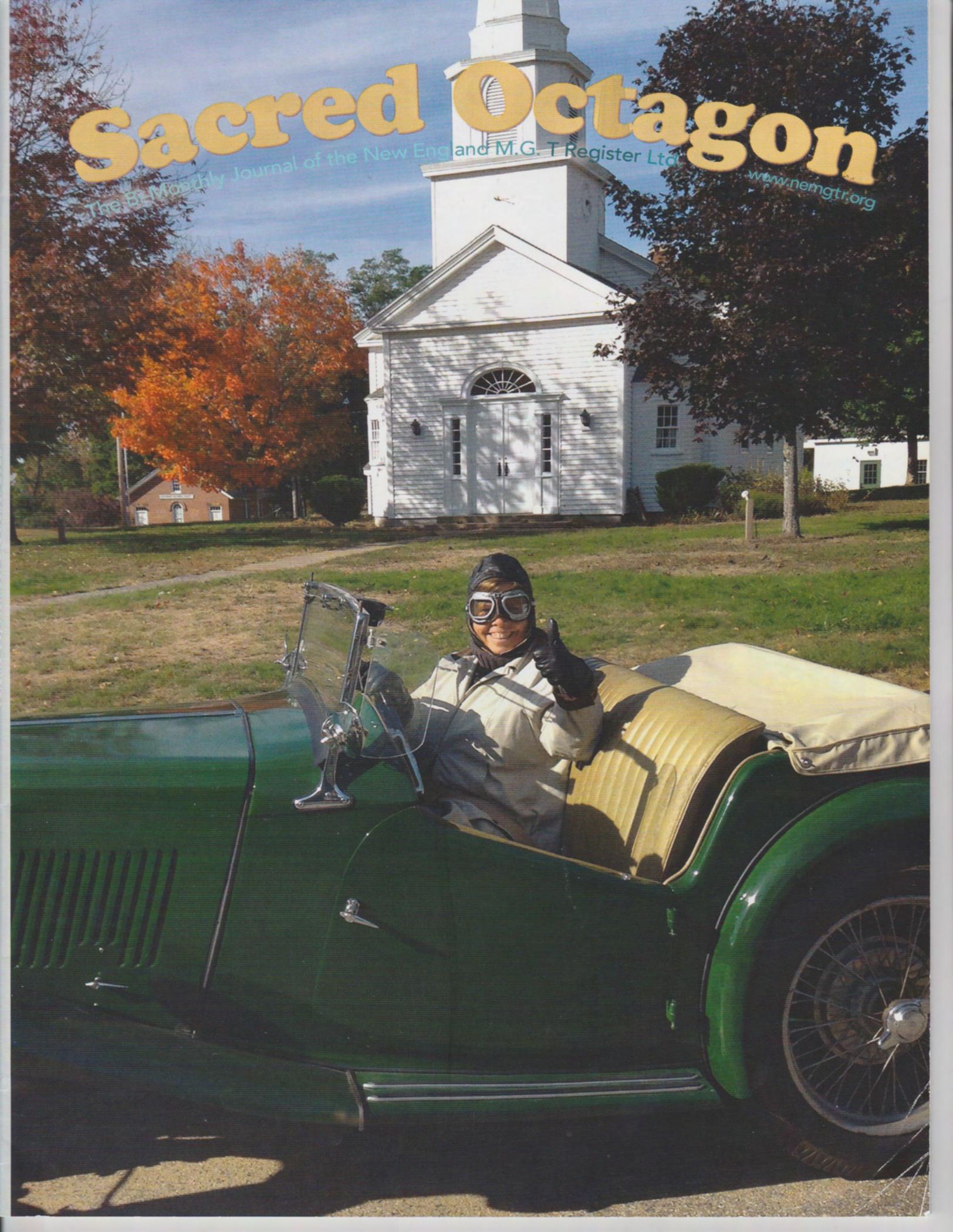
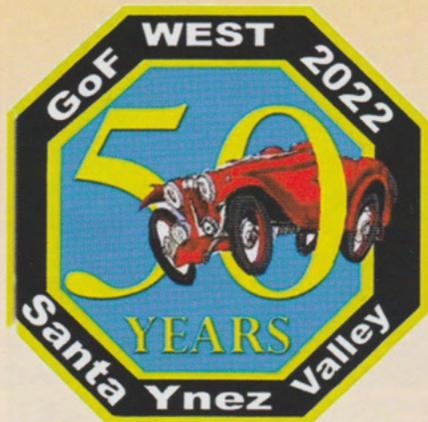


# Sacred Octagon

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GoF West 2022 was a special occasion as it represented our 50 years of vintage MG gathering. The first GoF West was 1973 in Santa Barbara so for our 2022 event we returned to this part of California.

Larry Long and Mike Campbell provided leadership ( and a great many volunteers ) for our GoF. Based on feedback this was one of the best with 100 registrants, hailing from eight states and British Columbia, Canada!

GoF West events this year included a First-Timer display; program orientation; an all-registrant car display; two tech sessions; a rally through Santa Ynez Valley; Models, Arts and Crafts Display; a Flea Market; a Funkhana a Carless Funkhana; auction and silent auction; an awards dinner – and a well attended Hospitality Suit! All the events and functions were well organized.

#### Car Display

We had 78 British beauties for public display at Riverview Park in Buellton. 62 received votes towards award scoring.

The display layout and process was accomplished using Larry Longs parking protractors device which each volunteer was provided with. “use and safety instructions” for Parking Protractor were hilarious to read but did allow very precise parking alignments.

Parking was based on MG class. Registrants were allowed to vote – and popular vote for winners made difficult choices due to the beauty of the cars.

#### Tech Sessions

Doug Pelton of From the Frame Up gave a review about routine MG maintenance with hands-on examples of what can happen when we do not check, monitor, maintain, and drive our MGs. Many attendees walked away from this tech session with a desire to check potential concerns



on their MGs before our driving rally .

Butch Taras, an expert in MG parts, rebuilding and manufacturing for the ‘T’ series cars, shared his knowledge about rebuilding oil pumps, and included a discussion of the 3 types of oil pumps used on TC/TD/TF. He also discussed measuring gear end float. Butch has attended every GoF West except one event in his 51 TD.

## Celebrating 50 Years of GoF West



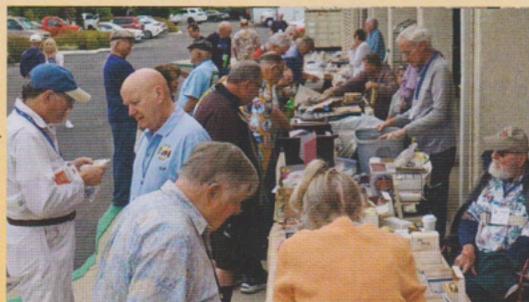
#### Driving Rally

A challenging/enjoyable 55-mile rally by Ken and Marie Thomas guided 48 MGs through the village of Solvang into the winding back-roads and charming country hills of the Santa Ynez Valley. While focusing on maneuvering the undulating roads and answering rally questions, we enjoyed views of ranches, vineyards, and wildlife—including alpacas, ostriches, horses and even bees. Yes some bees seemed interested in one of our rally cars, with bees leaving signature marks on driver and navigator. Both essentially unharmed seeked swelling reduction through fluid consumption in our hospitality suite.

Our rally drivers passed the wineries and restaurants that were the movie filming location for the 2004 Oscar - winning movie “Sideways.” Based on feedback, the participants thoroughly enjoyed the driving experiences. Rally awards for 1st and 2nd place: TC & Earlier Class: David & Joyce Edgar (#1), Steve & Linda Simmons (#2); Pre-56 Class: Scot Campbell & Hector Cardenas (#1), John & Mark Hoffmann (#2); Post - 55 Class : Clark & Kay Lewis (#1); Mario & Donna Johnson (#2).

Organizers also suggested mini self guided tours, including: Wine Lovers Tour; Beer Lovers Tour; Transportation Lovers Museum Tour; History Lovers Tour; Art Lovers Tour; and Nature Lovers Tour. MG’ers had opportunities to drive routes and locations that piqued their interests.

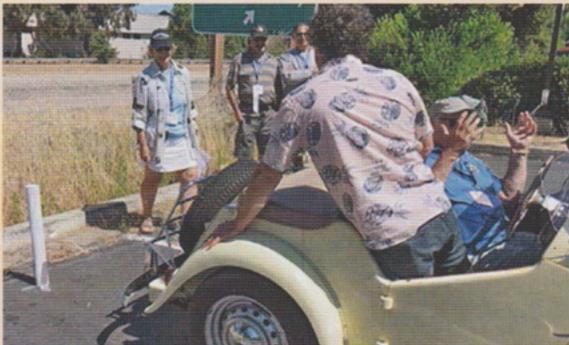
**Flea Market**  
Participants were able to view and purchase an assortment of MG and related items from five “vendors”. There were many satisfied buyers!





**Funkhana**

Who does not enjoy a good Funkhana—each activity was fun/challenging and enjoyed by our MG'er s. Funkhana Winners: TC & Earlier Class – David & Joyce Edgar (1948 MG TC); TD, TF & Y Class – Randy Koontz & Nathan Dickerson (1955 MG TF 1500; Post – '55 MG Class – Tony & Heather Lenci ( 1979 MG B LE). There was a non - driving activity to test MG knowledge and British vehicle related terminology. The 1st place awards: Couple (Richard & Sandra Loe); Ladies (Liz Curtis); and Men (Steve Simmons).



**Auctions** Both a live and a silent auction were completed along with a dinner. With over 100 items available for purchase as in the past they were successful and entertaining and \$4,000 was raised.

**Gathering of the Faithful West 2022 West Coast Cruisin' for Classic MG's**  
After a week of MG fun, display and performance awards were announced at the awards dinner.

**First Timers**

Given long driving distances to Buellton our MG'ers we had 19 First Timers, from California, plus one from Arizona and Nevada, and two from British Columbia.

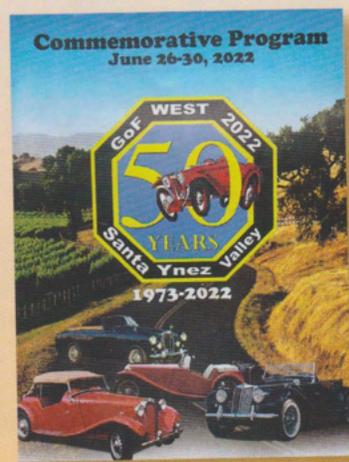
Winner of the First-Timer Pre-56 class was a 55 TF 1500 (Randy Koontz /Annette Cordova Tempe, AZ.



**TC Class** Thirteen TC's with 1st place to Noel and Marc Charonnat black 47 TC, with green 46 TC of Walt & Bev Prowell and red 49 TC of Steve & Linda Simmons were the 2nd and 3rd place winners.



**TD Class** Sixteen TDs with David & Gretchen Boyer's black 51 TD took 1st place; Alan Donaldson's 50 red TD 2nd place; 3rd Rod & Sue Schweiger's 52 green TD. 2 Honorable Mention Bill Chasser (& Maddie, his canine navigator) and Leland & Diane Osborn.



TF Class Five TFs 1st Randy Koontz & Annette Cordova blue 55 TF 1500. 2nd Bill & Nancy Oldham red 55 TF.



Pre-War Class: Tied 1st place were Alan & Victoria Campbell red 37 TA, and Daniel Shockey red & white 35 PA.



MGA, MGB, MGBGT, MGC & Midget Classes: were also awarded. Premier Class The Premier Class (previous first place winners of their class in last three consecutive GoF Wests. Winner was David Miller 58 MGA Coupe. The primary focus of GoF MG cars. But our arts, crafts, and photo display-also had awards.



Other special recognition awards: Long -distance Pre-56 award Tony Cohen driving 52 TD 1,470 miles from West Vancouver, BC; Heidi Child lady driver drove MG farthest over 400 miles.



The Monterey Cup award (most members from one MG club) TC Motoring Guild of Southern California;



The San Diego Cup (largest percent of club in attendance at event) the Sorry Safari Touring Society from Bay area 21% of their members attending;



Santa Barbara Cup (largest number of total miles by MG club's members in attendance) British Columbia's Pre56 Unclub 4,800 miles.



Hard Luck Award? Warren & Kerri Shott of Langley, B.C. Their 53 TD broke down enroute remaining in North Bend, OR, until return to Canada. Seeking a safe place to store the car, they met a man who volunteered his driveway. What they later learned was that the stranger with whom they trusted their MG was an elder in the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

Al Moss Memorial High Point Award, went to David & Joyce Edgar. The registrant(s) with highest point total for all events.



GoF West 2022 was one awesome event ! But now it is time for the new GoF West Steering Committee to guide the planning for our next great event !  
*Randy Koontz*

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