

My 1979, Limited Edition MGB By Torey Looft

The door plate states that it was produced in May, '79. Those dates are very significant because I was born on May 21, 1979. I purchased my LE in July of 1997, the summer following my graduation from high school. This was, however, not my first MG. The previous year I had found a very nice Vermillion orange '79 MGB that was for sale in the local area. As many of you know, my parents are MG enthusiasts and would have disowned me if I didn't join in with the family hobby. I have always liked the look of the LE and decided to invest my savings in an MG that I could drive and enjoy.



My LE was found through a Hemmings ad listed for sale by a fellow in Monterey, Ca. He drove the car only to the golf course (so he said) as he was an avid golfer. His name was Bob Loane, and, come to find out; he had been a professional baseball player in the late 30's and early 40's. I believe he was the second owner of the car. My Dad had a business trip out to that area of California shortly after, and he had a chance to look the car over and drive it. It met with his approval, so we proceeded with making arrangements to have the car shipped to Ohio.

For eleven years now I have been driving my LE. It has taken me to Minneapolis, St. Louis, Gatlinburg, and yearly trips to Grand Rapids. This July it returned to California when we traveled to the NAPA Valley for the National MGB Meet. A couple summers ago I watched as the odometer turned its 100,000 mile mark. I know my car has a lot more miles ahead, and I will continue enjoying the ride.

1979 MGB LE

GHN5UL493357G (Serial #)

18V890AEL009364 (Engine #)

GU23T 979575P (Body #)

