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1962 MGA Sebring Car #51

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TREASURER / MEMBERSHIP'S MESSAGE



Greetings!

The Board and the Car Show Committee want to thank everyone who joined us for our annual Boots & Bonnets Car Show this past Sunday. To those of you who were unable to join us, we missed you, and hope to see you next year!

We had a total of 26 MG's present for the Show. Judging took place across 5 Classes, and we awarded a total of 17 trophies. The weather, while warmer and muggier than forecast, remained clear for the day. Everyone had a great time, judging by the smiles and conversation. The cars were beautiful, the pizza was tasty, and the Hot Wheels / Matchbox Car Races were enjoyed by young and old alike. In addition to trophies, many took home raffle prizes as well. All in all, a great day!

Attached please find the group photo taken at the end of the Show.

Until next year, and our 15th Annual Boots & Bonnets All MG Car Show!

Regards,

Steve Lombard



FUTURE Events

SEPTEMBER 2022

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MEET AND GREET - September 18, 2022 – This is a family event and everyone is welcome! Please RSVP adam.lombard@earthlink.net.

OCTOBER 2022

October 2, 2022 -- 31st Annual Central Coast British Car Club Car Show. Flyer and registration form is attached.

October 8, 2022 - Tech Talk with Russ Thompson - RSVP to Adam Lombard at: adam.lombard@earthlink.net. Flyer is attached.

DECEMBER 2022

Holiday Gathering – TBD
The Hold-The-Date will be shared shortly.

On Schedule for 2023

Tech Session at Chequered Flag
Queen's English
Clovis Car Show
NAMGAR Annual Event
NAMGBR Annual Event
Annual Picnic at The Wertheim Home
15th Annual Boots & Bonnets Car Show





31st Annual CCBBC
BRITISH CAR SHOW



October 2, 2022 at Channel Islands Harbor Park, Oxnard, CA

Celebrating 60 years of the MGB

All British Vehicles Welcome

presented by the Central Coast British Car Club

www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com

Channel Islands Harbor Park

3600 Harbor Blvd. Oxnard, Ca.

COME OUT AND SPEND THE DAY – BEAUTIFUL CARS – FOOD TRUCKS

Registrant check-in 7:30 to 11 am – Show is from 9 am to 2:30 pm

Channel Islands Harbor Park, 3600 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard California

Registrant check-in 7:30 to 11 am – Show is from 9 am to 2:30 pm on 10/2/2022

**REGISTRATION FEES: \$35 per vehicle for CCBCC members
\$40 per vehicle for non-members**

Event shirts *not* included for registrations received *after* September 1st or day of show

APPLICANT NAME _____ CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE # (_____) _____ - _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ / _____ / _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

VEHICLE #1: MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ COLOR _____

VEHICLE #2: MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ COLOR _____

***A free Event T-Shirt is included with each vehicle registration received prior to September 1st
A limited number of T-Shirts will be available for purchase on the day of the show for \$15***

Vehicle #1 T-shirt size: XXL XL L M S (Circle One)

Vehicle #2 T-shirt size: XXL XL L M S (Circle One)

Additional T-Shirts (\$15 each): XXL _____ XL _____ L _____ M _____ S _____

Total Registration Fees (including any additional T-Shirts) \$ _____

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEES:

This release of liability specifically includes losses caused by negligence, whether active or passive, the CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB, or any of their agents, members, or the City of Oxnard, State of California. Entrant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB, their directors, members, agents, and the City of Oxnard, State of California from any and all liability, losses, damages, injuries, and claims by any person arising out of the condition, location or operation of the entrant's vehicle on or about the premises of Show location in connection to the CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB All British Car Show to which the application relates. Non-member registration fee includes one day club membership.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____ / _____ / _____

**Make Checks Payable to: CCBCC
Mail To: CCBCC Car Show
2674 East Main Street #E614
Ventura, CA 93003**

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PayPal account and send money to:
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If paying by PayPal, please click ADD A NOTE
and include **ALL** of the above information

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Registrar: JOEL JUSTIN j_bar_j@hotmail.com

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BOOTS & BONNETS

14TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

The 14th Annual MG Car Show occurred on Sunday September 11, 2022. 38 cars were registered to attend this annual event at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum. This day, everyone was very aware of Hurricane Kay off the Southern California coast in the San Diego area. The Los Angeles Area was looking forward to some much needed rain. The weather in the El Segundo Area resulted in cloudy skies with high humidity in the morning and sunny skies in the afternoon with humidity. We had a large variety of MGs on the show field.

One of the late model MGB's had an electric motor. The expected "B" sound of the engine was missing! So surprising to see a B but not hear a B.

The MG Café was operational with Hope Lee as our chief food dispenser. She had the coffee and donuts arranged for swift grab and go. Once the pizza was delivered, she distributed the lunch of four varieties. Thank you Hope for a job well done!

This year we added Hot Wheels/Matchbox Racing to our show activities. Doug Wochna brought in a track and supplied a Hot Wheels car to all who attended the car

show whether they raced the car or not. It was popular with 15 racers participating.

There were so many raffle prizes that folks walked away with multiple gifts.

The WINNERS

Class A –Pre-War & T Series

Car 9 Richard Johnson – 1st Place

Car 25 Yuri Brickman – 2nd Place

Car 25 Clifford Lemieux – 3rd Place

Class C-MGA

Car 18 David Theil – 1st place

Car 16 Michael Simpson – 2nd place

Car 26 Marc Schoeplein &

Car 33 Jim Plowden – 3rd Place tie

Class D-MGB Early

Car 5 Dan McLean – 1st Place

Car 32 Robert Silverman – 2nd place

Car 6 David Simmons – 3rd place

Class E-MGB -GT

Car 7 Doug Wochna – 1st Place tie

Car 19 Tom Talkington – 1st Place tie

Class F-MGB Late

Car 31 Russ Penty – 1st Place

Car 36 Tom Almodovar 2nd Place

Car 8 Zelda Davis – 3rd Place Tie

Car 21 Jerry Cohen – 3rd Place Tie



2022 CAR SHOW WINNERS

CLASS A



MG Pre-War & T-Series Open Tourer (1924-1955)

Johnson, Richard, 1953 MG TD, Ivory / Autumn Red

CLASS C



MGA - (1955-1962)

Theil, David, 1960MGA 1600, BRG

2022 CAR SHOW WINNERS (Continued)

CLASS D



MGB Roadster (1962-1974); MGC Roadster (1967-1969)
McLean, Dan, 1967 MGB w/Trailer, BRG

CLASS E



MGB GT (1965-1980)
Wochna, Doug & Zelda, 1971, MGB GT, Red

2022 CAR SHOW WINNERS (Continued)

CLASS E



MGB GT (1965-1980)

Talkington, Tom, 1967 MGB GT, Red

CLASS F



MGB Roadster (1974 1/2 - 1980)

Penty, Russ, 1979 MGB, Blue

OTHER CARS ON THE SHOW FIELD









Car Show Statistics

Class A - MG Pre-War & T-Series Open Tourer (1924-1955)

9	Johnson, Richard	1953	MG TD	Ivory / Autumn Red	1ST PLACE
25	Brickman, Yuri	1950	MG YT	Old English White	2ND PLACE
30	Lemieux, Clifford	1948	MG TC	Black	3RD PLACE
24	Machado, Mursalin	1951	MG TD	Red	
29	Marr, Michael	1953	MG TD Mk II	Gold & Yellow	

CLASS B MG Saloon (1924-1968)

	Lombard, Adam	1953	MG YB	Crackers & Cream	
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CLASS C MGA (1955-1962)

18	Theil, David	1960	MGA 1600	BRG	1ST PLACE
16	Simpson, Michael	1960	MGA	Red	2ND PLACE
26	Schoeplein, Marc	1958	MGA	Dove Gray	3RD PLACE TIE
33	Plowden, Jim	1962	MGA Mark II	BRG	3RD PLACE TIE
11	Erlich, Terrie	1962	MGA Mark II	Yellow	

CLASS D MGB Roadster (1962-1974); MGC Roadster (1967-1969)

5	McLean, Dan	1967	MGB w/Trailer	BRG	1ST PLACE
32	Silverman, Robert	1968	MGB	Red	2ND PLACE
6	Simmons, David	1973	MGB	Limeflower	3RD PLACE TIE
38	Barnard, Steve	1966	MGB	White	3RD PLACE TIE
37	Ress, Rich	1965	MGB	Old English White	

CLASS E MGB GT (1965-1980); MGC GT (1967-1969)

7	Wochna, Doug	1971	MGB GT	Red	1ST PLACE TIE
19	Talkington, Tom	1967	MGB GT	Red	1ST PLACE TIE
2	Gartner, Steve	1968	MGB GT	Grampian Gray	

CLASS F MGB Roadster (1974 1/2 - 1980)

31	Penty, Russ	1979	MGB	Blue	1ST PLACE
36	Almodovar, Tom	1979	MGB Electric	Red	2ND PLACE
8	Wochna, Zelda	1980	MGB w/Trailer	Red	3RD PLACE TIE
21	Cohen, Jerry	1976	MGB	Blue	3RD PLACE TIE
15	Cohen, Jay	1980	MGB LE	Black	
27	Meador, Stuart	1979	MGB	Orange	
35	Alban, Jerry	1973	MGB	Burnt Orange	

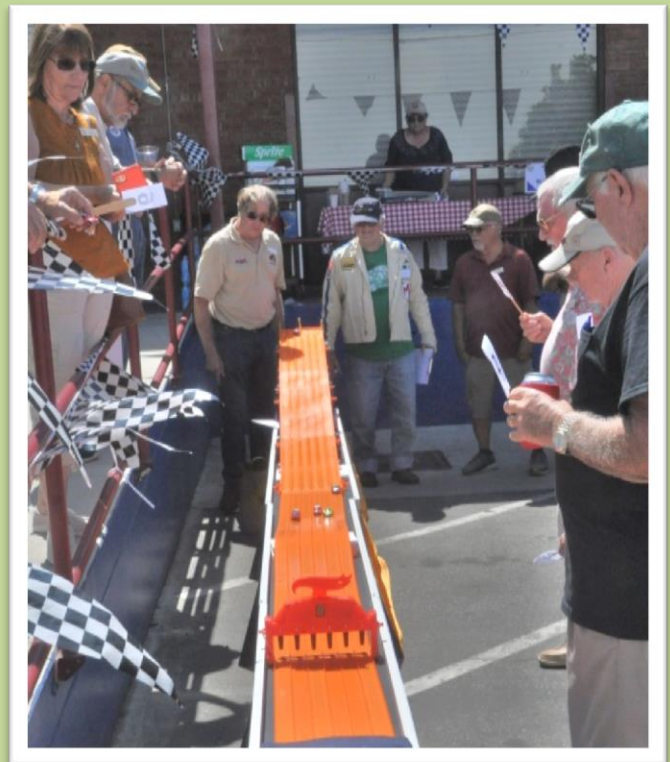


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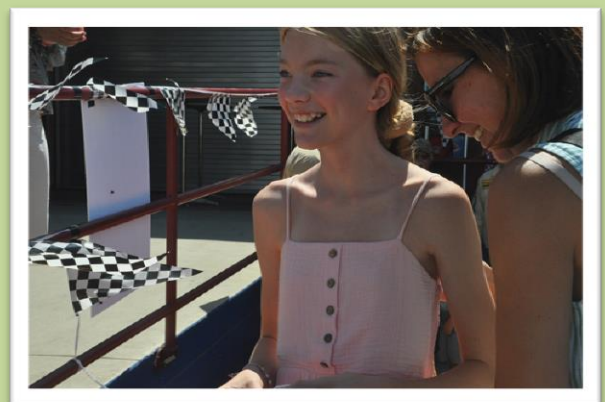
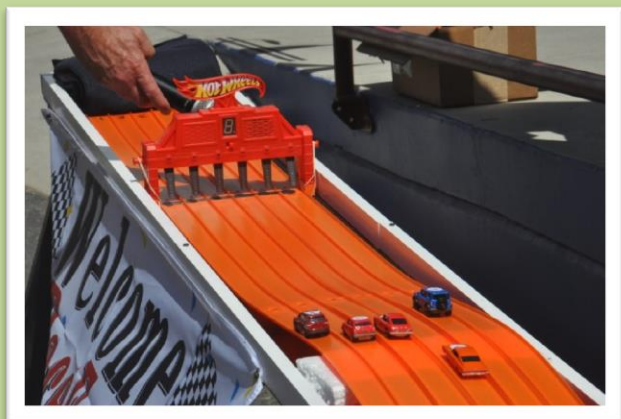
*Dan McLean
Robert Silverman
Tom Talkington
Jay Cohen
Jerry Cohen*

*Michael Simpson
Mark Schoeplein
Zelda Wochna
Doug Wochna
Dave Theil*

*Jim Plowden
Russ Penty
Sasha Nazarova
Dima Nazarova
Agata Nazarova*



**The winner of the Hot Wheels /
Matchbox races was:
Tom Talkington!**



The winner of the slowest car contest, Agata Nazarova

Raffle items were donated by AAA of Southern California, Moss Motors, and others.









Steve Lombard receiving a Certificate of Appreciation



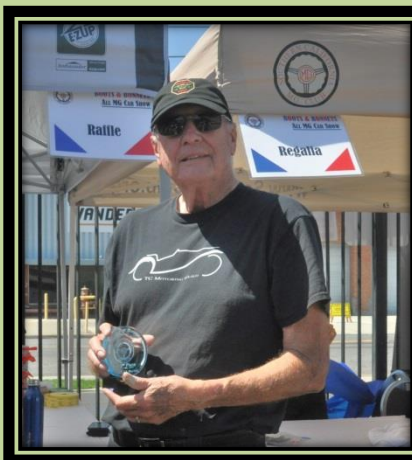
Russ and Lia Penty.

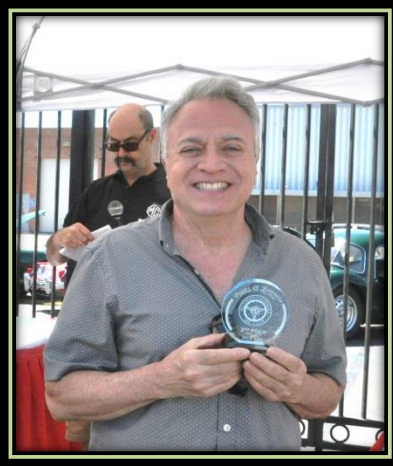
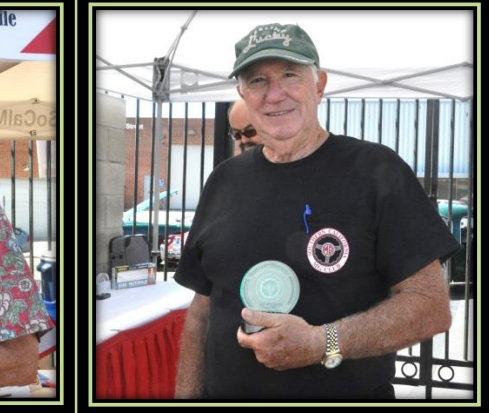
He is probably considering how he is going to get the raffle prizes home in his MG.

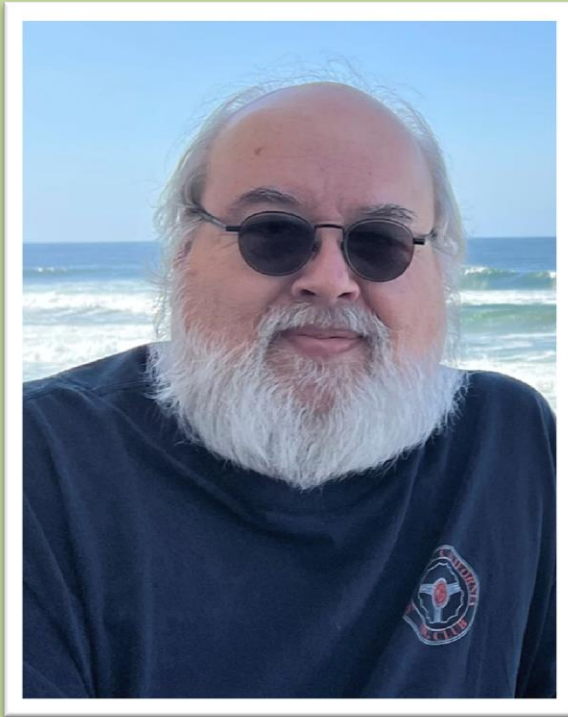


Pop in visitors to the show: Smitty, Carl Palczewski, and Bill Willen.

WINNERS WITH THEIR TROPHIES







I am humbled to have worked with such a committed group of Club Members that made up the Car Show Committee. Each of you were remarkable, and truly without your effort it could not have been done.

I mean this from my heart –
THANK YOU.

Mike Michael Lee
Car Show Chairman



What a great day! Many thanks to the Board for planning this event and building off of last year's success! Many thanks to the Car Show Committee for providing much needed help and going above and beyond to offer the registrants and participants a fun filled day. And, thanks to the folks who lent a hand the day-of, it was much appreciated.

Kelli Hornachek
President, Southern California MG Club

FEATURED CAR

MGA Sebring Coupe, No. 51

On September 11, 2022, the Boots and Bonnets show participants got a special treat when Jim Plowden entered his very special historic racing MGA. This MGA comes with an attitude; and her name is **LUCILLE**.



Car #51 is a very rare 1962 MGA Sebring Factory Works Racer which had raced at the Sebring 12 Hour race, among others places. She is currently owned by Jim Plowden and has been featured in several books and articles.

A LITTLE HISTORY:

From 1959 to 1962, the Abingdon factory built and prepared MGAs for racing at the 12 Hours of Sebring, America's oldest and most prestigious endurance race. A total of 11 works cars were entered over that period of time. Only one of the 11 cars failed to finish the 12-hour race, a testament to the careful preparation done by MG.

The cars featured special equipment. A special close ratio transmission and rear-end, 10.75" Dunlop 4-wheel disc brakes, pin drive steel wheels, knock-off wheels, enlarged gas tank, twin Jaguar electric fuel pumps, duel coils, special air ducts, oil cooler, relocated battery, Microcell seats, adjustable rear shock absorbers, custom dash and an enlarged 21 gallon fuel tank.

At the 1962 Sebring race the MGAs had a battle of attrition going in their class. However, Parkinson and Flaherty were luckier than their rivals. Only thirty-seven of the sixty-five starting cars finished the race. Of seventeen starters in the GT1.6 group, only eight finished. But all three of the MGA team cars managed to finish the race at 4th, 5th and 6th places in their class.

For 33 plus years, Jim Plowden kept in touch with John Kelly, the owner; never failing to ask if he was ready to part with Lucille. Finally, just prior to Christmas 2012, John said he knew how much the car meant to Jim, and would like him to have her.

Jim spent the next nine months deciding what to do with the car now that he was able to buy it. In November 2013 he picked the car up in Florida. His objective was to return to Sebring for the 2014 12 Hours of Sebring event after a thirty year plus absence for both Lucille and himself.

Even though the current engine is a 1622cc, with the help of John Wright, who had an original XSP engine, Ronnie and Jim decided to create the outward appearance of the original XSP engine. They had to order custom made pistons and rods. Joe Cudo built a replicated duel 1 3/4" SU carburetor

and manifold setup to replace the existing 1 ½" setup. Bill Barns rebuilt the duel racing fuel pumps. White Hall rebuilt the wheel, break and clutch cylinders. Ronnie repaired and reinstalled the original transmission without disturbing the original safety wire. We used the original radiator and gas tank. Lucile was ready to go to Sebring!



1962 "12 Hours of Sebring"

The next day, Jim drove the eight mile "Race into town", hitting speeds of 100mph ignoring stop signs and red lights. What a thrill, he said!

Following the "Race into town," Lucile was honored by being inducted into the Sebring Hall of Legends. Larry Smith trailered-in Hugh Burress' #52 Sebring MGA to be united with #51 at the Sebring track. Pictures were taken with Miss Sebring and Jim attended the Gala that night at the Hall of Legends.

In October 2016, after 54 years, the three 1962 Sebring MGAs were reunited at the Historic Races at Laguna Seca, California. Although, Lucille did not race, she did give up her generator so that #52 could compete.

#51 was later put on display at the Riverside Automotive Racing Museum in Riverside, California, alongside Hugh Burress' MGA #52 and other iconic racing cars. Unfortunately the museum closed in 2017.

Lucile was then put on display at the Automotive Driving Museum in El Segundo, where she stayed until October 2018

In October 2018 Lucille was invited to the Historic races at Thermal Raceway, California. Sadly, during trials, she burned a piston and was withdrawn from the race.

That's when Jim decided Lucille was overdue for a freshening-up and an engine overhaul.

Jim swore he would never again do a frame-off restoration. However, memory fades after so many years. Thanks to his friends John Wright, Dave Nicholas and Jim Alcorn, who convinced him that owning a significant piece of racing history meant he had a responsibility to preserve her for posterity.

They decided the primary objective for the restoration was to return the car back to its original factory state and livery using as many of the car's original parts as possible. Since the Sebring cars were so unique, some parts were impossible to replace, primarily the XSP engine of which only three were ever produced. Jim chose to use the metal wings, though not original, as they were a part of the cars post 12 hour race history. His other objective was to prepare the car for vintage racing while complying with current technical safety requirements.



Jim contracted Jim Alcorn at Autovantage, the west coast MGA Mark II guru, to manage the restoration project.

Under the watchful guidance of Jim Alcorn and John Wright, the restoration proceeded.

The car was completely disassembled. The engine was rebuilt and balanced. The original transmission was converted to a short ratio for easier shifting when racing. Original gauges were restored. A rebuilt Smith chromatic tachometer was installed. Original body and chassis parts were used whenever possible. Thanks to Hugh Burruss, owner of #52, I was able to borrow an original Microcell seat frame and seat cover which made it possible to replicate the original Microcell seats. The original wiring harness was beyond repair and had to be replicated. The reversed rim yellow wheels, which are shown in books and publication pictures, will be retained for racing, however, she now sports a set of original silver wheels for shows.

May 20, 2020 Lucille was completed. The project ended up taking seventeen months and about ninety percent over budget!

WHY LUCILE?

During a race, then owner John Kelly over revved the engine and spun the points, causing the engine to run erratic. Limping back to the pits, John made the comment “ You picked a fine time to leave my Lucile” The name stuck.

Excerpts taken from a story written by Jim Plowden.



Lucille at 2022 Boots and Bonnets Show.

We would like to thank Jim Plowden for sharing his wonderful, and historic car with the club.

Edited by Zelda and Doug Wochna