

THE OCTAGON

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



Mark & Debbie Hertz's newly restored MG Midget at MGs by the Bay

June 2007

Photo by: Jeremy Palgon

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 Greylyn Drive, San Ramon CA 94583. Or, you may email contributions to Tbobjx@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

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

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

June 16 – **Dyno Day II**, Z Cars, San Jose. See page 11.

June 17 (Sun) – **Tour Training Session/Trial Run** (for *MG2007*), North Bay, Mike Jacobsen, See page 19.

June 23 – English Countryside BBQ. See page 20.

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

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

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

Aug. 11 – **MGOC Picnic**, Junipero Serra Park, San Bruno

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

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**

Oct. 20-21 – Autumn Classic, San Juan Bautista, **SSTs/MGOC** caravan

Oct 28 – [*Brisbane Marina Festival*](#)

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

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



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Memorial Day 2007

By Bob Trencheny

On a bright Memorial Day morning my two kids, Robbie & Katie, and I set out for Pleasanton Memorial Cemetery for the annual commemoration of American service men and women who died in service to America. Congressman Mc Nerney, Pleasanton's Mayor and other local officials said a few words. The Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful were sung by the crowd of Boy Scouts and citizens who came out for the ceremony. Near the end of the proceedings, a roll call of Pleasanton residents who had served in the military and died in 2006 was read. About half way through the list of a dozen or so names Robbie's and my ears both caught the name Charles "Skip" Kelsey. It hadn't occurred to me that Skip would be on the list, but there he was. I recalled that Skip had told me about his Navy service on one of my visits to Shadetree Motors. I remember he was proud of service and I think he had a picture or two from his Navy years near his desk. He certainly enjoyed talking to about his Navy career. So Skip, thanks for the service, to my MG and more importantly, to our country.



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President's Ponderings...

MGs by the Bay – I was a little disappointed, but not surprised, by the turnout for MGs by the Bay this year. A total of 71 cars registered and 69 were actually on display. I wasn't too surprised because I actually talked to a number of people who said they had decided to wait for MG2007 since it's only two months later. Nonetheless, the show went well and I believe most people enjoyed it. We had a disc jockey playing music from the 60s and 70s and several attendees couldn't resist dancing to the music in front of El Torito's. I especially appreciated how well the volunteers worked together. Nobody was standing around, waiting to be told what to do. Everyone arrived on time and set about performing their assignments. Thanks to all!

Congratulations to Robert Milner for winning the valve cover race with his entry, "Shock and Awe." I'm told he built a chrome racer with an ejectable weight.

I was unable to watch the valve cover races because I was in a planning meeting for MG2007 during the event. Mike Jacobsen sent me an email announcing Robert's success. He also said Ken Gittings won second place and Randy Grossman won third place; I don't quite understand that because, according to the rules, there is only one winner in valve cover races...the winning racer in each heat advances to the next race until there is only one car left.

My son came to visit from Delaware the week prior to MGs by the Bay and was on hand to assist during the show. We had a very nice visit and he appreciated the opportunity to see how many different models of MG there are.

Tour Leader Training Session/Trial Run – A tour training session/trial run (for MG2007) will take place June 17. Mike Jacobsen will lead it and people who want to volunteer to lead or assist tours at MG2007 will receive guidance on how to do so effectively. Each tour will require a minimum of a leader and someone at the end to keep track of participants.

Part of the training will be the effective use of the communication radios we plan to use for the tours. The leader and "tail gunner" will communicate by radio to facilitate lane changes, turns, and announcements when participants have problems or get caught at red lights, etc. When tours include larger groups, a third or fourth person may be added to relay messages by radio. I have seen this process conducted very productively during tours conducted by the PT Cruisers of Silicon Valley, where we had as many as 100 cars on a drive!

Dyno-Day II – Because some members were disappointed at the Dyno Day in April by equipment failure, the event has been scheduled for a second time on June 16. Take your car to see how much power it actually places at the rear wheels; find out how to fine-tune the engine. 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



From da Ed...

I can't believe it's June and MG 2007 is just a month and a half away. Since last year, a core group of MGOC members has been meeting biweekly to plan the event and make sure that our fellow MG owners from across the country have a great time with us in Northern California. We are in the final stages of planning and I think we have done a magnificent job of pulling together the best things that Northern California has to offer. We will have a spectacular drive up the coast to Mendocino and tours of the Sonoma and Napa Valleys. There are also options for a drive up Mt Tamalpais or a tour to the Charles Schulz museum and other interesting places.

A visit to California also requires good food. So, we have planned a

dinner tour to the Union Hotel in nearby Occidental. This will be a nice early evening drive and a hearty Italian dinner for a small group of 150+ people. Back at the hotel on the final night of MG 2007 we will hold the awards banquet. Car show winners, long distance driver awards, and other special prizes will be presented.

In between the big events there will be car washing, tech sessions, caricature drawings, regalia to buy, valve cover racing and probably a little bit of hanging around the hospitality suite.

MG 2007 has shaped up to be a fun time in a great location and a super bunch of people. If you haven't registered yet, get the form from the www.mg2007.org web site and put your check in the mail today.

Let's Ride,
Bob



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MGOC at Dixon

by Bob Trencheny

A large group of MGOC members made the trek to Dixon, CA, just west of Sacramento to the United British Sports Car Club's annual All British Car Show on May 20, 2007. It was a great day as the weather was near perfect and the field was packed with cars. Mark and Debbie Hertz and I caravanned up from Antioch, taking the back roads along the Sacramento River levee and through the Delta town of Rio Vista. It was a windy drive along the levee with white caps on the river alongside us. In spite of the wind it was still a very nice drive on new roads for me.

Once at the show and after paying the \$30 registration fee, I headed for the swap meet which was full of vendors and plenty of old British car parts. There I met up with Dan Shockey who always manages to find the treasures that I miss. I think he picked up several classic car books and a headlight bucket while digging through boxes of stuff.

For the drive home I headed out on 80 West and then South on 680. It was very hot leaving Dixon with the temp gauge on the high side of "N". But once on the road and west of Dixon the air temperature dropped about ten degrees which made the rest of the trip home easy on me and the car. It was a great day.

The MGOC was well represented in the winners circle with Randy Grossman taking first places with his MGA roadster (not a coupe!) and Andy Preston taking 3rd with his MGB roadster. MGOC members who made the drive are: Randy Grossman, Mark and Debbie Hertz, Pete Jaarsma, Bob Lange, Warren Pierce, Andy Preston, Dan Shockey, Bob Trencheny, and Ray Watson. Sorry if you were there and I missed you!

MGs by the Bay Winners

Winners by Car Model

MG TC – Dick Gronet

MG TD – George Steneberg, Tom Balutis, Helen Hill

MG TF – C. Weiss & T. Sanders, Marina Mason

MGA – David & Naomi Newhouse, Philip Raskin, Randy & Melissa Grossman

MGA Coupe – Don Silva

Chrome Bumper MGB – Gerald Martin, Andy & Marla Preston, Alan Cotton, Eric Baker, Bob Stine

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Valve Cover Race Results

It was a great day for the first ever valve cover racing at MGs by the Bay. There were several sleek competitors on the drag strip. In what must have been a close race Robert Milner's *Shock and Awe* beat Ken Gittings *Psycho-Delic* racer. Randy Grossman, holding to the more traditional wood frame MG, placed a very respectable 3rd in the race. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Robert Milner for supplying the track.



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Dyno Day II

Because of equipment problems at Dyno Day I the MGOC and On the Road Again will hold a second day of dyno testing.

When: Saturday, June 10, 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. To register, contact Bill at capthiland@aol.com, (408) 314-2675

MG 2007 Donations

Want to contribute to *MG 2007* but can't find the time? Wish you could find the perfect way to help out the club? Why not donate that special MG part or car related product to MGOC to auction at *MG 2007*? Perhaps you have a business or know someone that can donate something to the club. We are looking for anything and everything that can be put into a silent auction. If you have extra car parts or new un-opened supplies please consider donating them to the club. While we can't give you a receipt for your 2007 taxes they are still going to a good cause. For details please contact Dan Shockey, 408-923-3927; or Sam Gearhart, 510-530-2267.



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MGs by the Bay

by Bob Trencheny

It was a cold and blustery morning to welcome us to this year's MGs by the Bay at the Sane Leandro Marina. The skies were mostly cloudy and the wind was biting us all, but especially those of us crazy enough to wear shorts in the second week of May!

We had a smaller turn out for MGs by the Bay than previous years. The MGOC board chalked up the lower attendance to members and local MG owner's planning to attend MG 2007 and skip MGs by the Bay. We had about 70 cars fill the main parking lot in front of El Torito.

All post-war classes of MGs were well represented. There were a good number of T-Series cars present. The MGAs had both coupes and roadsters on the field and MGBs filled out the parking area. Of course we had a few Magnette saloons and Midgets present too.

This year for the first time Valve Cover Races were a major event at MGs by the Bay. We had half a dozen cars out for the races with Ken Gittings fielding two racers. Robert Milner's racer "Shock and Awe" awed the crowd with the engineering that went into the racer. Inside the MG valve cover is a weight to help pull the racer down the track ahead of the competition. Once reaching the flat part of the track, Shock and Awe drops the weight and speeds ahead of the competing racer.

The more competitive racers had skateboard wheels with roller bearings to reduce friction. Several racers found that positioning the car squarely on the track is critical. If the racer hits the outside edge or crosses the centerline of the track the racer is disqualified.

As the day went on the weather improved considerably so we could remove the sweatshirts and even a shorts were mostly comfortable in the cool afternoon breeze.





Bob Luebbert's
newly restored
BGT.

T-Series MGs
looking over
the show.



Three
Magnettes
made it to
the show
this year.

MGs by the Bay

Photos by Jeremy Palgon, George Steneberg, and Bob Trencheny



The MGB Rubber
Bumper Class



MGAs

Sacramento Show Demonstrates the Power of Car Collectors

by John Quilter, Brisbane, California

As a finale to the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) annual legislative conference in Sacramento, California in May, a car show was held on the steps of the State Capitol as a show of presence to the policy makers and legislators in the capitol. A variety of cars were on display, including three British cars: an MG TD, my Jaguar 3.8S sedan, and a concours-quality Triumph TR6 owned by Anna Belle Pugh.

The purpose of this show was to acquaint the legislators and staff of the importance and enjoyment of the car collector and restoration hobby in the state and in so doing to attempt to influence them in the bills pending that are either favorable or unfavorable to the continuation of the car hobby in the state.

* There is a bill pending that would extend the number of years that year-of-manufacture black and yellow license plates can be used; Assembly Bill 462. The ACCC supports this bill.

* A proposed change to the smog check regulations that would require an *annual* smog check for any car over 15 years old and newer than 1976 model year; Assembly Bill 616. The ACCC strongly disagrees with this bill.

* A bill expanding the criteria a local agency can deem a vehicle “abandoned” (Even if stored on private property!) and issue a 10-day requirement for removal. This could directly impact those who house or store a vehicle on their property for a future restoration or project or for spare parts. The ACCC strongly disagrees with this bill.

Further details can be viewed the ACCC website at www.acccdefender.org.

California hobbyists and clubs are strongly urged to join ACCC to protect your rights and the rights of your fellow car enthusiasts. You may not see an immediate threat now but unity is strength for future threats that *will* impact you. If any of these bills are of concern to you, now is the time to contact your local assembly person and senator and express your opinion.



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<http://www.mg2007.org/>

New Members

We have five new members to welcome to the MGOC this month.

Rance Haig found us via our Web site. Rance has a 1967 Midget he's owned for six months.

Carl Brown has a 1970 MGB tourer that he's owned since 1976, and a B/GT that he's owned for a year. Carl noted that he learned about the MGOC by "just being around."

New member Doug Shannon in Santa Rosa has a 1978 Midget that he's owned for 28 years - that works out to a year shy of brand-new.

Two of the new members signed up at MGs by the Bay. They are Tony Scoble in Modesto, who has owned his 1978 MGB for four years; and Pete Lismer in San Leandro, who has had his 1976 MGB for 12 years.

Welcome to the Club!



"AA to the Rescue"

(Hey, is that Randy Grossman's old car?!?!)

Minutes of the MGOC Meeting

Minutes of the MGOC Business Meeting, May 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by President Bob Stine. Also present were: Bob Stine's son Dan, Nina Barton, Nina's daughter Marinda and friend John, Dan Shockey, David Wright, Randy Grossman, Mike Jacobsen, George Steneberg, Eric Baker, and Joe Rubio. Also joining us were new member John Hutchinson and potential member Guy Gilbert.

April Minutes accepted as printed.

Secretary's Report: Sent email reminders.

Corresponding Secretary: Received donations for *MGs by the Bay*.

Regalia Report: No new sales. David will bring things to *MGs by the Bay*.

Treasurer's Report: We have a large balance for MG2007 that will grow larger as we become able to process credit card charges. However we will soon have to begin dispersing expenses for regalia, awards, and dinners.

Registrar's Report: We have 211 regular memberships and a total of 282 members of all types.

The Octagon Report & Web Site: No report. The Editor was celebrating his wife's birthday.

PAST EVENTS

Dyno Day: See report in The Octagon. Good turn out but the dyno computer failed. We have scheduled a Dyno Day II for Saturday, June 16.

Hillsboro Concours: Randy Grossman got third in class for his MGA while member Mark Lambert won first with his MGA. (Classes are by age and price range when new.) Bill Webb also displayed his TC. Randy reports it was a fun event.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

North Bay Tour: Mike Jacobsen moved the date for this event to Sunday, June 17, to not conflict directly with the rescheduled Dyno Day. This is intended to both test another tour for MG2007 and to attempt to provide tour leadership training to tour guides for the event.

MGs by the Bay: Only two days away! Items: Awards: Bob Stine picked them up. Permit from the city: Bob Stine will pick up on Friday. Port-a-Potty: Bob Stine meeting the provider to arrange location. T-shirts: Dan Shockey picked up. Look good. Pre-registrations: Only 47. May be a smaller event this year. Car layout: Dave McCann doing that. Volunteers: Arrive at 7:30 and find something to do. Insurance: Taken care of by Mike Jacobsen and NAMGBR.

OLD BUSINESS:

50th Anniversary Regalia: Mike tried to get pins made in time for MGs by the Bay. He reported we can't get them in time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m., a short meeting so we can stuff packets for MGs by the Bay. The next business meeting is to be held June 14, at the Englander.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Shockey, MGOC Secretary

Tour Leader 101

C'mon Out and Be a Tour Leader!

There are four guided tours planned for MG2007:

- The drive to the Union Hotel for the Rustic Italian Dinner
- The Mille de Mendocino
- The Bodega Bay tour
- The Wine Country tour

The Italian Dinner and Mille each already have over 80 cars registered to participate. That's too many cars for a single tour leader to handle safely and efficiently. We need tour leaders! We'll run the large tours in multiple sections, but we still need leader cars at the front and rear of the group, and possibly even a car or two within the group.

Come on out and learn what it takes to be a tour leader. We'll go over what you need to know, what to watch out for on the tour, and what to do if things go wrong. Then we'll go out on one of the shorter tours to practice, end up at a lunch stop, and review and answer questions over lunch.

What: Tour Guide 101 – How to lead a tour for MG2007

Where: Starting from the DoubleTree Hotel in Rohnert Park

When: Sunday, June 17, 10am

Who: Contact Mike Jacobsen, 415-333-9699 or MikesMuseum@yahoo.com

Why: To learn how to lead a tour, keep the participants together, and handle any problems that come up

Bring: Your MG and handheld radio if you have them



Gary Kennedy's Premier MG TF at MGs by the Bay

English Countryside BBQ

11 AM, Saturday, June 23, 2007

MG enthusiasts Nancy and Lew Reader have invited members of the Bay Area MG clubs to their beautiful country farm in rural Watsonville. This event is in the same general area as the popular Rose Run that we enjoyed in the past.

Nancy and Lew have several interesting MGs including two pre-war models. They also have a collection of antique tractors.

Please note that due to space constraints, the Readers have asked to limit the number of attendees to the first 36 to sign up. There is a cost of \$5 per person. They will not provide drinks so BYOB, please.

Stuart Locke is coordinating this for the MG Owners Club, the Sorry Safari Touring Society, and the Abingdon Rough Riders. He will provide caravan information. To sign up, call Stuart at (408) 732-2999.

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MGs Set to Roll Off U.K. Assembly Line

by Bob Trencheny

The first MG TF built at the Longbridge, England factory since 2005 is expected to roll off the assembly line in late May, ending the plant's two year hiatus, as Nanjing Automobile brings the MG marque back to life. The company unveiled its first cars built in Nanjing, China, a sports car and saloon, in March.

The Longbridge factory is fitted out to build MG TFs and will start production on May 29th. The company will begin selling cars in the second half of the year. Nanjing Auto is working to establish a dealer network and has interested parties in Britain, Germany, Australia, and several other Commonwealth countries. Zhang Xin, the general manager of the Nanjing Auto unit, said the company hopes that at least 50% of its sales are outside of China.

Nanjing Auto acquired most of the assets of MG Rover in 2005. The remaining assets went to Shanghai Auto, a competitor to Nanjing also in China. China is quickly becoming an automobile exporter. Its 2006 exports were 300,000, nearly double the previous year. Despite the increase, Chinese automakers are finding it difficult to break into the major western car markets.



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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



Club Meeting & Natter

Jun14, 2007 (2nd Thurs.), 8 p.m.

The Englander, 101 Parrot Street, San Leandro

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

For the June Natter we will meet at 8:00pm at The Englander. We will not be going slot car racing before the meeting. The members attending the April meeting decided to make slot car racing an occasional event every 2-3 months. Keep watching *The Octagon* and the MGOCC web site for the next opportunity to go racing.

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

Saturday, June 9th at 8:30 A.M.

At Sam Gearhart's Place

Now that *MGs by the Bay* has come and gone we are meeting back at Sam's house in Oakland. The contact information is 3521 Randolph Ave., Oakland, CA 94602 Phone: (510) 813-0373.

From North Bay, San Francisco and Highway 80 Corridor:

From 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)

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