

# THE OCTAGON

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The Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club



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Photo by Wayne Veatch

Touring to MG2011 in Reno

# July 2011

## 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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July 14, 7 pm

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## MG Fall Festival

### September 29 to October 2

### The Sheraton Sonoma – Petaluma

The Fall Festival will include road tours, winery visits, dinner at the historic and rustic Union Hotel in Occidental, a car show, and an awards banquet at the Sheraton. In addition, the Fall Festival coincides with the Classic Sport Racing Group's Annual Charity Challenge at Infineon Raceway. Along with watching some great racing, attendees will have the opportunity to drive their MGs on the Sears Point track during the lunch hour. More details to come. Save the date.



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Information on the MGOC finances is available upon request from the treasurer.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [mgowners@gmail.com](mailto:mgowners@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.

**MGOC.ORG**

Upcoming events, MGOC history, photos, membership forms, *The Octagon*, and helpful links are posted on the Club Web site at <http://mgoc.org>.

## Forthcoming Events

### MGOC Events in bold

Jul. 9 – **Summer West Marin Tour**, Bud Alderson and Marty Rayman

Jul. 16 – **The “Log” Run**, Los Gatos, Steve and Vicky Kellogg

Jul. 28-31 – Rendezvous 29, Keizer, Oregon, **Club T MG**

Aug. 13-14 – Monterey Pre-Historic Races, Laguna Seca

Aug. 16 – **Carmel Concours on the Avenue**

Aug. 19-21 – Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Laguna Seca

Aug. 20 – **Annual Picnic**, **Joaquin Miller Park**, Oakland

Aug. 21 – **Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance**

Aug. 28 – **Hillsborough Concours d’Elegance**

Sept. 18 – **Danville Concours d’Elegance**

Sept. 29-Oct. 2 – **MG Fall Festival**, Petaluma

# From the Editor...

We're all familiar with the adage that a picture is worth a thousand words. Most of us will agree that a picture (especially a photograph) has the ability to tell a great story, and show great emotion, simply and easily. Text, on the other hand, all too often becomes wordy or fanciful when trying to capture and describe a whole scene.

Which medium is preferable, images or words, is a matter for debate (and probably hinges on what the intended purpose is and what is being depicted). However, it is clear that in the world of MGs, a photo is often as good or better than a written description. A photo of rows of cars at a car show is generally much more effective at conveying the scene than the average write-up.

And yet, an exceptional event write-up can tell a story that photos usually can't. Great articles can share anecdotes and conversations, or provide context and color. And for more reflective or explanatory content, like childhood MG remembrances or technical articles, copy is often better than a photo.

Of course, a mix of complementary photos and copy would be ideal. It would be great to have well composed images that tell a story – that show you the scene – and have those photos augmented by an insightful tale, a specific conversation, a bit of wit.

As a photographer, writer, and editor myself, I truly feel that both copy and art are necessary for exceptional coverage. However, if the copy merely recounts or describes the photos, then there's really no need for it.

Nevertheless, it is rare that I don't run submitted copy. Occasionally I receive articles based on copyrighted content from other media or duplicate event reports; and I occasionally even run out of space. But I really do strive to run almost all written submissions. I figure that if a member has taken the time to write something for *The Octagon*, I should try to find space for it.

So when you notice that *The Octagon* is heavy with photos, know that this is due to a lack of submitted copy (and not my penchant for running numerous photos). Just as the MGOC is your club – a club by, for, and of the members – *The Octagon* is your newsletter. If you'd like to see more stories and articles, then please write something and send it to me. It doesn't have to be the most interesting story, or a very detailed account, or have great diction – it only needs to be something you want to share.

Jeremy Palgon

**1969 MGB GT.** For sale by original owner, with records to prove it. Pearl white with new tires, upholstery, valve job, webber equipped. Almost showroom perfect. I have had the car for 42 years and it's been a blast to drive and own. She is a real cream puff. Come see for yourself. She won't last long at this price. \$6,000 or best offer. Contact T. Louis Giles at 707-552-3322.



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### Cars for Sale:

**1973 MGB GT.** Nearly completed restoration of a very nice example. I redid the mechanicals, had body and paint done professionally, colour is as original, upholstery is dark blue cloth as originally fitted, has two nearly new six volt batteries, has correct rubber mats and has original carpeting. Has refurbished Rostyles with like new 165-14 Dunlop radials. I have a professionally rebuilt OD gearbox which is not installed, redone by Jerry Redmon of Napa Valley Auto Restorations. The car does need minor completion - some interior pieces need installing, needs some tidying up. Car has the original blue CA plates that were issued to it when sold new and it is currently registered. \$4,500. Contact Member Don Scott at (707) 942-0546 or [don@napanet.net](mailto:don@napanet.net).



**1961 MGA Coupe**, 1600 cc engine, 5 speed gearbox. California car, completely restored by third (and present) owner in 2002, rust free, body straight, no accidents, 7,800 miles since rebuild. Original body panels, new front spoiler below bumper. All good original chrome, new rubber gaskets for body and glass. Painted "Paprika Red" (Jaguar color). New clutch slave and brake master cylinders, 2004. Pictures and further information upon request. Asking \$25,000. Contact Member Viggo Riddersholm at (650)341-9064 or [vriddersholm@yahoo.com](mailto:vriddersholm@yahoo.com), or Gordon Craig at [lismoregordon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lismoregordon@sbcglobal.net).



**1949 MG TC** British racing green, right hand drive in excellent condition. \$35,000. Contact Member Larry at (415) 999-2362.

## President's Ponderings...

I sat this morning with my coffee and thought about what I would write this month. It isn't easy to come up with a new idea or theme for a column, and suffice to say this month left me in a bit of a quandary. I recall that last year at this time I wrote of an old fashioned Independence Day parade, getting together with family and friends for a back-yard cook-out, and how I was somehow reminded of a simpler time with our club and its many outings.

This year I'm finding it more difficult to think of simpler times. I guess things are anything but simple these days. There are the higher prices we all seem to be paying for just about everything, there is little in the news to be upbeat about, and I can attest to our long disregarded roads and highways crumbling and deteriorating.

It is not my intention to climb up on a soap box, but I don't recall the roads and highways being in such terrible shape when I moved here nearly 30 years ago. Oh sure, there have been HOV lanes added here or there, and bridges continue to be built or strengthened; but all in all, miles upon miles of roads are simply patched with what is certain to be only a temporary remedy. Within weeks the patches begin to fail and things are no better than they were. On top of that, with state and local budgets stretched to the breaking point, there are fewer and fewer workers and less funding available for more permanent solutions.

That brings me to our own club. Unfortunately, despite repeated requests for more involvement from the members and help with running the club, the response has not been overwhelming. Certainly there are a few exceptions, like our upcoming Marin tour on July 9 which is planned and organized by new volunteers Bud Alderson and Marty Rayman. And what's more, Steve and Vicky Kellogg have planned another new event in the South Bay on July 16.

Unfortunately, however, too much is left to the few officers and handful of other dedicated Club members to take care of. On top of that, some board members and volunteers have moved away in the past two or three years – so there are fewer and fewer trying to do more and more. We're stretched thin; and we're all wearing multiple hats and doing our utmost to attend the needs of the club. We're looking for permanent solutions, not quick fixes.

In the short term though, we've discussed what might be done to lessen the workload a bit while maintaining the quality and distinctiveness we all expect in our traditional events. One option is to hold events at places where we already have contacts that we've worked with before, or where we know the rules and application processes. (Alameda County has different applications and permit requirements than the City of Oakland, and those are both different from, say, the East Bay Regional Parks or the City of San Jose's requirements. Needing to learn those differences each year can be a time consuming and frustrating endeavor.) It's like the old riding a bike thing – it's easier to do it once you know how, and you don't need to relearn it. Our familiarity with planning an earlier event will make future planning easier.

For that reason, this year our Annual Picnic will again be held at the Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland Hills. While our practice has been to try to hold events dispersed throughout the entire Bay Area, the workloads of our few overtaxed leaders needed to be taken into account and some way to simplify organizing events needed to be developed. So at least for the time being, and until more of you get involved, we're going back to a few of the same places again. No matter where our events are, I assure you they will continue to be fun, and you'll always have a good time.

Regards,  
Sam Gearhart

# Summer West Marin Tour

## Saturday, July 9

### Novato

Jointly Sponsored by MGOc and SSTS

Summer never gets better than driving an MG through West Marin, and Bud Alderson and Marty Rayman have put together a fun tour to do just that. Leaving from Novato, we will head west past Stafford Lake, take a scenic drive over Wilson Hill, and follow the Chileno Valley Road through dairyland to Tomales Bay and the Panoramic Highway (Highway 1). In Point Reyes Station, we'll stop for a 45 minute look-around and cheese sampling at [The Cowgirl Creamery](#) (noted for award-winning organic cheese making). (Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, while exploring the Marin area organic industry and culture, stopped by the Creamery in 2006.)

We will continue on to lunch at the historic [Olema Inn](#), a stagecoach stop and gathering place for loggers, ranchers, and farmers in the late 1800s. Come visit with old MG friends, and make some new ones.

There are several scenic routes back to Highway 101 – have your pick: the quickest is Sir Francis Drake Boulevard to San Rafael; for the curvy route, follow Marty back over Bolinas Fairfax Road; or follow Bud on spectacular ocean-view tour on Shoreline Drive (Highway 1) past Stinson Beach into Mill Valley. The total driving time from Novato back to 101 will be about two and a half hours.

**When and Where:** Meet at 10:00 am at Starbucks parking lot at [127 San Marin Drive in Novato](#), about a mile west of Highway 101 (take the San Marin Drive Exit).

**Directions:** Take 101 north through San Rafael to Novato, or Highway 37 from the East Bay to Highway 101. Exit on San Marin Drive, which is the last Novato exit. Head west. Starbucks is about a mile down on the right hand side.

**Cost:** No fees. We lunch together and can order individually from the Olema Inn's lunch menu – they will prepare separate checks. For this convenience, please honor the group gratuity rate.

**Please RSVP** to Bud Alderson at 415-497-7669 or [iralderson@comcast.net](mailto:iralderson@comcast.net); or Marty Rayman at 415-454-5756 or [DrMartyRayman@gmail.com](mailto:DrMartyRayman@gmail.com).

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San Francisco Rallye from Reno: The board discussed the Treasure Island welcome reception on Friday, June 17 from noon to 4:00 pm for cars arriving from the Reno event. Other tour and sight seeing options are also being planned by Lee Sheldon. In appreciation for the cars making it coast-to-coast (the tour began in Ocean City, MD), we will give each driver a small bottle of San Francisco beach sand when the tour ends at Ocean Beach on June 18. Details will be forthcoming in *The Octagon*.

### Old Business

Club Personal Privacy Policy: Discussion was tabled.

Annual Picnic: A motion was passed to have the club provide some of the supplies for the annual picnic on August 28. It was decided to use the same location as last year: the Craib Picnic Grove in Joaquin Miller Park. Craig volunteered to investigate costs for the Club to provide chips & dip for before lunch and something for dessert after. Details in *The Octagon*.

Classic MGOc Show Posters: The board agreed that there is a need to preserve the old posters of MGs by the Bay. We have to have them scanned to a CD or some kind of media is necessary if we want to use them again in the future. Trademark and sponsorship issues will be investigated before we can proceed.

Gifts for MG Clubs in Natural Disaster Afflicted Countries: After discussion, no motion was made to send money to the Christchurch New Zealand MG club as they cope with earthquake devastation.

Editor's Concerns: were tabled until next meeting when he and the president can be present.

### New Business

California Autumn Classic Sponsorship: The annual California Autumn Classic coordinator, Bill Meade, addressed the board with concerns to help keep this annual event happening in Morgan Hill. This year's event is scheduled for October 15 and 16. He asked that we please not schedule other events on those dates to encourage participation. He also asked for feedback from past participants on how it could be improved. Bill said there is a need for judges and suggested each participating club provide a few people to judge. Because there are many different British cars, it helps to have people who know their make. Judges would not judge their own car of course. Finally he requested club presidents to be willing to come and judge the Winner's Circle class. Bill hopes that more clubs will take on activities - like sponsor a tour or assist with needs on the day of the show. He would like to see less strain on the few who usually do most of the work. After discussion, a motion was approved to support the event with a \$100 donation. As Bill Meade described it, they take all the income, registrations & sponsorships, pay for the event, and apply any remainder to their charity of choice.

**Next Meeting and Natter:** 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at The Englander Sports Pub, 100 Parrott Street, San Leandro.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Kim Kuenzinger.

# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

## June 9, 2011

In the president's absence, the meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by George Steneberg. Also present were: Mike Jacobsen, Kim & Craig Kuenzinger, Bob & Edie Shaheen, Bob Stine, Bob Trencheny, David Wright, and guest Bill Meade.

The May minutes were approved as emailed to the board members (by retiring Secretary Bob Trencheny), as they were not yet in *The Octagon*.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance was less than last month because of MGs by the Bay expenses, sponsorships not yet received, and costs for the upcoming Fall Festival. Treasurer Mike Jacobsen reported that the MGs by the Bay costs are in line with past years.

Registrar's Report: The MGOC has 208 regular, 65 auxiliary, 12 corresponding, and 2 associate members for a total of 287. We have four new members this month and membership renewal notices have gone out.

Secretary's Report: Nothing significant to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing significant to report.

Regalia: Nothing significant to report.

The Octagon: The editor was unable to make this meeting. After a few computer breakdowns, he was busy getting *The Octagon* out to members. He hopes to be at the July meeting to update the board on the article contest and discuss opportunities to find more core members.

Web site: Nothing significant to report.

### Past Events

MGs by the Bay: About 58 cars came to MGs by the Bay at The Livery in Danville. It was a rainy day, but many people came and a good time was had by all. Some members came who had never attended before. The main sponsor of the event, The Paddock, is going out of business. The marketing manager of The Livery hopes to continue car shows there and is working on finding another business to be the main sponsor.

Sonoma – Marin Tour: Andy & Marla Preston led their Sonoma – Marin Tour on June 4. Even though it was raining, five cars came and enjoyed the tour. Mill Valley member Mark Darley met the group for lunch. David Wright had a very soggy trip as his car had no "side curtains"! Thanks Andy and Marla!

### Upcoming Events

The Fall Festival: committee continues to meet monthly. Details for regalia, hotel reservations, banquet, and car show space are in place. Details are being finalized for tours, track time, detailing clinic, and other activities. Because we are providing hoses and a car washing station for this event, a motion was passed to purchase and provide small terrycloth wash towels, at a cost not to exceed \$40. Club members attending MG2011 in Reno will be passing out Fall Festival fliers and registration information while there. Information is also at [www.mgfallfestival.com](http://www.mgfallfestival.com).

# The "Log" Run

## South Bay Tour

### Saturday, July 16

### Jointly Sponsored by MGOC and SSTS

Steve and Vicky Kellogg's tour of the South Bay back roads will lead us amongst the mighty redwoods, the expansive ocean, a top of the world view, and the some of the finest hospitality the region offers.

There will be a special order of cars, in order to not live up to the SSTS motto "we told you we were lost", by having the T Square Riggers lead the group, followed by the A Class, and bringing up the rear will be the Midgets and MGBs. Age before beauty - Steve will be leading the group in the Black Pearl and Vicky will be the trailing car in the Green Caterpillar.

We'll start in Los Gatos and head north to Saratoga along Highway 9. We'll pass the Mountain Winery on our way up to Highway 35 – Skyline Boulevard. Then we'll cross Skyline and head down 236 to [Big Basin Redwoods State Park](#) for our first stop. There are restrooms and a country store at park headquarters, and a room that tells the history of the park and the [Sempervirens](#) group that helps preserve it.

After our brief stop, we'll head west on 236 and reconnect with Highway 9 at Boulder Creek. We'll head down to the Cabrillo Highway 1, where we can stop for fuel if necessary. About one hour of driving and 35 miles later, we'll stop at the [Davenport Roadhouse](#). Here you can buy an adult beverage, glass of wine, foo-foo coffee drink, or a pastry.

Around noon we'll head up the coast and make a right hand turn at San Gregorio Road, heading towards La Honda. We'll be passing water and fields and horse farms on the way up to the Highway 35 junction at Alice's Restaurant. On Highway 35, we'll turn right and head up to a vista point where we'll park and have a short photo-op of the group with the whole Bay Area behind us. This leg of the trip will take about an hour and cover 50 miles.

From there, we'll back track on Skyline and make a right turn on 84, where (after a short 20 minute drive down a really windy road) we'll come into the town of Woodside and have lunch at the world famous [Buck's Restaurant](#). After lunch in our own special room, the tour will be over. It is a short drive to Highway 280 where you can find your way home.

When and Where: Meet in front of the Los Gatos Starbucks, located at [442 North Santa Cruz Avenue](#). There is a Chevron gas station across the street next to a Walgreens, for your last minute fuel needs for your cars and bodies. Be there by 8:45 am as we plan to be on the road by 9:00 am.

Please RSVP to Steve and Vicky Kellogg at [skellogg@sprynet.com](mailto:skellogg@sprynet.com) or 408-354-4421, 408-313-2787, or 408-218-4144.

## Rendezvous 29



**July 28 – 31, 2011**  
**Keizer, Oregon**

Club T MG invites you to Rendezvous with us in Keizer, Oregon on July 28. For more than a quarter of a century, Club T MG has been gathering for a long weekend with the Sorry Safari Touring Society to drive our cars, play some games, show off our cars, rekindle friendships and make new ones, eat, relax, and just enjoy ourselves. We would like you to join in the fun.

This year the Rendezvous will be located in Keizer at the Renaissance Inn. Centrally located between Portland and Eugene, off Interstate 5, the Keizer Renaissance Inn is nestled in the heart of the Willamette Valley. Just minutes from Keizer Station, Keizer Visitors Center, Schreiner's Iris Garden, Salem/Keizer Volcanoes Stadium, Keizer Rapids Park & Amphitheater, McNary Golf Course, and surrounded by 12 local parks. With a population of 36,295, Keizer is the 14<sup>th</sup> largest city in Oregon. Keizer is also recognized as the "Iris Capital of the World".

Standard events include the Funkhana (a test of driving skill combined with whimsical tasks), a gimmick rally (you answer questions while driving the route), a driving tour of the countryside, and, of course, a car show (vote for your favorite in each class). The awards banquet features the winners of the events and a raffle/auction. The trophies are always interesting!

If you have been before you know how fun and relaxing it is. If you have never been – you've been missing a fabulous event. Come check it out.

**Contact:** Donna McNabb at 503-936-6137 or [mcnabb7582@comcast.net](mailto:mcnabb7582@comcast.net).

**More information and registration form:**

<http://www.clubtmg.org/2011-Rendezvous-Registration-Form.pdf>

## How Fashionable!

**Article and photos by Andy Preston**

Bob and Mike put me in touch with a desperate photographer that had lost his MGB for a photo shoot for a clothing line at the Marin Headlands. Can you believe that I was paid \$200 for taking pictures of two pretty girls for two hours! He can sign me up any time he's in town.



# Sonoma - Marin Tour

Photos by Ken Gittings



Despite surprisingly unseasonable rain, a good time was had by the few brave tour attendees.



# Annual Picnic

## Saturday, August 20

### Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland



Craib Meadow Picnic Area

**You are invited to join fellow MGOC members at our Annual Picnic at Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland Hills on August 20.**

We'll enjoy the beautiful trees and scenery in the park. A short walk will take you to Lookout Point or the deck of the nearby community center where you can see the entirety of the Bay Area. You can marvel at views of everything from Hayward and San Mateo in the south to the Golden Gate and north to Marin in all of their glory. Be sure to bring cameras and binoculars. Other short walks will take you to the fountains and waterfalls built as community projects in the 1930s - and those alone are worth seeing!

We'll be in the beautiful Craib Meadow Picnic Area, so expect a day of sun or shade – whichever you prefer.

The Club will provide charcoal for grilling and barbequing. Bring your own favorite food and beverage.

Come as early as 10:30 am and stay around a while. We'll plan on lighting the coals around noon.

There is plenty of parking just across the road, so there is simply no excuse for not joining your fellow club members and enjoying the day!

**Directions:** Take Highway 580 or 24 to 13. Exit 13 at Lincoln/Joaquin Miller Road. Go east on Joaquin Miller Road. Drive uphill a little less than a mile, then turn left onto Sanborn Drive. Enter the Joaquin Miller Park and make your way to Craib Meadow.

## MG2011 in Reno

By Samantha Lee

On the week of June 2, many MG Owners around the country drove to Reno for a car show. There were 650 cars of every imaginable color! I drove in my dad's car to the car show. We stayed at the Silver Legacy hotel and casino with more than 1,000 other owners. I met several newsletter editors like Robert Rushing and Diane Mazurek from the MG Driver and MGA magazine. We listened to talks about MG car design and the history of the marque. On the day of the show, we saw wacky valve cover car races! One made a revving engine sound. My dad brought a red MG jacket and Vicky wanted one too. We went on a drive to Virginia City, where Mark Twain worked as a reporter and Carson City, the Capital of Nevada. Many people at our banquet table won awards like Steve and Vicky, Andy and Maria, Craig and Kim and Randy and Melissa. We were so happy for them and had a great time! Safety fast!

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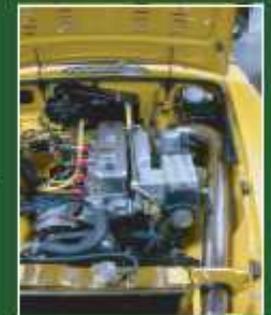
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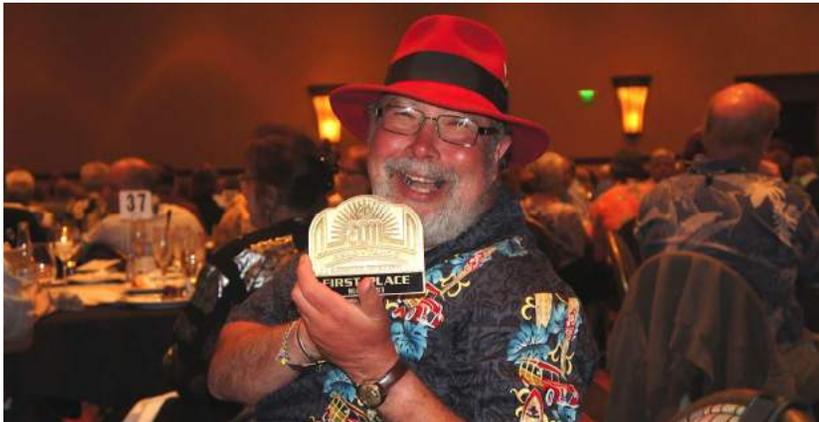
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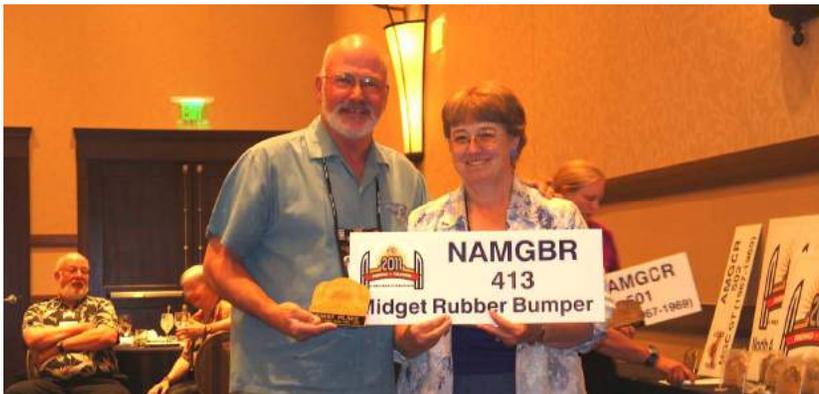
## MG2011 Awards



Andy & Marla Preston enjoy their win



Randy Grossman shows off his award



Craig & Kim Kuenzinger also won first place

## MG2011 in Reno

Photos by Felix Lee



Samantha and MGB Driver Editor Robert Rushing



Cars on the show field on a beautiful day



The MGOC contingent at the awards banquet

## Touring to Reno



## MG2011 in Reno

Photos by Wayne Veatch

## At the Show



A classic police vehicle (above) and endless rows of MGs (below)

