Let's Ride, Bob



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MGOC Goes Slot Car Racing

Prior to the February Natter and Noggin, the MGOC met across the street from The Englander at Slot Car Magic for a fun session of slot car racing. We rented the entire track for 45 minutes and had lots of fun running all four lanes. After 30 minutes or so of warm up time we held several races. The results are long forgotten but a fun time was had by all. MGOC members attending included: Bob Stine, Mike Jacobsen, George Steneberg, Bob Trencheny, David Wright, Ken Gittings, Dan Shockey, and Dave McCann.



Racing through the hairpins and straight-aways at Slot Car Magic.



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Cecil Kimber Birthday Run

Saturday, April 7, 2007

By Randy Grossman

On Saturday, April 7th Randy Grossman, your former Captain of Fun, and Melissa Johnson, his lovely wife, will be leading you on a wonderful winding and hilly tour on a route just made for MGs. Indeed, Cecil Kimber, the father of MGs, whose birthday on April 12, 1888 we are celebrating, would be proud of the adventure we have planned.

Melissa and I are spoiled as this tour begins right near our home and is one of those weekend 90-minute drives you can take a few times a year when the sun is out and the mood strikes for a wonderful but challenging spin in the MG. We just took it again recently, the excuse being that we had to “give the car a little exercise” and at the same time make sure of the directions for our tour!

The fun begins at about 10:45 A.M. on Saturday, April 7th. After some coffee and donuts or bagels and the driver’s meeting we will award a prize to one lucky participant of our tour before we head out. What is it, you ask? How can I win it, you wonder? Come on the tour and find out. We will leave our home in San Leandro (874 Rodney Drive) at 11:00 A.M. and head through the Berkeley hills by way of Skyline Drive and Grizzly Peak Blvd., stopping at a vista point which I believe is truly the most panoramic view of the entire Bay Area bar none, including that view from the Marin Headlands. On a clear day you can see four bridges which cross the Bay. When we reach the top of Marin Avenue, we will go down the steep long hill (Make sure your brakes are in good shape!) and over to Solano Avenue for lunch at Zachary’s Chicago Pizza, which offers arguably the best deep dish pizza in the country, including any restaurants in New York or Chicago. It is usually crowded, but not to worry. Solano Avenue is full of many marvelous restaurants of almost any ethnic cuisine imaginable, should you not wish pizza. The tour will officially end there, but for those wishing further fun, the Berkeley Marina is close by.

If you have any questions, call us at 510-483-3171. We hope you will join us. It will be a tour to remember.



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Engine Tech Session Report



Jim Carlson gets the Tech Session underway. Photos: Dave McCann



Lots of Nattering. More photos [page 20](#).

The Tech Session hosted by Bill Hiland and Jim Carlson was a huge success. We counted nearly 40 participants and a surprising number of MGs filling the parking lot. A good number of TD folks came out with the focus on TD engines. We had several new members attend. An officer of the Kobe MG Car Club in Japan came, too, making this an international event. He was visiting his family in San Jose and saw our event on the internet. Thank you to the crew at *On The Road Again* and to Jim and Bill.

MGOC Business Meeting for February 8, 2007

Call meeting to order: 8:00pm

Introductions: Eric Baker, Nina Barton, Ken Gittings, Randy Grossman, Mike Jacobsen, Dave McCann, Joe Rubio, Dan Shockey, George Steneberg, Bob Stine, Bob Trencheny, David Wright

Minutes of Previous Meeting: No minutes since the last meeting was the planning meeting. The December minutes were voted on and accepted instead.

Treasurer's Report: *MG 2007* registrations coming in. Annual Dinner subsidy per diner was \$16.78, or \$22.54 if we include awards, against a planned \$11 subsidy. This is about par for the event. The total cost was \$2441.54. Cost for new engraving plate for the Burnt Sparkplug award & Klokkevold "card" was \$46, with \$100 authorized. Renewed MGCC affiliation – \$119.28 (55£).

Registrar's Report: One new member since last meeting: Ulf Asplund. Regular: 203, Auxiliary: 49, Corresponding: 1, Associate: 1, Total: 266 (Previously 269 – two deceased, two miscounted last month)

Secretary's Report: Sent a sympathy card to Robert Bank.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: The Empire Sportscar Assoc. (Santa Rosa area) April Fool's Rallye flyer was passed around.

Regalia Report: MGCC stock has been replenished. Sold an MGOC badge. Discussion on asking O'Connor's if they would carry MGOC grille badges for sale. No decision.

The Octagon: Created two versions of the PDF, a print and a screen version. Discussion on sending a notice & link instead of the actual PDF to get people to go to the Web site. Dan will send the PDF in March along with a note reminding members to visit www.MGOC.org.

Web site: 373 visits in January, mostly from the US but some other countries. Biggest referrals are from Google & O'Connor's Web sites.

PAST CLUB EVENTS:

Christmas Tea: Fun, group thanked Bob & Beth

Toy Drive Delivery – Fun, w/ two Santas

Annual Dinner: Thanks to John & Sharon

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

Engine Tech Session: Jim Carlson. Dan says they're set and have done some prep to ensure that the session goes smoothly.

MGs by the Bay: Artwork in process. Dan will contact the Milners, or send Mike a contact email, about having valve cover races. We'll have a tech session on constructing valve cover racers. Bob Stine has some volunteers signed up to work at the show.

Car show at "Day on the Green" in Los Gatos May 20, 2:00 – 6:00 pm
For further events, see *The Octagon*.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Artwork for posters and awards for MGs by the Bay

Special 50th anniversary memorabilia – Mike to bring in 50th Anniversary designs and suggest possible items such as cloth patch, “fancy” dash plaque, decal, etc.

Motion to hire disc jockey at a cost not to exceed \$500 – Motion passes. Bob Stine to arrange. Music from the 50s and 60s to commemorate our 50th anniversary?

Motion to buy awards – Motion to spend up to \$1,000 approved.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Revised ballot counting scheme and award setup to reduce processing time explained.

San Leandro police are waiting for our insurance certificate for *MGs by the Bay* – In process. Certificate should be available within a month.

Go-Kart Racing information – Package is 15 min practice, and then 15 minutes track time, for \$60.

Slot cars to repeat next month – Bob Trencheny to arrange.

Fall miniature golf event moved to Aug 26 – Request from John Hunt, organizer.

Meeting adjourned: 9:03pm

Next Meeting and Natter: March 8 at *The Englander*

Laguna Seca 50th Anniv. Party

Saturday, March 10, 2007

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Laguna Seca we are interested in showing a variety of race and street cars from the early years of Laguna Seca (1957 and earlier cars). Currently, we’re expecting Porsches, Byers, Jaguars, MGs, Austin Healeys, Mercedes, Ferraris, Scarab, Lola, Corvette, Ford, and lots of race bikes.

Location: Main Paddock at Laguna Seca

Arrival time: Between 7:30 and 9:00 am, March 10th

Arrival route: Use the main entry road off of Hwy 68. At you reach the track, bear right and follow the Perimeter Road around to the Paddock entrance. SCRAM personnel will be there to direct you to the display area.

Departure time: The event is officially over at 5pm. We won’t chain you down if you need to leave earlier. We have a follow-on party (a Sock Hop with live music) from 5pm to 8pm up in the Red Bull Energy Center.

Period dress is encouraged! What can you throw together from your 1950’s wardrobe?

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New Members

Derek Jackson has had his '76 MGB for two months, and heard about us from a friend.

Steve & Cherryl Glenn are former members that moved from Pleasanton to Rolling Hills down south and are now back in this area, in Santa Rosa. They have had their '48 TC for 17 years, their '52 TD for 8 years, and their '57 MGA Coupe for one year.

Ulf Asplund of Aptos has a '77 Midget he's had for two weeks. He wrote that he learned about us from his mentor.



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Tech Sessions: MG Re-wiring & Valve Cover Racer Prep

Saturday, March 24, 2007

Come to the tech session on March 24 and find out how to re-wire your MG and build your valve cover racer all at the same time. We have combined these two sessions to get many members out and involved.

We will work to put a new wiring harness into Joe Rubio's early TD Mk. II. Joe just got the repainted body back on the frame with the rebuilt engine installed. The project varies little from similar work for other T series cars, MGAs, Midgets, and MGBs.

We will separately build Valve Cover Racers together – or at least learn about them and get started. We'll have suitable valve covers available along with other parts. If you have a source for wheels, bring them along. A large scale child's plastic toy might be useful, for example. A large scale RC model (sold cheaply at toy stores) would provide good wheels and axles.

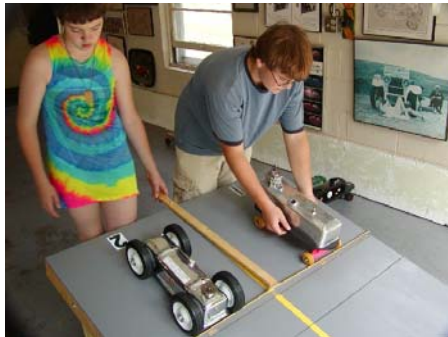
We are meeting at Bill Hiland's huge warehouse. We can pull all your cars inside if it rains. Come early for coffee and donuts!

Time: Gather any time after 9am; Tech sessions start at 10am

Place: SemiSpares, 1855 Dobbin Dr., San Jose, (408) 251-4470 (directions below)

More Info: Dan Shockey, (408) 202-6792, MGmogul@earthlink.net

Directions: From Hwy 101, take McKee east to King (2nd light) and turn left (north). Go through one light and turn right at the following street, Dobbin Dr. Dobbin is about 3 blocks long. After two blocks turn left just beyond the warehouse that comes out to the sidewalk. Look for the SemiSpares sign and an MG sign. Drive to the back of the building.



Open Roads 2007

Registration for the OpenRoads 2007 British Car Weekend at Tahoe is now open. The meet is hosted by the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club of northern California. Registration forms are available at the club's Web site www.GoldenGateHealeys.com.

OpenRoads 2007 welcomes all owners and enthusiasts of British cars of all makes. It will be held Friday June 8 to Sunday June 10, 2007 at the Horizon Casino and Resort at Stateline NV on the south shore of Lake Tahoe. The event will start Friday June 8, 2007 with check-in and evening reception. On Saturday, June 9, there will be a day of tours and autocrossing, followed by an awards event in the evening. On Sunday morning June 10 there will be a morning car show and awards ceremony followed by departure early that afternoon.

A registration fee of \$50 covers one car and two adults. Additional adults are \$20 each; additional cars \$20. There is no charge for children under 15. There is a \$30 charge to participate in an unlimited number of autocross runs. Award dinners are priced at \$48 each person. Double rooms will be available at the Horizon at a special rate of \$97 per night (single or double); \$107 (triple occupancy) and \$117 (four). Taxes are not included. Registrants must have a registration number issued by the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club to obtain this special rate.

Payment is by check only. Send payment and registration form to John Trifari, 1160B La Rochelle Terrace, Sunnyvale CA 94089.

Check out the new MGOC web site at www.mgoc.org for the latest info on upcoming tours and tech sessions.



An MG by the Bay, 2006. 1948 TC: Scott Johnson. Photo: Jeremy Palgon

Napa Valley Tour

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Join the MGOC on a tour to the V.Sattui Winery in St. Helena, in the Napa Valley. This is a test run for the *MG 2007* tour. The tour starts in the Sonoma Valley and travels over the hill to the Napa Valley before ending in St Helena. Meet at the DoubleTree in Rohnert Park at 9:30am. The tour departs at 10:00am. A lunch stop will be made in Calistoga. Several great restaurants are available or pack a lunch.

Directions: From Hwy 101 North, take the Golf Course Dr. exit in Rohnert Park. Exiting, make a jog left then right to turn right on Golf Course Dr. The drive to the Doubletree will be a left at the next light. (See sign.)

RSVP to Andy Preston at andypreston@sbcglobal.net. or (707) 795-3480

St. Patrick's Day Parade

In Dublin, CA, March 17

The Sorry Safari MG Club is hosting the entry for the combined clubs this year. Nine members of the MGOC so far have indicated they want to participate. Along with the SSTS members, we will have a great showing. SSTS members are busy getting car decorations prepared but final details are not available at press time. We'll likely have to be at the site before 9am. You'll want to decorate yourself as well and dogs are welcome to ride along. There is an optional festival following the parade. The parade is really fun.

Dan Shockey will send an email with details to those interested. Email or call him at MGmogul@earthlink.net, or (408) 923-3927, to let him know you need the information.

Got Guts at Thunderhill II

Monday, April 23, 2007

The Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association will sponsor a track day at Thunderhill Raceway on April 23rd. The event is open to cars of all makes and models. Each driver is expected to have at least two (2) prior track days of experience, and instructors will not be provided. The cost has been set at just \$225.00 per driver. They plan six (6) 20-minute sessions for each group, with a 30-minute combined session for diehards at the end of the day.

http://www.sacramentoareamiata.org/event_gotgutsatthunderhill.html

The MG Owners Club
presents
MGs by the Bay

Saturday, May 12, 2007 at the San Leandro Marina

This annual event is a gathering of MGs from across Northern California.
The show opens at 10 a.m., rain or shine, with trophies awarded at 2 p.m.
Same-day registration will open at 8 a.m.

Featuring: Music, raffle prizes, contests, trophies, food & drink, plus more!

Valve Cover Races: New this year! Bring your MG valve cover racer and enter the competition. Rules are available at <http://www.mgoc.org/valvecoverrules>.

Awards: Judging is by popular vote, with trophies awarded for People's Choice, Best Daily Driver, Premier (from previous winners), and for every class, with classes determined by the number of cars registered by May 1, 2007.

Entries: All MGs are welcome, from daily drivers to complete restorations. The \$25 entry fee includes a dash plaque, an event t-shirt, and special coupons from our sponsors. Additional cars registered to the same owner are \$10 each, which includes a dash plaque only. All cars must arrive by 10:00 a.m. sharp! This is necessary to allow for proper placement of the cars. If you arrive late, we **cannot** guarantee placement of your car with others in its class.

Return the registration form below with the entry fee. Photocopies of this form are acceptable.
One form is required for each MG.

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Mail before May 1, 2007 to:

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320 B Monterey Blvd.

San Francisco, CA 94131

For information call:

415-333-9699 or 408-923-3927

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Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email address: _____

Daytime phone: (____) _____

Short description of car: _____

MG model: _____ Year: _____

Body style: Coupe Roadster

Saloon Race car

Other: _____

Car color: _____

T-shirt size: M L XL XXL

Bringing a valve cover racer? Yes No

Has this car ever won First in Class at *MGs by the Bay* or

MGs at Jack London Square? Yes No

Release: Neither I nor my heirs will hold the MG Owners Club or the City of San Leandro liable for any loss, damage, or injury done to me, or my party, while engaged in this event or traveling to and from this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Hosted by MG Owners Club

8:30-10am: Registration

10am-2pm: DJ Music

2:00pm: Awards

Info: Dan Shockey (408) 923-3927

Bob Stine (650) 349-5128



MGs by the Bay

San Leandro Marina

Saturday, May 12, 2007

This year's poster by Dan Shockey features the TC belonging to Steve Plath of San Anselmo as photographed by Nancy Shane. Posters will be available by March 15. Call Dan to get one to post.

More Tech Session Photos



Fifteen or more MGs came out. Dave McCann photos.



Jose Vega, Burnt Spark Plug Award winner, foreground and right



Club members in 2005 Dublin Parade. See [page 17](#).

MG Dyno Day

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Ever wonder if your MG is really performing up to its potential? How much horsepower is your car putting to the road? Is the air/fuel mixture right at all engine speeds? Find out with a full computer print out that will show what tuning your car needs to perform at its best.

An experienced technician will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice. Club members with dyno experience will also be there to assist.

Best of all, a “free lunch” will be provided, courtesy of *On The Road Again*.

When: Saturday, April 21, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Z-Car Garage, 140 Archer St., San Jose, 95112 (From Hwy 101, take the 1st St. exit and go south to the first left on Archer. From I-880 go north on 1st St. 3 blocks and turn right on Archer.)

What: Rolling dynamometer runs at a cost of \$60 per car. This will give the owner up to three “pulls” on the dyno.

Who: Due to time constraints dyno runs will be limited to the first 15 to register. Of course, everyone is welcome to attend and learn by watching.

Lunch: BBQ lunch will be provided by “*On The Road Again*,” a new MG restoration service headed up by Bill Hiland

Register: Bill Hiland, capthiland@aol.com, (408) 314-2675

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Cars:

1968 MGB: Pretty British Racing Green with tan soft top. 92K mi. Runs very well. Includes: Sony Stereo, chrome wire wheels, and good tires. At 77K mi. (2002) rebuilt master cylinder, new brake lines, new exhaust, new carbs, leaf springs, rebuilt front suspension, replaced rear, and new wheel bearings. Rebuilt head. Tonneau cover. Records available. \$10,000. Member Dan Hampshire, Berkeley, (510) 843-5912.

1970 MGB: roadster project car. Wire wheels. Most major body work done, all metal. Engine and transmission have low mileage on rebuild. Professionally rebuilt dual SU carbs. New front bumper and seat foams. Needs paint, interior work, grill and other bright work. \$3500 or B/O. Non-member Allan: Home (408) 293 8271 Work (408) 548 1785. (2/07)

MG Midgets for Restoration: Both are mostly straight and mostly rust free and have wire wheels. 1963 and 1969 models. Make offer. Member Dan Shockey, (408) 923-3927, mgmogul@earthlink.net

Parts:

Aftermarket MGB hardtop: Flashy. Keep warm & dry! Member Eric Baker, Oakland, 510-531-7032.

Wanted MG TD Seat Slider: Member Walter Kilik (408) 996-0385, wallylk@juno.com.

MGB/GT wire wheels. Set of four. For Sale. Member Ken (510) 791-8445

MGB/GT 5/8 Dia. Sway Bar. For Sale. Member Ken (510) 791-8445

For Sale: For TD/TF or MGA: New 8" clutch disk, new pressure plate, one or both at 1/2 Moss prices. Lucas starter rebuilt for TD/TF, MGA and Triumph, \$75.00. Lucas dynamo rebuilt with tachometer drive for TD/TF, Sprite or Midget, \$125. Member Stuart Locke, (408) 732-2999

Parting: 1970 MGB/GT. Wire wheels, most parts, clear title. Member Dan Shockey, (408) 923-3927, mgmogul@earthlink.net

For Sale: Wire Wheel Conversion: All the parts you'll need to convert a TD, TF, or MGA 1500 to wire wheels. Five wire wheels (excellent condition) with mounted tires, complete brake system, using MGA brakes (Superior), including wire wheel drums, shoes, and springs, cylinders, wheel bearings four 4 excellent knockoffs and one spare tire holder and knockoff , 1 MGA differential (excellent) fits TD, TF, MGA (Handbrake cables. All working and in good order. \$1000 for all. (Note Moss Kit \$3,195.) Member: Dick Scardamaglia: (707) 935-0654, scardamaglia@comcast.net.

Club Meeting & Natter

March 8, 2007 (2nd Thurs.), 8 p.m.

The Englander, 101 Parrot Street, San Leandro

(510) 357-3571 <http://www.englishpub.com/>

Before the monthly Natter members are invited to meet across the street from The Englander at the Slot Car Magic Hobby Shop for slot car racing. They have a large four lane track set up in the store. The cost is \$3 for 15 minutes of racing. We have reserved the track from 7:00 to 7:45 pm for MGOC. The cost includes track time and the use of a slot car. The monthly meeting will start at 8:00 at The Englander.

From Northbound I-880, take the Washington Ave. exit within San Leandro and turn right on Washington St. Travel 2.2 miles until you see Parrott St. Turn right on Parrott Street. You will see The Englander on your right.

From Southbound I-880, take Davis St. exit and turn left on Davis. Travel 1.3 miles, then turn right on E. 14th St. Travel 0.3 miles, and then right on Parrott St.

MG 2007 Planning Meeting

Sunday March 18 at 9:00 a.m.

At Sam Gearhart's in Oakland

Address: 3521 Randolph Ave., Oakland, CA 94602 Phone: (510) 813-0373

From North Bay, San Francisco and Highway 80 Corridor:

Take I-80 to I-580 East

Exit at Park Blvd. and turn Left on Park Blvd.

At 2nd Light turn Right on Excelsior (90 degree Right turn)

Follow Excelsior to Randolph (2 blocks past traffic signal at Beaumont)

At Randolph, turn Right.

House on Right just before MacArthur

From San Jose and I-880 Points South:

North on I-880 to 238 Connector to I-580 West

West on 580 to 14th Ave./Park Blvd. Exit

Turn Right onto Beaumont at Traffic Light at bottom of ramp

Go one block to traffic light at Excelsior, turn Right

Go two blocks to Randolph, turn Right.

House on Right just before MacArthur

MGOC Octagon
 If undeliverable please return to:
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