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# THE OCTAGON

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



When all else fails ... Wire Hangers



## May 2015

## 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 each month, after a Saturday Tour or 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 MG models.

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### COVER PHOTO:

When all else fails ... Wire Hangers, Don Du Fosse's MG TF1500, Samantha Lee

## Club Meeting

Cameron's

May 9, 2015

10:00 am: Gather and Tour

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.

**Time:** 10:00 am at Starbucks at 442 North Santa Cruz Avenue, Los Gatos

**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 / [president@mgocsf.org](mailto:president@mgocsf.org) or Craig Kuenzinger at [mrcraigk@aol.com](mailto:mrcraigk@aol.com) or "enroll" for the event online at [www/mgocsf.org](http://www/mgocsf.org)



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[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

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## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. Please email all contributions to [octagoneditor@mgocsf.org](mailto: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? 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

- May 1 – Octagon registered as MG Trademark (05/01/24)
- May 2 – East Bay Swap Meet, Alameda, CA
- 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
- June 7 – Cars and Coffee, Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk
- June 15-19 – **GOF West 2015**: Rohnert Park, CA: Sacramento Valley MG Car Club / MGOC
- June 27 – **Pajaro Dunes Beach Tour**, Jim Carlson



# From the Editor...

... Get that Tuxedo back from the Dry Cleaners ... its MGBTB ...

Well, the Awards Season is just about over. We started the year with the **People's Choice Awards**, on January 7th, followed 4 days later, on January 11th with the **Golden Globe Awards** (aka pre-pre-Oscars), at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, representing the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. In no fewer than 3 days, on January 15th, we beheld the **Critic's Choice Movie Awards**. After a 9 day hiatus, on January 24th, we were treated to the **Producer's Guild Awards**, at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, which honors producer's work in both movies and television. Barely 24 hours later, on January 25th, we've got the **Screen Actors Guild Awards**, honoring theatrical motion pictures, actors, television and stunt ensembles. Within the same week, on January 30th, we were thrust into the **American Cinema Editors' ACE Eddie Awards**, once again at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles. With barely enough time to nap, in less than 24 hours, it was time again for the **Art Directors Guild Awards**, on January 31st, but this time, at the Beverly Hilton International Ballroom in Beverly Hills. With only 4 days to get that tuxedo back from the dry cleaners, we were walking down the red carpet for the **Visual Effects Society Awards**, back at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, on February 4th. But, before you can blink, on February 7th, we are back at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, for the **Directors Guild Award** (aka, pre-Oscars). Keeping the same tuxedo on, for the very next day on February 8th, we are splitting time between the **BAFTA Film Awards** (British Academy Film Awards), at the Royal Opera House in London and then, immediately jet setting it back across the pond and two mountain ranges to LA, for the **Grammy Awards** ceremony. This time, you have a whole 6 days to get that tuxedo back from the dry cleaners, for another twofer on February 14th, at the **Writers' Guild Awards**, for our third time back to the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles and the **Cinema Audio Society Awards**, at the Crystal Ballroom of the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Only to turn it around, in less than 24 hours, for the **American Cinematographers Awards** on February 15, at guess where? The usual, Hyatt Regency Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. Another 6 day hiatus, before the **Independent Spirit Awards** (aka the day before the Oscars awards), on February 21st, before culminating with the **Academy Awards** (aka Oscars), at its annual residence at the Dolby Theater (formerly known as the Kodak Theater, until early 2012, when Kodak went bankrupt, and its name was temporarily changed to The Hollywood and Highland Centre, only to be renamed the Dolby Theater, 3 months later, in May 2012, after Dolby Laboratories, who purchased a 20 year naming rights deal), in Hollywood. With only one event in the month of March, on the 28th, Nickelodeon hosted their **Kid's Choice Awards**. April will only see two events with the **MTV Movie Awards** (aka post-Oscar Awards), on April 12th, followed by the **Academy of Country Music Awards**, on April 19th, which marked the largest ever Awards show, as it was held at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys, in Arlington, TX. Which brings us, finally, to May 31st, 2015, for the Premiere Awards event of the year. But I am not referring to the **Peabody Awards**, even though, it will also be held on May 31st. I am, of course, referring to (drum roll please), the 22nd Annual *MGs by the Bay Classic Car Show*, hosted by the MGOC, at the Livery in Danville, CA. This once in a lifetime, albeit, annual event, is the MG Superbowl of Classic Car shows, which features everything from daily drivers to trailer queens (some are trailer queens to protect them from scratches and others are trailer queens because they do not run), and anything in between. Free admission to see, \$25 to enter.

**Applications can be downloaded.**

Safety Fast!

Felix Lee

- Vote for any MG where the owner is wearing a Tuxedo!



## MG

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:wtdoyle@cox.net). [Posted 02/14]



## Wanted:

**MGA Mk II and MGB Mk I**, also interested in purchasing parts for MGA and early metal-sash MGB. Don Scott; 707 942 0546; [don@napanet.net](mailto:don@napanet.net). [Posted 05/15]

## 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 windscreen. Not crashed but rough. Rubber bumper car. Make Offer. Contact Member Nick Becker at 925-932-9778 or [becker2226@astound.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mark@marklange.org) or 415-297-3456. [Posted 05/13]

**For All Items Below:** Please contact member: Dave Loader at [loader.dave@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Chrome Wheels:** Five chrome, spline-type 15x4.5 wheels with Dunlop tires. Wheels have 48 spokes. 14,000 actual miles. Two wheels need a couple of spokes each. They were on a TF with MGA front and rear axles. Asking \$950. Contact member Elliott Sopkin: [elliotsopkin@gmail.com](mailto:elliotsopkin@gmail.com). [Posted 05/15]

## 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](mailto: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]



**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](mailto:joshholiver@gmail.com) or 510-710-7883 [Posted 04/15]



**1966 MGB Roadster,** reliable driver car cover (black) and new top (black), top is fully removable for storage, new Simpson 3 point shoulder harness / seat belts, chrome air filters, AM/FM radio, British Racing Green, Michelin 185/70 R14 tires, car inspection report available from when bought, all maintenance / repair work done by On the Road Again, replaced muffler / water pump / shocks / brakes / pads / rotors and various other items. All copies of work available. \$12,800 invested, selling for \$8,250 OBO

Contact member Paul Hughes [paul\\_hughes@sbglobal.net](mailto:paul_hughes@sbglobal.net) [Posted 05/15]



**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](mailto:chevaili@gmail.com) (415) 441-7699 [Posted 09/14]



## President's Ponderings ...

Greetings MG Fans,

I don't know about you, but when I go to bed at night, I like to put myself to sleep looking at Car Websites on my iPad. I guess you can say, its my way of counting sheep.

I usually start with Bring a Trailer dot com, <http://bringatrailer.com>. I especially like the commenters of MG ads, as they seem to always have an interesting perspective, on the value of the cars.

Then I go to The MG Experience, <http://www.mgexp.com> and click on the MGB Forum. The postings are very active, up to date, and I get a real kick when I see fellow MGOC members like Nick Jenkins, Don Scott and Andy Preston offering technical expertise or their opinions on a topic.

Usually by then my eyelids are getting pretty heavy, but if it's still early, I check out MG – the Classic Marque, <http://www.mg-cars.org.uk> This site's largest forum is the T-Register group and I can pick up a lot of technical information on our MGTF. If I had a couple of cups of coffee at dinner, I'll then check out Hemmings and E-Bay, just to see what MGs and parts are going for

these days. By then I'm really nodding off and Vicky has to nudge me because I'm snoring away.

Speaking of Websites, I have some exciting news about the our MGOC website! Members are now able to post messages, cars for sale, parts for sale with pictures on the Swap Meet/Forum tab.

The module will also let you post a Poll that others may find interesting and stir up a conversation. It's pretty self explanatory and works like other forums you see on the web. If you have any questions, send them to me at [webmaster@mgocsf.org](mailto:webmaster@mgocsf.org).

Safety fast!  
Steve Kellogg



## MGs by the Bay May 31, 2015



## Danville, CA



# Let's Get Together to Rumble Travel

## Walnut Creek Tech Session

By Bob Stine



Summer weather is already enticing us to think about breaking the MGs out of mothballs and it's time for us to plan for it. Fortunately, the MGOC leaders anticipated that and scheduled a tech session to remind us what needs to be done before we hit the road.

Craig Kuenzinger did an excellent job of going through the list of things to look for and accomplish, to make sure our first drives of the season are as pleasant, safe and uneventful as possible.

Many thanks to Don Du Fosse for allowing us to use his amazing garage for this tech session. I've been to many commercial repair garages that wouldn't hold a candle to his venue. His house adjoins a large double car garage with a very high ceiling and a beautiful car lift. The cleanliness and organization of his shop was very impressive.

Craig used the lift and Don's MGTf to show us various safety issues to address.

He explained how to find the manufacture date on tires (and batteries), the significance of maintaining adequate tread and looking for bubbles, checks and cracks on the sides of tires...all serious safety issues. He also addressed the importance of proper air pressure in tires.

He then raised the car to show us where and how to look for oil, grease and brake fluid leaks. While under the car, he stressed the importance of looking for broken items, loose nuts and bolts and the condition of brake hoses and lines. After lowering the car, we discussed electrical systems, with special attention to the battery condition, hose condition and belt condition and tension checks.

Craig encouraged the members in attendance to ask questions and "guide" him to areas of knowledge we'd like help with. We enthusiastically accepted his invitation. The tech session was very informative and helpful and was followed by our monthly meeting and a nice lunch.



Photos by Felix Lee

## OLD BUSINESS

**MGs by the Bay:** Mike Jacobsen – 17 registrations to date. T-shirts and dash plaques are in progress. We have received the insurance certificate. Ken Gittings needs artwork for the tees; we'll also use that art for the awards.

**NAMGAR GT-42:** Mike Jacobsen – We couldn't get a motel in San Luis Obispo, so we have one in Solvang instead. The contract is ready for NAMGAR to sign. Once we have the hotel confirmed we can begin work on tours and events.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Received this message for discussion:

As you may be aware, each year at GoF West, there is a meeting of an Advisory Council. The purpose of this meeting is to allow representatives of all participating clubs to comment on the event they have just attended and to make suggestions for improvement for events in following years. Club representatives are also asked to give their opinions on GoF West policy matters which are under consideration by the Steering Committee or which have been proposed by Advisory Council members.

At this year's A.C. meeting, one such item is a proposal to change the GoF West By-Laws to read that the purpose of the organization is to put on annual gatherings for "all MGs", rather than for "Pre-1956 MGs". Indications are that this suggestion to make GoF West all-inclusive has some vocal opponents as well as some vocal supporters! The Steering Committee intends to base its vote on whether to change the By-Laws after the Advisory Council has voted on the matter, in order to accurately reflect the majority opinion of all West Coast British Car Clubs with MG owners among their members.

The purpose of my letter is to ask that you make sure your club discusses this proposed change, then appoints someone to represent its opinion at the Advisory Council meeting this June. Club representatives will be asked to sign in when they arrive at Registration, then the meeting will take place on Thursday afternoon.

Lawrie Alexander

Co-chairman, GoF West 2015

Steve Kellogg will be our representative at the Advisory Council meeting. The MGOC position is to support the change.

## BUSINESS RESOLVED ONLINE SINCE LAST MEETING

Proposal to spend \$850.00 for Non-Profit Status – passed with 7 Yes votes (unanimous).

It was decided to have a three-day window to complete online votes. For example, if a matter is proposed on a Tuesday at noon, voting closes at noon the following Friday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Jacobsen will attend the Key West GT.

**NEXT MEETING** – After the May 9 Logg Run – Half Moon Bay – Cameron's Inn

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm

Submitted by Mike Jacobsen



Photo by Felix Lee

# MGOC Business Meeting Minutes

## Tech Session – Walnut Creek April 18, 2015

**Call to Order:** 12:37 pm by President Steve Kellogg

**Attending:** Bud Alderson, Stephan Borne, Don Du Fosse, Ken Gittings, Mike Jacobsen, Steve Kellogg, Craig & Kim Kuenzinger, Felix & Samantha Lee, George Steneberg, and Bob Stine. Other members attended the tech session but not the meeting.

**April Mileage Winner:** N/A

**Approval Minutes of Previous Meeting, April 14:** Approved

### REPORTS

**President's Report:** Steve Kellogg – Start promoting up the MGs by the Bay to be held on May 31. Good driving season ahead of us with driving trips in May, June, and July.

**Vice President's Report:** Andy Preston – Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marla Preston

Account	April 2015	March 2015
Checking	8,223.79	9,200.06
Savings	3,462.59	3,462.51
Total	11,686.38	12,662.57

The main expenditure for this month was the Federal application for Tax Exempt Status fee of \$850.00. The U.S. Treasury has cashed the check which hopefully means the application is going through.

**Registrar's Report:** Steve Kellogg

183	Number of Regular Members
54	Number of Regular Family Members
<b>237</b>	<b>Total Regular and Family Members</b>
8	Number of Corresponding Members
3	Number of Corresponding Family Members
<b>11</b>	<b>Total Corresponding and Family Members</b>
<b>248</b>	<b>Total Members</b>

Added 3 new members this past month – Membership Renewal letters and blast will go out in June.

**Secretary's Report:** Jing Chai – Absent

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** George Steneberg – Nothing to report

**Regalia:** David Wright – Absent

**The Octagon:** Felix Lee – We now have readers in Northumbria, England, thanks to Felix's April Fools column about the new MG car. The "fill in the caption" and "MG love" series will continue, and there's a story coming on the Mt. Tam drive. Felix plans on updating the classified ad section and removing the Member Recruitment line from the inside cover.

**Website:** Steve Kellogg – Updated the Swap Meet. section. It was proposed that members should have the ability to add their own swap meet posts, with text and up to three pictures to not be greater than 1MB each. This passed on a trail basis, with Steve to review submissions.

### PAST EVENTS

Mt. Tam drive was great! And so was the St. Patrick's Day run. Bob Stine will write up a report on the tech session for Felix.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 9 – Logg Run – South Bay
- May 17 – UBSSC Car Show – Dixon
- May 30 – MGs by the Bay Envelope 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!

# Mount Tamalpais

MG 360'

By Andy Preston

On a clear day you can see forever; and this was one of those rare days at the top of Mt. Tam. The views were truly breathtaking, with a 360 degree view of the Bay and the surrounding area.

17 cars and 30 members and friends of the MGOC and SSTS met, on March 14, 2015, on a clear sunny morning in Mill Valley, for the ascent of Mt. Tam. It was a gradual and easy climb to the top with spectacular views of the Pacific and rolling hills in every direction. Marcia was behind us in George's TD exulting her delight of the scenery and every wild flower that she could name.

We stopped at the top, for around 30 minutes, giving us time to drink in the views, kick tires and catch up with old and new friends. I think that Dan Shockey and Thuy drove the farthest, in his MG TD, from Scotts Valley. Although the two that came the furthest, were friends of recent club member, Ray Bresnan, who just arrived from Australia, for a business trip. Eric invited them to drive his Magnette for the last part of the tour, which they really enjoyed.

We descended along the ridgeline to our second destination at Bear Valley Visitor Center, in Olema Valley. On the way down we were treated to the rolling hillsides of Marin, which were still green from the recent rains, and views of Bolinas Bay. The final descent was via a winding narrow one lane road through costal redwoods to the Pt. Reyes seashore.

Lunch was at the private dining room at The Station House Café in Pt. Reyes Station. 27 of us stayed for lunch. The staff at the restaurant was fantastic and everyone was seated and served within 40 minutes of arrival, which must be some kind of record. Following lunch there was a short club meeting.



Photos by Dan Shockey and Andy Preston



MG COURT IS NOW IN SESSION, ALL STAND FOR POTMGOC

# BURN! SPARK PLUG AWARD

TODAY, WE WILL REVIEW THE BYLAWS OF AN MGOC GARAGE ...

**BYLAW #1:** KEEP ALL WEARABLES, NEATLY STORED IN LABELED BOXES, FOR EASY ACCESS ...



**BYLAW #2:** KEEP ALL PARTS ORDERED AND COMPARTMENTALIZED FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION ...



**BYLAW #3:** KEEP ALL CABLES COILED AND FASTENED ...



**BYLAW #4:** HOLD YOUR DRINK IN THE HAND FURTHEST AWAY FROM THE MG ...



**BYLAW #5:** OREO RULE, WHITE SHIRT BETWEEN BLACK SHIRTS ...



**BYLAW #6:** BE COURTEOUS, RAISE HAND BEFORE TALKING ...



CAN ANYONE TELL ME **BYLAW #7?**, HINT: WHY DO I WEAR THESE BLUE GLOVES?



SO YOU DON'T DIRTY MY CAR!!



..... TO BE CONTINUED

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# 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](mailto:president@mgocsf.org) or "enroll" for the event online at [www/mgocsf.org](http://www/mgocsf.org), May 1, so we can confirm lunch reservations.

**We look forward to seeing you.**



**Date:** Saturday, May 30, 2015: MGBTB Stuffing Meeting  
George Steneberg, [9 Pomona Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530](#)

**Time:** Meet at 10:00 am

**Sunday** May 31, 2015

**The Livery,** [440 Sycamore Valley Rd W, Danville, CA 94526](#)

**Time:** Arrive between 8:00 - 10:00 am

**Event:** Classic Car Show, Close to 100 Classic Cars all in One Place, Everything from Daily Driver to Trailer Queen, White Glove Inspections - YPTWG (you provide the white glove), Popular Judging, One Ballot per entry, Meet Up with old friends, Good Time

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**Applications can be downloaded.**

**We look forward to seeing you.**

## MG Love



Start collecting your photos and writing your 2 paragraph blurb for the official MGOC **MG Love** glossy coffee table book

**We will need your:**  
year of manufacture  
engine number  
chassis number  
color  
interior color  
any modifications

Another sample layout is in the Centerfold

So far, 4 pages done  
227 members to go ...

**To be included in the Final Print Edition**  
please send all submissions to [flee@hancmg.com](mailto:flee@hancmg.com)  
by August 1, 2015  
in order to have it by the Holidays

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## MGOC Photographanista



Photo by Felix Lee

**Mindy Hungerman**

showing off her

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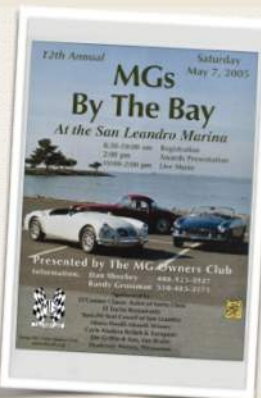


# Start Planning for 2015 ...



## WINTER - SPRING

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

"Dear Mom, The rally to 'Save the Whales' was great! We really made a difference. But my Green Machine has a gas tank problem and I only have enough lunch money for the week. Do you think you could wire me some...."

- Mike Sullivan

"Dear Santa, I have been good- I have not exceeded the speed limit, ever. Can you please get me a chrome bumper conversion kit for Christmas?"

- Don Scott

It's an MG... don't we spend enough time on the side of the road without doing it voluntarily?!

- Beth Lowy Ehrle

"Dear John Twist, How do I get this big green thing out from under my wheel well?"

- Steve Kellogg

"Just another day in Paradise"

- Ari Moder

"Dear AAA, Me, A ... gain ..."

- Samantha Lee

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

You, the reader, submit your caption to [fliee@hancmg.com](mailto:fliee@hancmg.com).

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



Photo by Dan Shockey



# 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

## RICHARD AND ROSE BUTLER



A few years ago I bought a run down 72 Midget. It was in bad need of a rebirth. The body needed work badly and the interior was also toast.

I thought that this would be a good project to keep me busy for awhile and to teach my stepson a few things about working on cars.

We tore the car down to just a rolling frame, sent the engine to Loyd Engineering to get it bored and a Hotter cam put in. (He's the man, that engine runs cherry!) We took the body to my friend Brian Jennings who did all the body work and paint. It came out beautiful. (I was astonished at his work.)

I then got it home and started on the interior. The dash was in very bad shape so I decided to make one out of walnut. I used the old dash as a template so all the speedo, oil, and wires lined up as before. I also used the glove box latch so I can still use the original glove box. I topped the dash off using spar varnish for the finish.

We then put the car all back together using just about all new parts (lights, bumpers, seals, carpets, rag top, electrical and mechanical items and a early grill) that I bought from Moss. We had a lot of fun building this car and it did pretty well in the shows too.

I drive this car just about every day that is not raining. Can't go wrong with 40 MPG. Already went though one set of tires and a windshield. I would to thank my wife Rose for her patience, (she thought I was nuts for buying such a piece of junk), and to Mike Lloyd for the engine work, Brian Jennings for the paint job, Bryan Sneddon my stepson for helping with stripping the car. And MGOC for letting me join their club. They are very fun and interesting.

MGB

- year of manufacture: 1972
- engine number: 12CJ/DA/H/3186-3
- chassis number: GAN5UC105808G
- color: blue with black stripes
- interior color: black
- any modifications: walnut dash, Hotter cam, custom paint

