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Lisa Ann and family's 1979 MGB. Story on page 15.

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About *The Octagon* and MGOC...

The M.G. Owner's Club, formed in 1958, is the Northern California center of the M.G. Car Club, formed in England in 1930. We receive two copies of MGCC's *Safety Fast*, available to members on loan from the Corresponding Secretary. The club is also associated with NAMGBR, the North American MGB Register, and NAMGAR, the North American MGA 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. Owner's Club. Opinions expressed in *The Octagon* are not necessarily those of the MGOC, its members, or Board of Directors.

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We decided to sell our **MGA MKII**. We wondered if you knew of someone who has been wanting an MGA. I have recently added a Nissan 5-speed and rebuilt the 1622 engine, plus new floor boards, carpets, and factory 3-point seat belts. David Lively, Sacramento, 916-366-9185, dlively@jps.net.

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Club Meeting & Natter

There is no business meeting or natter in February due to the Annual Dinner. The next meeting and natter will be on March 14, 2002 (Thu) at the Englander in San Leandro.

The Octagon is Now Online!

As reported in the Minutes, *The Octagon* is now online. It is even in color, unlike the print version! For more details and links to the newsletter, see the following web pages:

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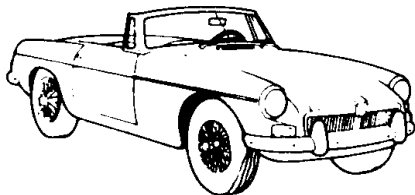
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1964 MGB Roadster. Factory overdrive, wire wheels. Stock, the only modification is a battery cut-off switch. Solid and in good running condition, runs and drives very nicely, fast on the highway, ready to drive wherever. Properly set up and serviced. Rebuilt gearbox, including special steel synchro ring for second gear which improves longevity of synchro action on that gear. Roller throwout bearing (works well, some people suggest it may not last as long as the graphite original. Replaced floor panels. Front end rebuilt. Brakes rebuilt (silicone fluid) and work well, and various other mechanical repairs have been made. Needs cosmetic improvement and interior. Comes with various extra parts and some options of top, seats, etc. depending on your interests and the price. I have collected some extras of some of the parts that are particular to this model, including a pair of doors and an engine block.

This is a relatively rare model and comes with the original 3 main bearing 1800cc engine. This is a different animal than the later 5 main bearing MGBs and it definitely feels different. This engine revs faster and seems to accelerate more quickly, and in spite of the things one hears and reads about it, my experience has been that this engine is really under-appreciated and is very special among the MGB engine options. I'm interested in getting about \$4500 for this car. I'll be happy to answer any questions about the history of

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MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO *THE OCTAGON*

Your stories, photos, tips, questions, and anything MGOC-related are always welcome in *The Octagon*! Please make your contributions by the 10th of the month preceding the issue in which you want them to appear. The editor's address is: Felix Wong, MGOC, 3516 Dickenson, Fremont, CA 94538. Or, you may email contributions to mgoc@felixwong.com. Preferred electronic text formats include ASCII text or any version of Microsoft Word; preferred image formats include TIFF, GIF, JPEG, PICT, and BMP.

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.

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Membership

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at future meetings and events of the MGOC and having your stories, photos, and tips printed in *The Octagon!*

Calendar of Events

MGOC (which is us!) events are in **bold** type. Abbreviations (if used): CSRG – Classic Sports Racing Group, SSTS – Sorry Safari Touring Society, HMSA – Historic Motor Sports Association, ESCA – Empire Sports Car Association

General British Car Events

February 2002—SSTS Valentine Tour. Schweigers, 650-878-7921.

February 24, 2002 (Sun)—50th Annual Swap Meet by the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club. All makes & models of cars & parts for sale. Free admission to buyers. See www.bahcc.org or call 209-847-3636 for more details.

February 17, 2002 (Sun)—Sorry Safari MG club Rainy Day Tour, Marin County. Larkspur Landing Ferry lot, 10am. RSVP: Rod and Sue Schweiger, 650-871-7921.

March 16, 2002 (Sat)—**MGOC Tour to Pierce Manifolds** in Gilroy. See separate flier in newsletter. Info: Dan Shockey, 408-923-3927.

April 13, 2002 (Sat)—**Mt. Hamilton II**. See pages 8-9 for details.

May 10-11, 2002 (Fri-Sat)—Lost Drive-In Car Show, San Luis Obispo. Hosted by the Rotary Club of SLO. Cruise Night on Friday. Open to all classes of pre-1970 autos. Email oldwings@charter.net for more details.

May 11, 2002 (Sat)—**MGs at Jack London Square**. See page 8 for more details.

June 1-2, 2002 (Sat-Sun)—The 2002 Wine Country Classic, HMSA's big event at Sears Point.

June 24-28, 2002 (Mon-Fri)—GoF West. Durango, CO. More info: tcx36@aol.com.

July 28, 2002 (Sun)—DiCiccio Tour to the Rose Growers.

September 8, 2002 (Sun)—All British Car Day. Possibly at a new location.

September 22, 2002 (Sun)—2002 Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance. At the Ocean Trails Golf Club in Pebble Beach overlooking the ocean. This year's Grand Marshal is legendary Parnelli Jones. Weekend events include a visit to Parnelli's private collection. For more info, contact Cynthia Radom, modar@earthlink.net.

❖ MGOC Regalia ❖

Description	Qty	Each	Total
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Pennant – Red “MG Owners Club”, cream canvas, 9½" high by 17" long		\$10.00	
Grille Badge – MGOC logo, 4" high, mounts with one stud through grille		\$30.00	
Patch – 3" diameter, embroidered black MGOC logo on white		\$6.00	
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MG Car Club Grille Badge – 3" dia., mounts with studs through grille		\$45.00	
MG Car Club Grille Badge – 3" dia., mounts with bracket to badge bar		\$45.00	
Key Fob – Black leather fob with cloisonne MG Car Club logo		\$10.00	
Lapel Pin – ¾" by 1" enamelled metal MGOC badge		\$6.50	
Outside Window Decal – 5" by 5½" brown & cream MGCC logo		\$1.00	
Inside Window Decal – 2½" by 3" brown & cream logo; reads “Member”		\$1.00	
Inside Window Decal – 2½" by 3" brown & cream logo; reads “Member” and “Marque of Friendship”		\$1.00	
Round Mug – British Racing Green with gold MGCC logo and rim		\$10.00	
Octagonal Mug – Octagonal green mug, cream interior, gold MGCC logo and rim		\$12.00	
MGs at Jack London Square from Posters & Plaques			
Dash Plaque – 1999, black on gold, MG TC		\$2.00	
Dash Plaque – 1998, blue on gold, MGB/GT		\$2.00	
Dash Plaque – 1997, red on gold, MGOC logo w/ “Britain Meets the Bay”		\$2.00	
Dash Plaque – 1996, green on gold, MGA with Jack London		\$2.00	
Dash Plaque – 1995, white on black, MGOC logo and Tribune Tower		\$2.00	
Poster – 1999, features a blue MGB roadster and the JLS History Walk		\$5.00	
Poster – 1998, features a yellow MGB/GT with the yacht Potomac		\$5.00	
Poster – 1997, features a red MG TF with “Britain Meets the Bay”		\$5.00	
Poster – 1996, features a green MGA with Jack London		\$5.00	
Poster – 1995, features a red MGB, a Union Jack, and Amtrak bridge		\$5.00	
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- ♦ Make checks payable to “MGOC” – sorry, but we cannot accept credit cards or cash.
- ♦ Send orders to: **MGOC Regalia, 5518 Thomas Ave., Oakland, CA 94618-1752.**

MGOC Regalia!

Our club has MGOC regalia that is available for purchase by anyone. Below is a sampling of available regalia; more items are listed on the order form on page 17. Please contact David Wright at 510-653-3831 for more information.



Key Fob — \$10; Pin — \$6.50



Octogonal Mug — \$12
Round Mug — \$10



Pennant — \$10

From the President

January 26, 2002 (Sat)
by Dan Shockey

We (your MGOC officers and natter attenders) have been considering our 2002 events and plan to discuss them at the Annual Dinner next week. I am excited about the start of driving events again. Although the thought reminds me that I have many car projects not yet completed (or begun in some cases).

The first event will be a tour to Gilroy to visit the manufacturing headquarters for Pierce Manifolds (March 16). Mike Pierce makes aluminum cylinder heads for MGAs and MGBs plus 5-speed conversion kits, Webber carb kits and who knows what else. We will have a good tour down, find a nice spot for lunch and a tour back.

In April, Bob Wall is leading us back up Mt. Hamilton (San Jose area), this time to check out the Back Side (sounds like the moon). The drive up is a great one, 365 curves they say. Not much traffic and beautiful scenery. I have wanted to try the back side. Might even take it as an alternate route to I-5 someday. Would sure avoid the traffic!

Nina and I met with the woman at the Port of Oakland who coordinates Jack London Square events. Our event is printed on their calendar (May 11) and everything looks GO. A developer is taking over the Square so that caused some uncertainty for a time. Preparing for this event takes a lot of effort. If you have ideas or want to get involved, come to a natter or call an officer.

I have had requests that we meet at different times and have more events



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on Sundays (for those who always work on Saturdays). I agree that would be desirable and we will try to do that. Our Bay Area is quite spread out and we have had difficulty getting folks together. I suspect that if we worked at it, we could get groups together for regular (or irregular) socializing on the Peninsula and in the North Bay. Perhaps we could work with the other MG clubs for this.

Nancy and I joined several clubs when we moved here, partly because we didn't know which ones are more active and do more in our area. I would like to see a common calendar of MG and British car events in the greater area posted somewhere. The Jack London Square event is well supported by the other clubs and I hope we can do more things in common. Most clubs plan one event a month so if we have 4 or 5 clubs, we should have lots to join in on, and always something we can get to.

Some events are small group oriented but others could use more participants. We will post other club events in our calendar where it seems appropriate. For example, the Sorry Safari MG club is having a Marin Tour on Feb. 17 (a Sunday). That might be a good one for North Bay folks that work on Saturdays.

Get those MGs ready to roll. See you soon.

-Dan

Minutes

*MGOC General Meeting, Thursday, January 10, 2001
Submitted by Nina Barton*

The Meeting was called to order by President Dan Shockey at 8:10 PM.

Members present: Eric Baker, Nina Barton, Steve Jacobs, Mike Jacobsen, Bob Mc Coy, Dan Shockey and Nancy Shane, Dean and Amanda Spielman, George Steneberg, Bob Stine, and David Wright.

Treasurer Report (Mike Jacobsen)

Healthy balances in checking and savings. 3 ads have renewed for the year.

Registrar Report (Mike Jacobsen)

2 regular and 1 associate have renewed for a total of 150 members.

Regalia Report (David Wright)

No action this past month.

Report by an MG Owner

by Lisa Ann

Here is what we have been up to on the 79 MGB you can check out the stories and photos at <http://www.picturetrail.com/chiffon/542190> and <http://www.picturetrail.com/chiffon/542440>.

So Michael has now started the task of putting the engine back together. We got an engine stand from kragens and lots of advice from O'connor Classics, plus we picked up a book on rebuilding engines. Michael has just about stripped and repainted every part that came out of the engine compartment! Now he has also repainted the engine bay too. So if you guys have any tips or things you might think would be helpful please let us know. I hope you all had wonderful holidays! Michael did not get much time off from work as is usually the case. He has a pinched nerve in his neck now for about three months happened when he pulled out the engine! So he has been going to physical therapy and a chiropractor starting to get a bit better, but still keeps him from doing all he would like to be doing on the car. Our son Justin who the car is for is really busy with his Junior year at High school so he does not have alot of time either. We hope to get the car going in the next two months and on the road! So will keep you posted and I am sure Michael will have some questions.



Installing new carpets in the 1979 MGB. (Photo by Lisa Ann.)

Happy Valentine's Day, MG Enthusiasts!

Submitted by Dan Shockey

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Love is...



**...going for a drive in his
vintage two-seater.**

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Secretary Report (Nina Barton)

Minutes approved as read.

Octagon Report (Felix Wong)

Many of the problems have been worked out with the online version. Felix has posted it on his web site at: <http://felixwong.com/mgoc>. Please look at it.

EVENTS

Pierce Manifolds Tour

This tour may be scheduled as early as this month, February. Check elsewhere in this month's Octagon for further information.

Mt. Hamilton Tour

Bob Wall is organizing an all day tour down the backside of Mt. Hamilton. He will have a flyer in a subsequent Octagon

Jack London Square

The Date has been firmed up and will definitely be May 11, 2002. Arrangements will be the same as last year. Mark your calendar!

OLD BUSINESS

Online Newsletter

Check it out at <http://felixwong.com/mgoc>. We discussed offering memberships at a reduced rate if members got their monthly newsletter via e-mail or looking at a website. Looking for input from current members.

Advertisers

Mike has sent out renewal slips. So far, 3 of our advertisers have replied, renewing their ads.

Business Meeting and Natter

None in February, due to the Annual Dinner. We have had steadily increasing numbers of people attend at the Englander in San Leandro. We will try to offer activities after the meeting. In January, Dan Shockey and Eric Baker shared their sales and information brochures for many different models of MG.

Next Meeting and Natter

Will be held March 14, 2002, at the Englander in San Leandro. Bring your technical/shop information to share after the meeting.

MGs at Jack London Square

*May 11, 2002 (Sat)
Jack London Square
Oakland, CA*

Set in a beautiful harbor and restored village setting, this 9th annual event attracts well over 100 MGs of all ages. The event features music by MGA racers Bev and Tom Morgan plus a youth bagpipe band. Trophies are awarded by popular vote for Best of Show, Best Unrestored and by class. The event fee is \$20.00 which provides an event T-shirt and a dash plaque. Additional MGs may be entered for \$5.00. Please arrive by 10:00 a.m.

The event is sponsored by the MG Owners Club of Northern California (North American MGA Register, North American MGB Register and MG Car Club chapter) with the support of other Bay Area MG clubs. The MG Owners Club of Northern California was founded in 1956 and has 180 members.

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Entry form in next month's newsletter.

Mt. Hamilton II, Down The Back Side Are You Ready For An LBC Challenge?

*All British Cars Welcome!
April 13, 2002 (Sat)*

How about a drive from San Jose, up Mt. Hamilton Road (State Route 130) to Lick Observatory, picnic lunch and possibly a tour of the observatory? Then it's down the hill on the backside.

This is not a trip for the faint hearted (or those prone to carsickness), and your car should be in good mechanical condition, as there are no services once you leave the Santa Clara Valley. However, the rewards can be magnificent. Bring cameras and binoculars. They will be put to good use.

The drive to Lick Observatory alone is one worth taking. The drive is challenging, as it is a little over 20 miles of some of the coolest (i.e.: narrow and winding) roads in the Bay Area. There are hairpin turns, wide sweeping curves and lots of uphill, (then downhill on the way back). Lick Observatory

does not fit the description, this information does not apply.

Visit DMV to begin the application process.

Contact the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for an appointment to have your vehicle verified.

To contact the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) for an appointment to have your vehicle smog inspection performed by a BAR referee, check BAR's Contact Page.

NOTE: Have the Vehicle Identification Number (CHP verification) and the SPCNS Certificate of Sequence number available when scheduling your appointment with the BAR Referee.

Resubmit your application to DMV to complete the registration process.

NOTE: All documents-including the original (or the certified copy) of the SPCNS certificate, vehicle verification, and BAR Referee Datasheet-are part of your registration documentation and must be submitted to DMV to complete the registration process.

Additional Information

Senate Bill 100, passed during the 2001 legislative session, was chaptered into law with an effective date of January 1, 2002. The bill added section 44017.4 to the Health and Safety Code. This section annually allows only the first 500 SPCNS vehicle applicants to choose whether their vehicle is inspected by the BAR smog referee based on engine or vehicle model year.

For more information see: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>.



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scissor type jack; A tool kit with sockets, wrenches, and screwdrivers; Duct tape; tow strap (just in case) Haynes manual; extra points, condenser, rotor; fan belt; gallon of water; extra oil; cell phone; NAMBGR list.

Bob Munch, Boise, Idaho: All of the above items can prove useful. However, the basic kit of tools in a bag or roll or both, a couple quarts of engine oil, DUCT TAPE, a coat hanger (for its wire!), super glue, a replacement radiator hose and heater hose stock, a good sharp 4" pocketknife, a zip lock baggie with some miscellaneous British car hardware (nuts, screws, fuses, crimp on electrical connectors, and a couple of 10' hanks of #16 or # 18 gauge insulated wire) and a spare pair of reading glasses (so I can SEE what I have to repair!), a spare throttle cable, and a cell phone seem to be plenty. A spare, a lug wrench, and a working jack seem to go without saying. However, the admonition to keep your maintenance up is probably the best advice.

Paul Barrow, Awbridge Hampshire UK: We had a competition for the best tool kit at our natter a few years ago. It was won hands down by a lady who produced a set of lovely underwear and an AA card.

Specially Constructed Vehicles- Emission Control

From the CA DMV page at <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/vr/spcns.htm>

Effective January 1, 2002, the first 500 owners to apply for original registration of specially constructed passenger vehicles and pickup trucks may choose whether smog requirements that apply to their vehicles are based on the engine model year or the vehicle model year.

If your application is one of the first 500 received by the Department of Motor Vehicles, a numbered Specially Constructed Vehicle (SPCNS) Certificate of Sequence will be issued for your vehicle.

NOTE: Due to the limited number of SPCNS Certificates of Sequence available, you may wish to submit your application for registration in person at a local DMV office.

As of close of business on January 30, 2002, 461 of 500 sequence certificates are unassigned and available.

How To Apply for Registration of a Specially Constructed Vehicle

First, verify that your vehicle meets the definition of a specially constructed vehicle according to Vehicle Code Section 580. If your vehicle

is 4200 feet above sea level. The views from the road and the observatory make the drive worthwhile. Once there, we can take a break at Lick Observatory, have lunch, and perhaps get a tour. They don't schedule tours in advance, so we just have to hope we can get in on one when we get there. This will also give our poor little machines a chance to cool down. We made this trip in October 2000 and everybody loved it. For more info, go to: <http://www.ucolick.org>.

Then, it's down the backside of the mountain through Lolli's Junction and on into Livermore. Another 30+ miles of outstanding roads for our LBC's. Since I have not yet made this run myself, I don't have a lot of information about the backside, but I will try to get some before the drive. If you have some information, let me know. There was a story about this road on Bay Area Backroads a couple of years ago. You can see more information at: <http://www.kron.com/Global/story.asp?s=545591>.

Hope to see you on this drive. It will be an adventure.

Details

Meet: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 13, 2002

Place: On the street outside the Jack-in-the-Box parking lot, at the corner of Alum Rock and Capitol Ave, Just east of I-680, San Jose. It is also accessible from Hwy 101 (consult a map).

Bring: Picnic lunch, camera, binoculars, full tank of gas

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Tour to Gilroy & Pierce Manifolds

March 16, 2002 (Sat)

Mike Pierce manufactures and resells various components for our MGs. These include aluminum cylinder heads, 5-speed conversions (including TDs) and Webber carburetor conversions. We tried to set up a visit to his manufacturing facility last year but they were in the midst of a major expansion.

We plan to have two meeting points: one at the Denny's in Emeryville, departing at 9am. The other will be at the south end of San Jose, departing at 10am. You may also meet us at Pierce Manifolds (11am). We will get off the freeway and take a more interesting route to Gilroy. Maps and directions will be provided.

At Pierce, we will get a factory tour, parts inspection possibly including an MGB with their parts installed, and a Q&A session. Following the factory visit, we will head to a good lunch spot in Gilroy. Following lunch, we will explore some more of the immediate area with a couple stops including a winery. Do come. Join us for all or any part of the tour.

This event will happen rain or shine! Please come!

North Start: Denny's parking lot, Emeryville, Depart at 9am. (There is an office complex lot right behind Denny's that has more room. There is also a donut/breakfast shop near by. Take the Powell St. exit from I-80 and go east. Denny's is immediately on the left.

South Start: Get off at the Hellyer Ave. exit off Hwy 101 in south San Jose. Turn left at the stop sign and you will see us immediately. Depart at 10am or after the North group arrives.

Pierce Manifolds: 321 Kishimura Dr. From 101, take Leavesley exit. Turn right on Leavesley. Take 1st right onto Murray. Take 1st left onto Kishimura. 800-874-3728, www.piercemanifolds.com.

Bring: Tank of gas, money for lunch, umbrella. MG preferred but not required!

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What to carry?

From the *eNet*

Submitted by Dan Shockey

Question: I am getting ready to drive to my first show which will be about a 4 hour trip. What I should carry for a roadside emergency?

See the "Trip Pack" list from John Twist of University Motors <http://www.universitymotorsltd.com>.

Carl Holm, Iowa: I got the deluxe metrinch tool set in the hard molded case. Then I got a good quality medium size backpack with a padded back and side pockets in addition to the pocket on the back. In one side pocket I keep a set of screwdrivers, points and condenser, and ignition wrenches. In the other side pocket I keep an assortment of pliers - needle nose, 6" locking, side cutter, 8" adjustable wrench, and a small tubing cutter. In the back pocket I keep a VOM, electrical tape, teflon tape and some other items I can't recall at this moment. Then in a case of oil box in the center of the backpack I keep 5 quarts of oil, a spare belt, spare hose, a spare fuel pump and filters (locking pliers will work temporarily as a shut off valve in the rubber fuel line), and some pre-mixed antifreeze. The padded back keeps the rattling of tools to a minimum.

David DuBois, Bremerton, WA: We regularly drive our MGB from Seattle to Los Angeles (our choice is either the B or the TD). I take the following items with us: Set of tools (including a hammer and wrench for the knockoffs), Spare water hoses and fan belt (used ones that will get us to the next town), set of plugs, points, condenser, rotor and distributor cap, fuel pump, roll of electrical tape and a couple quarts of oil. All the items except the tool set are carried under the spare tire. We also carry a cell phone, AAA card and Moss's phone number. In all of our trips to and from LA, we have never had to make use of any of the items carried. With all due respect to John Twist, his list is more appropriate to traveling the Alcan Highway than traveling in most parts of the lower 48.

SteveO, Calgary, Canada: The single most important item in my tool arsenal is duct tape. I've seen it used to: stop hoses from leaking, folding tops from coming apart, gas tanks from leaking, doors from flying open, mirrors from falling off, spark plug wires from coming off, fix styrofoam coolers that are breaking apart, taping up ripped overalls, keep body panels from falling off, repairing tears in seats, patch cracked lights, even strapping things to the luggage rack...

William Fox, Fairview Hts, IL: I keep the stock spare, lug wrench, and a