

TC Motoring Guild MIDGET CHASSIS

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*This is Alan Moote in his TC on a glorious TC road in the Santa Ynez Valley. It was taken in July during the 2005 GoF and he was heading to the car display venue.
Photo taken by Joyce Edgar while kneeling in a TC facing backwards.*



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- Oct. 25 TCMG General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Nov 20 VMG Parts Exchange
- Dec 10 Holiday Party/Annual Meeting in San Diego

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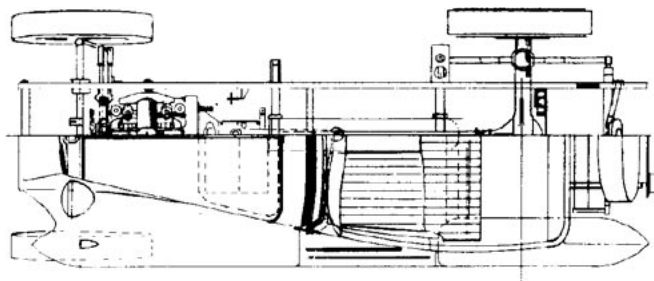
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Editors Notes

OK, OK, so I lied. In last months Midget Chassis I put a notice in that there would not be a November issue of the Midget Chassis as I would be gone on vacation for most of October. I had second thoughts so threw this together.

Just a couple items I want to draw your attention to. On page 13 is the information on the TCMG Holiday Party. Now it was in the last issue as well but not one party reservation has come in the last two weeks. In addition to it being printed here again we will also send out a separate flyer. Sometimes we just have to hit you guys over the head to get your attention. Also, please notice the nice new JC Taylor ad inside the back cover. It is in color for those of you who download the Chassis off the internet.
www.tcmotoringguild.org/classicchassis.htm

And speaking of ads I am moving the ad I have run the last couple issues to up front here (see below). It's been fun putting together the Chassis but it is time to let someone else enjoy it.

David Edgar

Is There an Editor Inside of You?

Is there an editor inside of you looking to get out? If so do we have a deal for you !

As the editor of the Midget & Classic Chassis for the last 4 years I have had quite a bit of fun. However I feel it is time to pass the keyboard on to the next editor. If you would like to give it a try please let me know. You can keep the present format or go off in your own direction. There are no set rules or standards that must be maintained. I am willing to help out in the transition or in any other way if you want.

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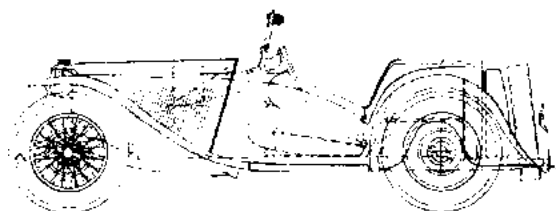


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**Tuesday,
Oct. 25th**

7:00 PM



**Halloween
Pot Luck Dinner
and Costumes**

The dinner main course is provided (meat lasagna and a vegetable one as well). Paper plates and plastic utensils also provided. Salads, garlic bread, desserts, drinks is the members pot luck part. If you missed the sign up sheet at the September meeting, please call or email the Thelanders, at 714-892-0703 or pthelander@earthlink.net

Come early (7:00) for the Pot Luck Dinner which will be followed by the October General Meeting at 8:00 pm. Bring your costume (or no costume is OK if that is what it takes to get you to come). Use Your Imagination - take off your Bonnet, put on your thinking Cap and Generate some Spark.

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**Nethercutt Collection
Museum**
**(Tour moving to
sometime in November,
possibly the 12th)**

Our October date got nixed due to a conflict at the museum. Sorry for the inconvenience.

TC Happy Birthdays

From our TCMG membership roster and on what members report as being their TCs, the MGCC T-Register has furnished us with build dates from MG factory records. Roster data is several years old so newer members will not be in here or an approximate date will show. We have fourteen TC birthdays that falls into the early October - mid November time period this issue.

<u>Chassis #</u>	<u>Build Date</u>	<u>Current Owner</u>
TC 3820	October 15, 1947	David & Suzie Coleman
TC 3846	October 20, 1947	Dwane & Barbara Carlson
TC 3859	October, 21, 1947	Michael Levin
TC 3995	November 10, 1947	Steve & Rosemaryn Guttormsson
TC 6776	October 8, 1948	Richard & Judy Storms
TC 6811	October 14, 1948	Doug & Ilene
TC 6822	October 14, 1948	Gayne & Nancy Wimer
TC 6827	October 14, 1948	Gorden & Fumiko Bundy
TC 6869	October 21, 1948	Barry Wright
TC 6871	October 21, 1948	Gene & Deana Roth
TC 6945	October 27, 1948	Sherman Kaplan
TC 7042	November 5, 1948	Mel & Toni Appell
TC 7052	November 10, 1948	Clarence & Barbara Weiss
TC 7079	November 11, 1948	Frank & Carol Borgardt

Did you notice how many TCs we have that were built on the same days?



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All MG Parts Exchange
Sunday, November 20th

7:00 am to 1:00 pm

General Admission: \$5.00
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For more information - John Seim
949-786-5697 kingseim@earthlink.net
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If My Body Was Car

For some of our older members

If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it.

My fenders are too wide to be considered stylish. They were once as sleek as a little MG; now they look more like my mother's old Buick.

My seat cushions have split open at the seams. My seats are sagging.

Seat belts? I gave up all belts when Ben & Jerry's opened a shop in my neighborhood.

Air bags? Forget it. The only bags I have these days are under my eyes.

Not counting the saddlebags, of course.

I have sooooo many miles on my odometer. Sure, I've been many places and seen many things, but when is the last time an appraiser factored life experiences against depreciation?

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My reaction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. I'm burning fuel at an inefficient rate.

But here's the worst of it - almost every time I sneeze or cough, my radiator seems to leak and sometimes my tail pipe sounds off.

And this is called; 'The Golden Years'?

Sept. 27, 2005 General Meeting Minutes

Wonder of wonders, we actually had two TCs outside the Montrose meeting room tonight (Edgar and Simmons). Remember way back when there use to be 5, 6 or even more TCs out there? Also parked outside was Pete Henderson's brand new Mini Cooper S which he says he dearly loves.



OK, onto the meeting minutes. Pete called the meeting to order at 8:02 and he was surprised that everyone quieted down right away. He wasn't ready for that.

Joyce had posted the treasures report up on the wall for all to see. She announced that while we had \$6074.92 in the bank, \$3047.72 of that was not earmarked for budgeted items. Switching to her membership chair hat she announced that we had another new member, Charles & Cynthia Clark from Florence, Alabama with their 1946 TC of 7 years. This brings us up to 102 members for the year.

Minutes of last meeting were in the Midget Chassis. Minutes were accepted as printed. David announced that he had second thought of not putting out a November Chassis (as he would be gone on vacation). He will now put out a small edition but would have to send it out early, before the Conclave. He is still looking for someone to take over editorship for next year.

Speaking for Jim, David also reported on the TCMG web page. Jim is always adding new things so keep visiting.

Lloyd gave us a rundown on meeting programs. Tonight we will have an oral TC safety check. October is the costume and pot luck dinner. David McCanne will talk about his model train hobby in November and the Holiday Party is in December. Mel Appell announced he had recently had some wire wheel work done by Pico Wheel and the owner said he would be willing to do a presentation at one of our meetings if asked. Good lead for next year.



Charlotte samples the tuna/ jalapeno spread Mel brought to share. Quite good with a little bite.

Gene said the Kinetic Sculpture Race tour was grand even if there were only two participants at the start. Both were



Mel Appell (above) won a GoF mug in the raffle while David McCanne (right) came away with a Route 66 tote bag.



Esther was surprised by the Route 66 tote that Stan won at the raffle and gave to her.



in TCs though, Gene and the Lutzs. David Reid who lives in Ventura showed up at the races in his TC as well. Gene is looking for interest in a Mt. Baldy tour in November depending on weather. Of course the Conclave is the big event for October.

And on that note Pete said there were 33 signed up for the Conclave. Nice showing. We discussed the caravan starting point (McDonalds in Castaic) and what route we would take. Vote was split between two routes so we will take a vote on Friday morning by those who are there to make a final decision.

And as there was no other new or old business we adjourned for refreshments before started our TC Safety Check program.

Minutes taken by Secretary,

David Edgar



Linda caught some shut-eye during the safety check program. Tried to catch a picture of her with Steve supporting her but she woke up just as the camera snapped.



Bob came won a TC oil pump adjustable pressure relief valve. Ever the kiddier though he stuck it in his mouth to relieve pressure.



For Sale

Two MG TD's for widow of Vintage MG Club member and friend Ron Dettling of Ridgecrest, CA.

#1. 1951 TD under restoration, chassis completed including engine, shocks, brakes, radiator, shell re-chromed, some new parts to complete, wiring harness, Moss upholstery kit etc.
Excellent wood and sheet metal, no rust or rot.

This is a California car and has not been on the road for approx. 28 years and stored indoors in the dry desert climate.

#2. Under construction for vintage racing, All NEW brake system including Kevlar front shoes, re-built shocks for racing, MGB front springs, engine rebuilt in short block form, head ported, big valves, TF 1500 sump, etc. The tub has had some wood replaced as necessary, sheet metal OK, fenders need repair good fire wall. Basically this is a complete car, but not as nice as the other TD.

Would like to sell as a package, will separate, asking \$15,000 or offers.

For more information contact Gene Roth,
Ph.. 760 446 6265, E-mail: rothgene@msn.com

Earl Sargent Award

At this time we have the following in the running for the Earl Sargent Award for driving their TCs on club events.



**Get your TC out
for some fun.**

Appell, Mel & Toni	2 pts
Crandall, Jim & Norma	2 pts
Douglass, Joe	6 pts
Edgar, David & Joyce	6 pts
Einhorn, Larry & Kay	3 pts
Lutz, Jon & Betsy	10 pts
Mathison, David & Donna	2 pts
Messer, Dick	2 pts
Olson, Gene & Karen	13 pts
Reid, David	2 pts
Harvey Schnaer	1 pt
Simmons, Steve & Linda	4 pts
Simon, Ron & Bobbie	5 pts
Thelander, Pete & Fran	4 pts
Wescott, Gene	4 pts
Young, Bill	2 pts

Tuna Canyon Run



The title on this photo was Gene waiting for brakes to cool. Must have been steep out there.



Beautiful scenery out to the ocean at this view point. The Lutz's TC above and Gene's TC below.



The Tuna Canyon Tour report was in last month's Midget Chassis but we were lacking pictures. Ron Simon came to the rescue on the pictures - Thank You Ron.

Those on the August 27th tour were Gene Olson, Jon & Betsy Lutz, Ron & Bobbie Simon and Bob Wilmer.

Mel Appell showed up at the start (Morgan West) but became enthralled with those Morgans and didn't leave. Lunch was at Duke's in Malibu where they met the Peterson's from Atascadero. Very nice day for a TC outing.

How Much Does Your TC Hold?

Did you ever wonder why the Brown Book, the TC Instruction Manual, says the capacity of the TC petrol tank is 13 1/2 gallons but you get way more than that in? Did you look for a hole in the tank to explain it? Well you have to remember that the Brown Book is referring to Imperial gallons and not our US gallons since the book was written way back when and in

England. So what does that 13 1/2 Imperial gallons work out to in US gallons?

One Olde English gallon (Imperial gallon) is equal to 4.8 US quarts.

Therefore 13 1/2 Imperial gallons works out to 64.8 US quarts or 16.2 US gallons of petrol in your TC tank here in the US..

And what about the other capacities?

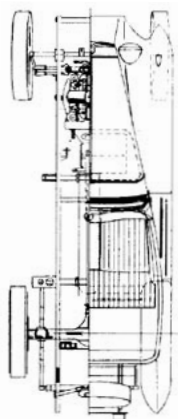
Sump capacity is stated as 1 1/8 gallons (Imperial) which is 5.4 US quarts of oil or 1.35 US gallons if you buy in bulk.

The now the rear axle holds just 2 Olde English pints (1/4 Imperial gallon) and that is 1.2 US quarts here.

Whew !!! Now all that's left to figure out is how many pints of ale are you going to need after reading all this? Take a break and put your feet up.

The water system, as the Brown Book calls the cooling system, holds 1 3/4 Imperial gallons which is 8.4 US quarts or 2.1 US gallons.

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More on Measurements

Here are more Imperial to US measurement conversions. This was from a cooking website so now you can expand your TC enjoyment to the kitchen.

Both American and Imperial teaspoons are 1/6 th of their respective fluid oz, but the American fluid oz. is 4% larger than the Imperial fluid oz. In practical terms the size difference of the teaspoon is small as to be negligible. The question to ask is whether the teaspoon is heaped or not.

There are 3 American tsp. in an American tbl. but about 3 and a 1/3 rd Imperial tsp. in an Imperial tbl. Therefore the British tbl. is about 20% larger than an American tbl. or 5 Imp. tbl. are the same as 6 US tbl.

1 cup in both systems are half pints in their respective systems, but there are 20 Imperial fl.oz. in an Imperial pint and only sixteen US fl.oz. in a US pint.

The slightly larger US fl.oz. compensates slightly but the Imp. cup, pt. or qt. is 20% larger than its US equivalent as with the tbl.

Often in the UK, the term 'gill' is used. This is half an Imp. cup. I do not think the term 'cup' is used so often in the UK.

The other main differences between US, and I assume Canadian, recipes is that in the US volume measures are used for dry goods, e.g. cups, while in the UK, weight is used. Also the ingredients themselves are different.

For example, we tried to make bread when we first came to the US the same way we made bread in the UK using in both cases 'bread flour' and of course complete failure. The consumer 'bread flour' in the US is much lower in gluten than in the UK.

The imperial pint is 20 fl oz whereas the American pint is 16 fl oz. The BRITISH standard tablespoon (tblspn) holds 17.7 ml whereas the AMERICAN tablespoon holds 14.2 ml.

Below are a few common liquid equivalents.

BRITISH	USA
1 Tablespoon	1 Tablespoon
1 1/2 Tablespoons (1 fl oz)	2 Tablespoons
2 Tablespoons	3 Tablespoons
3 Tablespoons (2 fl oz)	1/4 Cup
4 Tablespoons	1/3 Cup
5 Tablespoons	6 Tablespoons
6 Tablespoons (4 fl oz)	1/2 Cup
1/4 Pint	2/3 Cup
6 fl oz	3/4 Cup
scant 1/2 pint	1 Cup (8 fl oz)
1/2 Pint	1 1/4 Cups
1 Pint	2 1/2 Cups

All cup and spoon measures are level in table to left.

Want more fun? Apparently Australian tablespoons differ to the British and American.



TCMG 2005 Holiday Party



**Saturday, December 10
Starting at 5:30 pm**

**Town and Country Resort
Terrace Pavilion in San Diego**

500 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, California 92108
Tel: (619) 291-7131
Reservations: 1-800-77-ATLAS
www.towncountry.com

The hotel is offering a discount for \$99 one night or \$189 for two nights (tell them you are coming with the TCMG group). Golf courses and lots of shopping nearby.

If you like good food, great company, and having a belly full of laughs...save the date, December 10th... Better yet make it a weekend. Golf courses and lots of shopping nearby.

Sunday morning the revelers are welcome to join Dave and Joyce Edgar for breakfast at their home after 10:00 a.m. Sorry about the late start but we go to church at 8:30. You can join us there or meet at the house at 10. You can kick Dave's tires and give him some encouragement in his garage building plans.

Bring an unwrapped gift for a child.
Donations are going to the
Foster Children's Resource Center

DON'T MISS IT!

Every year at the Holiday party each guest brings a gift to be given to a charity. This year the toys will be given to the Foster Children's Resource Center. This Center is staffed entirely by volunteers from the Hilltoppers Auxiliary. This Auxiliary is part of the Assistance League of Southern California, a nonprofit woman's organization established in 1919.

**Also remember
to bring an
auction item**



toys for their shelves - books, puzzles, cars, dolls etc and always teddy bears! Price limit - \$10 - and please bring unwrapped.

Esther Belland is Hilltopper. She says that every day we are reminded all children smile in the same language - I wish you could be there to see their smiles. Thank you for helping us help them.

The Foster Children's Center provides support and clothing for the foster families of San Fernando Valley - serving about 500-600 families a year. They need new

(Note: And thank you Esther Belland for all her work in behalf of kids who need a hand and sometimes a hug. Thank you Bellands for taking this year's collection for such a worthy cause.

Name(s) _____

Please select choice of entrée:

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Vegetarian _____

Total number of dinners @ \$25 each* _____

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