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A group of TCs and other MGs with Golden Gate Bridge behind them on the way home from Oregon.



Beautiful MGs in a beautiful setting near Mt. Hood, Oregon

You really should see these photos in color. Download the Midget from our TCMG web site. www.tcmotoringguild.org



Pete & Fran with Crater Lake behind them. Note jackets and snow in July.



Simmons pose TC against the snow.

Cover photos taken by Steve & Linda Simmons and Leo Pedersen.



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TCMG Picnic & General July 25 Meeting, 7:00 pm

Moss HCT Sedona Event Oct 8-10

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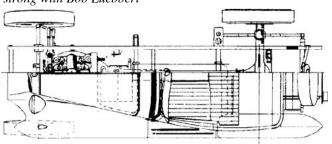
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RON'S RAMBLINGS

A Solution to the Gas Crisis

I read in this morning's paper about the price of gasoline going through the roof again. Here in California we seem to have the highest prices compared

to the rest of the country. What is there to do? Should we put our cars on blocks and take the semi-existent rapid transit which doesn't seem to go where one wants to go? No, that doesn't seem to be a satisfactory answer. Should we ride bicycles even if we are 40 miles from work? No, not that either. How about getting rid of low MPG cars? Our Highlander gets 17-19 MPG, our Mini gets 21, our TC gets 25.

WHAT!!, a 58 year old primitive, rough-riding, English export sometimes called a coffin riding on four harps . . . gets 25 MPG. It has no computers, electronics, sensors, etc. to continuously adjust the engine for the best mileage yet it still gets 25 MPG. Just think that if everyone drove TC's how much gas we would save. We probably wouldn't need to drill in Alaska.

As a bonus, average freeway speeds would be a lot slower. There would be more room on the freeways for additional cars, TC's are a bit smaller than Escalades. One would probably get to their destination faster, even at slower speeds.

There would be fewer drivers using cell phones as you can't hear anything when driving at any speed with the top down. Can you imagine a freeway full of TC's all going as fast as they can go, trying to stay to the right side of the road in case something breaks down. The mere thought of all this tends to boggle the mind. Of course the obvious is that there are not enough TC's to go around if everyone wanted to drive one. I guess I'll have to come up with something else.

Ron Simon

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www.tcmotoringguild.org



Tuesday, July 25th

7:00 PM



Our Annual Picnic plus General Meeting

Note time and location changes

We celebrated our 50th year in 2004 and our 50th year of incorporation in 2005. Why not celebrate this year with 50 TCs at the meeting? OK maybe far fetched but doable. If you can't bring your whole TC then bring one part of it. Lets go for a record!!!

Bring your own picnic supper Dessert and coffee will be provided.

RSVP only if you can come

Cindy at 626-793-2813 or chkitty@sbcglobal.net

Held at the home of Tony & Cindy Henkels 726 N. Pasadena Ave, Pasadena

From the South

Take I-5 towards Los Angeles North onto 110 (Pasadena Fwy) Exit at Orange Grove Left (North) on Orange Grove for 2.5 miles Left onto N. Pasadena Ave.



From the East

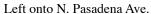
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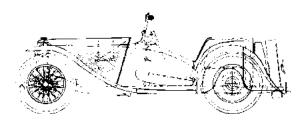
Turn right on Orange Grove for about half mile.

From the West

Hwy 134 East to Orange Grove Blvd exit. Take W Colorado Blvd and turn left onto Orange Grove Blvd.

Drive .6 mile then left on N. Pasadena







It's the fiftieth annual gathering of the TC Motoring Guild and the Abingdon Rough Riders! We are meeting at the Inn at Morro Bay, as usual just about halfway between LA and SF

October 13th thru the 15th

There are 25 rooms reserved for Friday and Saturday night. The cost will be \$109 to 139 per night plus 10% tax. There are obviously more rooms at the Inn but it would be a good idea to reserve early if you want the lower rate. The more expensive are spa rooms.

We will have dinner in Morro Bay on Friday, with space reserved at one of the local restaurants for those who wish, and we will have a banquet at the Inn on Saturday night. There will of course be the requisite tour on Saturday and a suitable location will be found for a group photo of the legions of TC folk who will be attending this historic event.

Contact the Inn, letting them know you are with the "MG Group"

At (805) 772 5651 or toll free (800) 321-9566

(Best do this by phone for our rates)

Address: 60 State Park Road, Morro Bay, CA 93442

Website: http://www.innatmorrobay.com

Please let the ARR activities director know if you are coming, especially if you are not staying at the Inn, so we will know how many for the banquets, etc.

6 Linda Chalmers

Linda Chalmers at 415 566 9796 or allanchalmers@yahoo.com

Our Newest TCMG Member

Please welcome another new TCMG member. This brings us up to 105 members in the Guild now.



Bill Uniack

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1948 TC 7386EXU XPAG 8168 Black / Tan

Bill behind the wheel of his latest string of sprots cars.

This car was ground up restoration in 1983 and driven for three thousand miles. It has been stored ever since then except for a car show in 1998 after which it went back to storage. It was on the cover of Road and Track and a one page article about the car 20 some years ago. If the name Uniack sounds familiar it is because Bill is the uncle of our existing TCMG member John Uniack. John wrote: Bill introduced me to British cars when I was fourteen. He gave me one of his Morgan three wheelers! I subsequently bought my MGTC, at the time it was more a practical

car. Neither of us have the Morgans today but Bill's had a series of very nice sports cars, the TC being the latest. Last month he surprised me with a picture of his new baby. I reminded him I still have my TC (albeit as bits). Bob Uniack, my father and Bill's brother, had a TD when new and my brother Steven has the MGB my sister Julie bought new. I guess we Uniacks have inherited the MG gene. John also noted that it's nice to know someone in the family with an assembled example of a TC. My memory's fading on where all the parts go.



David & Carla Walker
1949 TC 10193 XPAG 10811 Ivory / Red

We welcomed David & Carla last month and were lacking a picture but have one now and it is a beauty.

Bill Hoak and His TC



Bill and Mary Lou standing by their prized TC 2887.

On Sunday, July 2, 2006 the San Francisco Chronicle did a story on TCMG member Bill Hoak. Was quite good. Due to copyright fees I chose not to reprint the article here but will give you the gist of it. If you want to read the original article it may still be on the San Francisco Chronicle's web page. www.sfgate.com. Click on the Cars link.

Bill, is a retired raisin packing executive from Fresno who now resides in Cambria with his wife Mary Lou. Bill first had the idea of owning an MGTC in the early 50's when he noticed a neighbor had one. He just looked at it and said "That is a great car."

Money was tight in the early marriage years but eventually a little fooling around money came about and Bill mentioned to his European business contacts that he would like to buy a TC. One was found and he talked to a shipping rep he worked with about getting it to the states. The story mentions with what Bill spent to ship it, he would make an excellent candidate for Congress. Guess it was not cheap.

The Ivory TC with biscuit interior arrived at the San Francisco docks September of 1965 and was trucked over to Fresno for Bill to take possession. He said it was perfect. He has since chromed the wheels with stainless spokes. Other than that, it is about 90 percent original. Bill has had it to a few GoFs and other events. He tells of one trip to Yosemite where it kept raining. He kept the top down since he decided they would get wetter stopping to put the top up than to keep driving. That is his story, and he is sticking to it. One other addition to the TC are vanity plates. It reads - TGIF and when they are out driving and people see the TC and the plates, it brings a lot of smiles.

Steve Guttormsson Restoration



One of our TCMG members, Steve Guttormsson from Minnesota needed a bit of restoration recently. Suffering from blocked arteries (one 100% blocked and another at 70%) Steve went into surgery on July 3 for some bypass work. One of our other TCMGers, Bob Figenskau, also from Minnesota reports surgery went well and that Steve is out of ICU and looking good as of July 6. He looks better than he has for some time and this may have been the origin of his many health problems in the past. We pray that his recovery is complete.



MGs in front of Pigeon Point lighthouse while headed to GoF - photo by S. Simmons

Be sure to visit Steve Simmons' website for more of his photos and GoF trip story.

www.mgnuts.com/mg/events

New MGs in Oklahoma

China's Nanjing Automobile Group has plans to build the fabled MG sports car at Oklahoma. It will be the first Chinese automotive plant in the United States. There has not been a new version of the MG sold in North America in 26 years.

Nanjing purchased the bankrupt company and expects to begin making a reborn MG assembly line by 2008 building coupes.

MG Motors plans to offer sports cars and sedans. The Oklahoma plant will produce

a newly designed TF Coupe. The rearwheel drive two-seater was designed by MG's former owners but never built.

The new MG is expected to be priced in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 range.

Three sedans will be built at Nanjing's facilities in China, and the MG TF roadster will be built at the former MG Rover Longbridge assembly plant near Birmingham, England.





Repair along the road way with a police escort. Hope the officer isn't doing a safety inspection.



Here the officer gets a closer look and even helps hold some wire while Ernie repairs an electrical short.



A stop by an airplane museum in Oregon which now houses the large Spruce Goose.



The group got tired of looking at MGs so took an ocean view break. Notice all the

jackets? While So. Calif was in a heat

wave, these MGers had to bundle up.

All that snow on Mt. Hood make us wonder if we remembered to close the refrigerator door at home.

Linda wipes off the TC at the car show. That plus all Steve's work paid off with a 3rd place award.





Gene & Deana Roth placed 1st in TC Class (again). Deana needs to win some more at the casinos to add onto their house for all the trophies.



July 3-7 2006

Next year GoF West will be held at Park City, Utah July 2-6



Steve & Linda Simmons (to their surprise) place 3rd in the TC Class. Steve had spent many a late night (two weeks of 6-12 hour days) prepping the TC for the drive and the show. The efforts paid off.

Other TCMG awardees

TC Honorable Mention - Jim and Jan Sullivan
1st Place Rallye - Leo & Martha Pedersen
2nd Place Rallye - Larry & Barbara Long
one point behind Leo & Martha.

2nd Place Funkahana -

Steve & Linda Simmons 3rd Place Funkahana Larry Long

1st Place Crafts - Carolyn Hendrickson (painting of TC by barn)

High Point Award - Larry Long Larry mentions that he was also elected Chairman of GoF West, Inc.

If anyone was left off the list, please let us know.

GoF photos provided by Allan Chalmers, Steve & Linda Simmons and Leo Pedersen



Steve & Linda by Crater Lake on the way home.



Group of MGs in the Redwoods



Steve & Linda took around 800 photos on the trip. Here is their TC with Three Sisters mountains in the background. The horses are wondering how many horsepower the TC has.



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Leo emerges with TD from Shrine Tree, a drive through redwood.



We've look at this map a dozen times now and all the roads look flat on it. How come we keep coming up to mountain roads?



Makeshift starter pull. Don't laugh. At least they drove the TC there.

Here is a list of TCMG members who were present at the GoF.

Chalmers, Allan

Pete and Maggie deBruyn

Einhorn, Larry & Kay

Hawkins, Bob & Laura

Hendrickson, Lloyd & Caroline

Hermance, John & Susan

Kershaw, George & Kevin

Long, Larry & Barbara

Page, Ernie & Elizabeth with son Michael

Pedersen, Leo & Martha

Roth, Gene & Deana

Simmons, Steve & Linda

Sullivan, Jim & Jan

Thelander, Pete & Fran

Wescott, Gene and Caroline

Williams, Willie

Ed Note - I wasn't clear on who specifically drove a TC but I believe there were at least nine plus a couple other model MGs.



Jon & Susan Hermance's TC



Einhorns TC approaching the Pacific Coast. What a spectacular drive.

TC Tourers at GoF

The TC Tourers is a group of TCers up in the Washington state area, mostly around the Northwest corner of the state. They started up a few years ago pretty much the same way the TCMG did 50 years ago. Fellow TC owners in the area loosely got together to do some fun TC activities. There are no monthly meetings and I don't think there are even any dues. They get together at the beginning of the year and lay out some fun TC runs for the rest of the year. They also have an end of year party where they present a high points award to the most active member. There is also a quarterly newsletter sent out to the 15 or so members. Jim Sullivan sent me the following after GoF.

There was a good showing at GoF West 2006 by the TC Tourers.

Driving their TC's were:

Robert and Mary Hatch 1st place in First Timers and 2nd Place in the TC group

- * Jim and Jan Sullivan Honorable Mention Herb and Sharon Parsons Steve and Liz Blake Honorable Mention Graham and Val Bailey
- * Bob and Laura Hawkins Bruce and Sue Knipe

Also attending with their TC's (but trailered):

Bob and Stephanie Kampas

Don and Joanne Westerberg

* Pete and Maggie deBruyn in a Mini



Jim & Jan Sullivan

Also several awards were won in the Arts and Crafts category by TC Tourers

And the TC Tourers won the San Diego Cup

I think that is all and hope I did not leave anyone out.

We had a great drive down to GOF. We went through some small towns and on the east side of Mt. St. Helens on Hwy. 25. It was mostly on 2 lane back roads with beautiful scenic sights. About 250 miles.



TCs l-r: Simmons, Franks and Bailey

Ed. Note - I put an asterisk by the names of those that are also in the TCMG. In addition to those we have Art Malfi & Martha Perry as well as Pamela & Dave Grudin who also have dual membership status with the TCMG. Pamela, by the way is the daughter of Glenn & Betty Binford. Sullivan, Hawkins and Bailey also drove their TCs to the GoF last year at the Santa Ynez Valley.

June 27, 2006 General Meeting Minutes

President Ron Simon called the meeting to order at 8:05

President Simon was finally successful in gaining a marginal state of order by 8:10.

Since our Secretary was probably somewhere on a beach drinking, volunteers were sought to act as Secretary. Gene Olson was not listening and was late in hiding under the table; so he was appointed. (Ed note - Steve reports he got so involved in prepping his TC for GoF that at 10:30 that night he suddenly realized he had forgotten about the meeting.)

President Ron presented a Plaque of Appreciation to former President Pete Thelander, for Pete's leadership as President.

Mail report- Rough Rider newsletter and other MG stuff

Treasurer's Report: \$ 6843 in bank account



Ron Simon presents Pete Thelander with a plaque for guiding the Guild as President last year..

New Members: Dave and Debra Spiegel of San Marino, and Dave and June Simon, President Simon trying to stack the club with relatives.

Programs: Lloyd Hendickson announced tonight's program would be stories about his first love- racing. Fran Thelander corrected that racing would be his second love. Lloyd said... censored...

July- Picnic at Henkels August- Cavanaugh Motors Sept. Simon movie night October- Costume contest and pot luck dinner

Events: July-GOF

August- tba September-some interest in Kinetic Sculpture race in Ventura October- 50th anniversary Conclave Christmas Party: December 3 at Sportsman's Lodge in San Fernando Valley

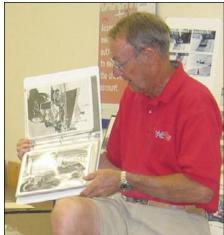
New Business: no one could think of any

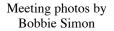
Old Business: LA Concours was very nice. good pictures at the official website and at: http://www.vaultcars.com/LAconcoursInaugural/LAconcours052106.htm

Joe Douglas moved to adjourn, quickly gaveled with no proper vote.

After pie and ice cream Pete Thelander spoke of racing his NE in the US and Ireland.

Pete Henderson talked about quite a few race cars and hot rods he has raced, including a famous race against a quarter horse.







Pete Thelander (top left), Lloyd Hendrickson (top right) and Pete Henderson (bottom) tell

of their racing experiences and brought along some photos and displays to show. Not pictured is Ron Simon, who also recounted his racing days. Bobbie, why didn't you take a picture of Ron? Humm, maybe the camera broke.



Ron Simon related his career racing a TC. He ran it in many races in California in the 1960's, each story ended with-" it broke"

Lloyd Hendrickson told of racing midgets and drag boats. He changed to TCs because they are safer.

Minutes submitted by,

Gene Olson

Our Newest TCMG Grandchild



Elizabeth Victoria Hansen Daughter of Heidi Ludwick Hansen and husband Dan Born June 19, 2006

Grandma Sarah Ludwick is on Cloud 9, because this little girl lives next door to the Ludwick TC. Other three grandchildren live further away, two in South Dakota and one in Honolulu.

TCMG Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3

Save a spot on your calendar on the evening of December 3 for the TCMG Holiday Party which will be held in the LA area again.

This is usually is one of our biggest attendance events. Don't be left out because you forgot and planned something else.

TC Wanted

I am looking for a MG TC to restore. Prefer a "driver" but will consider all available.

Regards

Eddie D. Gose, J. D. The Texas A&M University System (979) 458-6145 (979) 458-6150 - facsimile email: E-Gose@tamu.edu



October 8th - 10th, 2006

Sunday thru Tuesday

AI Moss's HCT Tour

Al Moss is organizing his every other year HCT Tour and has some more slots to fill. This tour occurs in Sedona, Arizona and starts on the Sunday right before our TCMG/ARR Concalve which is Oct. 13-15. If you really want to get TC'd out then do both.

HCT originally stood for Hearst Castle Tour but when Al moved to Arizona it became the High Country Tour. During the event there will be a rallye/tour, banquets, funkhana, mine tour, car display and

tons of fun. It is centered

around the Radisson Poco Diablo. In Moss fashion this is a package deal. \$540 for a single and \$630 for a couple includes food, lodging, admissions, T-shirts, patches, and more. Deadline for registration is past but check because there may still be room. Al accepts checks only, made out to him (no credit cards).

Al can be reached via email at RacerMoss@mac.com or you can write to him at 1015 Soldier Pass, Sedona, AZ 86336

For Sale

1952 Arnolt-MG Convertible

Looks completely stock from outside but has a 20R Toyota supercharged engine, automatic trans, disk brakes on front, MG A rear end (with B gears), Power windows and brakes, oversized radiator. and chrome wire wheels. Black with tan interior. Quite rare as only 35 Arnolt convertibles were ever built and only 13 are known to be left \$50,000 obo.

For further information contact Mike Goodman

Phone: 760-360-3539

email: oldmgdoc@dc.rr.com



For Sale

TC STOP LAMP

A couple members liked the stop lamp that Doug Wimer had mounted on his TC spare tire. They had seen it at the Conclave in Sequoia. Well Doug went out and had some more made so if you would like one please contact him at: Doug Wimer

phone: 435-654-2117 (in Utah) or

email: tc49@aol.com



For Sale

These are 7 books from Gayne Wimer's collection of MG items. I am selling them for Nancy. Prices not firm, make an offer if you want. Shipping extra or I can bring to a TCMG meeting. Contact David Edgar djedgar@pacbell.net or

> MG by Wilson McComb © 1978 \$15

619-593-8255

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