



The Beach Boys

MUSICAL REMINISCING



Bring beach pictures and memorabilia to help inspire connection and discussion.

DESCRIPTION:

Listen to the Beach Boys top hits, learn new information about the group and using a question see how we can relate to the group and music. Most importantly use the music to create discussion, remembering and moments of joy.





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The original Beach Boys consisted of brothers Brian, Carl and Dennis Wilson, cousin Mike Love and friend Al Jardine. They became famous because of the tight harmonies and upbeat, new age sound. They had a very clean/ family friendly image with songs about surfing, cars, girls and the beach.

SURFIN' USA:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDDb303T-B1w&list=PL2PI3BtEVzA7TfhMFjeseXkYvWjpx__ia&index=3

QUESTION:

"If you could describe yourself and your town in two words what would they be?"



The Beach Boys are of the most successful, critically acclaimed and influential bands from all time. They were a pop/rock/surf group from Hawthorne, CA. While they had a surfer, California image- only one band member knew how to surf. Dennis Wilson not only the only surfer of the group, but also really exemplified the California dream lifestyle. He said, "They say I live a fast life. Maybe I just like a fast life. I wouldn't give it up for anything in the world. It won't last forever, either. But the memories will. "

SURFIN' SAFARI:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMChBJZUDK8&list=PL2P13BtEVzA7TfhMFjeseXkYvWjpx_ia&index=1

QUESTION:

"What do you like to do at the Beach? What kind of memories last forever?"



The group started playing together as children for the family and added on up through high school. Dennis even had to miss a recording with their first label because he had to go to school. When the group wrote “Be True to your School,” it was their nod to their high school. The song even has the Hawthorne High’s fight song melody in it.

BE TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQzI9aPFC-0&list=PL2PI3BtEVZA7TfhMFjeseXkYvVjpx_ja&index=7

QUESTION:

“What do you remember about High School? Mascot? Football games? Fav Subject?”



The Beach Boys had 80 of their songs that charted. Thirty-six of which made it to the US Top 40. They are one of few groups that stayed successful as the British group the Beatles made their way to America. They sold over 100 Million records worldwide and are considered one of the greatest artists of all time by Rolling Stones.

GOOD VIBRATIONS:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eab_beh07HU&list=PL2PI3BtEVzA7TfhMFjeseXKyVjpx_ia&index=18

QUESTION:

"What was the best way to listen to music in the 1960s?"
(ex: records, radio, and a live concert)



The original name of the band was “The Pendletones.” This was a nod to the Pendelton shirt that was popular at the time. When they got picked up by a record label, they wanted to change their name to “the Surfers,” but the name was already taken. The Beach Boys was suggested and stuck.

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZBKFoedKj0&list=PL2PI3BtEVzA7TfhMFjeseXKvVjpx__ia&index=16

QUESTION:

“What was your nickname?”

MG TC 

In its day, the MG TC was virtually unopposed in its class. Among small sports cars, it had the best combination of classic styling and affordability.

Folding windshield
All TCs had a standard folding windshield that provided a real wind-in-the-hair driving experience. Those who preferred not to wear goggles were able to keep the windshield in its upright position.

Split-window roof
The convertible top on the TC had a unique split rear window. Its top came in colors that matched the car's trim. They were originally only available in cream, red and green, but other colors were added as the TC grew in popularity.

Single flag light
The single horn and fog light arrangement at the front is characteristic of all early MG T-types.

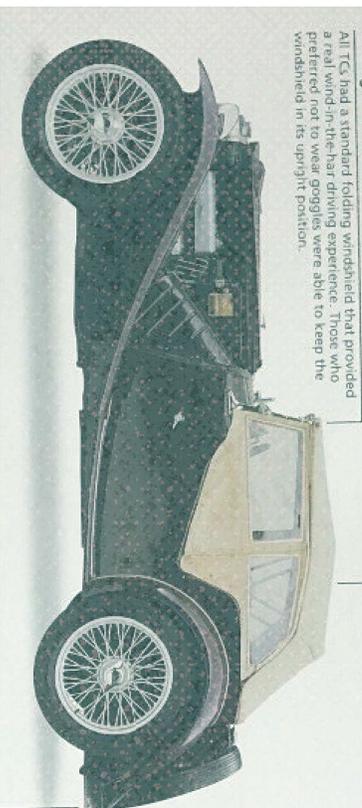
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1949 MG TC

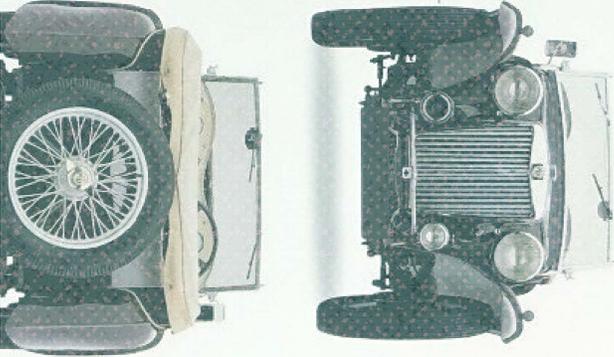
ENGINE
Type: In-line four-cylinder
Construction: Cast-iron block
Valve gear: Two overhead
Cylinder operated by pusher
Bore and stroke: 2.62 in x
3.15 in
Displacement: 1,297 cc
Compression ratio: 7.25:1
Induction system: Single
carburetor
Maximum power: 54 bhp
Maximum torque: 64 lb-ft

TRANSMISSION
Type: Four-speed synchromesh

BODY/CHASSIS
Supports steel frame with a
rigid supermembers and subfr

SPECIAL FEATURES
The spare wheel is mounted on the rear axle.





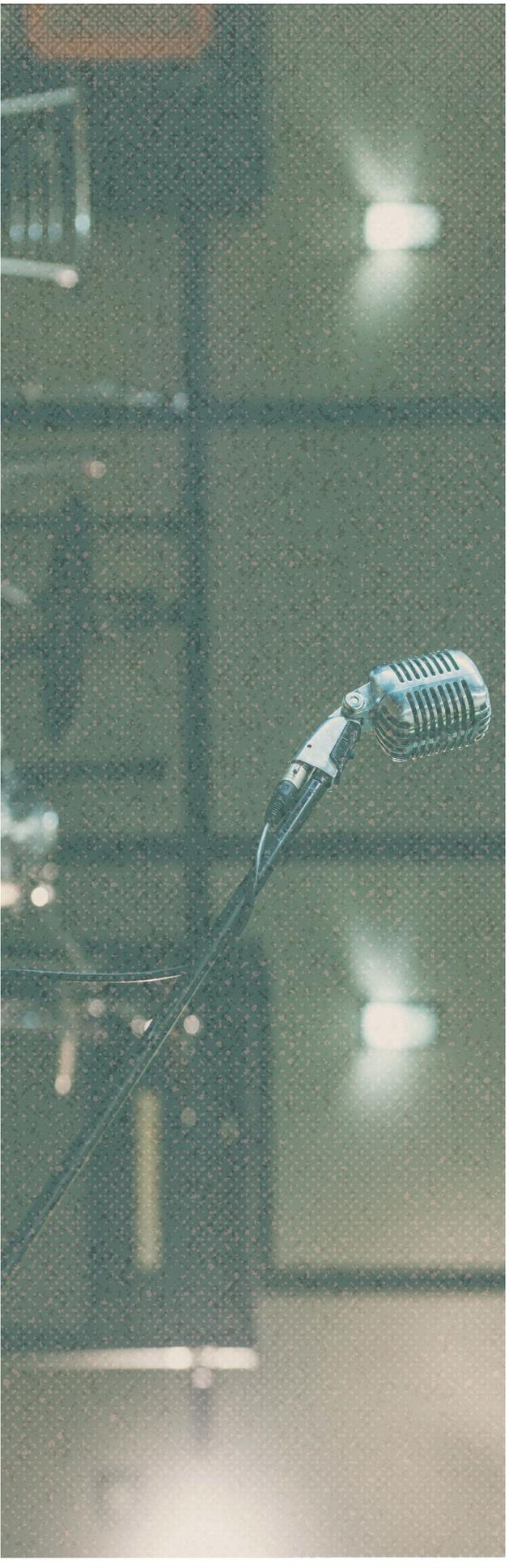

Mike Love started collecting cars in 1965 as the Beach Boys increased in fame and money. His collection included the 1948 MG TC, 1938 Rolls-Royce, 1966 Jaguar XKE and many more. He has a particular love for British Cars. While he has sold many of his classics- He still has his 1949 MG TC which he rates a 10 out of 10.

409:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKKP_cZuk54&list=PL2P13BtEVZA7TfhMfjeseXkYwVjpx_ia&index=2

QUESTION:

What kind of car you remember most from your early life?



In the mid 1960s Brian Wilson stopped touring and stayed home at the studio creating what would be the album "Pet Sounds". He was a prodigy of sorts with music and could hear the song in completion before he began writing. This was a unique time for Brian as he struggled with drug use and mental health. This ultimately took him away from the group.

I GET AROUND:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wREBD2og5iY&list=PL2PI3BtEVzA7TfhMFjeseXKvVlpx_ia&index=9

QUESTION:

What were you good at growing up?



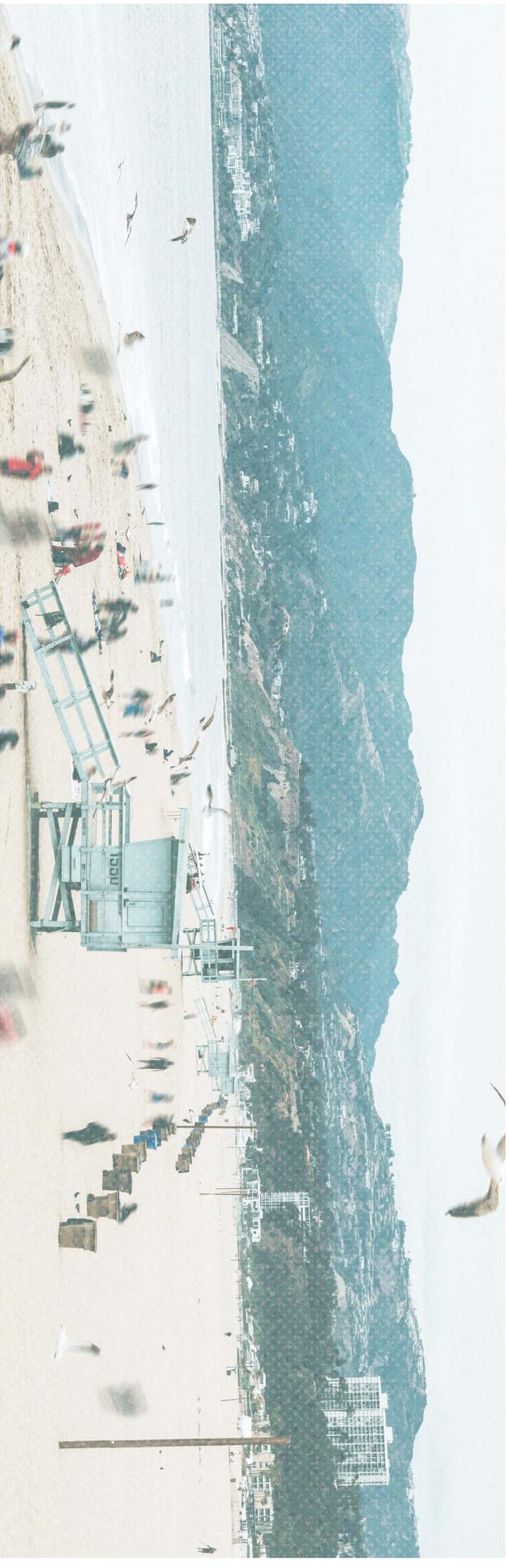
Bass Player Al Jardine left the group early on in 1961 to pursue dentistry. He continues to play during concerts and ultimately returned full time in 1964 when Brian decided to work at the studio. He became a songwriter and even wrote a song for his wife "Lady Lynda" which charted in the top 40 in the UK.

CALIFORNIA GIRLS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DR2lvcdkSdU>

QUESTION:

"Who did you go to the beach with? Any California girls here?"



The Beach Boys have been actively performing from 1961-present. Peaking from 1961-1967. In 2012 the group got back together for a reunion tour. Reportedly Brain Wilson said to cousin Mike Love, “How does a 70 year old guy sound that good?”

FUN, FUN FUN:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDHErN3dOkc&list=PL2PI3BtEVZA7TfhMfjeseXkYvWjpx_ia&index=8

QUESTION:

If you could go back in time and do something again, what would you do?