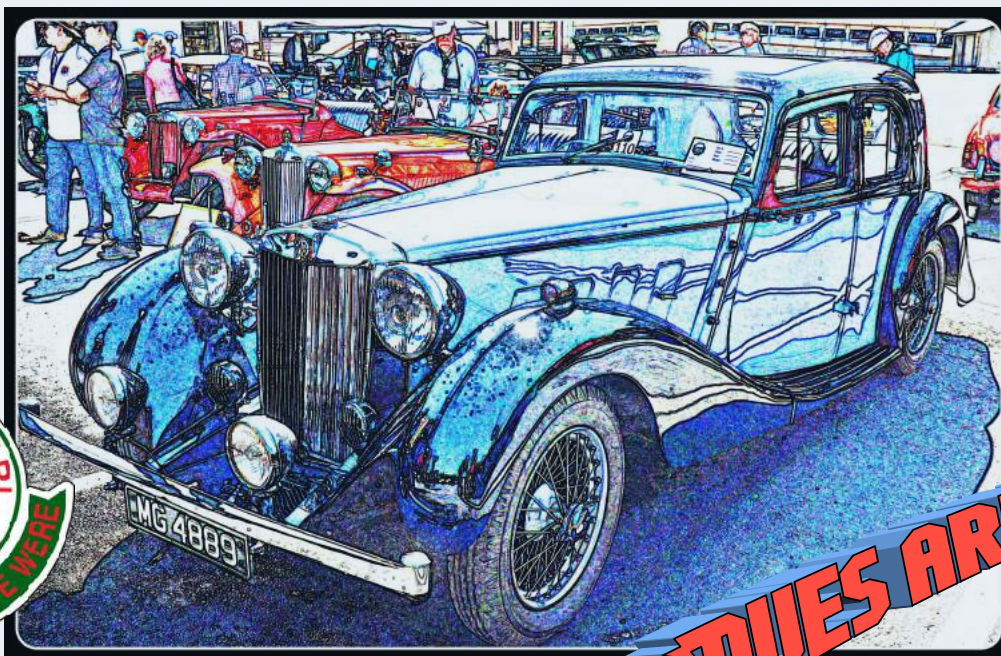


# THE WIND MACHINE / March 2019

Sorry Safari Touring Society - A Gathering of MG Enthusiasts



**DUES ARE DUE!**

## THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS!

Boy what a month it's been! We had 22 members at the last Club meeting at The Englander. Lots of laughter and of course business accomplished.

All our plans are set for the coming year. We had a magnificent tour of the Mozart Car Museum. Talk about some wonderful old iron. There were early brass cars along with Rolls Royce's and Ferrari sport cars. It was nice to hook up with the MGO Club for this wonderful event. We had about 65 people in attendance, with 15 SSTS members enjoying a private tour of John Mozart's collection.

I look forward to seeing what the "surprise" tour will be put on by the Shukait's next month. Hope to see all of you there.

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

The Prez



**NEXT EVENT**

**SOQUEL  
VILLAGE RUN**

**MARCH 9TH**



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

## CLUB MEETINGS

The 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM,  
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## Meeting Minutes

The following represents the Minutes, and *my recollections*, of the Club's February meeting at the Englander in San Leandro.

**PRESIDENT** – With his dinner plate now sitting near empty and as a lead up to the meeting's start, Lynn whispered to Herb, "Herb, you gonna be ready with tonight's jokes?" "You betcha," replied Herb holding up his trusty and coveted dawg eared tome of Jokes for all occasions, audiences, tastes and educational levels. "I got a couple picked out." And then he added, "I had thoughts to use a third but it sounded real familiar and then I remembered that I had told it before." Chuckles, chuckles, chuckles already and the February edition of the SSTS Business Meeting has yet to even officially begin. With a glance to 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Roberta sitting by his side and feeling the assurance Lynn gave three taps to the table top with the gavel and inquired of the membership present, "Can we call the meeting to order?" With no objections voiced or exhibited, The P tossed to Herb, and the punchlines were..."Leave it in the cow." At this point more chuckles, chuckles, chuckles rang out. But wait, there's another... (for the sake of brevity should further chuckles, chuckles, chuckles ring forth tonight in reaction to any further humorous behavior, chuckles, chuckles, chuckles shall be represented with the simple abbreviation, c,c,c, or should the humor warrant, C,C,C!) Herb then came with, "Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar." Whoa, the rafters rattled. C,C,C, C,C,C! Lynn thanked Herb for his family friendly choice of jokes to which Herb responded that there is another that I could tell but, "I would need rubber gloves." Thanks Herb for your discretion and show of good taste. Seeing no new, first time, faces around the tables Lynn welcomed all and told of a new car purchase that he and Roberta made recently. During the holidays they were t-boned by another vehicle, no injuries to them fortunately. They now own a hybrid and are happy with it. "Officer Reports," was now The P's wish and



**VICE PRESIDENT-** It was said that J-Gir L was not able to be here tonight to sub for Ben due to a knee ailment. Ben is through with his treatments and is improving. Yea Ben!

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**TREASURER** – Money Bags Bob gave a summary of last year's financial activities which included a \$400.00 donation to the Red Cross to help with wildfire relief. He then stated a current balance of \$2,521.00. Since The Veep Ben is laid up the audit of the books was conducted by Info Source Jim Brady. Jim assured us that Bob keeps tidy and orderly records, if there is anything shady going on with our Club Treasure, it is well hidden. C,c,C, and way to go Bob from the SSTS. Bob then noted the great work by Eric Baker does in getting businesses to advertise in the Wind Machine, adding revenue for our activities. But Eric's not here? Wow, what timing, Eric just walked in the door. He humbly accepted the appreciation. Taking his seat, Eric said that recently when out and about in his car in Oakland an older couple (in their 90s) walked up to talk saying that they were once members of the SSTS and still own the TD that they drove to Tahoe for their honeymoon in 1962. Eric held up a vintage 1<sup>st</sup> edition Safari grill badge that the couple, Sam and Barbara Skelly (?sic) gave to him. The badge read Sorry Safari Touring Society San Lorenzo, not Bay Area, like the current badge. Eric wondered why and when that changed. The SSTS was founded as a rally oriented club, for T series (Real) M.G.s in San Lorenzo. In later years non-real M.G. owners (Hello TA Terry) were allowed to participate. Non-real meaning – radio, heater, roll up windows, ample horsepower, performance suspension, synchro transmission. Stuff like that. Eric passed the badge for all to admire.

**SECRETARY-** “No comment.”

**INFORMED SOURCE-** Jim told us that the rear hatch door on his GT has forever been a source of noise and rattling. He finally gave up and ordered a new latch assembly from Moss to replace the old one. “It fixed IT! Jim said in utter disbelief. ?!?! C,C,C, Jim. Maybe should have done that years ago. Note was made of Jim's recent article on “What's in your Boot?” And his asking membership about what spare parts we store for emergencies. Seems cards and letters haven't poured in yet. Jim only heard from Don C. Let Jim hear from you about your boot.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Dues are Dues, Dues-R-Due, DuezerDo. Memberships need to be renewed by the March meeting.

**WIND MACHINE** – Kirk was a man of few words here noting only that a current newsletter will be posted on the website.

**REGALIA-** Get with Maris for the latest in Spring Touring fashion needs. Consultations are free.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Seems we goofed at the planning meeting. (Who's “we” Kemosabe?) Lynn said that GoF is in July not August. We need a Club tour in August. The P added that we approved during the planning meeting picking up the lunch tab for tour leaders in 2019. Eric Baker volunteered to lead a tour to Yountville for lunch at The French Laundry. Only problem though is getting a reservation there within this decade or soon in the next. Nice try Eric. No tour to Yountville but Eric has plenty of that Vintage Car Oil w/zinc.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Lynn announced that the Club will have a new pop-up soon for shade at the Scottish Games and other events where shade is nice to have. VP Ben has suggested to Lynn that maybe we could set up Club Funkhana this year. Just a private little Funkagoodtimehana for thrills. Lynn said the idea is being kicked around and it could be a good event. The ladies of the Club could even be involved and have a chance to learn to drive their hubby's car. (Careful Kemosabe, could be bumpy road ahead) The P, while still able to speak and not seeing stars, added that we never know when something might happen during a tour or event that would make it necessary for the lady to take the wheel and drive the car back home. (You brave man Kemosabe.) At this point Roberta confidently stated that, “I have Triple A.” C!C!C!, Chucks galore Ro. Girls Rule.! Prize Raffle time. Winners – Susan Engelhart, and Marcia Freitas. Everybody is a winner tonight. Yeas & Cs! Can we get a motion. Motion approved, no roadside service needed.

Don't just read the Minutes, be part of the fun. Join us for the next meeting at the Englander in San Leandro March 18.  
.... *And that's the way I think it was.* Respectfully, submitted by Carl Brown.

# THE WIND MACHINE / March 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

Soquel Village Run  
Keith & Pam Shukait tour  
masters. Saturday March 9th,  
pg 7.

MGOC St. Paddy's Day Tour  
Andy & Marla Preston tour  
masters.  
Sunday March 17th, pg 8.

### APRIL

CSRG Races Sonoma Raceway  
Dan Shockey coordinating.  
Saturday 13th, pg 9.

The Delta Tour  
Don Cowgill & Jim Brady tour  
masters. 3/18, pg 10.

### MAY

UBSCC All British Car Show  
Dixon.  
Sunday 19th, Registration now  
open.

### JUNE

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

Elkhorn Slough Run  
Saturday June 1st, Dave Marsh  
coordinating, pg 11.

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, TBA.

NAMGAR GT-44  
Dubuque, IA  
TBA

Rendezvous Oregon  
Ben Lenci & Herb Guidry tour  
masters.  
25th - 28th, pg 12.

### AUGUST

GoF West  
Prescott AZ  
8/12 - 8/16

50th Heritage Classic  
Canadian MG Club, Vancouver  
BC, 23rd - 25th. Pg 13.

### SEPTEMBER

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

Filoli Tour  
Saturday September 14th. Dave  
Marsh coordinating, pg 14.

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

### OCTOBER

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

### NOVEMBER

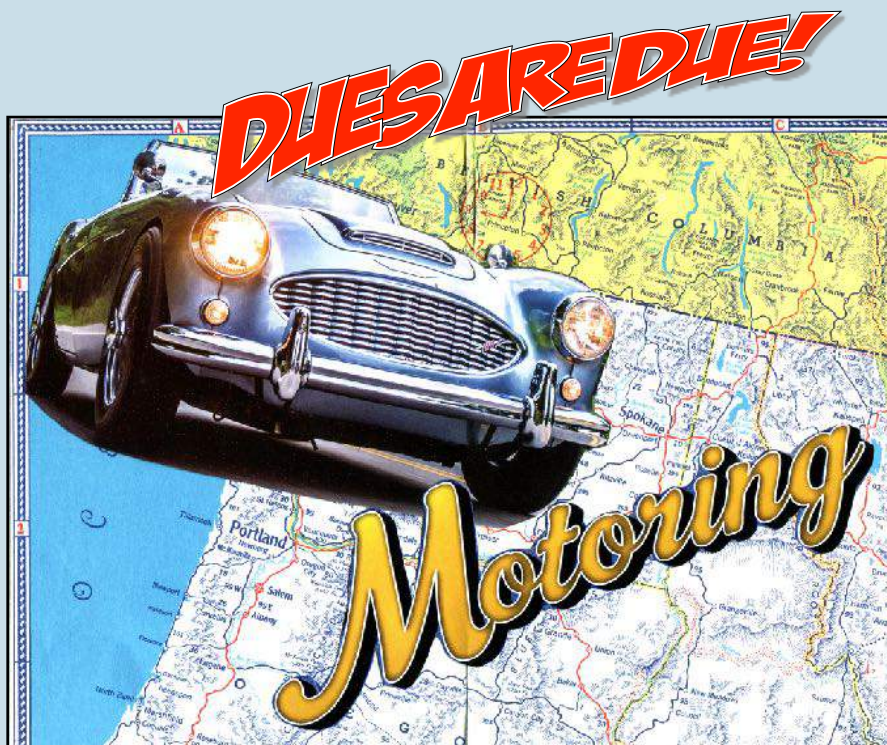
Fabulous Fall Foray  
Susan Engelhart & Jimbo Brady  
tour masters.  
TBA.

### DECEMBER

Holiday Party  
Keith & Pam Shukait hosting.  
TBA.

### JANUARY

2020 Planning Meeting  
Bob & Susan Engelhart hosting.  
TBA.





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An audit of the club finances was conducted by Jim Brady on 2 Feb 2018.

## Executive Summary:

### Revenue

\$1,450	Dues
\$582	Regalia (Good on Maris)
\$675	Misc
<b>\$2,707</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>

Misc: \$400 GOF Earnings, \$275 Wind Machine Marketing (Good on Eric)

### Expenses

\$1,630	Regalia
\$600	Major Events (Parties, Sierra Tour)
\$400	Red Cross CA Wildfire Donations
\$224	Misc (tour reimbursement, club charger/inflator, tour leader pics, Ice Cream Social, trophy engraving)

**\$2,854 Total Expenses**

This year we spent slightly more than we earned again; not an issue.





## Saturday March 9th

Meet: 09:30 AM  
Location: Peet's Coffee & Tea  
1200 El Camino Real  
Belmont, CA 94002  
Depart: 10:00 AM  
RSVP: **By Wednesday March 6th! RSVP to Keith or Pam:**  
[shukait@me.com](mailto:shukait@me.com) or [pshukait@me.com](mailto:pshukait@me.com)

We'll drive back roads from Belmont to the seaside village of Soquel.  
Lunch will be at Star of Siam Thai Restaurant.



**RAIN OR SHINE!**

## ***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.





# CSRG



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## Sonoma Raceway CSRG Club Corral and Parade Laps

**When:** Saturday April 13 - Track opens at 8am

**What:** All-MG Club Corral in Paddock

Parade Laps (slow) at noon: No helmets required

**Costs:** \$12 per adult for entry (\$20 weekend pass) Seniors (65 up) Free! Children 12 and under free! Students Free! Veterans Free!

Parade Laps: \$25 per car separate donation fee

Limited number of free entry tickets available. Sign up early!

**Details:** Dan Shockey, [magnut\\_dan@hotmail.com](mailto:magnut_dan@hotmail.com), 309-696-0803



## DELTA TOUR

We'll head up CA-160 and some back roads, stopping at various points of interest, on our way to the Old (Beet) Sugar Mill. After lunch at Freeport Bar & Grill, we'll head for Bogle Winery and perhaps Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

Date: **Thursday April 18th**

Meet: 9:00 am Jack-in-the-Box, Vasco Rd, Livermore  
6020 Industrial Way  
(2 blocks south off I-580 on the left)

Depart: 9:30 am

Bring: MG, Fast Track, Sunscreen, Binoculars

RSVP: Don Cowgill: 925-449-4013 or [dfcowgill@yahoo.com](mailto:dfcowgill@yahoo.com)  
Jim Brady: 925-256-3685 or [mgtdjab@gmail.com](mailto:mgtdjab@gmail.com)  
Tour cells: 925-895-4911 and 925-899-9966



## ELKHORN SLOUGH RUN

**Date:** Saturday, June 1, 2019

**Tour Leader:** Dave Marsh 650 964 2341

**Route Summary:** The route starts at Starbucks/Safeway on Almaden Blvd. and ends in Moss Landing. We travel thru Almaden Valley, over Hecker Pass to Moss Landing and have lunch at Haute Enchilada, 7902 Moss Landing Rd. Menu at [hauteenchilada.com](http://hauteenchilada.com) Tel: 831-633-5843. The route has been designed for safety and enjoyment and thus makes minimal use of highways. Total route length is about 56 miles. If you brought a two way radio, we will be on channel 5. **NOTE: Watch for bicycles especially on mountain roads.**

**Elkhorn Slough Tours:** After lunch those who care to can tour Elkhorn Slough on foot, in a boat with a guide, or in a kayak. **Walking tours** start at the visitor center - 1700 Elkhorn Rd. There is a \$4.12 trail fee payable by credit card only. Directions: go north on Hwy 1 and R on Dolan Rd. (just before the power plant) then 3.5 miles on Dolan Rd. and L on Elkhorn Rd. then 2.1 miles to the visitor center. More info at <https://www.elkhornslough.org/> Tel: 831-728-2822. **Boat tours** are available from Elkhorn Slough Safari, 7881 Sandholdt Rd. Tel: 831-633-5555 and cost \$39 (\$35 senior). Advance reservations strongly advised. More info at [elkhornslough.com](http://elkhornslough.com). **Kayaks** are available for rent from Monterey Bay Kayaks located in the parking lot next to Hwy 1 at the Elkhorn Slough bridge. Tel: 831-373-5357.

**Start:** Starbucks in Safeway at 6477 Almaden Expressway (at Camden) San Jose

**Time:** Meet at 10:00 AM to sign in

**Depart:** 10:30 AM with a full tank of gas

**Stops:** none

**RSVP:** Dave Marsh 650 964 2341





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

### **Spirit Mountain Casino**

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!





## 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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Peter Tilbury email: [patilbury@shaw.ca](mailto:patilbury@shaw.ca)  
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## FILOLI TOUR



**Date:** Saturday, September 14

**Tour Leader:** Dave Marsh 650 964 2341

**Route Summary:** The route starts at Starbucks at the corner of Mary Ave. and Fremont in Sunnyvale and ends at Filoli in Woodside. We travel up Steven's Canyon, Mt. Eden Rd., Pierce Rd., SR9, to Skyline Blvd. then to the north end of Skyline, Rt. 92 and Canada Rd. to Filoli. Total route length is about 50 miles. If you brought a two way radio, we will be on channel 5.

**NOTE: Watch for bicycles especially on mountain roads.**

**Start:** Starbucks 1291 S. Mary in Sunnyvale at the corner of Fremont Ave.

**Time:** Meet at 10:00 AM to sign in

**Depart:** 10:30 AM with a full tank of gas

**Stops:** none

**End:** Quail's Nest Café at Filoli (86 Canada Rd. Woodside). NOTE: There is a fee (\$22 or \$18 for seniors) for a self-guided tour the mansion and grounds but the fee is not required to enter the café. There is an additional \$10 for a guided tour. Tickets can be purchased on-line ahead of time or on-site when we get there. More information (café menu, "what's in bloom, etc.) is available at [Filoli.org](http://Filoli.org). Tel: 650-364-8300.

**DISCLAIMER:** While I make every effort to ensure the route is open and safe, I DO NOT PRE-RUN THE ROUTE.

## KITCHEN MECHANIC



### ST. PADDY'S DAY MINT SHAKES

CHEF JAN LENCI

1 Pint	Vanilla ice cream (2 cups)
1/4 C	Peppermint Schnapps
1/2 Tsp	Vanilla extract
3-4 drops	Green liquid food coloring
2 each	Mint sprigs

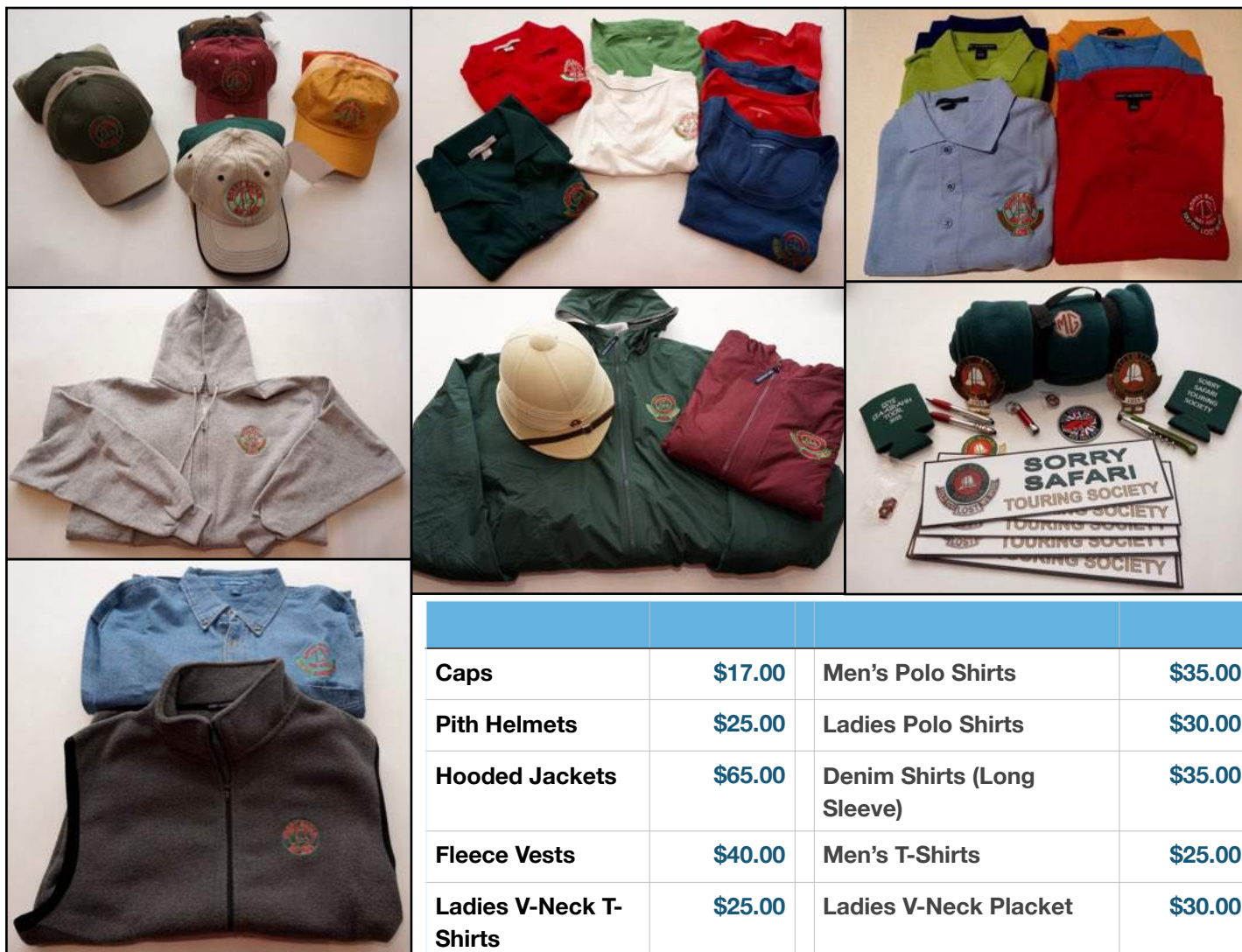
Blend the ice cream, peppermint Schnapps, vanilla and food coloring in a blender until smooth. Pour into two serving glasses and garnish each with a mint sprig.

Yield: 2 servings



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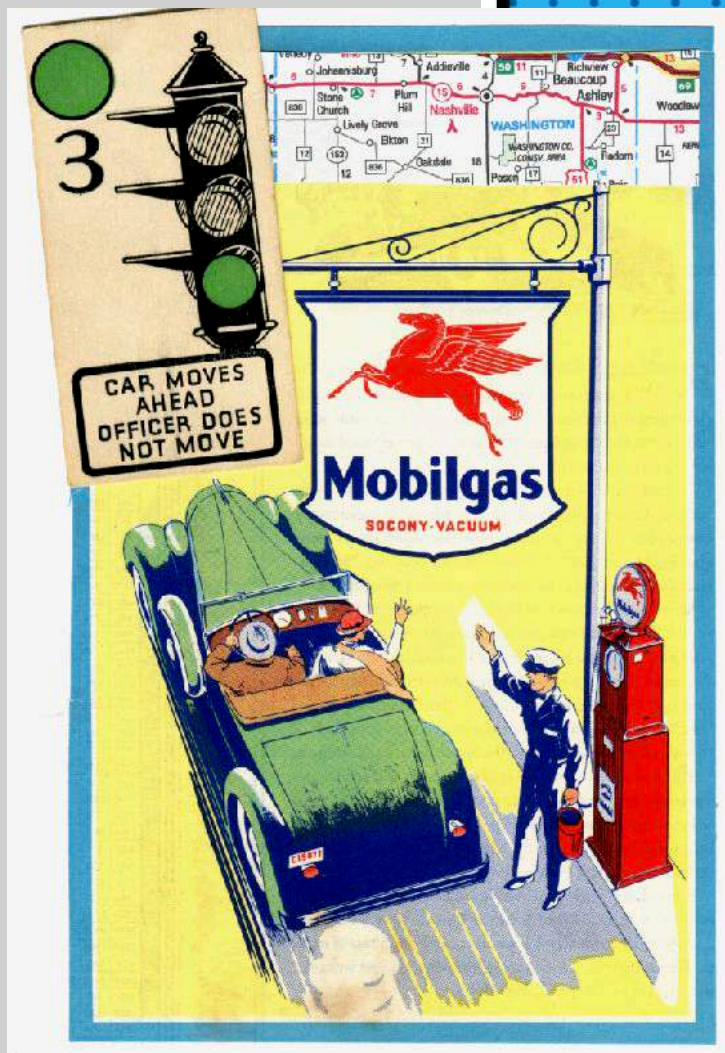
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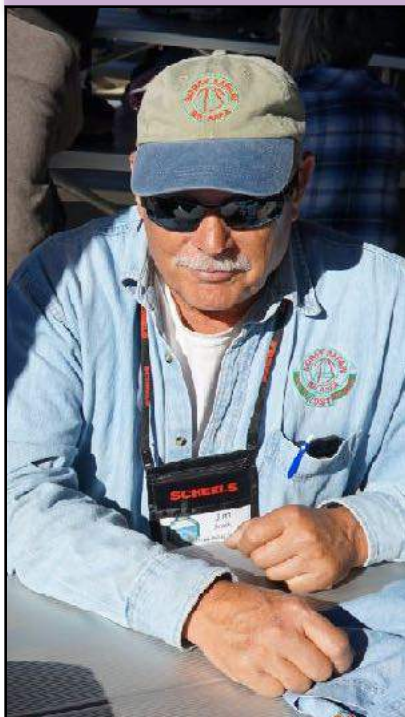
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## INFORMED SOURCE

Jim Brady



### Dirty Little Secrets

I recently had to change my power antenna on the GT. This involved removing the bolted-in panel behind the right front wheel. The five or so bolts didn't want to come out easily and I had to hit them with Kroil. Eventually I got the inner panel off although I could not remove the lower most fastener. The panel just broke away there from the fastener. This should have told me something. Getting the antenna out was not too difficult. No doubt about it – the old antenna could not be saved (I tried). I was able to find a replacement at O'Reilly's.

The area behind the wheel was a time capsule of all those trips to the beach. I think I removed more than a starbucks coffee cup of damp, somewhat cemented fine sand. I didn't taste it for salt but imagine that it had a lot. The sand was blocking drainage and laying up against the inner steel fender and outer fender. This is the textbook description of the corrosion incubator on a lot of british cars. I may have caught mine in time – will see. Eventually this would have led to a rust through of the fender and damage to the rocker. I imagine a lot of the A's and B's have this ticking timebomb. If you've never removed the panel – I suggest you do...

Last Month I posed the question – Whats in your boot? I did get two responses and want to thank the two members that found time to take a look and get back to me. I am going to call them Car A and Car B (one of the cars is a T-modified and the other is a BGT):

Car A – Spare tire, scissor jack and wood block (to get jack under front cross-member), mechanics tool kit, VOM & Tack / Dwell meters, timing light, jumper wires with alligator clips, tire tube, spoons, patch kit, air pump inflator with battery clips, jumper cables, brake fluid, motor oil, fuel pump, pump parts (diaphragm, point set), carb float, fan belt, generator brushes, coil, distributor plate with points and condenser, rotor, spark plugs, heater valve & gasket, hose plug and hose clamps – whew!

Car B - Fire extinguish, tire and jack, wheel wrench and hammer, oil and brake fluid, fan belt, synch carb, carb tool set, multi meter, continuity light, windshield wiper blades, grose jets, light bulbs, fuses, 5 feet of wire, duc & electric tape baskets goop, tools, fuel pump small square replacement, fuel pump original, MGB repair book, Moss cat and phone number, spare electronic distributor, heater value and gasket, starter relay, brake hose, fuel lines all, brake light sw, radiator hoses, flasher relay, coil, dist cap and rotor, oil line, generator, adjustable freeze plug, windex, and detail stuff with cloths and tooth brush – whew again!

Then there was my list (from the B roadster) - Tire, jack (scissors) and tire iron, oil (one quart 20w50), coolant and hydraulic oil (DOT 4), coil, fuel pump, 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, wax & car cleaning stuff and rags, a spare MGB manual, nuts & bolts (7/16 & ½ head size), tonneau & car cover (for overnight trips)

Both owners clearly hit the road prepared (they make my list of stuff seem like a leap of faith). Clearly there is some commonality but I'll let you make the links... There are probably some stories that go along with the lists (there has to be). Thanks again for the two owners that got back to me.

## This Month Last Year

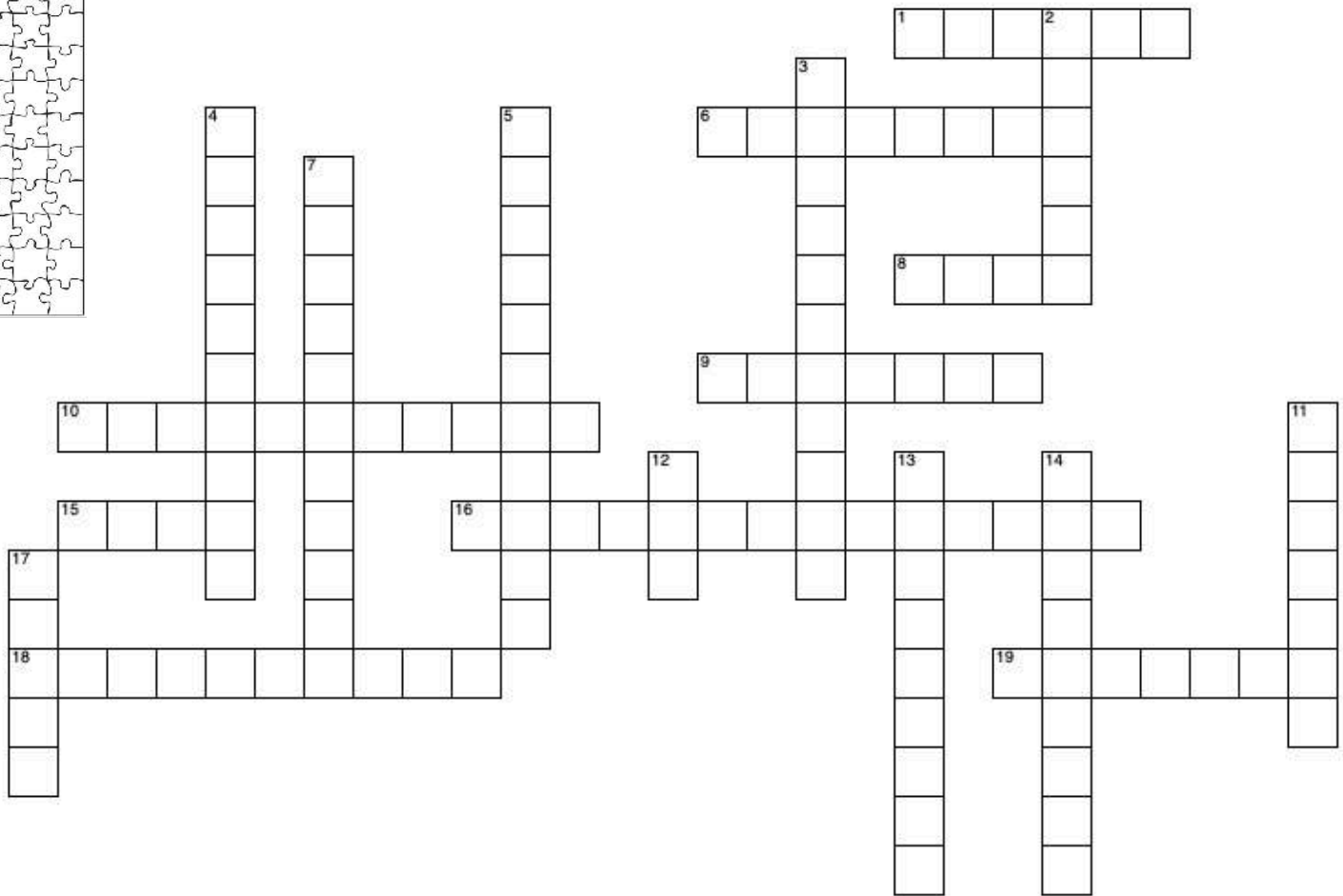
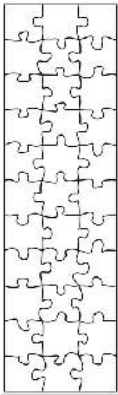


This month last year the Prestons lead us on a delightful St. Patrick's Day tour! And as luck would have it, they are leading a tour again THIS year!!

## Puzzle Page

By: Kirk Prentiss

### MG Trivia

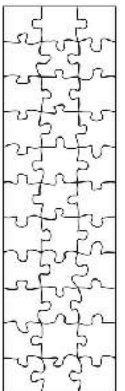


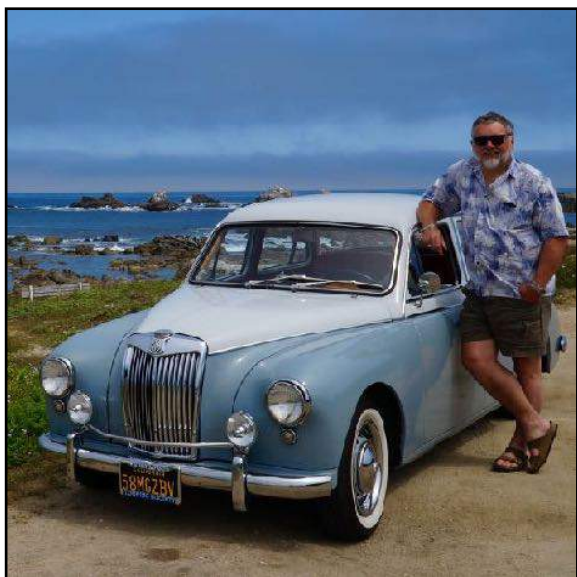
#### ACROSS

- 1 A different kind of bumper
- 6 MGs made here
- 8 British trunk
- 9 Wire wheel wrench
- 10 Different kind of suspension
- 15 Largest number of main bearings
- 16 1967 dash nickname
- 18 Jaques Coune special
- 19 Symbol of the MG

#### DOWN

- 2 A car hood in the U.S.
- 3 Designer for the MGBGT
- 4 Windshield by another name
- 5 Driving force of the MG company
- 7 MGB adjective
- 11 Style of MGBGT
- 12 Elvis Presley's MG
- 13 Chief designer for the MGB
- 14 MGB body construction
- 17 Thatcher's daily driver





## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The recent trip to visit John Mozart's private car collection was an experience. He has an amazing showroom of cars from the early 1900s to the 1950s. In addition he has another warehouse filled with many more cars.

Because of the many rainy days this past month, I had not driven one of my MGs. So for the Mozart car collection I decided to take the B/GT to the event. Since the car had been sitting for almost a month, the battery had lost some charge and the car wouldn't start. The day before, I put it on the charger for a couple of hours to regain a full charge. Varooooom! Saturday morning Mrs. Peel roared to life. It was going to be a fun day. I drove to San Carlos to pick up a friend who would join me on the museum visit. We got in the B/GT and as I turned the key, there was nothing. No lights, nothing. Plan B, drive in his car.

Amazing cars in the collection! Many were one of a kind, or the last surviving example known to exist. Unfortunately no photography of any kind was allowed. I felt like a fish out of water not being able to visually document the experience of seeing these magnificent cars.



So many examples of fantastic cars, however, I fell in love with three majestic machines: an early 30s Duesenberg Torpedo Roadster, a late 30s Packard Limousine and a 40s Alfa Romeo Roadster. All were exquisite examples of machines as rolling art works. Everything about them was stunning. I'd like to show you, but transferring these images from my brain to print is not yet available...

Once back at my friends house we pulled out tools out of the boot and began searching for possible problems with the B/GT. Start at the power source. In the B/GT, the rear seat must be removed, then the carpet, then the access cover. The culprit: a faulty battery shut off switch. My friend and I questioned the reason for having one, considering it is a bit of an ordeal to get to the battery. Needless to say, there is no longer a shut off switch installed. Mrs Peel started immediately and I drove back over the San Mateo bridge and to home without issue.