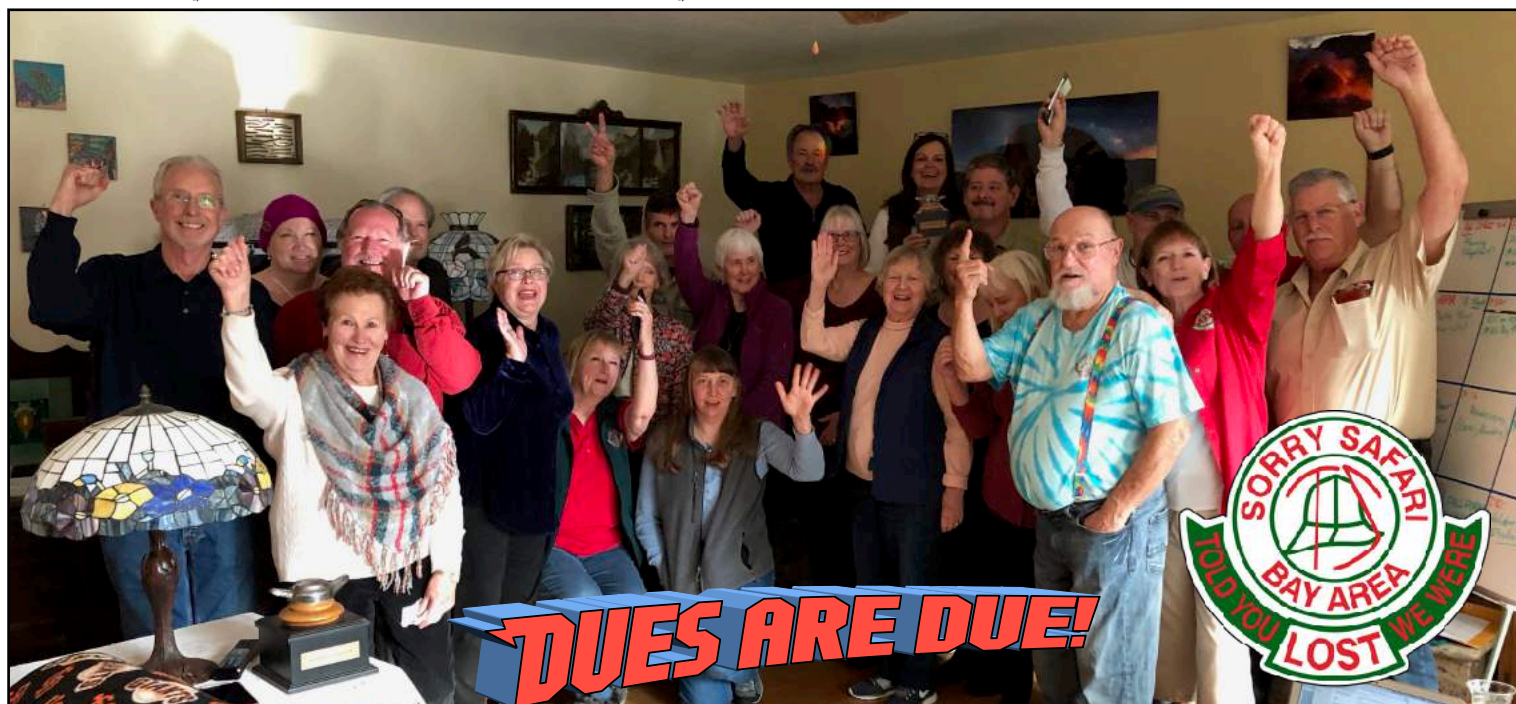


## Sorry Safari Touring Society - A Gathering of MG Enthusiasts



### THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS!

Wow what a month, it went by so fast! So here we are starting a great year of fun with our Club. If you missed the planning meeting at the Guidry's home, you missed a wonderful time. We had delicious food and good fellowship.

Now for the really amazing part. I set up the Tour board for 2019 tours, walked away to visit with members and when I returned to start the meeting, the board had 8 of the 12 months filled. Wow! It just goes to show how involved our members are in making this the best MG Club ever. I want to thank all who volunteered for the upcoming tours.

Next up in February is our joint tour with the MGOC to the Mozart Car Museum. I've been told this is a real treat. So I look forward to seeing you all there.

So remember, it's not how fast or far we go, it's how much time we have getting there.

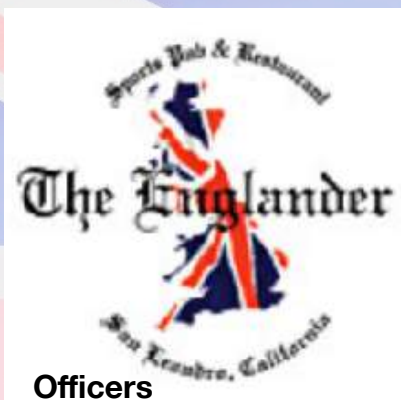
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**NEXT EVENT**

**MOZART MUSEUM TOUR**

**FEB 23RD**



Club webpage: [www.sorraysafariMGclub.com](http://www.sorraysafariMGclub.com)

## CLUB MEETINGS

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## Meeting Minutes

The following represents the Minutes, and *my recollections*, of the Club's December planning meeting at the home of Herb & Judy.

**PRESIDENT** – Lynn attempted to elevate the level of his voice above the din of jovial banter and spirited chit chat taking place in the family room of Herb and Judy's home in Livermore to commence the business portion of the 2019 SSTS Planning Par-tae. But, the effort was too little avail. Crank it up a bit ole boy, this crowd is well into finger food and conversation. Give it the old college try. God Save the Queen you know. Shout one out for the Gipper. Now, feeling the noble quest, Lynn took an empowered stance in front of the white board that we would fill with the tours, celebrations and events that the Safari will enjoy in our 2019 M.G. adventures and he imparted the words, "Ladies, gentlemen and animals." Animals?!?

Yes, a reference to Herb and Judy's 2 pooches that were having a grand time getting pampered and petted and lapping up any delicious morsels of nourishment that might happen to make it to floor level. The little guys were in hog heaven. ? Can a dog be in hawg heaven? They were in dawg heaven, and luvin' these Safari people. Having now parted the din, The P Lynn welcomed all to the gathering and expressed how much he looks forward each year to our Planning Meeting. He appreciates the enthusiasm, creativity, the want for adventure and the willingness of our membership to contribute to the Club's on the road excitement. He added that, "this meeting sets the tone for the year ahead." Jolly Good! Continue on Ole Boy, we're feeling the inspiration. The P then gave a glance to the white board and was pleased to see that nearly three quarters of the year was already filled in for Club outings. "We are off to a very good start." Hey Herb, queried Lynn, "you got any words of wisdom?" A sudden silence befell the room, even the dawgs looked up in puzzlement. And of course someone had to wonder aloud... "Wisdom?" "From Herb?" Ha Ha Haaaas and High 5s shook the silence and wagged the dog's tails. Herb's quotes... "Time to catch up and adjust our sails." Yea Herb a Big Ole Bucket-a-Balls. Moving on, December minutes accepted.



# THE WIND MACHINE / February 2019

**VICE PRESIDENT-** J-Gir Lenci, seated at the white board in the place of the absent VP Ben gave an update on Ben's progress. The Doc sez Ben can have an occasional glass of wine but he has to give the rest of the bottle to me. Yea! You go Gir, Bottoms Up. Our thoughts and hopes went out to Ben. The spark he brings to planning meetings was missed.

**TREASURER** – Money Bags Bob reported \$2G & 96 in the account. “The total is down a bit,” he said but we'll make it up in volume. He, and Susan, appreciated the help with their Holiday shopping and the new accessories for the boat look great. Tally Ho!

**SECRETARY-** Happy New Year

**INFORMED SOURCE-** Jim spoke up to say that he has a few ideas for articles in the works and he will be conferring with a couple of folks to get something ready soon.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Dues are Dues, Dues-R-Due. Checks work, cash is good.

**WIND MACHINE** – Lynn gave kudos to Kirk for the fine work he does with the newsletter and the website. Kirk said that the last week of the month is his crunch time to get it all together for the Wind Machine and that any offerings of content for the newsletter need to be in to him before the final days of the month. The issue goes out on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Lynn added that the new feature of “postcards” from membership looks good and urged all to send in pictures from personal outings and such with our cars. Jim Brady asked. “like, a picture of someone under the hood using a fire extinguisher?!?” More Ha Haaas and Hi 5s for that one from Jim.

**REGALIA-** Lynn looked at Maris and said, “We missed you last month.” Maris has had her hands full the last several weeks, Good to see her and Don in the house.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Rod Schweiger commented that there have been times in the past when he needed to be in touch with a Club member but because he didn't have a number or address at hand he was up the creek. He suggested that we make a point to add membership info to our phones so that when we need it we have it at hand. Good advice. Pam and Keith Shukait announced that they would again like to host the Holiday Party at their home in December. Yea! Is it too early for a round of O' Tannenbaum? Thought so.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Never one to pass up a good segue, Kirk stepped forward with the Knackered Knocker, bestowed each year on an unsuspecting member, and Lynn said, “Keith and Pam really stepped up this year to make a couple of big events take place.” They hosted the Sierra Tour, and the Christmas Party. We want to acknowledge their efforts last year and present to them the SSTS Knackered Knocker.” Yeas, yeas and more yeas!!!. The dogs were doing back flips. Yea. Kirk, in presenting the KnaKnocker advised that with, “great power comes great responsibility.” Not sure if those words are original but it was a touching moment. Lynn pointed out that in the past the Club has awarded tour leaders some item of recognition for their efforts. Stuff like a tour group photo or a “tour leader” cap for instance. This year he said I have a new idea. See what you think? “Is it new underwear,” asked Herb. “No,” assured Lynn, it has nothing to do with that. “Is it old underwear,” asked Herb. No Herb, undies are BYOB. Bring your own boxers. The P inserted that tours almost always end at someplace for lunch. “What about,” asked Lynn. “Here comes the part about the underwear” Cautioned Herb. “How about the Club pick up the lunch bill for the member that hosted the tour?” “So, there is a free lunch,” pronounced Rod. “Yes,” said Lynn. I put forth that the Club foot the lunch bill for tour leaders this year. Let's vote. And we did. And it came to pass. Hence forth, it shall be known that The Safari is in support of free lunch. Pass the biscuits please. Can I get a side of motion to adjourn with that? Do you want it super-sized sir? No ma'am, but hold the gravy. See all the great events proposed for 2019 elsewhere in the Wind Machine.

Don't just read the Minutes, be part of the fun. Join us for the next meeting at the Englander in San Leandro February 19.  
.... *And that's the way I think it was.* Respectfully, submitted by Carl Brown.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

MGOC Mozart Car Museum  
Saturday 23rd, details pg. 6.

### MARCH

Mystery Tour  
Keith & Pam Shukait tour  
masters.  
Date TBD

MGOC St. Paddy's Day Tour  
Andy & Marla Preston tour  
masters.  
Sunday 17th

### APRIL

CSRG Races Sonoma Raceway  
Dan Shockey coordinating.  
Saturday 13th

Delta Tour  
Don Cowgill & Jim Brady tour  
masters.  
3/18, details to follow.

### MAY

UBSCC All British Car Show  
Dixon.  
Sunday 19th, details to follow.

### JUNE

Tune & Spoon  
Jim Brady & Marja Van den  
Hende coordinating.

NAMGBR MG-2019  
Traverse City MI.  
6/23 - 6/26.

### JULY

Dian's Almost 4th of July Tour  
Dian's & Carl Brown  
coordinating.  
Sunday 28th

NAMGAR GT-44  
Dubuque, IA  
TBD

Rendezvous Oregon  
Ben Lenci & Herb Guidry tour  
masters.  
25th - 28th.

### AUGUST

GoF West  
Prescott AZ  
8/12 - 8/16

50th Heritage Classic  
Canadian MG Club, Vancouver  
BC, 23rd - 25th.

### SEPTEMBER

Scottish Highland Games  
Kirk & Amy Prentiss  
coordinating.  
8/31 - 9/1.

Pebble Beach  
Steve & Vicky Kellogg hosting.  
6th - 7th.

### OCTOBER

Sierra Tour  
Rod Schweiger & Mike Sindicic  
tour masters.  
TBD.

### NOVEMBER

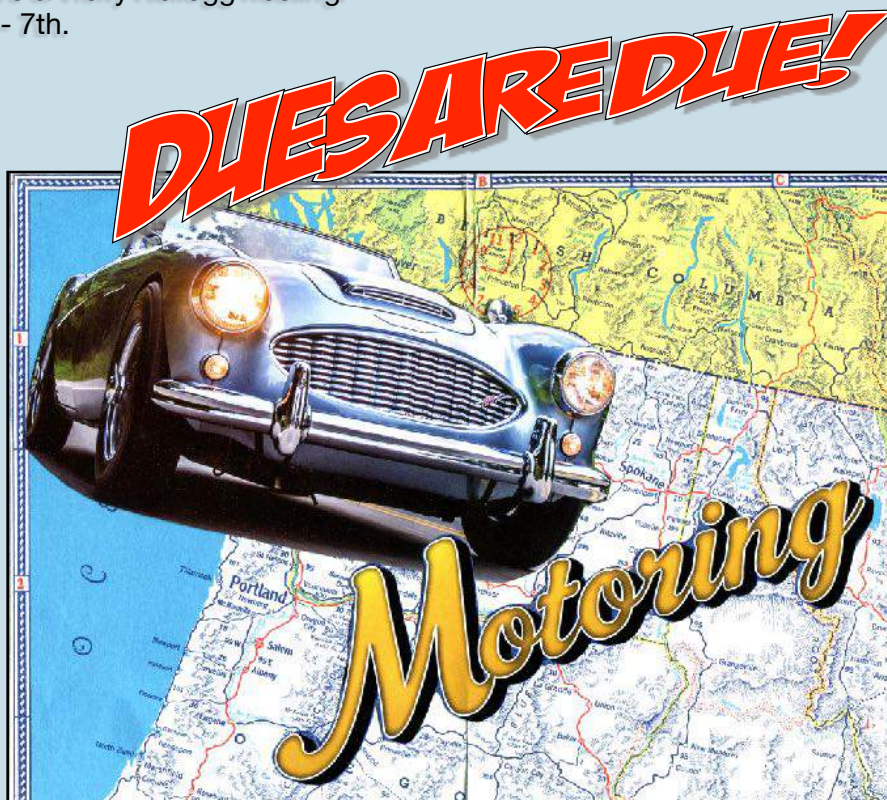
Fabulous Fall Foray  
Susan Engelhart & Jimbo Brady  
tour masters.  
TBD.

### DECEMBER

Holiday Party  
Keith & Pam Shukait hosting.  
TBD.

### JANUARY

2020 Planning Meeting  
Bob & Susan Engelhart hosting.  
TBD.





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## Mozart Museum Tour

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019

10:00a.m. until Noon Only – RSVP Required\*

1325 Pear Avenue, Mountain View



Welcome!

### Lunch Following:

Tied House Cafe & Brewery, **954 Villa St., Mountain View**

\*Must RSVP by Feb. 15 to Mike at [MikesMuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:MikesMuseum@yahoo.com) or (415) 333-9699



John Mozart, an MGOC member, has kindly offered to open his private car collection to us.

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to see and learn about some of the world's rarest automobiles.



Directions: N. Shoreline Blvd. north from 101. Turn right on Pear Ave.

East Caravan: You are welcome to meet at the Mission Blvd Park 'n Ride lot (next to McDonalds, 42800 Mission Blvd, exit off I-680) at 8:45 to 9:15a.m. The group will depart there at 9:15a.m.



## ***MGOC & SSTS welcomes you to join us on the St. Paddy's Day Tour, Sunday March 17, 2019***



Photos Pam Shukait from last year's tour

***This is a Rain or Shine tour so if raining please feel free to drive a modern car.***

**Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 Green is the color of the day.**

**Organizers:** Andy and Marla Preston 707 795 3480

**Meeting Place:** Bagel Street Café, 208 Northgate One, San Rafael

**Time:** Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 departure

**Tour:** This year St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday so we're holding the tour on the actual day so we'll have to be aware of cyclists who also love these backroads. We will be driving the backroads of Marin and Sonoma and finishing up at the Historic Irish-Italian venue of Dinucci's in Valley Ford for lunch. The tour starts at the Bagel Street Café, in San Rafael so it's an easy meeting point from the east or south bay.

We will head out along Lucas Valley Road, past Sky Walker Ranch and through the small hamlet of Nicasio. Our first stop will be at the Marin Cheese Factory where we will take a short break and enjoy coffee, snacks and of course sample some wonderful cheeses.

We will leave the Cheese Factory, heading Northwest through Chileno Valley, which one of the most scenic areas of West Sonoma and Marin especially at this time of year. We will join Hwy1 in Marshall and then follow the Tomales Bay shoreline north and then through Tomales and into Valley Ford from the west side. We will be able to order from the open menu but please bring cash for the check.

**Please RSVP:** to Andy or Marla Preston at 707 795 3480 or [marlapreston@hotmail.com](mailto:marlapreston@hotmail.com) by March 12<sup>th</sup> so we can confirm lunch reservations.



## 50th Heritage Classic August 23rd - 25th, 2019

The Annual Heritage Classic event organized by the Canadian Classic MG Club and the Canadian XK Jaguar Register is the premier Club event of the year. This year will be no exception as the Club celebrates the 50th Anniversary. This year's event will be returning to its original location in the South Surrey/White Rock area which is a few minutes north of the US border, and approximately 45 minutes drive from the center of Vancouver.

**Friday, August 23rd - Noggin 'n Natter.** This event kicks off the 50th Heritage Classic weekend. It will be held in the grounds of the Hazelmere RV Park, 8th Avenue, in South Surrey.

**Saturday August 24th - Heritage Classic Car Show.** The car show will also be held at the Hazelmere RV Park, on a beautiful grassy, terraced area with plenty of shade. The event is limited to MGs and Jaguars, and British motorcycles. There will be a JCNA sanctioned event, and JCNA and other awards will be presented on the field. Expect to see a silent auction, British teas, veggie races, and other activities.

**Saturday, August 24th - The Heritage Banquet** will be held in the Garden Room at the Hazelmere Golf Club, 8th Avenue, South Surrey.

**Sunday, August 25th - Brunch.** The closing event of the Heritage 50th Classic weekend will be an informal drive to the Abbotsford Flying Club for brunch.

The host hotel for out-of-town guests is the Ocean Promenade Hotel, Marine Drive, White Rock. A number of rooms have been reserved for our event. To book a room, call the hotel on 604.542.0102 and quote "Jag/MG Club".

Camping (tents only) will be available free of charge at the car show site. You are welcome to come to the event in your RV. However, you will be required to purchase a hook-up spot at Hazelmere RV Park for the duration of the weekend. Contact Hazelemere RV Park to book a spot pn 604.538.1167.

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## **Rendezvous 2019 – July 25-28 at**

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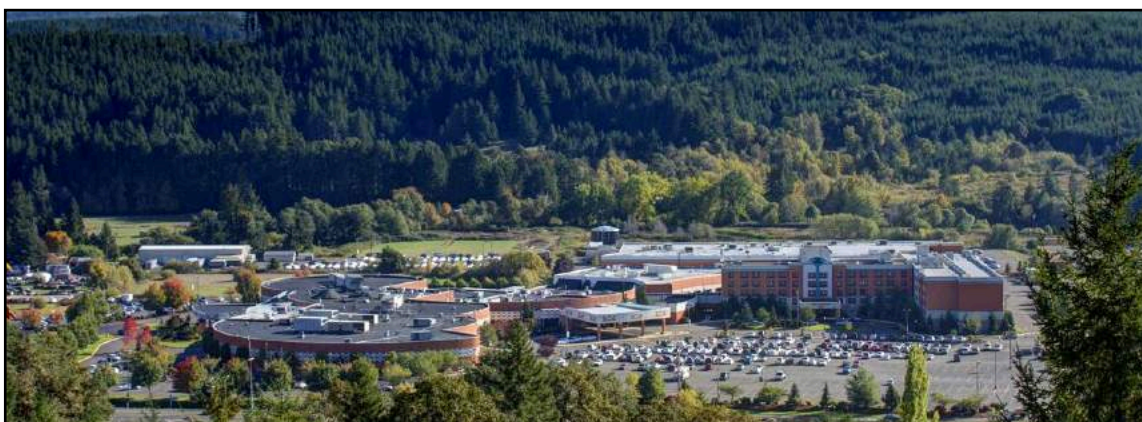
You are invited to join other MG enthusiasts at Rendezvous. Hosted by Club T MG, and held annually at different locations in the Pacific Northwest, this event includes a Funkhana, scenic tour or gimmick rally, car show, a little free time, banquet, raffle, and auction, followed by a winner's circle send off on Sunday morning. You are guaranteed fun, frolicking, and fellowship.

A Funkhana is a timed, low-speed, tight turn course in a parking lot, requiring precision driving and whacky antics to complete for each driver/passenger pair. It is a hoot to participate and even more entertaining to watch. Trophies and bragging rights are liberally applied.

The car show on Saturday morning features all makes and models of British cars. Trophies are awarded. As an added bonus, we raffle a nice prize at the conclusion of the car show. Most often it has been a full picnic set, but sometimes it is a bird house or ocean theme.

This year's location is Spirit Mountain Casino, outside of McMinnville, nestled in the Coastal Range in Grand Ronde, about 30 minutes from the ocean. It is a wonderful setting for some history at Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area, forested mountain roads for an exquisite scenic tour, and free time entertainment in (or out) of the Casino.

Please plan to join us at Rendezvous this year. Registration forms will be available shortly on the Club T MG website ([www.clubtmg.org](http://www.clubtmg.org)). Tell your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome whether you drive your MG or not!



## KITCHEN MECHANIC



### POT ROAST

CHEF ANGELA NEUFELD

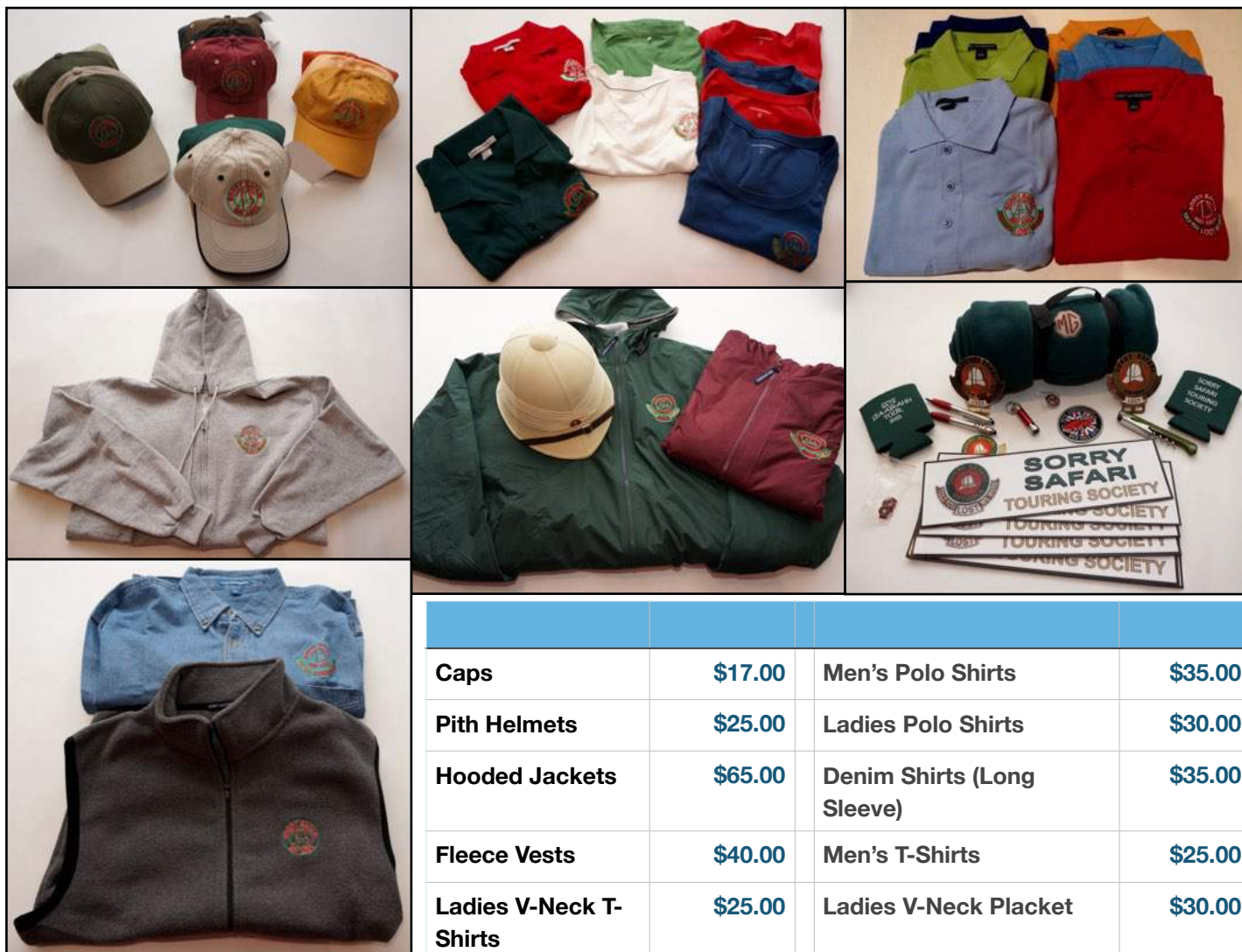
- 3-4 lbs Boneless Chuck Roast
- 3-4 ea. Russet potatoes, peeled & cut into 2" pieces
- 4 ea. Carrots, large, peeled & cut into 2" pieces
- 1 pkg. Lipton Onion Soup
- 1 can Beef Broth
- 1 tsp. Corn Starch
- Cooking spray

Preheat oven to 325° Empty package of onion soup into broth and cornstarch. Stir and set aside. Bring roast to room temperature. Place roast with potatoes and carrots in a round cooking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Pour and spoon soup mixture over roast and vegetables. Cover tightly with aluminum foil. Cook for 3 1/2 hours.



If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with the club, please send it to me to be published in The Wind Machine. Thanks, Jan

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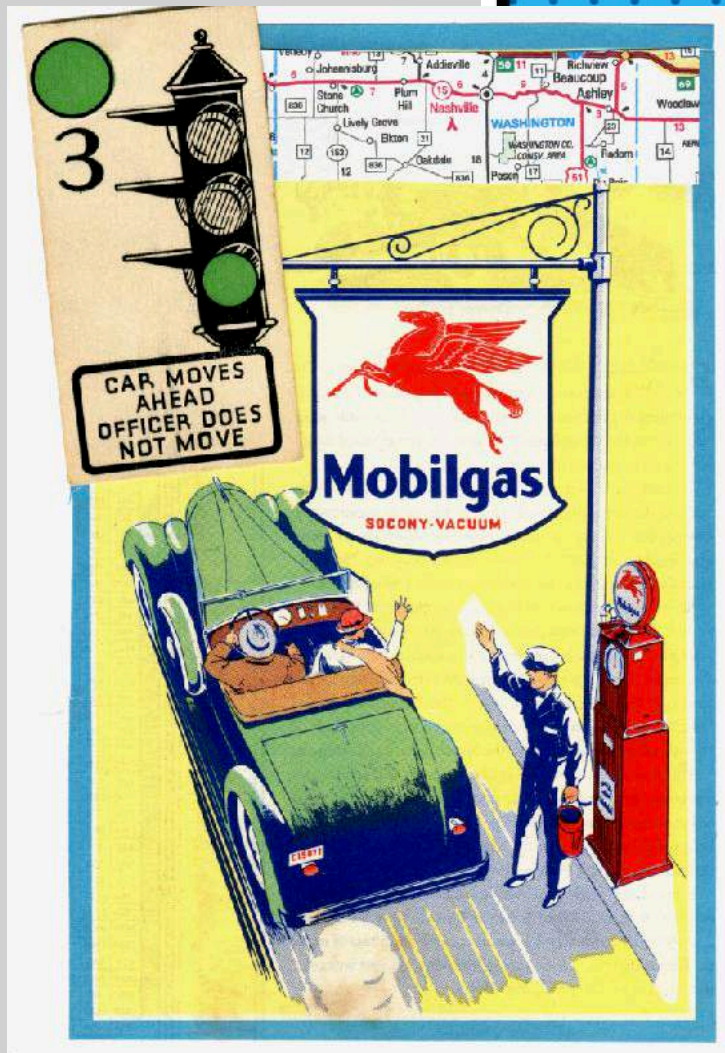
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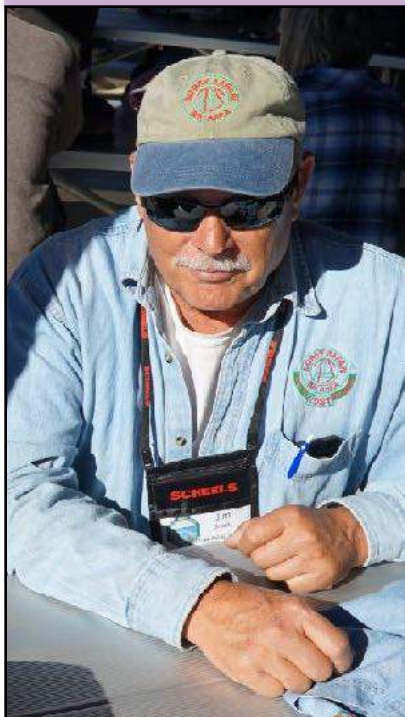
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## INFORMED SOURCE

Jim Brady



### What's in Your Boot?

Do you regularly drive your classic? If you do, you probably carry along an assortment of stuff that may be needed in a pinch. In a modern car the boot mostly gets stuffed with groceries, golf clubs, luggage and maybe a three As roadside kit. There's a spare tire and jack (or should be) as well. Of course modern cars don't often break down and if they do there's probably not much to do except call for a tow to the nearest garage.

We drive our old cars – that's the fun right? They used to have mechanical challenges once in awhile and they still do if you drive them. Fortunately the breakdowns are often fixable. Ask yourself how often we collectively gather around a stopped car during a tour. Magically, someone grabs something out of their boot and brings the car back to life – at least temporarily. Some of this magic is clearly attributable to good mechanical and diagnostic abilities of our members. Clearly there is more, however and at least a part of the answer lies in the boot.

This is an interactive article asking “What's in your boot?”. I'll do my best to compile a list of stuff from your feedback. I'll start with the boot of my MGB roadster. Here's my list:

•Tire, jack (scissors) and tire iron

- Oil (one quart 20w50), coolant and hydraulic oil (DOT 4)
- Coil
- Fuel pump (you never know)
- Hoses including the special branched hose from the water pump
- Tools including wrenches, pliers, screwdriver, sockets & ratchet, strip ties – I usually pack these before a tour
- Duct tape & electrical tape
- Bailing wire
- Swiss Army knife (always with me)
- Waxes & car cleaning stuff and rags
- A spare MGB manual
- Nuts & Bolts (7/16 & ½ head size)
- Tonneau & car cover (for overnight trips)

I look forward to hearing from YOU. Let me know what type of MG you are talking about. I'll keep things anonymous...



## Postcard Greetings



To: Sorry Safari

From: Dan Shockey

**GREETINGS FROM JACKALOPE COUNTRY!**



## 2019 Planning Meeting

By Kirk Prentiss



Herb & Judy Guidry graciously hosted the 2019 planning meeting at their home in Livermore. There was a delicious repast of sandwiches, side dishes and of course, many delectable desserts! And it was lovely to catch up with everyone about their holiday celebrations.

Lynn lead a rousing meeting to kick off the new year. Before you knew it, the calendar was filling up with tours for 2019. This year's Sierra Tour will be led by the Schweigers and Sindicics. The Lencis and Guidrys will be leading a group to Rendezvous in Oregon. And by popular demand the Shukaits will be hosting the holiday party at their house again. Big thanks to them for graciously volunteering again!

This year the Knackered Knock Off award was given based on spirit supporting SSTS events. The Shukaits took home the trophy and I am sure that they will be posting photos of the trophy at events this year!



## 2019 Planning Meeting

By Kirk Prentiss



## Wing Window Wonder

By Kirk Prentiss




Anyone who has a B/GT knows that one of the challenges with this car is adequate ventilation. The cowl vent provides very little airflow when open, and the “fan” is more like a sound maker than moving any air to speak of. Perhaps when the B/GT was new, the door wing windows may have stayed open, but I sincerely doubt it. All I know is that mine never stay open far enough to actually direct air into the cockpit. A puzzlement to be sure.

In the November edition of the MG Magazine, I ran across an article by Jim Miller. Jim had secured a 3-D printer and put it to work. I ordered a set of these “Air Flow Locks” and put them on my B/GT. A miracle! They slide on to the window lock and hold the vent window fully open. There is no need to remove them as they stay in place when the vent window is secured. Brilliant! They can be ordered in either black or red.

Jim has also designed replacement pieces for the B/GT and Roadster visor clips. Check out his webpage at: [www.ModernTouring.com](http://www.ModernTouring.com)!



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## Remembering Randy - Captain Fun

By Andy Preston



When I received the news that Randy did not survive a heart attack on New Years Day I was shocked to say the least. I attended his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday party last summer shortly before Randy and Melissa moved to Tucson Arizona. I thought he looked great with that contagious laugh and beaming smile.

Randy was a long time member of the MGOC and actively involved in various club activities and over the years held numerous roles in the club organization, including; VP, Secretary and most importantly "Activities Director". That's when he got the name as "Captain of Fun", doing as much as he could to promote the MG marque, and the club. He even found time to act as "Advertising and Marketing Manager" for the North American MGA Register.

He was an outgoing person with a wonderful warm personality and had a smile from cheek to cheek especially when he was behind the wheel of his beloved MGA. I got to know Randy while participating on various MG drives and tours (many of which Randy organized), various car shows, and other club events. We became good friends when we both attended NAMGAR GT 28 in Welches, Oregon in 2003 and had a blast.

A couple of years later Randy organized a trip to Crater Lake which we attended. While staying at the lodge Randy lost the use of the clutch on his MGA and unfortunately the "shade tree" quick fix didn't work too well and believe or not Randy drove all the way back to the Bay Area without a clutch. I remember it was particularly hairy after we had stopped for lunch and Randy was circling the parking lot while Melissa was trying to jump in. And even more alarming when we were approaching a railroad crossing and the gates closed in front of us. He slowed down and was able to crawl along until the gates opened. None of this seemed to affect Randy and he remained calm and made it home. I think Randy learned how to change gear in a "Crash Gearbox" but both survived the ordeal.

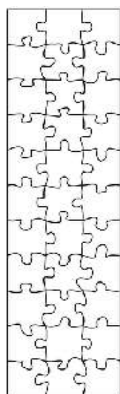
One of my favorite memories of Randy (is depicted in the above photo and) was the pure joy on his face as he was behind the wheel of his MGA savoring every moment and grinning from cheek to cheek.

At the recent brunch it was my honor to propose a toast to Randy and raise a glass of bubbly in his memory. Even though he is no longer with us he will always live on in our memories as he navigates the highway and byways in the big sky.

## Puzzle Page

By: Kirk Prentiss

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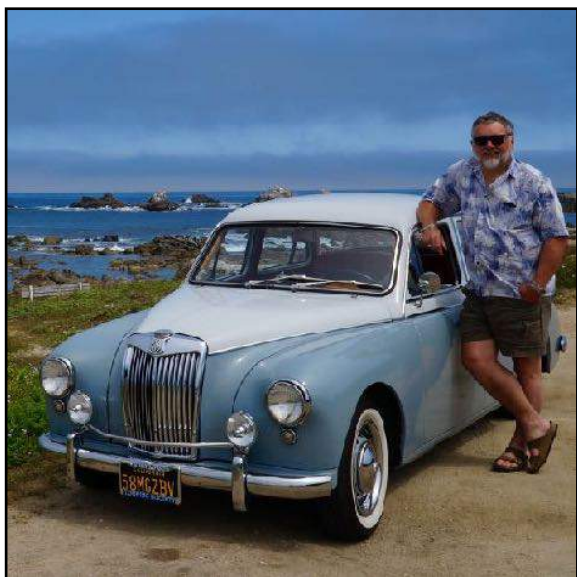


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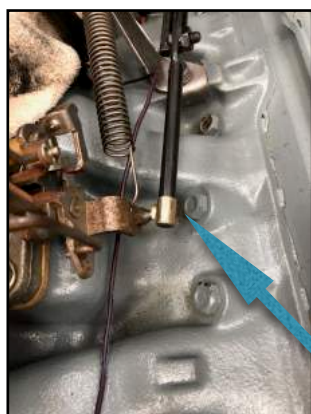
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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome 2019! Here we are with a new year ahead of us. The planning meeting was a great success and the calendar is filled with fun events.



Those of you who were on the Sierra Tour know that I have been experiencing a gremlin in my Magnette. Sporadic and chronic, the issue has been difficult to narrow down. The symptoms were the car would run fine and then for unknown reasons stalled like it ran out of gas. First area of suspicion was the carburetor. That revealed a rather nasty fuel filter. Replaced the filter, cleaned out the carb and it appeared to run much better, for a while at least. Then it happened again. Suspicion shifted from fuel to spark. After investigation the spark was fine. Hmmm, head scratching. I reviewed all of the work that had been done previously and yes, the fuel tank had been cleaned and reconditioned. Could there be something that would randomly settle on the pick up tube causing a restriction? Even more head scratching. It was recommended that I check the filter in the fuel pump. The screen was old, discolored and a wee bit collapsed, but not blocked. Probably not that. OK, I give up! When it would not start at my house I had it towed to Dave Pelton's shop. As everybody knows, Dave can find ANY problem. While investigating possible issues with the fuel tank he discovered that the fuel line that runs under the frame to the engine compartment had a massive dent in it. Probably from a rock or some "FOD" from the road. (FOD - Naval air term for foreign object debris on any flight line) Upon removal the line broke into two pieces. Can it be? Has the gremlin been bested by Sir Pelton's righteous skill? Well, it turns out that was not the only problem. When the issue resumed, indications pointed to the distributor. The centrifugal advance plates were wobbling. Not good. A newer distributor has been installed and it seems that it finally (hopefully?) is the end of the gremlin.

Finally, the motor rebuild project for my 58 Plymouth is almost done. A few minor adjustments and it will be ready to go out on the road for the break-in 500 miles! The last few weeks have been in the holding pattern due to a missing carb linkage clip. During the removal I tried to be meticulous about bagging and labeling all nuts, bolts and parts, but this tiny piece went missing. We looked everywhere. I had hoped my fastidiousness to not lose anything during the project would ensure all parts were secured. Thanks to Keith Shukait's superior internet investigations he ordered the missing part. HUZAZH! Then, the last thing to go on the motor was the air filter housing. "Let's open up the housing and give the paper filter a blast of air," Keith said. THERE inside was the little baggie labeled, "Carb Clip" inside for safe keeping. Too bad my aging memory didn't work better to REMEMBER it was in there and save me from pulling my hair out!