



The MG Owners Club

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
(Please print)

Address _____
Number & Street

City, State, Zip

Phone _____ AM PM

Email _____

With an email address you can receive our newsletter, *The Octagon*, online. Would you prefer online instead of in the mail? Yes No

Car _____
Model & Year Length of time owned

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Circle any of the following items to omit them from the Club roster:

Address Phone Number Email Address

How did you learn about the MG Owners Club?

Friend *Octagon* Web site Other: _____

I am interested in (circle all that apply):

Tech Sessions Rallies Tours Social Events Other: _____

Comments or questions: _____

The MGOC has represented Northern California MG owners since 1957, and was founded as a chapter of the MG Car Club of England, an international organization of MG enthusiasts. We invite you to join us in promoting the understanding, interest, and enjoyment of MG ownership and the sport of motoring.

Membership is open to all owners of any MG. There are all types of MGs in the club, ranging from J2s from the early thirties to MGB LE models from 1980. We are an active club, planning and scheduling events and activities throughout the year, as well as participating in gatherings with MG and other sportscar clubs nationwide.

Being a member of the MGOC makes you eligible for special insurance rates with classic and antique car insurance companies. You also receive our monthly newsletter, *The Octagon*, featuring news of club activities and events, technical information, classified ads, and articles pertinent to the ownership and maintenance of your MG.

Initiation is \$5 and membership dues are \$20 per year, prorated quarterly for new members. (See the schedule below.) Co-membership is available for your spouse or other family members at \$5 per person.

If joining in July through September, dues and initiation are \$25.
October through December, \$20.
January through March, \$15.

If you join from April through June, send in \$25 for initiation and dues and your membership will be automatically extended to July of the following year.

Thank-you for your interest in the MG Owners Club. We encourage your participation in our activities and welcome your suggestions. To join, send this application with your membership fee to:

MGOC Membership
c/o Mike Jacobsen, Registrar
320 B Monterey Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94131-3141

Please make checks payable to MGOC.

MG Owners Club History

by George Steneberg, Corresponding Secretary

After doing a lot of research and talking to current members that have been around since the early '60s, we've discovered that the history of the MGOC extends back more than 50 years. In the late forties the club was known as the M.G. Car Club, San Francisco Centre. This club eventually grew into the present regional chapter of the SCCA. A few years after that, a group of MG owners decided to form a separate MG Club, and the current M.G. Owners Club was the result.

The Club as we know it today began in 1957 and was incorporated in 1958. About a year later the club became the Northern California Centre of the M.G. Car Club. The directors of the M.G. Owners Club approached John Duncan, a local MG enthusiast, for advice about arranging an association with the M.G. Car Club. This was because they knew the Duncans had been entertained by John Thornley while visiting Abingdon.

A letter to Mr. Thornley brought a quick response, and he was only too glad to fully recommend to Mr. Lowry that the request be granted. With such sponsorship it took little to complete the details.

From its beginnings in the fifties, and through the sixties and seventies, the Club was very active in rallies, and was prominent in pioneering Variety Rallies. During this time, the Club joined the Northern California Sports Car Council (NCSSC) and participated in NCSSC-sanctioned autocrosses, with a majority of members taking part.

As the older MGs started showing signs of wear, the membership started turning toward restoration and car shows, although they were still active in rallies and tours to interesting spots & good places to eat.

The Club is made up of all models of MG, from MMM cars to 1980 MGB Limited Editions, a few variants, such as the Elva, and even an MGA electric car. *The Octagon* is the Club newsletter and is published monthly with pictures and articles on events, technical information, and everything else a good newsletter requires.

Affiliations

The MG Owners Club is affiliated with the following international and national MG clubs.



We are the Northern California Centre of the MG Car Club of England, the original MG club, sponsored by the MG Company.



We're the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the New England MG T Register, the preeminent organization for T-series MGs.



The MGOC is the new home of the San Francisco Peninsula MG T Register, the Bay Area's T-series club that was founded more than 30 years ago.



We're also the Bay Area chapter for the North American MGA Register. NAMGAR includes all MGs made during the MGA's production life, such as the Z-series Magnettes, and cars based on MGA components, such as Elvas.



The MGOC is the North American MGB Register chapter for the Bay Area. NAMGBR includes MGB, Midgets, and 1100s.