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# THE OCTAGON

Newsletter of the M.G. Owner's Club



*MGBs at the 2002 Palo Alto All-British Car Meet.  
(Photo by Felix Wong.)*

**October 2002**

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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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## Club Meeting & Natter

October 10, 2002 (Thu) at 8:00pm

at

The Englander Sports Pub & Restaurant

101 Parrott St.

San Leandro, CA 94577

510-357-3571

Board Meeting at 7:30pm. All are welcome!

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From northbound I-880, take the Washington Ave. exit within San Leandro and turn right on Washington. Travel 2.2 miles until you see Parrott St. Turn right on Parrott.

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### Details:

The Englander is an enjoyable place where we will have our own room. The food is good so bring your appetites and let's have a good turnout.

### The Octagon is Online!

*The Octagon* is 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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For sale: two **MG Magnettes**. One is a '55 ZA parts car and the other is a '57 ZB that used to belong to my father. Neither car has been on the road for years and are complete restoration projects. I have all the parts and more to complete the restoration of one of the cars. The cars can be seen at El Monte Storage, 3512 Clayton Road in Concord. See Neno Davi, the manager in the El Monte Storage office. You can also call Charles Campbell at 650-723-0525 (work) or 650-938-3804 (home); you can also email [ccamp250@yahoo.com](mailto:ccamp250@yahoo.com).

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**1969 MGB-GT body shell**. Price negotiable. Marty Ray 831-247-5863 or [martyray@eudoramail.com](mailto:martyray@eudoramail.com). For more info on the cars, see <http://www.corybantwest.com/cars/cars.html>.



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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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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; [RAStine@prodigy.net](mailto:RAStine@prodigy.net)) 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

*October 6, 2002 (Sun)*—San Diego British Car Day and Picnic. See [www.sandiegobritishcarday.org](http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org) for more info or call Steve at 760-746-9028.

*October 20, 2002 (Sun)*—The California Autumn Classic in San Juan Bautista. Call Bille Meade at 831-722-3253 for more info. Note: MGOC members will caravan to that event leaving from the McDonald's at the Mission exit off I-680 in Fremont. (There are two Mission exits. This is the more northerly one near the Mission San Jose.)

*October 25, 2002 (Fri)* – **South Bay Friday Nighter**, Marketplace Shopping Center at 19732 Stevens Creek Blvd. At Wolfe Rd., just south of I-280. See announcement in this newsletter.

*October 31-November 2, 2002 (Thu-Sat)*—HCT (High Country Tour) in Sedona, Arizona. Includes rally, lodging, car show, meals + more for around \$325. Email [RacerMoss@sedona.net](mailto:RacerMoss@sedona.net) for more info.

*December 7, 2002 (Sat)* – **MGOC Holiday Tea**, 2pm to 5pm. At the home of Sharon and John Hunt in Lafayette. 629 Burton Drive. See announcement in this newsletter.

*May 10, 2003 (Sat)* – **MGs at Jack London Square**.

*July 14-18, 2003 (Mon-Thu)* – NAMGAR GT-28 in Welches, Oregon (Columbia River Gorge). Hotel: The Resort, (800) 669-7666, [www.TheResort.com](http://www.TheResort.com); MGOC caravan

## ❖ 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	
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Round Mug – British Racing Green with gold MGCC logo and rim		\$10.00	
<b>MGs at Jack London Square from Posters &amp; Plaques</b>			
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Dash Plaque – 2000, dark green on gold, late MGB		\$2.00	
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 – 2000, features a red Elva Courier with Earl Pierce		\$10.00	
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	
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			

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- ♦ All prices include tax, and shipping is FREE! Some items are stocked from England and may have a long lead time; we will notify you if the delay will be more than three weeks.
- ♦ 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 — NLA  
Round Mug — \$10*



*Pennant — \$10*

## Minutes

### MGOC General Meeting

*August 8, 2002 (Thu)  
Submitted by Nina Barton*

The Meeting was called to order by President Dan Shockey at 8:04 PM.

**Members present:** Ed Adams, Eric Baker, Nina Barton, Mike Jacobsen, Dan Shockey, George Steneberg, Bob Stine, and David Wright.

**Treasurer Report** (Mike Jacobsen): Healthy balances continue in saving and checking accounts.

**Registrar Report** (Mike Jacobsen): 130 regular members, 7 corresponding members, and 30 auxiliary members to date. The club passed out fliers at the Palo Alto event.

**Regalia Report** (David Wright): Nothing sold, nothing ordered since last month.

**Secretary Report** (Nina Barton): Thanks to David Wright for acting as secretary at the August meeting. Thanks to Dan Shockey for making sure that the minutes got into the Octagon. Approved as read.

**Octagon Report** (Felix Wong): We will try and inform members of future events in a more timely manner. We will also try and have the Octagon delivered to member houses earlier in the month.

### EVENTS

**Palo Alto British Car Meet**, September 8: 10 cars met in the parking lot of Sears and drove to the event on Sunday. Between 80 and 90 MG's participated. For the Saturday drive, approximately 80 cars participated, amongst them Bob Stine's pretty red B roadster.

**Ben Lomond Scots Games**, October 5: There has been some interest in driving to this event. We need someone to organize a tour to this event. Please e-mail [ninaba@mindspring.com](mailto:ninaba@mindspring.com) if you are interested in leading, or call me at 510 845-7212.

**The California Autumn Classic**, October 19 – 20: **Sunday morning** (the 20<sup>th</sup>) - We plan to drive down to this event in San Juan Bautista together.

Plan to meet at the McDonald's on Mission Blvd. in San Jose. Plan to arrive at the McDonalds by around 8 AM, as cars need to be parked in San Juan Bautista by 10 AM.

**Holiday Tea:** This event will be at John Hunt's home in Lafayette from 2 - 5 PM. More information to follow.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Annual Jack London Car Show Alternate Venue Planning

**San Mateo:** Special Events Committee will meet next Weds. Will get back to Bob Stine about it. Bob Stine, Nina Barton, and Mike Jacobsen met in San Mateo on Weds. September 18, 2002, and looked at the various possible sites the city of San Mateo had suggested. The main park in town would be a nice place for the venue, if the cars are allowed to park on the grass. It is a pleasant stroll to many restaurants and shops nearby. The other option would be to block off one of the streets downtown and allow the cars to park there. Bob, Mike and Nina will consult with the city about this. There may be a fee we need to pay for emergency services for this event.

**Walnut Creek:** The Civic Park was recommended as a possible site. Near to downtown, but may be a problem if we are not allowed to park on the grass.

**South Bay Tire Kickers:** Dan Shockey will try and organize a get together for all South Bay members to show off their cars and socialize in true Natter fashion. This will happen the last Friday of the month. More info to follow.

### MGOC Newsletter

We are looking into cutting our costs for printing and mailing of the newsletter by doing a bulk or non profit mailing.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Annual Dinner 2003:** We are looking for suggestions for a place in the Berkeley/Oakland area for this year's Annual Dinner. Send suggestions to Nina Barton at [ninaba@mindspring.com](mailto:ninaba@mindspring.com) or call me at 510 845-7212

**Direction and Focus of the Club:** President Dan Shockey would like to see our club as the premier MG club in the Bay Area. We will schedule a meeting in October to plan how to accomplish this. Possible ideas are to

## Poland: MG-Rover Considers Daewoo Plant

*June 7, 2002 (Fri)*

[NY Times] The MG-Rover Group confirmed that it was negotiating to take over the troubled Warsaw factory of the bankrupt Korean automaker Daewoo. A Rover spokesman said the plant would produce Rover-MG engines and cars for markets in Europe, and would continue building Daewoo models. The move would help Rover overcome high labor costs at its sole factory in Longbridge, England. No price has been set for the sale, but with unemployment at 17.8 percent and 320,000 Polish workers losing their jobs so far this year, the Polish government wants to keep the jobs of the 10,000 workers.

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## MGOC Holiday Tea

December 7, 2002 (Sun)  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Join us for an English Christmas! Sharon and John Hunt are hosting this year's holiday party at their home in Lafayette. Enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts and good food in the holiday spirit. We are doing this at afternoon tea time to help with schedule conflicts during this busy time of year.

Bring finger food and deserts. The club will provide soft drinks. RSVP please but come anyway.

More info and RSVP: Sharon and John Hunt, 925-299-9006, [Huntsails@worldnet.att.net](mailto:Huntsails@worldnet.att.net).

### Address:

629 Burton Drive  
Lafayette, CA

### Directions:

From San Jose, San Francisco and Marin:

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- ❖ At next Light, turn Right onto Moraga Rd.
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- ❖ 4th Light, turn Left onto St. Mary's Road.
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- ❖ 2nd Stop sign, turn Left onto Glenside Dr.
- ❖ Next Stop sign, turn Right onto Burton Drive
- ❖ We are the 3rd house on the right hand side, Number 629

See you there!

have sub groups focus on different makes, or have different driving type reports from the many different areas our club members live in.

**October Meeting:** The elections committee will be ratified. If you are interested in becoming an officer, let one of the present officers know, and your name will be submitted for the ballot. In November, the elections committee will present the ballot to the club and elections will be held in December.

Happy Birthday George Steneberg!!!

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 PM

**Next Meeting and Natter:** Will be held October 10, 2002, at The Englander.

## From the President

By Dan Shockey  
September 22, 2002 (Sun)

My fellow MG'icans, we have reached the October of another year (The Year of MG 0077). The Palo Alto Brit Meet seems a climax of the year to me though we still have some good sports car weather left to us. Perhaps we can delay that feeling until the meet in San Juan Bautista. I have never been to this event but I really enjoy the town and Spanish mission. Join us to check it out.

Unlike the calendar year, we can arrange our own new beginnings during



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the next few months as we plan for the next Jack London Square event and begin other new things. We intend to give the ‘tire-kicking’ in the South Bay a go starting in October and I hope to get the officers and others of you together for a club direction meeting soon. Sort of a ‘strategic planning’ meeting.

This is also the time of year to plan the winter’s car work projects. We will hold some tech sessions to provide info and encouragement. A great way to get jump-started and get to know the MG enthusiasts in your area is to invite the club over to your garage.

The national MGA Get Together will be in Portland, Oregon, this coming July. This is being planned by my old club there, the Columbia Gorge MGA Club, a great bunch of folks who will make it a ‘killer’ event. I know some of our members are planning to attend so we should be able to have a good caravan to Oregon. Start thinking about that, especially you MGA and Magnette owners.

Happy trails! -Dan

### **South Bay Friday Nighter**

*October 25, 2002 (Fri), 8:00 pm*

Join us for an informal gathering in the South Bay. We’ll meet in a lamp-lighted courtyard setting right off I-280 at Wolfe Rd. Not crowded and with restaurants right there. We’ll make McHart’s Pizza the unofficial feeding spot if you don’t see anyone with their cars. Look for a note on an MG.

This is the Marketplace Shopping Center next to Long’s Drugs at 19732 Stevens Creek Blvd. It is right across from the Sears at the Vallco Shopping Mall. There are four restaurants including McHart’s Pizza.

This is an informal “tire-kicking” and not a meeting. Folks can talk cars or get a pizza. Bring your interesting cars and bring some friends.

Directions: Take the Wolfe Rd. exit from I-280 and turn south. Turn right on Stevens Creek Blvd. Turn left at the Long’s Drugs. (Across from Sears) The Marketplace Shopping Center is just east of Long’s.

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than once motored through city streets with rain pelting me in the face, or whizzed down the Nimitz in freezing weather, with my teeth chattering and my ears turning blue.

It’s OK to put up with that sort of stuff when you’re younger, but as my body chemistry changed, so did I.

And that’s why I no longer drive sports cars. I didn’t just get older.

I got colder.

### **New Editor for *The Octagon* Wanted!**

*by Felix Wong, your current Editor*

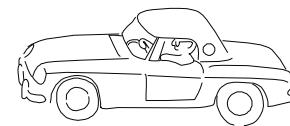
After serving for you 4 years, I would like to make available the opportunity for one of you to be the next *Octagon* Editor. The reasons are threefold: (1) This newsletter could probably use some new creative blood every now and then, (2) as you have noticed, I am consistently finding myself late in producing this newsletter due to too many other things going on in my life, and (3) I am need of more time for other activities that such as bicycle racing, training for an Ironman triathlon next year, and (of course) working on my MG.

This position will allow you to do a great service for the club while sharpening your creative and writing skills. As Editor you will also be the first to know about all MGOC events and MG-related news. So if you are even remotely interested, please contact me! (Felix Wong, 510-226-7721, or email [me@felixwong.com](mailto:me@felixwong.com) [best]) I will continue to be your Editor indefinitely until someone steps up. It’s been a pleasure serving you.

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had been owned by a little old lady who'd used it only to practice downshifting and controlled slides at the Fremont Drag Strip.

I had two sets of reasons for buying the car: the ones I gave my family and friends, and the real reason.

The ones I gave my family and friends were that a sports car costs relatively little to buy, gets exceptional gas mileage, is easy to handle and park and makes a good commute car.

The real reason was that I wanted a sports car so much my teeth hurt.

After A couple of years I sold it. Almost immediately, however, I realized I'd made a terrible mistake.

I found myself not only missing my little Sprite, but actually pining for it. When my emotional dispossession had reached the point where I was considering leaving a tail light burning in the window so my little lost bug-eye could find its way back home, I decided it was time to put an end to such silly fantasies. So I did.

I went out and bought another secondhand sports car. A red Sprite.

That launched a string of sports cars that stretched over nearly 30 years, during which I learned that there are some disadvantages to consider, too.

One of the first things you discover is that trucks have absolutely no respect for you. The first time you pull alongside a huge semi on the freeway, and look up to the hubs of those gigantic wheels to watch the lugnuts spinning around a few feet from your nose, the effect is hair-raising.

And you soon learn that when his blinkers come on -- signaling that the driver is about to move that rolling juggernaut into your lane -- the only appropriate response is to pull your little red car up around your hips and run for a safe place.

And it isn't just trucks. Other drivers treat you in just as cavalier a fashion, and you soon realize that you frighten nobody and command virtually no respect at all. The result is that you become a very defensive driver.

I drive a conventional, cozy sedan now, like most people.

One of the other curiosities of sports car driving was that it bordered on mortal sin to put the top up. As a result, over that 30-year stretch I have more

## DiCiccio Tour to the Rose Growers

July 28, 2002 (Sun)

Photos by Bob Stine



*All lined up: row of British cars, including MGAs, TCs... even a Cobra!*



*An Austin-Healey coming down the line, with other British car enthusiasts looking on.*



*Many TCs!*



*A very nice custom TD?*



*The roses in the tour.*

## **Sports Report**

*Author Unknown*

*[Editor's note: This article was spotted in the Sports section of the InsideBayArea.com web site. It articulates some of the pleasures and angst of sports car ownership we all may have encountered at one time or another. Hopefully, though, most of us will still be driving our sports cars when our ears are frigidly turning black and blue--just wear a scarf!]*

IAM THE sort of defensive driver the Highway Patrol urges all motorists to be.

I frequently check my mirrors to assess the traffic pattern. I back off to let other cars enter my driving lane. I leave a lot of room between my car and the car in front of me.

I do not do all this because I took a course in Defensive Driving. I do it merely out of habit. For a stretch of almost 30 years I drove nothing but a sports car.

I bought my first sports car—a red '59 bug-eyed Sprite—back in the late'60s. It