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TCs taking a break from the twists and turns on the Cherry Pickin' Tour.



*Octagon Cherries
(the snack of the day)*



*More photos on the
Cherry Picking Tour
and stories
can be found on
page 10-11.*

*Hey there is another turn up
ahead. Follow me.*



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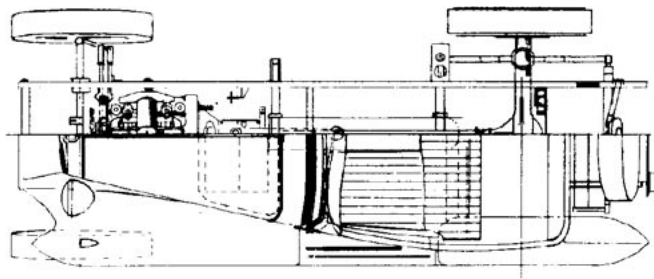
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RON'S RAMBLINGS

Einstein was right! Time is relative

Ahh what a difference five decades or so makes

There was a time I could work all night on an MG then go to work the next day without missing a beat. For example, in May 1955 my friend Duane bought a TD which had been severely crunched on the right rear. He wanted to race the car in June. In the space of only two weeks we disassembled the damaged parts, replacing the whole rear quarter with part of another wrecked TD, painted the whole car white and prepared it as a race car and went racing in June. Another time, in 1958, we were getting my TC ready to be competitive. We needed a roll bar to comply with current Cal Club regulations. All one night, in the middle of the week, we built a roll bar out of chrome moly tubing, without the use of any bending equipment, and installed it in my TC. It looked a little strange, being all angles, but it proved to be satisfactory during my roll bar test in 1961. All of this was done while I was employed full time, sometimes working 60 hours a week.

I bring this all up only because since I retired I find myself with very little time to do all of the above. I think there is a definite corollary between age and time. It definitely goes faster as you age. I still get up a 4:30 AM as I did for many years, but by the time I have my breakfast and read all three papers time has gone by. Then I have to look at my computer to see what inane comments have appeared on the TABC list etc. When I go into the garage I can't seem to spend more than a couple of hours before my back gives out. It also used to give out in the old days but I didn't pay any attention to it then.

What I haven't mentioned yet is that now I have time for my avocation which is music. I have been an amateur musician for many years. Now I am retired I have become a semi-professional and play all the time in rehearsal bands. I also have time to visit grand kids something I didn't even have in the old days. I wouldn't trade my present situation for anything..

Ron Simon

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**Tuesday,
 June 27th**

8:00 PM



**Get to Know
 Your Racers**

As children, I know that young boys dream of being a police officer, or a fire fighter but some dream of being

A Race Car Driver.

Come to this meeting and see who those boy's are in our club. We will have four of our men tell about their racing experiences. Some proud drivers and

some wanna-be's. Hip waders will not be provided, so be sure to roll up your pant cuffs! Tales will be wild and furious.

Photos and memorabilia will be brought to be viewed.

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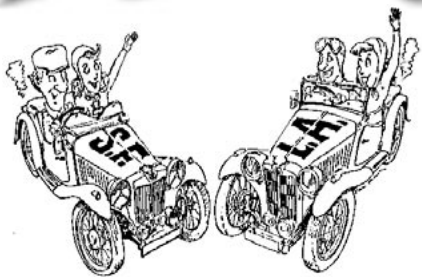


Did you get the June issue of Moss Motors' British Motoring Magazine in the mail recently? TCMG member Steve Simmons writes:

One day Kelvin Dodd from Moss saw our MGA parked in front of Moss while we were there picking up some parts. He mentioned to the guy at the magazine that he knew a young-ish couple with a bunch of MGs and it might make a good article. The editor contacted me and asked about shooting a couple cars to which I agreed. By the time it was done, we had a feature article and a cover shot!

You can also download it free from the Moss Motors web site: mossmotors.com

The Big Five Oh!



• TC CONCLAVE •

Morro Bay, 2006

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"
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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.

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

Three New TCMG Members

Please welcome our newest Guild members. Notice a similarity? Look at their first name. This brings us up to 104 members in the Guild.

David & June Simon

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1949 TC 7220 XPAG 6828 Red / Tan



David is Ron Simon's brother and he is no stranger to the TC Motoring Guild. We have met at his auto museum over the last few years for our September meeting and David has had his TC out on several of our tours too. Want to see his other cars? Go to www.old-cars.net. You will come to the Cornwell & Sheridan Classic Cars. He rents the cars out to movie studios for use in films. And who are Cornwell and Sheridan? Well David and Ron grew up at a house on the corner of those two streets.



David & Debra Spiegel

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1948 TC 6551 XPAG 7094
Grey / Black



David had bought a TC recently and through a connection with Tony Henkels found out about our TC Motoring Guild. He was a new face at our May meeting. By the way David is looking for another TC too. Actually his son is, so if you hear about one out there, give him a jingle.



David & Carla Walker

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1949 TC 10193 XPAG 10811 Ivory / Red

David is someone who Bob McKarney met at the Cambria Car Show a couple months back. David promises a photo and we will run it in a later issue when it comes in.

Einhorn, Larry & Kay

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While you are adding names to your directory please put in the Einhorns as they were left out.

Wildflower Tour

DESERT WILDFLOWERS

by JOE DOUGLASS



Photos by Arnold Douglas

Saturday May 20 we had 2 TCs Joe Douglas and Gene Olson for the wildflower tour. In a beautiful 62 MGB (which is for sale) were Joe's hiking friends CC Villines and Judy Klausen. Also touring were Gordon Bundy in a MiGata, and Joe's son Arn on an incredible Ducatti monster motorcycle. Weather was beautiful as we wound through the twisty canyons out towards the high desert. Unfortunately nature was somewhat limited in flower production this year. Despite Joe leading us along dirt roads and trails we were able to find only about 8 (count them) poppies. At least it was not crowded. We had a lovely picnic in a deserted nature preserve. Joe even brought avocados for Gordon (carrying coals to Newcastle). Hopefully in future we can develop events of more interest to the membership.

Gene Olson



Inaugural
Los Angeles Concours d'Elegance
benefiting Assistance League of Southern California



The Los Angeles Concours had Ron Simon, his brother and new TCMG member, David Simon as well as Lloyd Hendrickson displaying their TCs. Gene Olson brought his MGSA and Stan Belland had his XKE. There were about 300 cars exhibited. Event was held on May 21, 2006 for the benefit of the Assistance League of Southern California.



Photos by Esther Belland

In addition to the TC I have a big MG, 1938 MG SA. Sunday I took the SA saloon to the Los Angeles Concours d'Elegance. Mine is not a show car, but it looks nice at 10 feet. Since this was a charity trying to launch a new Concours event I had agreed to bring the car for display, not to be judged. I am pleased to report the SA ran the 40 miles to Pasadena nicely. After months of wrestling the engine in and out to replace the clutch and an overheating radiator it was rewarding to see the water temperature at a steady 75 degrees. There is excessive noise coming from the transmission at load and at deceleration, but I forgot that when I arrived and was directed to drive

onto the golf course to park with the European Classics Late. Suddenly all the polishing was worthwhile as I was parked between a Bugatti Drophead coupe and a Bentley pillarless Saloon. The group included another Bugatti (gorgeous car-a gift to the Shah of Iran), a Talbot, a Delahaye, and Barry Briskman's SA Tourer. The golf course was littered with at least 20 Ferraris, 8-10 Aston Martins, V16 Cadillacs, Packards, Duesenburs, Gull-wing Mercedes, and more. Pretty high class company for me. It was a fabulous day. I offer encouragement to all those toiling in the greasepits.

Gene Olson

Cherry Pickin' Tour



The group gets instructions from fearless Gene before the run.



OK, which is the more beautiful sight and gets your mouth watering?



*Photos courtesy of Larry Einhorn,
Steve & Linda Simmons, and Ron Simon*

Attending this event were our leaders Gene & Karen Olson along with Steve & Linda Simmons, Kay & Larry Einhorn in TC's. Bringing up the rear were Ron & Bobbie Simon in a Mini, Mel & Toni Appell in a Miata, Jon & Betsy Lutz in a Porsche and Dave & Lucy McCanne in a Chrysler minivan. It was a great run. On the way we stopped to look at the site of the 1928 St. Francis Dam disaster. After picking way too many cherries we stopped for lunch at a burger joint called the "Boxing Ring" and actually ate on an outdoor ring. No one had any problems, and no one got lost.

Ron Simon



Bobbie emerges for air from the cherry trees.



Gathering of TCs and other iron at one of the stops.

Fourteen Cherry Pickers met in English weather (cool, cloudy) to explore the farther reaches of San Fransisquito Canyon. Three TCs were there: Steve and Linda Simmons in a beautifully polished car, Kay and Larry Einhorn in a resprung car, and Gene and Karen Olson. Also Ron and Bobbie Simon, Dave and Lucy McCanne, Mel and Toni Appell, and Jon and Betsy Lutz came out in other iron. It was a gorgeous day for a trip through twisting canyons. We drove over Spunky canyon for beautiful views of Bouquet reservoir. The cherries were incredible. I have never seen so many cherries on trees before. We all gorged ourselves. Returning on Bouquet Canyon we stopped at a biker bar for lunch, where we mixed with the West Coast Weasels. They have very cute biker jackets. It was a lovely drive.

Gene Olson

*Windmill advertising
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Line up of cars by the cherry picking ranch

May 25, 2006 General Meeting Minutes

Our president opened up the meeting by reviewing this month's mail. Other than the ARR newsletter and a few magazines, there was also a flyer sent by Harvey Schnaer's son Mike and daughter-in-law Irene. Irene's family owns a chateau in France which she and Mike have recently opened as a B&B and they are now looking for customers.

There was a correction from last month's minutes. The business which Mike Goodman sold his remaining parts stock was not Kavanaugh Motors but rather O'Conner Classics in Santa Clara. Kavanaugh was mentioned only as a shop which works on TCs.

Joyce Edgar's treasury report noted that we now have 102 paid members for the coming year including our newest members David and Carla Walker.

Lloyd reviewed the schedule of upcoming programs. As of this writing June is still open. The picnic at the Henkles home is still planned for July. Kavanaugh Motors may do a presentation in August and the rest of the year remains as planned other than November which is currently open.

Joe Douglas gave a report on the recent Windflower Run. This year's bloom was nothing like last year and as it turned out there was nearly no vegetation whatsoever. But the

group of two TCs and a few other moderns ventured into the hills to the usual picnic spot and made the best of it.

The Los Angeles Concourse was said to be a real hit with around 300 cars in attendance. The MG contingent included four TCs and Gene Olsen's SA Saloon.

Gene spoke briefly on upcoming events. Cherry Picking is up next and Gene has finalized plans for the location and all-important lunch stop. The cherries are expected to be a bit late this year but should be good by the day of the event. July's event is GoF West. August has a possible trip to Chandler Museum slated, and there is also the possibility of a safety check by Kavanaugh Motors before the Conclave.

George Kershaw mentioned an upcoming concourse in Huntington Beach which includes a new "street MG" class. The show will be held on June 4th.



New member David Spiegel (left) was at the meeting as well as Jack Arntzen who brought his newly painted TF as part of the program.



Cy Chakyan, owner of Rich & Famous Auto Body and Otto, one of his employees, gave us a rundown on what they do and showed pictures of the quality of their work. Jack Arntzen brought his TF over to show first hand the quality. Paint was just gorgeous and sparkled. All those in attendance listened and asked questions.

With no old business to review, new business was covered. The only item discussed was the Wimer's decision to sell Gayne's TC. Details will follow soon. (Ed. note - TC has been sold)

The meeting was then adjourned and many donuts were consumed

Minutes submitted by,

Steve Simmons

No TCs at the meeting but there were 3 MGs. Jack & Rosie Arntzen's TF, Joe Douglass in his MGB and Steve Simmons in his MGA.



Photos by David Edgar



July 3-7, 2006

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phone: 435-654-2117 (in Utah) or
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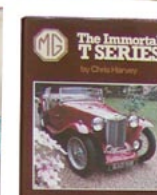
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San Luis Obispo Motoring Scene

Written by Jim Crandall as told by Leo Pedersen



As recent arrivals on the San Luis Obispo motoring scene, Leo & Martha Pedersen were frustrated by all those lovely British cars driving around aimlessly without a shared purpose. What to do? Organize an event, of course!

"Martha and I invited everyone we know in the North County who have British cars,



to join us on a run," said Leo. "We had breakfast at our house followed by a drive up the coast to Ragged Point for lunch."

Although TCMGers have been to that gorgeous PCH turn-out many times, the scenery is always spectacular and chowing down with lovers of classic English iron never gets old.

"In addition to our TC," continued Leo, "we had an MGA, an Austin Healey 3000, a Miata (owner of a TR3 which was not running) and a Dino Ferrari (owner of another A/H 3000 with a bad tire). In Cambria we were joined by Guild

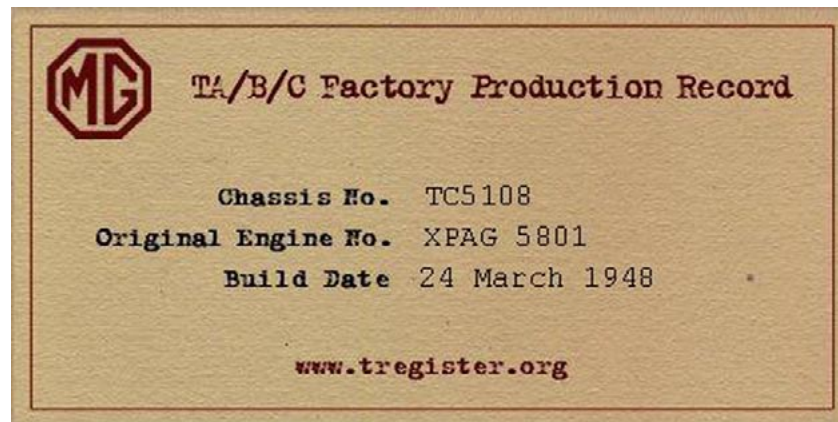
members Clarence and Barbara Weiss and Bob McKarney driving MGB's. At Ragged Point we bumped into another Healey owner who we know from the 'Sons of Lucas' club on the South Coast. Naturally, he and his wife joined us for lunch," for a total of eight cars.

Funny how owners of British cars are attracted to each other, even if their cars are "not running at the moment." Frequently, conversations start with complaints and commiserations, but almost always end with tales of unforgettable top-down treks over winding county roads. Isn't this how the TC Motoring Guild first started 52 years ago?"

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Check out the other links there too.



Entering TC5108 gave me my TC's production date of 24 March, 1948 and which engine number it left the factory with. David



Al Moss's HCT Tour

October 8th - 10th, 2006
Sunday thru Tuesday

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

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