

## Member Featured Car of the Month October 2010 Joe Damico's 79 MGB

by Joe Damico

My love for MGs started back in 1984 when I was in the Navy. My first MGB was a 1969, which I owned for three years. Next I purchased a 1975 MGB from a lady's garage. I restored it and drove it for about two years. Then I purchased a 1969 MG Midget, which was a real mistake. The car was much too small for me. I kept it for about one year and then found my 1976 MGB in a garage. I painted it by hand with a foam roller. Hey, stop



laughing; it didn't look as bad as you might think. I owned it about 3 years, drove it and had a lot of fun with it. I just recently sold it which brings us to the car I now own, my 1979 MGB. I have always wanted a British Racing Green MGB with black interior. I bought this one from Steve Miller of MG Automotive at the beginning of summer. Since then, the car and I have come a long way with the following repairs and improvements: 1. New mini light rims with Pirelli tires; 2. New Miata bucket seats; 3. L/E steering wheel; 4. Webber carburetor, with S/S header; 5. Luggage rack; and 6. New stereo system.

This car sports a true hand wax job. I polished it by hand for about 2 weeks on and off. I added racing stripes down the sides of the hood and an MGB factory stripe on the sides along the bottom. I enjoy driving my car! Its fun and the one thing that drew me to this car was the overdrive transmission, which makes it great on long trips. Oh, and, by the way; for my winter time project; I plan to repaint my car; professionally this time and not with a foam roller.

See you all at the next car show.

