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# OCTAGON

Newsletter of the M.G. Owners Club & the Peninsula T Register The Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club



Jim Carlson Chauffeurs a Wedding in Bill Hiland's Y-type

December 2007

Photo Courtesy of Jim Carlson



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

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### 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to *alistaircookie@gmail.com* or send them to: MGOC, 7230 Silver Lode Lane, San Jose, CA 95120.

### **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.

# **Forthcoming Events**

### MGOC Events in bold

Jan. 5 – **Annual Dinner**, The Van's in Belmont, Bob Stine Jan. 26 – **Planning Meeting**, Bob Trencheny's New House, Danville Mar. 15-16 – HMSA Vintage MG Races, Laguna Seca





As 2007 draws to a close, I'm moved to reflect that it's been a momentous and wonderful year for the MGOC. In addition to our usual slate of great tours, tech sessions, get-togethers, and MGs by the Bay, we hosted the very entertaining and successful MG2007. In lieu of a full year in review piece, I've included a pictorial look back at MG2007 (pages 12 and 13). Thanks again to all of our members who spent their time and effort planning our capstone event.

In other news, I'd like to encourage those of you who receive *The Octagon* in print to consider trying the electronic version. You'll get *The Octagon* quicker and in color (especially nice for all those pictures I include), all in an easy to read pdf file (readily viewable with the free Adobe Acrobat Reader). In fact, I email out two versions of *The Octagon*: the print version (so you can make your very own color copy of the newsletter for reading on the go), and a screen version (for easy, consecutive page, viewing on your computer). And there are a couple of attendant benefits to electronic receipt, you'll be saving paper (which is good for the environment), and you'll be saving the club the cost of printing and mailing (good for the MGOC, i.e. all of us). If you'd like to try getting *The Octagon* by email instead of snail mail, please send an email to Mike Jacobsen at *MikesMuseum@yahoo.com*.

Also, I'd like to thank our outgoing club officers for their efforts. We've all been the beneficiaries of their dedication and planning. Most of our outgoing, or recently departed, officers have served many terms in a variety of capacities for the MGOC. My sincere gratitude goes out to Bob Stine, Nina Barton, Mike Jacobsen, Dan Shockey, George Steneberg, Randy Grossman, and Bob Trencheny.

Finally, I'd like to thank our members who have volunteered to steer the club next year. I'm sure you'll note some familiar names among next year's officers. Thanks Sam, George, Randy, and Mike. I'm looking forward to another great year in 2008.

Jeremy Palgon



# President's Ponderings...

#### Out with the Old...In with the New

This will be my last opportunity to address you as the President of the MGOC. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to represent the club at events and help with the administration of the club.

I'm very pleased to note that other members have agreed to step forward with leadership roles in our organization. I'm sure they will add new perspectives and ideas into the upcoming year.

#### This Year Brought Many Great Events and Activities

I remember, when I first joined the club, the big event was "MGs and Jazz at Jack London Square" (later re-named "MGs at Jack London Square" and, most recently "MGs by the Bay"). Every meeting centered on planning for the big event. We had relatively few driving events or tech sessions. Since then the club has morphed into a much more active group, with more driving events, tech sessions, and other activities.

Attendance has dropped off a bit at MGs by the Bay; I hope to see that reversed. But, I suspect that was largely the result of the addition of our hosting MG2007 in Rohnert Park. This event has been heralded by NAMGBR as one of the best events they've ever had on the West Coast. I'm very proud to have been a part of that planning and execution.

#### **MGOC's International Connection**

While we were preparing for MG2007 this year we made numerous "dry runs" for the proposed tours. On one such tour of the Wine Country we were joined by Kenjii Matsuoka who was visiting from Japan. I had the pleasure of driving my MGB in the tour with Kenjii as my navigator. We had a really nice visit.

In September I got an email from Lindsay Caffin who lives in Australia and Japan and is a friend of Kenjii. He said he was coming to San Francisco and would love a ride in an MG. I happily accommodated with a drive through San Francisco and to the headlands in mine. We followed up with dinner at Liverpool Lil's that evening. It's very interesting how a love of our Little British Cars can transcend countries!

#### Annual Dinner January 5, 2008 at The Van's

Don't forget, the annual dinner will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup> at The Van's in Belmont. Please RSVP. Call me at 650-349-5128 and let me know if you plan to join us. It's always a very good time and excellent food.

Don't sit home and wish you were doing something fun... come on out and join us!

> Fraternally, Bob Stine President, MGOC *rastine@rcn.com*



# MGOC Annual Dinner Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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No-host Cocktails at 6 pm Dinner at 7 pm

# The Van's

## **Restaurant on the Hill**

815 Belmont Ave Belmont, CA http://thevansrestaurant.com/ 650-591-6525

## Menu

Sourdough Bread Antipasti Appetizer Spring Mix Salad with Fresh Herb Vinaigrette Ice Cream Coffee and Choice of: New York Steak Roasted Salmon Fettuccine con Pollo Broiled Chicken Only \$40 per person Please RSVP to Bob Stine at *rastine@rcn.com* or 650-349-5128 by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Yes, I'll be there!	
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Entrée Selection(s):	
Total enclosed (\$40.00 per p	person): \$
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# MGOC Annual Planning Meeting Saturday, January 26, 2008 9:00-11:00 am

Bob Trencheny's <u>NEW</u> House 1518 Colchester Street Danville, CA 925-984-2472 Please RSVP by January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Come to the meeting with your ideas and plans for drives, meetings, events, and tech sessions. The MGOC Executive Committee has proposed moving <u>MGs by the Bay</u> to a new location. If you want to have input please be at the meeting.



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# MGOC Holiday Party

#### By Mike Jacobsen

Despite the daunting location (it required parking in San Francisco!) about twenty MGOC members arrived for the annual Holiday Tea. Because the host was sure that the Tea was scheduled to begin at 2 pm, there was a minor problem when guests began arriving at the correct time of 1 pm, but luckily the hostess was the sort that likes to have everything ready early.

Everyone brought something for the plates, and several brought a little something for the glasses as well, plus there was-of course-an abundance of tea, teapots, and kettles. We all spent the afternoon talking & catching up, and no one went away hungry or thirsty.

Everyone also brought something for the toy drive, and we ended up filling one of those humungous un-rippable trash bags with new, unwrapped toys. John Hunt will be dropping them off at a fire station collecting for Toys for Tots.

Several people took tours of the house. The basement was a special source of amazement for many members since the home owner is not a car enthusiast. Andy Preston summed it up best: "A garage with a workshop and enough space for five MGs and there's only one car here!"

This may be why SF has a reputation for tough on-street parking – so many of the garages are empty. Photo by Jeremy Palgon



Guests enjoy the Holiday Tea illuminated by Elaine's beautiful picture window



News and Articles from the Peninsula T Register

#### **By Jim Carlson**

A couple weekends ago, I was a chauffer for a wedding in south San Jose. I did this as a favor for a friend who had seen my TD, was looking for limo service, and said, "Too bad we can't use this car (referring to the the TD)." I replied, "Yes, it only has two seats. I can take the bride, but the groom will have to find some other way to get to the reception." But then I remembered that Bill Hiland, of On the Road Again fame, had a nice right-hand drive Y-type. I asked Bill if he would rent the car for the wedding; I would be the driver, we were not going very far, and only on back roads. He said yes, and the couple loved getting a ride in Bill's nice Y-type to their reception. Lots of folks took pictures, including the official photographer who asked me if this was "an American MG". Well yes, it is an MG in America, but it is very British in origin.



Photo by Jim Carlson





The happy couple, Jennifer and Matthew Tuck, is waited on by chauffeur and club member Jim Carlson (above), before riding smilingly off (below).



More Pictures and Stories of Ys at Weddings: http://www.mgcars.org.uk/mgccy/weddings.htm Photos by Bob Busby

# A Look Back at MG2007



A view of the car show from a balcony of the Rhonert Park Doubletree (above)

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Photos by Jeremy Palgon

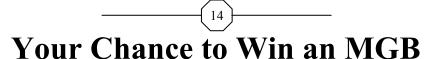


Participants amassed for John Twist's Rolling Road Tech Session (above)

MGs at the terminus of the Mille de Mendocino (below)

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So you've got a budget of \$20, and you can't think of something to get that special sports car fan in your life. How about a chance to win a 1978 MGB roadster? The non-profit British Museum of Transportation in Wilmington, Ohio, is raffling off the MGB to raise funds for the purchase of a building of its own. The museum, which started just eight years ago, currently has 15 cars, with more promised, and will soon need to move out of its temporary space.

The MGB is said to be in excellent condition, with a new top, new interior and new tires. The car is equipped with Panasport wheels, a Laycock overdrive, a Weber carburetor, a front spoiler with driving lights and a car cover, and is painted maroon. To be in top condition, the B will need new

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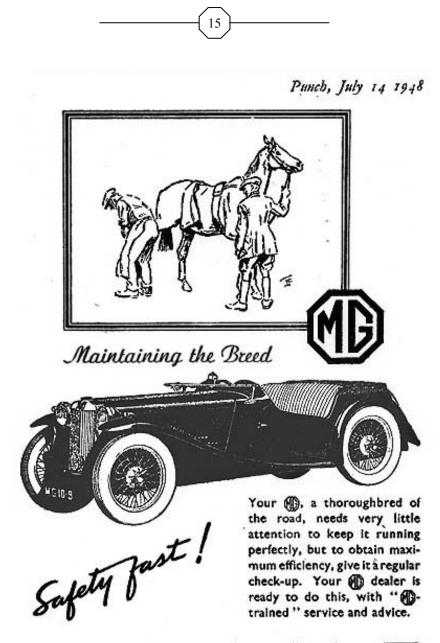
Tickets are \$20, or six for \$100. They're available at the British Car Museum's website, *britishcarmuseum.org*, or you can send a check or money order to MGB Raffle/BMOT, care of Richard Smith, 2304 Wrenside Lane, Kettering, OH 45440-2324.

The winning ticket will be drawn in the spring; check the Web site for updates. No more than 900 tickets will be sold.

- By David LaChance, Hemmings



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The following articles were written by David Traver Adolphus and appeared in Hemmings online.

#### Get your plates on

Last spring, we covered the introduction of California's A.B. No. 462, which proposed to extend the range of cars eligible to use California's desirable year-correct black plates. Astute reader Richard Rightler wrote in this weekend to let us know that Governor Schwarzenegger signed an amended version into law on October 11.

As chaptered, Section 5004.1 of the Vehicle Code is amended to authorize correct model year/date of year plates for a "vehicle that is a 1969 or older model-year or the owner of a commercial vehicle or pickup truck that is a 1972 or older model year. The bill would also increase the amount of the application fee to \$45."

There are other fees for transferring a black plate, and an additional regular and expired renewal fee. You were expecting something for nothing? The act takes effect on July 1, 2009.

#### **Black Plate Boogaloo**

The California black (license) plate is one of those indefinable symbols of autodom that can't be replicated. Currently authorized by the state for pre-1963 vehicles, it's hugely evocative of an era of American motoring that goes right to the heart of the hobby.

Which is why California A.B. No. 462, "An act to amend Section 5004.1 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles," is such an emotional issue. A.B. 462 "allows the owner of a vehicle from the 1969 model year and earlier, or the owner of a commercial vehicle or a pickup truck that is a 1972 or older model, to display vintage license plates corresponding to the vehicle's year of manufacture." According to the bill's sponsor, House Minority leader Michael Villines (R, Fresno): "Vehicles sold between 1962 and 1969 were originally issued black-and-gold plates but do not qualify for the display of year-of-manufacture plates. Without the ability to display vintage license plates on these automobiles, many of which are now collector items, their owners are effectively precluded from fully restoring these vehicles to their original condition." Supporters also contend that it would "keep American classic cars truly historical and near original condition," and "would help to preserve antique automobiles by ensuring they represent the true year of their manufacture."

On April 9, 2007 the Committee on Transportation heard Assemblyman Villines read the bill, and referred it to the Committee on Appropriations with a 12-0 "Do Pass" recommendation. However, then-Governor Gray Davis vetoed a similar bill, A.B. 2058, in 2000, saying: "The purpose of the vehicle license plate is for identification and registration purposes only. The issuance of vehicle license plates is not to enhance the beauty or value of a vehicle." Several other similar bills have also died for one reason or another (including veto), so there's no telling where A.B. 462 will end up. "State government should not stand in the way of car owners who want to utilize the authentic license plates that reflect the year when their classic cars first hit the streets," Villines said. "Permitting owners of classic cars from the 1960s and early 1970s to display vintage plates will finally allow them the satisfaction of having a fully-restored piece of California history."



Description	Qty	Each	Total
MG Owners Club Regalia			
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plaque – Black & white, 2" wide by 3" high		\$5.00	
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin – Black & white, <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " wide by 1.1" high, clutch back		\$5.00	
Club Jacket – Black & tan with embroidered MGOC logo (See note 1)		\$60.00	
Pennant - Red "MG Owners Club", cream canvas, 91/2" high by 17" long		\$10.00	
Grille Badge - MGOC logo, 4" high, mounts with one stud through grille		\$35.00	
Patch - 3" diameter, embroidered black MGOC logo on white		\$6.00	
Cling – 3" diameters, black MGOC logo on white background		\$2.00	
MG Car Club of England Regalia (Notes 2 & 3)			
MG Car Club Grille Badge – 3" dia., mounts with studs through grille		\$55.00	
Lapel Pin $-\frac{3}{4}$ " by 1" enamelled metal MGCC badge		\$6.50	
Outside Window Decal – 5" by $5\frac{1}{2}$ " clear & white MGCC logo		\$1.00	
Inside Window Decal – 21/2" by 3" brown & cream logo; reads "Member"		\$1.00	
MGs at Jack London Square Plaques			
Dash Plaque – 2006, black on silver MG ZB Magnette		\$2.00	
Dash Plaque – 2005, blue on silver MGA Coupe		\$2.00	
Dash Plaque – 1995 through 2003		\$2.00	
Total Amount Enclosed			

### Notes

- 1. Jackets are specially ordered, though we try to keep a selection of sizes on hand. These are generally delivered at an event or meeting. Please indicate size: Small through double extra large.
- 2. MG Car Club regalia is affected by the exchange rate, and prices are therefore subject to change.
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# Minutes of the MGOC Business Meeting, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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The meeting was called to order by President Bob Stine at 8:01 pm. Also attending were Nina Barton, Randy Grossman, Mike Jacobsen, George Steneberg, Bob Trencheny, David Wright.

The November minutes were approved as printed in The Octagon.

Treasurer's Report: Made by Mike.

Registrar's Report: Made by Mike. He reported 265 members.

Secretary's Report: Made by Randy. Nothing new.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Made by George. Nothing new.

<u>Regalia Report</u>: Performance Clothing is no longer handling MG regalia. Mike will send MG Car Club headquarters to inquire about any other sources.

<u>The Octagon</u>: Nov. Octagon is not out yet. Jeremy is waiting for a ballot. <u>Web site</u>: Up to date. Holiday Party and Annual Dinner are only new things on there.

### Past Events

Dinner with Lindsay Caffin: Article will appear in The Octagon.

Kart Racing: Cancelled due to lack of interest.

Brisbane Marina Fest: Bob Stine reported on the event. Mostly muscle cars, but some British Cars.

### **Upcoming Club Events**

<u>Holiday Party</u>: Sunday, December 2, from 1 to 4 pm, at Elaine's 115 Pinehurst Way, SF. Bring a dish to share. Toy drive: Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for delivery to a S.F. Fire Dept. station.

<u>Annual Dinner</u>: at The Van's on Jan 5. Sign up will be in the Nov. *Octagon*. <u>Annual Planning Meeting</u>: Bob Trencheny will set up a Saturday meeting in January at his new house.

### **Old Business**

<u>Nomination of Officers</u>: Pres.-Sam Gearhart, V.P.-George Steneberg, Treasurer-Mike Jacobsen, Secretary-Randy Grossman.

<u>Status report on MG2007 Regalia</u>: Report given by Mike Jacobsen. Once all regalia for MG2007 is paid for we will brake even.

<u>NAMGBR Insurance</u>: to protect Club Officers from lawsuits resulting from performance of duties. Item Tabled. Bob Trencheny will review the information and report back to the Board at the Dec. meeting. Relevant to protect the Club on a number of fronts, e.g. someone being injured at a Club sponsored event or when alcohol is being served.



### **New Business**

"Thank you" Awards for Annual Dinner: No motion made.

<u>Wine purchase for Annual Dinner</u>: Kenwood "Vintage White" and "Vintage Red"- \$20 per bottle. Motion to buy 2 bottles per table up to a maximum of \$500. Motion passes.

### **Discussion Items**

MGOC awarded "Chapter of the Year": at NAMGBR annual meeting. Award will be brought to both Holiday Party and Annual Dinner.

Storage place for MGOC archives: Bob will find out from John Hunt the extent of the material and inquire as to who is willing to store it.

Location for MGs by the Bay: Suggestion to discuss at January Planning meeting.

Menu for Annual Dinner: Entrée choices are NY Steak, Roasted Salmon, Fettuccini con Pollo, Genoese Pork Chop, and Broiled Chicken.

Next Meeting and Natter: December 13<sup>th</sup> at The Englander.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Submitted by Randy Grossman.

# **Free Stuff**

**Free: Four Rostyle Wheels**, fair condition, must pick up in the East Bay. Member Ken (510)791-8445.

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### Cars:

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**Two '59 MGA Racecars** and a big stack of parts. Contact Member Tom Morgan at (650)588-4960.

**1952 MG TD MARK II** – \$18,000 – Frame off restoration in 1982. 9.5 on a scale of 10. Runs well with just over 6,000 miles since restoration. Ivory with green leather upholstery. MARK II refers to a limited number of TDs with the engine that eventually went into the TF (larger carburetors, dual fuel pumps, and a little more horsepower). Comes with all sorts of tools, cover, floor jack, stands, filters, spark plugs, etc. Contact Member Peter Applegate at (415)383-0700 (Marin Co.)

**1971 MGB Roadster** – 'swift' red, overdrive, disc wheels, excellent original condition, second owner, \$15,000 or best offer, Tiburon, Contact Non-member Al at (415)435-5047.

### 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 %" Dia. Sway Bar: For Sale. Member Ken (510)791-8445.

**For Sale:** Lots of parts for a '67 roadster: engine and non-OD transmission, windshield, exhaust, chrome, windows, electrical. Non-member Chantal (650)570-5350.

**For Sale:** Five steel wheels from 1976 MGB roadster, 4 with trim rings, \$40 OBO for all five. SU carbs, manifold, and heat shield for MGB, \$60 OBO. Pair of early MGB rear axle shafts with splined hubs for wire wheels, \$100. Map pocket with tan carpet, free. Black tonneau cover for pre-headrest MGB, some small repaired tears, good serviceable condition, \$50. Assorted right-angle speedometer drives, box-lot, \$5. Late-model MGB rear license plate holder with attached license plate lamps, \$10. I also have a bunch of FIAT 850 & 600 parts. Must pick up lage parts in SF. Contact Member Tom at (415)203-9160 or *thomasknapp@att.net*.

# **Club Meeting** Natter & Noggin December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs.), 8 pm

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The Englander is an enjoyable place where we have our own cozy room. The food is good so bring your appetites.

Directions to 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 Street.



The happy couple rides off into the California hills

Photo by Bob Busby

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