

Redding

British Car Club

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From your editor – We had a great get together Sunday evening on Dec 12th, as 21 of us met for dinner at the Cattlemen's restaurant in Redding.

We had our choice of several entrées and a big salad to start things off. I had prime rib which was excellent and Sue Kerr, sitting to my left had steak & lobster so we're not talking about bargain basement meals here. Plus we had a cocktail waitress assigned to our room so we had great drink service.

I met a couple of people I didn't know or at least had forgotten with my feeble 79 year old brain and that's always enjoyable. And I got a possible lead on an MGA that may be for sale.

After dinner, Evert passed out numbers for the gift drawings. I drew #1 so I went first and picked up a package that

turned out to be a great looking coffee table book which I'm sure cost well over \$15 target price. My enthusiasm didn't last long as it was "stolen" by #2. The process went on with the book changing hands a couple more times until the "3 steals" limit was reached. I ended up with a very handy 3-pack of LED flashlights and I think everyone went home happy.

I continue to look for your stories in a British car. It can be about an interesting drive you took or a renovation project your involved with. Anything related to British Cars will be welcome. Write me at:

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I continue to look for an MGA.

From the Members

From Bob Harris - This may be of interest to the club. I won the Hagerty Auction Estimate Contest and this is my reply to their request.

I estimated the 1967 Toyota 2000GT would sell for \$875,000 and it sold for \$875,015.

To which I got the following reply:

Bob

Dear Mr. Harris,

I'm writing to let you know your guess in our recent [contest at Hagerty Insider](#) was the closest out of nearly 150 guesses. Well done! My colleague Carolyn, cc'd here, will need some information from you so that we can get you your \$500 prize. Also, can you tell me just a bit about yourself—basic details like what state you're from, what kind of cars you love, etc?

Thanks!

David

From: risingeagle@frontiernet.net <risingeagle@frontiernet.net>

To: David Zenlea <dzenlea@hagerty.com>; "cgreenman@hagerty.com" <cgreenman@hagerty.com>

Sent:

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HI David,

I can't believe I got the closest number. I have your insurance, read your publications and use your price guide as I am always looking. Keep up the good work.

I live in rural northern California. My vehicle tastes are eclectic. Some cars I always wanted. Some cars I bought on impulse. Some cars are even practical.

2019 Corvette. Was on my bucket list and is my daily driver. Never approached its limits so I don't need a C8.

2004 Dodge Ram 2500 4x4 Cummings. Saved the truck when I sold my cattle ranch in 2014. It is rough cosmetically, but has low miles and is in great mechanical shape. Use it for road trips, off road travel and pulling my car trailer. Unstoppable.

2008 Mini Cooper S. Use it when I tour with the Redding British Car Club, as it is perfect for the northern California mountain and foothill roads. With a cold air box and Borla exhaust, it is very quick.

1974 Mercedes 450SL European spec. Was on my bucket list and a friend of mine drove his on a British car tour. I told him I would buy it when he was ready to sell. A year later it was mine. With only 26,000 miles, all original and one respray, it is everything I thought an SL would be and more. Solid as a rock.

1993 Jaguar XJS. An impulse buy as it is a beautiful red convertible with biscuit leather and tan top. It has only 26,000 one owner miles with all maintenance records. It is a rare configuration with the 6 cylinder and manual transmission. It fits into the same market as the SL, but comes up short so I don't drive it much.

1974 TR6. Sold my ranch and moved out of the mountains to paved streets and wanted to relive my earlier fascination with British Sports Cars. It is a total restoration with SUS, Monza exhaust and Heavy Duty springs, and tube shocks. Drove it on tours until I bought the Mini, so I don't drive it much now.
Hope this is what you need.

Bob

Classified

This section is for you. It's meant to list anything (British Car related) which you need (parts or cars), or have for sale.

Wanted – pre 1960 MGA. Still looking for a good driver. Doesn't need new paint or upholstery. Just a good running can that I can maintain.

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