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Sunday, May 24

A tour to Pt. Reyes

Meet at Spencer Ave turnoff at 10AM for southern folk. We will be going over the ridge route on Mt Tam, exiting onto Hwy 1 at Bolinas, so others could meet at Tam Junction in Mill Valley, Bolinas or Olema or somewhere else if suitably noticed.

Bring along a picnic lunch and we will find a suitable grassy glade
(Ask me the history of that last statement.)

Sunday , May 17

Marin County Concours

Not an ARR event, but The Storms new car and Dick Gronet's TC will be showing, among other fine vehicles I'm sure. Come cheer them on. Flyer attached.

Saturday, May 9

MGs By the Bay in Danville

A little far from the Bay this year – it's moved from Jack London Square to San Leandro Marina, but I'm sure worth the trip-see flyer

I have sent a 2009 Roster, in a separate mailing so if you are still hanging on to your measly \$25, better get it in!

Just in!

From Carol Borgardt – there will be a “Celebration of Frank's life on Saturday, June 6 at the Tenuta Winery in Livermore. The winery closes to the public at 5:00 and our event will commence around 6:00 - 6:30. Casual, of course! Please Rsvp so Carol know how much food to lay in! frankncarol@sbcglobal.net Or (925) 606 1462

Coming Events,

Non-ARR events as noted by *

***Sunday May 9 - MGs by the Bay San Leandro**

***Sunday May 17, Marin Sonoma Concours Marin Civic Center – Rick Storms 1st showing of the newly restored TC – Also Dick Gronet’s TC & possibly a Phil Frank award to be given to some worthy car**

Sunday, May 24 - Marin/Sonoma Run led by the Chalmers’

Saturday, June 6 - See first page – Frank Borgardt’s Celebration of Life’’

Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26, GoF, Squaw Valley

Sunday July 19 - The Sausage Run, or in this case, Turkey Run to Bill Webb’s casa in Soquel. Leader Bill Webb

***Sunday September 6, British Car Day Brisbane Marina (tentative)**

September 20, a wine country tour, leader, The Taylors and the Glens

Sunday, August 23, Another Fabulous Frank Fete in Bolinas – barring unforeseen events

October 6 – 7 – 8 The 53rd annual Conclave will be at the Cambria Pines Lodge More later

Sunday, November 8, Another Mt Diablo Diabolical Rally, by Syd Saperstein

Sunday, December 6, Holiday Brunch in Healdsburg at the Taylor’s

Don’t forget –

www.abingdonroughriders.org

Our fine web site – lots of pictures, newsletter in full colour, links to vendors, etc.

TA Terry Picks up Black Beauty

Terry and I made the run down to Watsonville to get the TC body, being painted there by Ed Browder's favorite shop. They did a fabulous job as can be seen by the photos. Subsequently Terry went down for the rest of the body bits. If they as good as the body and doors he's got a winner



MG TC For Sale

Member Bob Kaiser is reluctantly selling his TC. He restored it a number of years ago, cream with red leather. Very low mileage but it hasn't been used for several years so brakes will need to be looked at and perhaps petrol drained. I will get some pictures and description on the web so you can get a better idea. The car is garaged in San Francisco.

Check:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/ALLANJCHALMERS/Bo bKaiser?authkey=Gv1sRgCI3nxJGU6euoZQ&feat=directlink>

Mt Hamilton Run

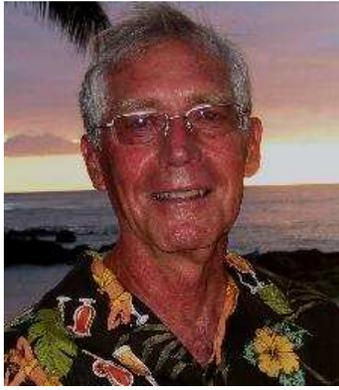
Linda and I weren't there but I've been apprised that it was a decently attended event, with Terry Sanders, Norman Tuck, Bill Traill and the leader Barry Swackhamer, also attended by several MG Owners Club. Bill says, "We were stopped by the Santa Clara County sheriffs on the back-side of the mountain, on a steep grade, about 7 miles before the observatory. There had been a small airplane crash the day before and I guess it had been located Sunday morning. There was a rescue Helo hovering about 200 feet above us with a guy standing on the landing skids next to a rescue stretcher. Unfortunately, the two passengers were beyond rescue and the helo flew off and we proceeded. Write-up in today's SJ Mercury news. Terry had the TA out for the first time in an age.



At the lunch stop



Our Leader



**Frank Borgardt –
1934 - 2009**

Frank G. Borgardt Resident of Livermore Frank G. Borgardt, 74, passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2009, in Livermore, CA, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was born to Fred and Christine Borgardt

on August 28, 1934, in Fresno, CA. He graduated from Fresno High School in 1952, Fresno State College in 1956, and earned his PhD in Organic Chemistry in 1960 from the University of Washington in Seattle. Because of his passion for science and interest in helping to put man on the Moon, he joined Lockheed Missiles & Space in Palo Alto, CA, where he became a Rocket Scientist very recognized in his field. He retired in 1997 after a successful and rewarding 36 years. His career was decorated with many technical awards and patents. He loved the outdoors, whether he was gardening, driving his MGTC, hiking and fishing in the Sierras, or scuba diving on adventurous vacations. He and his wife, Carol, traveled extensively to the far corners of the Earth, making special memories wherever they went. Frank was a very special person and an extraordinary man to everyone who knew him. He loved being with his family and friends and enjoyed life to its fullest. He had a sense of humor like no other and would casually speak of the intricacies of making rocket fuel and wine over dinner. He was loved and will be missed by many. Survivors are his devoted wife of 32 years, Carol; Daughters, Jennifer Barbour and Gretchen Borgardt; Son, Eric Borgardt; Sister, Dana Rogers-Burns; God Daughter, Carly Madison; Nephews, Jeff Rogers and Erick Harrison; Cousins, Gil Borgardt, Bob Kerner, and Mary Ann Firmalo. A Celebration of his life will be held in the near future at an undetermined location. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](http://www.alz.org) at www.alz.org, which will link you to the donation website for Frank. If you prefer to mail a check, information on this procedure is on the [Alzheimer's Association](http://www.alz.org) website. Callaghan Mortuary Livermore Crematory 925 447 2942

The ARR has made a donation of \$100 to the Alzheimer's fund in Frank's name. Another of our old pal's, Doug Wimer of the TCMG, was a recent victim of Alzheimer's also.

**PLEASANTON BRITISH, EUROPEAN &
UNIQUE FOREIGN CAR GATHERING**
Simply Greek Restaurant, 4220-C Rosewood Dr.

Saturday May 2nd, 2009, Noon - 4PM

Information: <oneprw@sbcglobal.net>

THIS EVENT IS FOR THOSE THAT ARE:

- Tired of "American Only" car gatherings with virtually no Foreign, Euro or interesting (to you) cars on display
- Interested in a Saturday drive destination to meet with other Foreign car enthusiasts on a beautiful, sunny California day and tell car "tales"
- Owner's of a wide range of foreign sports, specialty, high performance and unique vehicles are welcome to bring vehicles in any condition including; "drivers", show level examples, exotics, and even interesting "RIP" (Restorations in Progress)
- Interested in meeting other foreign car owners and possibly organizing driving events and other activities for certain types / groups of cars
- Interested in the flexibility of being on their own for lunch at one of Pleasanton's new, unique Greek restaurants (Affordable burgers, salads, drinks, etc are also available at "Simply Greek." However, their food (IMHO) is absolutely great!!
- Have a car for sale and would like some free advertising to a group of potentially interested buyers

THIS EVENT IS NOT FOR THOSE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- A formal car show with judging, awards, etc
- Events with costly admission, cost to park
- American cars, hot rods, muscle cars
- A full day of organized activities

This is from Rick Feibush, who puts on the British Car Meet each year. It's an informal gathering like some that happen in the LA area on a regular basis

Adding Self Canceling Turn Signals to a TC Using a Penta-Star Signal Module

When I saw this little device in my Speedway Motors Catalog I decided to give it a try, and I'm glad that I did. It was easy to install, and it actually worked.

With this device turn signals are activated by momentary, push button switches for left and right turns. The buttons can be illuminated for dashboard display, or independent dashboard display lamps could be installed.

Be warned, however, that I installed the device on a TC that was already equipped with turn signals and had been converted to negative ground. It might be possible, though difficult, to use the module on positive ground cars by using relays and isolating the unit. Converting a TC to negative ground is a simple task that takes less than an hour, thanks to the clear instructions provided on the O'Connor Classics web site: www.oconnorclassics.com/techtalk.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like more information about the installation. Norman Tuck, norman@normantuck.com, Phone 347 570-7052.

Features of the Penta-Star Module

Even though the signals are cancelled by time delay rather than steering wheel return, the unit works much better than I expected. Besides canceling the turn signals it has these other features:

- The module has five self-canceling modes (read on).
- Integrates the brake light circuit with the turn signal circuit to share a single filament per lamp, allowing both your upper and lower taillights to be available for flashing, brake warning, and nighttime illumination
- Separates the front lamp circuit from the rear lamp circuit.
- Replaces Prince Lucas' flashers and relays with a small (2 1/4" x 1 5/8" x 5/8"), rugged, weather-proof module.
- Works with any number, or type of lamps without affecting the flash rate.
- Allows four way emergency flashers, useful when you are on the side of the road attacking your fuel pump (to allow the hazard lights to flash for extended periods without frying the ignition, the unit should be wired directly to the battery, rather than through the ignition switch).
- All wiring and mounting is completely reversible, to maintain originality.
- Illuminated buttons can be used to display flash (left, right, or both).
- Switches can be hidden under the dash, or miniature, illuminated push buttons could replace those ever-so-useful trouble light sockets on the TC dashboard (my solution).

The Five Modes

1. Press the signal button for one second and your signals will flash for 7 seconds. Useful for changing lanes.
2. Press for 2 seconds and the signals will flash for 20 seconds.
3. Press for 4 seconds and the signals will flash for 75 seconds.

Note: *All three modes can be cancelled by pressing the same button a second time.

*If brakes are applied when the signal button is pressed, or while a signal light is flashing, then the signal will continue flashing until 10 seconds after the brakes are released. This feature is great for waiting at traffic lights.

4. Four Way Hazard Mode will flash until cancelled. To engage - press both left and right signal buttons for 1 second. To cancel - press both buttons again for one second. Note: Electronic ignition units may be damaged if the ignition switch is kept on for an extended period.
5. Brake Lights - Applying the brakes will cause the rear brake lights to light as long as the brakes are held. If a turn signal is sent to the rear lights at the same time it will have priority over the brake lights and cause the corresponding light to flash. When the turn signal is cancelled the brake light will resume.

Installation

The module requires the connection of 9 wires: Negative Ground; +12 Volts; Left Signal Button; Right Signal Button; Left Front Lamp; Right Front Lamp; Left Rear Lamp; Right Rear Lamp; and connection directly from the Brake Light Switch.

The device was easily installed in a negative ground car. Installation is much more difficult if you decide to replace the two dashboard trouble light terminals with illuminated buttons, as I did.

I recommend that the buttons and displays be installed on an auxiliary panel below the dashboard. I also recommend the use of a fuse holder terminal, barrier strip.

I attached the device and a Radio Shack, 8 position barrier strip on a piece of plywood which was mounted on the outside of the battery box, under the dash.

To allow the hazard lights to flash for extended periods without frying the ignition, the unit should be wired directly to the battery, rather than through the ignition switch.

I am planning to install a small solenoid to make a clicking sound to help indicate when the signals flashing.

Parts

The parts that I used were:

* **The SDC, BackOFF, Penta-Star** Turn Signal System w/ Brake Light Conversion.

Purchased from **Speedway Motors**, Part # 910-64070, Deluxe Electronic Turn Signal Module, \$99.99. Information and wiring diagram available at: www.signaldynamics.com, and www.speedwaymotors.com

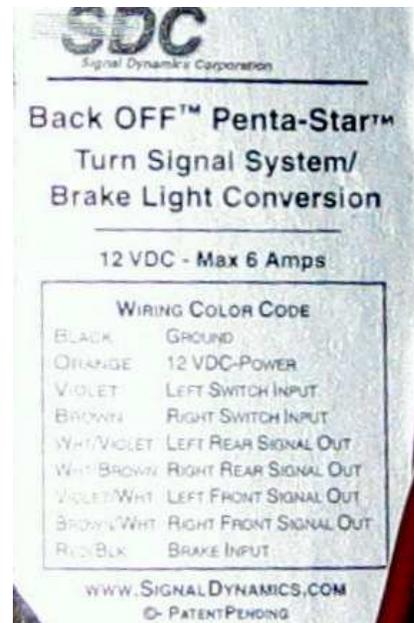
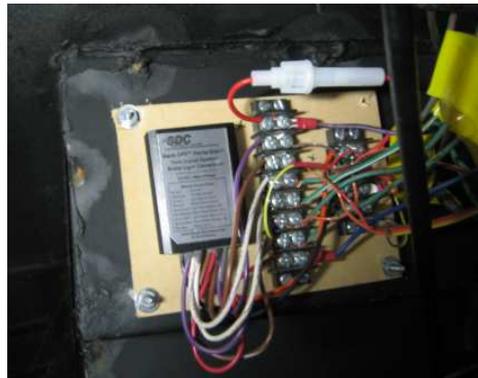
* An in-line fuse holder with the recommend 10 Amp fuse (Radio Shack).

* Wire and connectors, or wire and a screw-type barrier strip.

*Two momentary, push button illuminated switches, or non illuminated switches with individual warning lamps.

*If you decide to replace the existing TC dashboard trouble light terminals with illuminated buttons, as I did (a difficult installation), use Illuminated Push Button Momentary Switches From Digi-Key, www.digikey.com, Part numbers: 360-2002-ND Red DPDT and 360-2004-ND Green \$11.88 each, Or 360-1984-ND Red SPST and 360-1986 Green SPST at \$9.87 each. The Green button is not bright enough to be seen in sunlight and the dashboard hole must be enlarged by about 1/32 of an inch.

CAUTION: The Digikey Illuminated buttons MUST have an inline 2K Ohm Resister to bring current down to 1.9 Volts.



Don Wasserman's Treasure Trove

I have been assisting Don's family in the disposal of cars, tools, parts, etc. Don's daughter Diana is taking the TC to her home in Auburn, but the other cars are going to be for sale. The 1952 Ferrari is now at Fantasy Junction being prepared for the RM auction in Monterey. The C and K3 replicas, the Singer Lemans, 930 Porsche and two twenties Harley and Indian bikes will be coming up for sale soon. Meanwhile, there are a number of large tools that are available. If anyone is interested, let me know. Some of available items below. Let me know if you would like to look at these and other tools so I can set up a date. There is also an engine hoist not pictured here.



Bridgeport Milling machine



Arbor press 20?ton



Vertical sander



Transmission jack



frame straightening kit – new



automatic power saw



TIG welder – looks very new



sheet metal roller/former –new



motorcycle jack??

All can be seen in a Picasa file at this link. You can blow them up to see them better:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/ALLANJCHALMERS/DonSTools?authkey=Gv1sRgCJie-93Lp-zptAE&feat=directlink>



The MG Owners Club presents the 16th Annual
MGs by the Bay
Saturday, May 9, 2009
The Danville Livery

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MGs by the Bay

Saturday, May 9, 2009 at The Livery

This annual event is a gathering of MGs from across Northern California.
The show starts at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine, with trophies awarded at 2:00 p.m.
Same-day registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

New location in Danville, under the trees at The Livery shopping center!

400 Sycamore Valley Road, Danville, 94526 – One block west off I-680

Awards: Judging is by popular vote, with trophies awarded for People's Choice, Best Daily Driver, Premier (from previous winners), and for every class, with classes determined according to the number of cars registered by May 1, 2009.

Entries: All MGs are welcome, from daily drivers to complete restorations. The \$25 entry fee includes a dash plaque, an event T-shirt, and special coupons from our sponsors. Additional cars registered to the same owner are \$10 each, which includes a dash plaque only. All cars must arrive by 10:00 a.m. sharp! This is necessary to allow for proper placement of the cars. If you arrive late, we **cannot** guarantee placement of your car with others in its class.

Return the registration form below with the entry fee. Photocopies of this form are acceptable. One form is required for each MG.



Mail before May 1, 2009 to:

MGs by the Bay
320 B Monterey Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94131

For information call
415-333-9699 or 925-899-1218
or visit www.MGOC.org

Make checks payable to **MGOC**

Show Use		
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Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email address: _____

Daytime phone: (_____) _____

Short description of car: _____

MG model: _____ Year: _____

Body style: Coupe Roadster

Saloon Race car

Other: _____

Car color: _____

T-shirt size: M L XL XXL

Has this car ever won First in Class at *MGs by the Bay*? Yes No

Release: Neither I nor my heirs will hold the MG Owners Club or the City of San Leandro liable for any loss, damage, or injury done to me, or my party, while engaged in this event or traveling to and from this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



**GoF West 2009
Registration Form
Squaw Valley, California
June 22-26, 2009**

Registration Fee:
\$45 US before April 1, 2009
\$55 US after April 1, 2009
In-Spirit: \$25

Cancellations after April 1 will revert to In-Spirit registration, with the balance refunded.

(As you want them on the name card and in the booklet)

Last Name:

First Name:

Co-Driver's Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Postal (Zip) Code:

Country:

Vehicle Type & Year:

License No.:

State/province:

Color:

Club affiliation:

E-mail Address:

Telephone No.:

Is this your first GoF West?: Yes No

Names of children Under 12 that will be here:

Method of Payment: Check Credit Card

Credit Card Type: Visa Master Card Discover Card

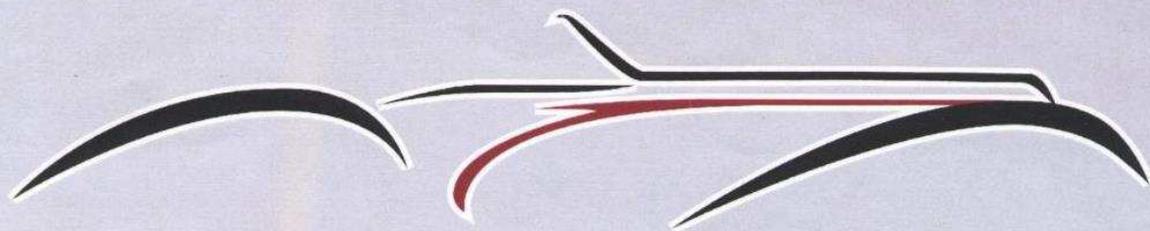
Name on Card:

Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Send form to:
Mike Campbell
3570 Willow Street
Bonita, CA 91902

Hotel Information
The Village at Squaw Valley
1750 Village East Road
Olympic Valley, CA 96146
888-767-1907
One Bedroom Suite: \$139.00
Two Bedroom Suite: \$199.00



Marin Sonoma Concours d' Elegance

Sunday, May 17, 2009

Marin Civic Center

San Rafael, CA



A variety of classic and specialty automobiles will be on display "On The Green" at the Marin Civic Center for Everyone to enjoy!



Proceeds will benefit Hospice By the Bay

There will be a number of displays and activities for the entire family

Come experience the outstanding craftsmanship of some of the most magnificent automobiles ever manufactured at the first annual Marin Sonoma Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, May 17th, 2009

Contact (415) 479-9323

or (707) 718-2975 or

www.MarinSonomaConcours.org

