

## **Joyce Edgar**

My dad was a WWII vet and always wanted a T series MG, but in about 1966 settled for a 1965 MGB. I was driving it on a Sunday afternoon in late 1966 northbound on I-5 (when the freeway only had two lanes in each direction) and was rear ended by a 1959 Chevy. I didn't understand what was happening at first. My foot was on the brake. I had plenty of distance to stop, but then I didn't, and I was seeing the hood crumple up toward me as my dad's B was pushed into the car in front. It got fixed and so did I. I wish I could say that was the only collision we partnered for, but the red roadster seemed to attract trouble. In 1968 my dad's MG excitement had passed and I bought the B. The very next day I opened the garage door to go to work and found the entire exhaust system on the floor under the car. Oh the joys of MG ownership; and nope, no warranty from the parents. Soon I was working full time while carrying a full load at CSULB. I purchased a motorcycle for relaxation and then in 1970 a truck to transport the motorcycle, and then a bigger motorcycle. That was the final straw for my parents (I was still living at home), who insisted I purge some vehicles. So bye, bye to the first motorcycle and the B. But I wasn't MG-less for long, as later that year I married David Edgar. We hadn't dated very much, but once my Dad heard he owned a MG TC, he was golden.

When we had our third child in 1982 our family no longer fit in the TC. David found a 1948 MG Y, which was a great family car. We sold it after a few years when children activities kept us away from MG fun. David and I attended 22 of the 50 GOF Wests, chairing the 2017 event in Santa Maria, but we only attended one GOF in the 90's.

In 2016/2017, I was a voting member of the Steering Committee by default as being an event chair, but in Buellton, I was duly elected to the board for the first time. Now how did a first time board member get elected to the chairman position? Well, that is a story for another time. But for now, I hope you will all join with me in an effort to keep the British MG marque active with future Gatherings of the Faithful both as participants and event volunteers.