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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:

Steve Glenn's actual "Chevy" TD (not an April Fool's joke) on the Mount Tam Tour, Dan Shockey

Club Meeting after Walnut Creek Tech Session April 18, 2015

10:00 am: gather
12:00 pm: natter and noggin'



We will continue to have the Natter 'n Noggin Meetings on Saturday Mornings in hopes of better attendance. As in last year, the venues will be changed throughout the Bay Area, North, South, East and West.

Don Du Fosse's Garage, 6 Evergreen Court, Walnut Creek

Time: Meet at 10:00 am, till 2:00 pm

Tech Session: See what Professor Kuenzinger has in store for us, perhaps the secret for installing a Flux Capacitor in your MG for Time Travel to the 1950s to meet with Cecil Kimber at a local pub. Perhaps, Professor Carlsen will take us through the derivation of the Flux Capacitor equation made ridiculously simple.

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg at 408-354-4421 / president@mgocsf.org or Craig Kuenzinger at mrcraigk@aol.com or "enroll" for the event online at www/mgocsf.org



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For All Items Below: Please contact member: Dave Loader at loader.dave@gmail.com [Posted 09/13]
 - **MGB late overdrive transmission with gear lever and switch.** This unit has been rebuilt by Quantum Mechanics and never used. \$500 ono
 - **MGB PARTS. 5BRG crank,** 4 pistons/rods, engine/trans plate, trans mount/stay rod, sump, engine block +.040 rebore, new pistons +.040, inlet manifold, pulley. Make offer.
 - **MGA PARTS. 1600 camshaft,** flywheel, generator, inlet manifold, front engine plate. Make offer.

For All Items Below: Member Bob Luebbert at r.luebbert@sbcglobal.net [Posted 07/13]
MG TD Head Light Tie Bracket attaches to radiator, Moss Part # 451-100, used -- great shape! Price \$20 OBO
Two Headlight Stone Guard for MG T-Series, come with attachments, Moss part #222-150 \$30 obo
Gas Cap for 1975 MG/Sprite, never used, \$15 obo (thought it would fit on my 69 MGB - but will not)
MG TD chromed radiator shell, false nose, slates and medallion- total for sale at \$1000 USD obo



For All Items Below: Please contact member: Ken Gittings at a_67_bgt@yahoo.com or 510-791-8445 [Posted 10/14]
 - **Tourist Trophy 14" Black Leather Rim Wheel W/3 Matte, Drilled Spokes.** \$180.00. Moss Part# 489-030, Must use Tourist Trophy/Moto-Lita adapter hub sold by Moss.
 - **One pair front springs for rubber bumper MGB,** used less than 10 miles, way to low for my GT. \$40.00
 - **One intake manifold w/ceramic coating for 1 3/4" SU,** Just the manifold!
 - **7/8" front sway bar, also 3/4" rear sway bar for MGBs**
 - **Steel dash for early MGB (63-67),** dash has been repaired and has wrinkle powder coat finish. \$190
 - **Used "Bad Boy" air horn,** yes it works. \$15
 - **Dual Weber intake manifold for cross flow head.** Intake manifold only!
 - **Trailer hitch for an MGB.**

Announcements:

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. [posted 06/13]



New and Used Parts Swap Meet / Bone Yard Sale: 2nd Saturday of the month starting January 11, 2013

- at Union Jack 13555 Depot Street, San Martin, CA 95046
- call Marcello or John @ 408-686-1101 with any questions

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Direct all questions about advertising to Mike Jacobsen at 415-333-9699 or MikesMuseum@yahoo.com. 2015 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 Steve Kellogg upon request.

MGOCsf.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

- April 5 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- April 12 – Cecil Kimber's Birthday (04/12/1888), Cecil Kimber and Old Number One win Gold at Land's End Trial (04/12/25)
- April 16 – 1,500,000th MG built, MG TF 160 (04/16/02)
- April 17 – **OTRA Pub Night**, On the Road Again, Morgan Hill, Bill and Mary Hiland
- April 18 – **Tech Session**, Walnut Creek, Don Du Fosse and Craig Kuenzinger
 - Cars Boats & Train Tour, Livermore and Beyond, Ben and Jan Lenci
- April 21 – Sears Point 24 Hour Lemon Race
- April 21-22 – Vintage Race at Laguna Seca, Warren Pierce
- April 25 – MG R-type announced (04/25/35)
- April 26 – Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay
- May 1 – Octagon registered as MG Trademark (05/01/24)
- May 9 – **Llogg Run**, Los Gatos, Steve Kellogg
- May 17 – UBSSCC Dixon Car Show, Dixon
- May 30 – **MGs by the Bay Stuffing Meeting**, El Cerrito, George Steneberg and Marcia Crawford
- May 31 – **MGs by the Bay**, The Livery, Danville, Steve Kellogg and Craig Kuenzinger

From the Editor...

Apple iCar rumors ... a new Smart MGA(pple)

Although, Apple often works on many secret projects that never make it to market, some notable examples do. These include the iMac, iPhone, iPad, and most recently, the iWatch. How the iWatch sells will be extremely important, as this is CEO Tim Cook's first new device to emerge from beyond the shadow of the venerable past CEO, Steve Jobs. But what about the ultimate smart car? The iCar ... Well, rumors of an iCar project are rampant. <http://www.macrumors.com/roundup/apple-car/>

Here's what I know. On February 4, a mysterious number of GM Dodge Caravans were leased by Apple and subsequently spotted roaming Bay Area streets. These peculiar Caravans have been outfitted with a bizarre array of rooftop cameras arranged for a full 360° angle view. On February 9, an anonymous Apple employee states "Apple will give Tesla a run for its money." There has been a



long rumored relationship between Apple and Tesla. In fact, Tim Cook and Elon Musk are speed dial buddies. On February 13, it was noted that Apple has been poaching engineers from Tesla, Ford, General Motors, and A123 Systems battery maker. On February 15, former GM CEO Dan Averson said of Apple, "they have no idea what they're getting into." If you recall, similar comments were made about Apple by ATT, Verizon, and T-mobile executives, just before the iPhone was introduced. On March 13, a recently discovered shell company called SixtyEight Research, in a Sunnyvale location, just minutes from Apple's main campus, submitted multiple permits for an automotive testing facility.

Separate reports indicate that Tim Cook has been making numerous trips to the UK. Well, a simple Google search unveils the ultimate missing link. Turns out Tim Cook, also serves, as the **Chairman of MG Northumbria**, in the UK. Coincidence?, I don't think so! <http://mgnorthumbria.weebly.com/who-are-we.html> It doesn't take a Sherlock, Kuenzinger, or Carlsen, to put 1 + 1 together here. It's all so obvious. All these Apple iCar rumors can only mean one thing, and they all point to the introduction of an all new Apple Smart Car, the MGA(pple)!

That's right! And you heard it first, right here, in *The Octagon*. I've taken the additional steps of scouring every other MG publication out there, print, electronic, or Tweet. And no one is even close to scooping this headline. Having up to the minute, late-breaking, **TOP SECRET** info like this should be worth your annual member's dues right there.

So, here's my prediction. MG owners will soon be able to bask in the limelight of owning the Smartest Smart Car ever produced, the new MGA(pple). MG owners will soon be able to hold video calls, surf the Information Super Highway, connect with friends, family, and other MGOC'ers during Tours, through Apple Carplay's newest Retina, in-dash, Siri controlled quad core Nvidia processing vehicular tubes (aka displays). The new MGA(pple) promises to be a hardcore driver, or perhaps, driverless, car, by taking all the MG features that have made all previous MGs so popular, from the P-Y-T-A-B-C-series to the current MGF, and cranking it up to a solid "11."

The central MGA(pple) 12-core processor may allow you to customize your ride in any imaginable combinations from "Mild" to "Manic" modes. For those who may want to *MG Reminisce*, there will also be "oil leak," "overheat," and "breakdown at any moment" modes. But, do not fret. Before *MG Reminisce* modes can be activated, an automatic call will go out to AAA, in order to confirm your AAA Premier membership is paid in full, and that you are within your one time, free 200 mile tow home, for the year, or within your free 100 miles, for each additional disablement thereafter. How's that for smart? Control of your MGA(pple) may be enabled from your iPod, iTouch, iPhone, iPad or iWatch with a free MGA(pple) App for download at Apple's [App Store](#) or through [MGOCSF.org](#).

As your editor, I took it upon myself to sleuth



some more, in order to try and confirm these rumors. To do so, I went straight to the source and sent an e-mail to Tim Cook from "MG Northumbria," fully expecting that my e-mail would be routed right back here to Palo Alto. This was his reply.

1974 MGB Tourer Rust-Free California car ready for the road. Very straight, glacier white, chrome bumpers, custom dark gray carpets, original excellent black upholstery, dashboard top replacement, all instruments operational, Craig radio/cassette, aluminum "minilite" wheels, tires new (2011, 500 miles), new black vinyl top (Moss, professionally installed, tonneau (1 new, 1 original), car jack and equipment in original bags, mileage: 102,000, new calipers / pads / bushings / bearings / steering boots / alignment / fuel gauge sender / instrument voltage stabilizer / rear wheel bearings / belts / hoses / etc. No clear history on engine work. Compression average 136 lbs/cylinder. Runs great. Asking \$12,450. Contact member Jack Ford at jackrada@att.net.



1974 MGB GT Chrome Bumper California car restored 10 years ago and always garaged since. Body is a modified Black Tulip (very deep purple) color with navy blue interior. It has been customized to create a "late model" car look with chrome pieces powder-coated black except for the bumpers. Car features custom wheels with low profile oversized tires. (205/45V16).



Engine and drive train are stock. Engine has less than 10,000 miles since rebuild; head was just done this year by On the Road Again with new valves and guides. Carbs rebuilt by British Sports Car center with new throttle shafts. Engine runs well with strong acceleration.

Restoration included many new parts and pieces. All quarter panels were replaced and rust removed from internal structural panels. New bumpers front and rear; door and window seals replaced; Brakes rebuilt with new master cylinder, wheel cylinders and calipers; new navy blue interior panels, headliner, carpets, dashboard, wood steering wheel, windshield, and seatbelts. Hatchback and Hood lifters replaced with gas strut versions. Seats are deep blue from a 1990 Honda Prelude.

Asking \$10,000. Contact member Jim Carlson carlsonconsulting@comcast.net, 408 802 0599 [Posted 09/14]

1976 MGB Roadster Orange with black interior (Giants colors). Vehicle has 22,000 original miles. 1800cc engine with Stromberg carburetor and 4-speed manual with electronic overdrive. Soft-top with tonneau. AM/FM/CD stereo with removable face, remote control and MP3 interface. 15" PanaSport Aluminum Alloy hubs w/ new tires. No rust and is fully restored to like new condition in and out. It is currently registered in California. Asking \$14,500. Contact Member Tom Doyle at 520-220-6228 or at wtdoyle@cox.net. [Posted 02/14]



Wanted:

Dashboard for Mk2 MGA, any parts you might have Mk2 MGA, 14-inch wire wheels that are in good-excellent condition for MGB. Don Scott; 707 942 0546; don@napanet.net. [Posted 06/14]

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. [Posted 05/13]

MG Midget Rolling Chassis Body Shell. No VIN. No Title. No engine, transmission, differential, front bumper, or windshield. Not crashed but rough. Rubber bumper car. Make Offer. Contact Member Nick Becker at 925-932-9778 or becker2226@astound.net. [Posted 05/13]

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. [Posted 05/13]

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. [Posted 05/13]

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:

1949 MGTC has a rebuilt engine with very few miles on it. The car has also been rewired with a new wiring harness. The car has been painted to the original color. The car has a new top and side curtains and original tool kit. The wood in the doors is in good condition. The compression in the engine is about 120 in each cylinder. I have been told that if it is driven more that number will come up higher. For sale at \$26,500. Contact Member Larry Matthews at 415-999-2362 [Posted 08/13]



'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. [posted 06/13]



1961 MGA1600. runs great and has new paint and interior. Black exterior and tan interior. I have the hardtop repainted also, but the soft top is not restored. I have records of all improvements over the last 10 years. Stored in Berkeley. Price \$14-16,000

Contact member Josh Oliver joshholiver@gmail.com or 510-710-7883 [Posted 04/15]



1967 MGB GT. This is pretty much an all original, (except for the first two years) a one owner car. Purchased new in San Rafael, CA, from the local British Car Dealer. I purchased this car about a year ago, and have receipts for about \$6,500 of various items repaired by my mechanic, including a rebuilt transmission. The car had not been driven much for the past several years. I bought the car as a gift for my Brother, but, due to his extremely bad tennis hips, he has extreme difficulty getting in and out. Price \$8,375.00*

Contact Robert chevaili@gmail.com (415) 441-7699 [Posted 09/14]



What's that? ... Tim Cook from Northumbria is not Tim Cook from Palo Alto? Oh?, Hmm, twins? They don't even look alike. Imagine my surprise! OK, well then to quote SNL's Gilda Radner, "*Never Mind!*"

Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- April Fools!
- So, what about it? Did I get you this year? C'mon, you know I did. Or maybe, somewhere deep inside, you were hoping it were true? Yes? Maybe? Did you go to the links to confirm? You can admit it. Really, I won't think less of you ...

- Special thanks to Tim Cook, Chairman, MG Northumbria, not Apple Palo Alto, for participating on this year's ruse!

April 1, 2015

Felix Lee
Editor, The Octagon
MGOC of Northern California

Dear Felix,

My name is, indeed, Tim Cook.
I am, indeed, the Chairman of MG Northumbria, UK
I live in Northumbria, UK, not Palo Alto.
I have nothing to do with Apple Computer
But I sure hope your prank works for the members of MGOC of Northern California

Safety Fast,

Tim Cook



Tim Cook,
Chairman, MG Northumbria,
and his '75 MGB GT Jubilee



President's Ponderings ...

Happy Spring, Fellow MGBers,

Most recently, I ran the Mt. Tamalpais Drive, put on by Andy and Marla Preston, had a great time and saw absolutely wonderful scenery. I also heard that there were 15 cars on the St. Patrick's Drive, on March 17, lead by our own, Bud Alderson.

Just this morning, I drove up to Mt. Hamilton with MGOC members Ken Gittings, Dave Marsh and Jennifer Orum. It was cloudy and cold at the top, but the views were still worth the drive. Midweek drives are fun as there is not as much traffic on the back roads and that includes bicyclists. In the next couple of weeks I may make it a trifecta and visit all the mountains in our glorious part of the world and set up a drive to the top of Mt. Diablo.

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Keep an eye on your e-mail in box for details

Speaking of drives, Jennifer is getting ready to drive across country to Niagara Falls and Frankenmuth for the national MGB and MGA registers meet-ups this summer. It makes me start to think about attending the All MG Register meeting next year in Louisville, Kentucky. I hope there is an organized drive out and back similar to the Rallye to Reno held back in 2011. I plan on going for it. How about any of you? It would be an adventure to remember.

Be sure to mark your calendar for some fun events coming up in the next couple of months. April 18 Tech Session in Walnut Creek, May 9 "Llogg's" Run in the South Bay culminating in the MGs by the Bay Car show on May 31 in Danville.

I would like to also welcome our new Members who have joined/re-joined this year and hope to see you at our upcoming events or read about you in the *Meet the Newest Member* column:

Jean Behse
Paul Cardoni
Douglas Hollander
Verna Rose Kelsey
Michael Brookman
Raymond Bresnan
Peter Mieuli
Peter Keightley-Pugh
Roberto Sanabria
Cara Finesse

Safety fast!
Steve Kellogg



Check out what member Jennifer Orum does in the company of friends, as published in in the March edition of *Moss Motoring*
<http://www.mossmotoring.com/company-friends/>

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The T-shirt design for MGs by the Bay will feature the Premier Class winning car from the previous year. 2015 will be Eric Baker's 1936 PB.

BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING – April 18 Tech Session – Walnut Creek

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm
Submitted by Steve Kellogg

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MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

Mt. Tamalpais Run – Marin County
March 15, 2015

Call to Order: 2:14 pm by President Steve Kellogg

Attending: Marcia Crawford, Steve Kellogg, Vicky Kellogg, Andy Preston, Marla Preston, and George Steneberg.

February Mileage Winner: N/A

Minutes of Previous Meeting, February 28: Approved. A comment was made that the minutes were a little light on content.

REPORTS

President's Report: Great Tour today – Thank you Prestons.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to Report

Treasurer's Report: Marla Preston

Account	March 2015	February 2015
Checking	9,200.06	9,129.12
Savings	3,462.51	3,462.43
Total	12,662.57	12,591.55

We had a few renewals and a commercial advertisement payment of \$175.00. In addition, meeting costs of \$51.97 and payment for the printing and postage charges for the March *Octagon*.

Registrar's Report: Steve Kellogg

175 Members	11 Corresponding Members
54 Family Members	3 Family Corresponding Members
229 Total Members	14 Total Corresponding Members

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Regalia: Nothing to report

The Octagon: Nothing to report

Website: Steve Kellogg – Need to update Swap Meet and Gallery – Few bugs still remaining but overall response has been positive.

PAST EVENTS

Need to schedule meetings more towards the middle of the month going forward.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 17 – St Patrick's Day Run – Marin County
- March 20 – Pub Night – On the Road Again, Morgan Hill
- April 18 – Tech Session and Meeting – Walnut Creek
- May 9 – Log Run – South Bay
- May 17 – UBSSC Car Show – Dixon
- May 30 – MGs by the Bay Packet Stuffing – El Cerrito
- May 31 – MGs by the Bay – Danville
- June 15-19 – GOF West – Rohnert Park
- June 16 – Natter n Noggin meeting at GOF West!
- June 27 – MGOC Day at the Beach – Pajaro Dunes
- July 17-19 – MGOC Weekend Drive up the coast to Fort Bragg and the Redwoods!

When Irish Eyes are Driving MGs

Tour to Pelican Inn

By Bud Alderson

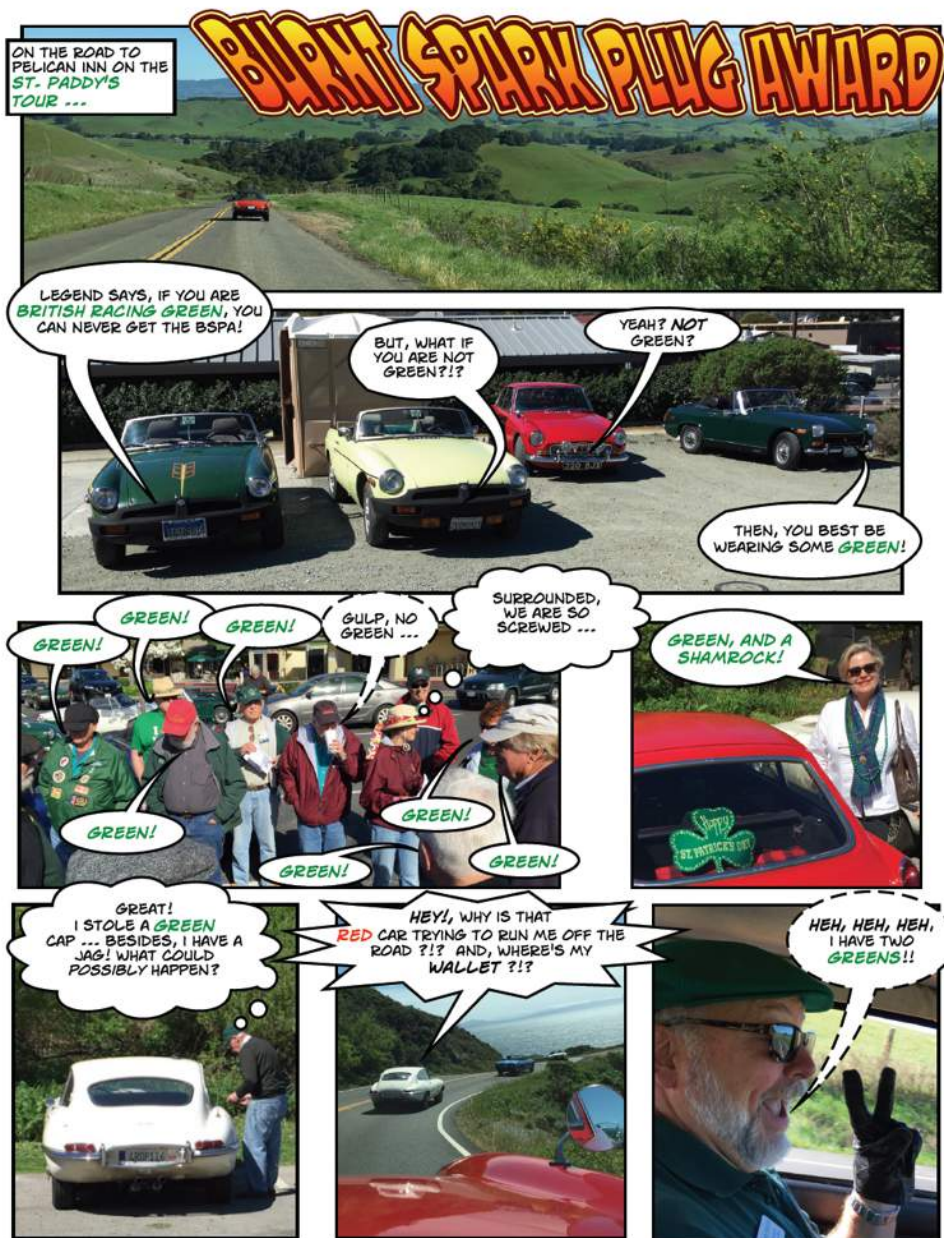
Marin weather cooperated on March 17th, with a sunny and mildly brisk spring day, and the MGOC's St. Paddy's trip was delightful. The group had 14 cars and one Miata. Leaving Novato, we wound through the North Marin's Chileno Valley dairy country, then down Hwy. 1 into Point Reyes Station for a rest and comfort stop. Green hills basking in the sun were stunning. Ultimately we ended up in Muir Beach, almost exactly at the targeted 1:00 time, at the Pelican Inn, and 28 or so lunchers offered a robust toast to St. Paddy, then caught-up with what's

new car-talk and gossip over corned beef, bangers & mash, fish & chips and fine beverages. Don Livingood, for the second year, wins the award for coming the furthest distance to join this tour, coming from Medford, Oregon with his beautiful racing green MGA.

All in all, a great trip: no breakdowns, no navigation drama and they even managed to find David Wright's misplaced wallet in Starbucks before we departed (whew!).



Photos in the shape of a 3 Leaf Clover
by Kirk Prentiss



Photos by Kirk Prentiss, except for the one of Kirk driving, that was by Amy Prentiss
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Walnut Creek Tech Session 2015

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015

Tech Session Leaders: Don Du Fosse and Craig Kuenzinger

Meeting Place: Don's Garage, 6 Evergreen Court, Walnut Creek

Time: Meet at 10:00 am, till 2:00 pm

Tech Session: See what Professor Kuenzinger has in store for us, perhaps the secret for installing a Flux Capacitor in your MG for Time Travel to the 1950s to meet with Cecil Kimber at a local pub. Perhaps, Professor Carlsen will take us through the derivation of the Flux Capacitor equation made ridiculously simple.

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg at 408-354-4421 / president@mgocsf.org or Craig Kuenzinger at mrcraigk@aol.com or "enroll" for the event online at www.mgocsf.org

We look forward to seeing you.



Llogg Run 2015

~~Kellogg's~~
Run

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2015

Tour Leaders: Steve and Vicky Kellogg

Meeting Place: Starbucks at 442 North Santa Cruz Avenue, Los Gatos

Time: Meet at 10:00 am, depart 10:30 am with a full tank of petrol

Tour: South Bay ride over Hwy 9 and 236 to Big Basin Redwood Park (\$10 per car), the Davenport Roadhouse, and then over to the Spectacular California coast where we'll drive north and have lunch and our Natter and Noggin' Meeting at the Cameron's British Pub just south of Half Moon Bay.

Please RSVP: to Steve Kellogg at 408-354-4421 or president@mgocsf.org or "enroll" for the event online at www.mgocsf.org, May 1, so we can confirm lunch reservations.

We look forward to seeing you.

MG Love



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year of manufacture
engine number
chassis number
color
interior color
any modifications

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TECH SESSION, WALNUT CREEK, 4/18
CARS, BOATS & TRAIN TOUR, 4/18
LLOGG RUN, LOS GATOS, 5/9
UBSSCC DIXON CAR SHOW, 5/17
MGs BY THE BAY, DANVILLE, 5/31

SPRING - SUMMER



UNITED BRITISH SPORTS CAR CLUB SHOW, 5/17
GOF WEST 2015, ROHNERT PARK, 6/15-19
PAJARO DUNES BEACH TOUR, 6/27
HUMBOLDT TOUR WEEKEND, 7/17-19
HILLSBOROUGH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE, 7/19
OREGON RENDEZVOUS, 8/6
MONTEREY MOTORING CLASSIC WEEK, 8/10-16
TUNE AND SPOON LAFAYETTE, 8/15
PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE, 8/16
MGOC ANNUAL PICNIC & BBQ, LOS GATOS, 8/22

FALL - WINTER



SCOTTISH GAMES PLEASANTON, 9/5-6
4TH BRITISH FALL CLASSIC, MORGAN HILL, 9/12-13
DANVILLE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, 9/20
MT. DIABLO TOUR, 9/26
SIERRA TOUR, 10/2-4
NORTH BAY TOUR, 10/17
VETERAN'S DAY TOUR, 11/7
FALL TECH SESSION, SAN FRANCISCO, 11/14
MGOC HOLIDAY TEA, LOS GATOS, 12/12
PLANNING MEETING, 1/9/16
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, 1/23/16

MGOC Fill in the Caption

Top Nominees will be Listed in the Next Octagon



Photo by Steve Kellogg

"Note, how quickly the new airbrake system brings the car to a complete stop"

- Jim Carlson

"Just tell 'em we're gonna be a few minutes late ... Again"

- David Richardson

"There's a first time for everything."

- Don Scott

"Guess I'm going to be awarded the Burnt Spark Plug Award (BSPA)"

- Jing Chai

Some Have ... And others Will"

- Craig Kuenzinger

"With the bonnet up, we can blend in with grass ... no one will notice"

- Samantha Lee

Each month, we provide a photo in need of a caption.

You, the reader, submit your caption to flee@hancmg.com.

The MGOC Board will chose the top finalists, which will then be revealed in the following month's Octagon



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MG LOVE

SAMPLE TWO PAGE SPREAD

WE ARE PLANNING TO PUT TOGETHER A COFFEE TABLE SIZED GLOSSY MGOC COLLECTION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR MGS

DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION ON PAGE 10

BOB AND JOANNE STINE



One of my co-workers at United Airlines approached me in 1986 to ask if I'd help him out. He had a 1968 MGB that he had purchased new and he loved that little car.

It seems, his daughter was about to turn 16 and wanted him to give her his MGB as her first car. He didn't much care for that idea; unfortunately for him, his wife agreed with their daughter.

After agonizing over the prospects of his daughter ruining his precious MG, he developed a plan. Although I assured him I didn't need any more cars, he convinced me to go to Fremont to his house to take a look at it. Ultimately, he talked me into buying the car from him to save it from sure destruction.

Shortly thereafter, I found out about *MGs and Jazz*, at Jack London Square, and the MGOC. That led to my involvement with the club until my focus shifted to photography (pun intended) several years ago. Over the last couple years, I haven't had much time for the MGB and it's been used more as a prop than a vehicle. I'm hoping to get back to driving it this summer.



MGB

- year of manufacture: 1968
- engine number: 18GF-WE-H 15729
- chassis number: BMC68GHN4U152958G
- color: torch red (originally pale primrose)
- interior color: black with white piping
- any modifications: rebuilt engine, rebuilt seats, capped dashboard, repainted and pinstriped exterior

