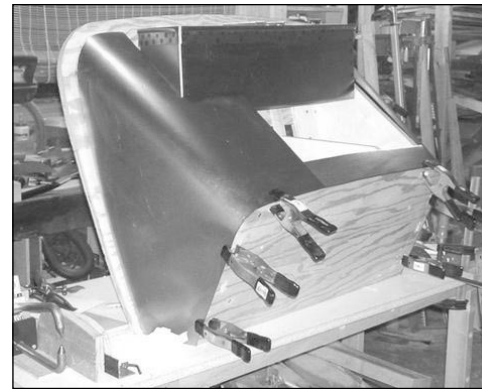


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Our newest member, David Irvine just purchased TC 8637. He wanted a TC, heard about one in Sacramento, patiently waited for the rains to stop up there, saw it, bought it and it is now snug in his garage. Congratulations David!



Mark Hinline, who joined our Guild last November is making remarkable progress on his TC. He bought a bare frame, TC 3409, and has since formed a buck and started fabricating doors, firewall and tool box. WOW - what talent.



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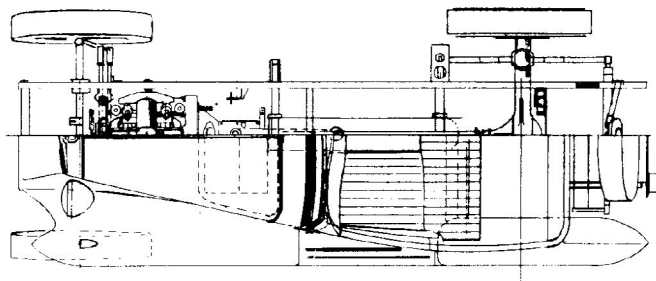
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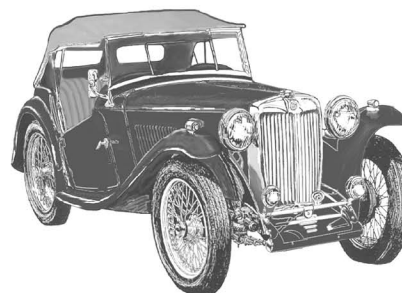
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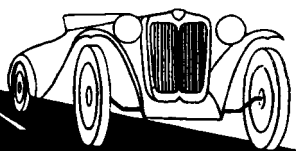


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I recently had a conversation with a bystander asking the usual, "Don't you find it hard to get parts for your TC?" It started me thinking what it was like then as compared to now. I bought my first TC in 1953. It was already a thoroughly worn used car though only 5 year old. There were no MG dealers in the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles where I lived. There were some dealers located in Los Angeles but they only carried parts for TD's and TF's. Of course there was Al Moss way over on the other side of town on Venice blvd. Or I could go to the MG distributor, Gough Industries, over by 26th St and Figueroa for the few parts that they carried. I remember buying new rear axles from them for \$5 and once a new crankshaft for around \$85. There were a few wrecking yards that had some foreign cars and sometimes would have a TC. I remember one that had a complete undamaged TC minus the right rear fender for \$250. You relied on friends and fellow club members for information on what parts could be used or where certain parts could be had. Fast forward to 53 years later. We now have catalogs of TC parts from Moss, Abingdon Spares, Brown & Gammons, etc. In addition there are suppliers of parts such as Bob Grunau, John Seim, Joe Curto, Mike O'Connor, Skip Kelsey and our own Phil Marino just to name a few. I think the difference is that these TCs are no longer just old worn out cars but cars that are collectible, fun to drive, restore, and nostalgic. Without them we wouldn't have a motoring guild with the great and wonderful friends that we have.

Ron Simon

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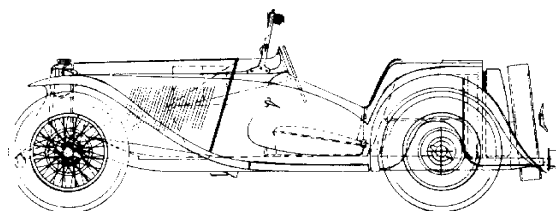


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Sunday thru Tuesday

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

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 May 31, 2006. 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.

The Last of MG Racing (continued from pg. 8)

Brian Griffin, who once worked here and is paying no attention to any gagging order, tells the story of the launch of a car called the MGF in 1996 when BMW was in charge and Longbridge was flooded with German executives. The English PR director was addressing a room half full of Germans and half full of Englishmen. A plane flew low over the building where he was speaking. "Don't worry lads," the PR man said, ducking "it's one of ours." The English half of the room burst into desperate laughter and the Germans remained silent. But it's BMW that has just posted a £2.8bn profit this year. And we are left, rather too literally, holding the pieces. Griffin admitted afterwards, "this is such a sad day for me. I sit at home sometimes and it brings tears to my eyes."

Outside in the drizzle, Stephen Rose and Maria Spurr from Dudley are there because they've seen the cars racing and think "we might be able to pick

one up here so that we can start racing ourselves. This is our way in". Bill Eales, an engineer from Leicestershire, is 'just having a nose. You never know I might make some money.' His wife Annette would love him to buy one of the MG Power SW-R 5.0 litre V8 manual two-door Sports Coupe monsters in Dark Fantasy Chromactive finish (estimate: £60k on the road). Bill isn't sure. That was pretty well the price they were for sale at when new. And at that price MG Sports and Racing were able to sell only 10 before going into administration. Richard Monk, general manager of the MG Owners' Club, is "looking to buy a bit of MG history. But it is all rather sad and it does seem a bit piecemeal. We picked up some stuff when they closed the Abingdon factory in 1980 and this is it all over again." It all feels like a slithering end to a long story.

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Inaugural
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Sunday, May 21, 2006
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We are trying to get a group of TC's together to display and represent the TCMG at this event. Don't fret about you TC not being up to show quality. Stan Belland assured us that any of our TCs would be welcomed for display.

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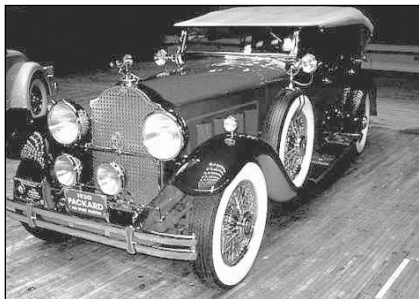
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If you are considering displaying your TC contact Stan Belland so we can get all our TCs together. He would like to turn in our entries all at one time. Deadline for Stan to turn in forms is April 10 so you must get your form to him earlier than that.

Stan Belland
6339 Orion Ave
Van Nuys, CA 91411

If you have questions,
contact Stan at 818-787-1152
or stanuys@earthlink.net

Please note that you can either enter your TC in for judging or as a display only. In either case there is no entry fee for the car. If you enter for judging there is no admission fee for driver and one passenger. If you are entering for display only then there is a \$25 admission fee for each person. You must fill out the entry form, sign a release of liability (in March Midget Chassis), and submit a photo of your TC.



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You are getting the idea — bring whatever interests you.

Tuesday,
April 25th

8:00 PM

Hobby Night

Updates from last year welcomed. Should be another fun night and will give us an additional chance to appreciate each other's interests.

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The Last of MG Racing

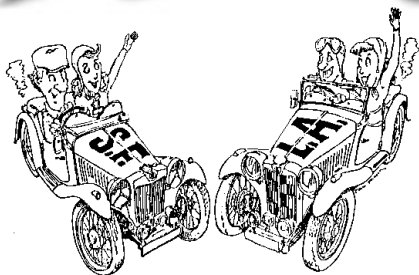
Larry Einhorn found this on the internet and passed it on to us. Thanks Larry

There is something obscurely shameful about the way MG racing is coming to an end. After the collapse of MG Rover last year, the racing arm of the organization went into administration too and since then the receivers, PricewaterhouseCoopers, have been trying to find someone to buy it. No one did, and now the time for dispersal has come. The last of the cars is being sold off this morning, and a tradition of that began in 1923 will be snuffed out.

The 900-odd lots have been available

for inspection for a couple of days. The race cars, and the vans which transported them to the tracks and back, the mopeds on which the engineers drove up and down the pit lanes, the endless logoed T-shirts and bone china, the spare exhausts, the bits of engine, the tailored car mats, the black nylon sports holdalls, the key rings, the hazard warning triangles, the spare spoilers, the front bumpers, the drills and knurling tools, the axle stands and double-ended grinders: all of it is exposed, bit by bit, like the guts and bones of a vast, complex-bodied creature which the forensic anatomists have picked (continued on page 8)

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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Hollywood Hills Tour - Saturday, April 22

9:30 for breakfast.

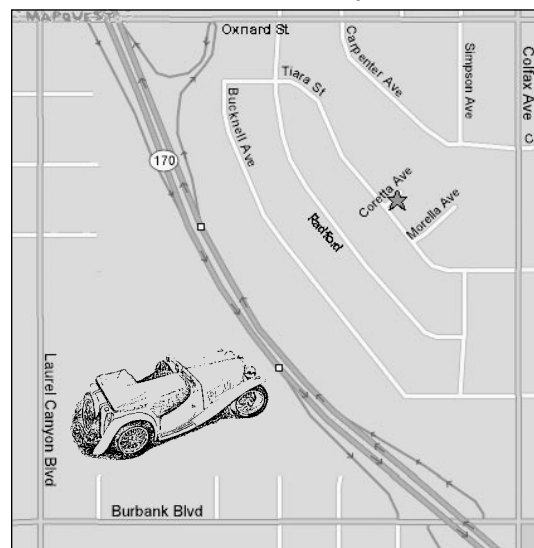
LEAVE at 10 AM

Combined event with Vintage MG Club. Meet new people (or if you belong to both clubs, get 2 credits for one drive).

Boy do the planners of this have our group figured out - start with breakfast and end with lunch!

Please RSVP to Gene Olson, 805-522-8052. Buffet breakfast will be provided; and we need an estimate of how many people will be attending

Meet at Evan Humphreys house,
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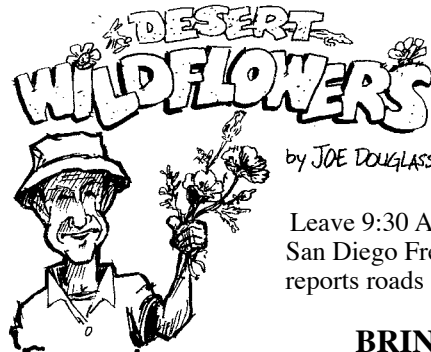
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Late notice here in Midget Chassis but you should have received a flyer earlier in the mail.

Wildflower Tour



Saturday - May 20

Wildflower Run and Picnic

Leave 9:30 AM from McDonalds at 2nd Castaic exit from San Diego Freeway (405). Our trusty scout, Joe Douglass, reports roads are open and flowers should be in full bloom.

BRING A PICNIC LUNCH

The Last of MG Racing (con'd from pg. 5)

over and laid out for your edification. It looks like the condition of failure.

Among it all is one of the most lugubrious of all British triumphs: the estate car that holds the land speed record for estate cars - 225.609 mph on the Bonneville salt flats in Utah, with a six-litre V8 engine developing, as they say, 765 bhp at full whack. Perhaps that is the heart of the story: as German car makers came to dominate the world, as the British manufacturing base eroded away and as we forgot how to make things well, a devoted team of engineers in Birmingham were creating the fastest family-and-dog-containing school-run vehicle the world has ever seen. And this morning, if you are quick, you could make it yours.

So what is left in Birmingham? Little but gloomy groups of men standing around in their MG-badged overalls . . .

The Birmingham drizzle doesn't help, spitting into the puddles in the car park. The rows of bright green and bright yellow race and rally cars lined up there in the rain have rough auctioneer's notices stuck to their bonnets. On the skyline, the vast outline of the main Longbridge plant looms like a giant sheen-skinned fortress. PricewaterhouseCoopers did not want any publicity for the sale: no photographers to come near the place, no previous or current employees of MG Sport and Racing to speak to the press, no brouhaha, because brouhaha about failure only deepens the sense of failure. Not that there is anything much to protect any more because the MG brand - or "marque" as MG people

Nanjing Automobile Corporation of China.

So what is left in Birmingham? Little but gloomy groups of men standing around in their MG-badged overalls saying they won't talk, one after another, as if they were somehow responsible for the ignominy. No one will say anything about the way in which the directors of the Phoenix consortium walked away with tens of millions of pounds and their personal pension funds while the company they were said to

be saving was heading steadily for precisely this: disintegration, collapse, the picking over of redundant parts.

There is jollity in the corners. Men - and they are almost entirely men - sort through the lots like conspirators in a black market. Richard Jenkins,

fiddling with the passenger lid on something called an MGF "Supersport California" Design Concept Show car, says he loves MGs and always has because "they are all about youth, enthusiasm, fun, quality, speed, very British, with bags of heritage. In fact everything you want in life at huge value. Safety Fast, that was always the motto." The ghost of Leslie Phillips hangs about him, and he and other members of the MG Car Club, the biggest car club in the world, joke about the Germans and the BMW management who, they think, never understood MG. "No," Bill Wallis, president of the club says in a German accent. "We are not quite as perfect as we would have you believe."

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John Seims holds up part of the oil line famous for failing and tells of his remedy.

have a group of 5 TC's (Belland, Henderson, Ludwick, Olson and Simon) plus Gene Roth may bring a Tickford.

With no further business we adjourned the business part of the meeting to break for refreshments, courtesy of Esther Belland. Thank you Ester.

After the break Tony Henkels called out the raffle numbers and we then turned over the floor to John Seims to enlighten us on aspects of the TC engine lubrication system.

Minutes taken by,

David Edgar



Esther Belland starts serving up her delicious cake with the assistance of Bobbie



David Edgar gets on the opposite side of the camera finally.

Photos by David & Joyce Edgar

Jim Crandall takes over Classic Chassis

Greetings TCMG Shutterbugs,

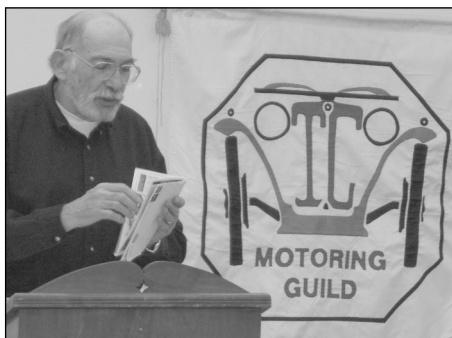
For the Summer (June) Classic Chassis color centerfold, instead of featuring just one event, we would like to use a variety of your favorite photos chosen from ALL the events of the first half of 2006.

If you have some good pictures of a 2006 event in your camera, on your

computer, or even on a glossy piece of paper, I would appreciate getting them ASAP. Our mailing deadline is May 15 so **I need stuff no later than May 7th**. Please include captions. Email to jwcrandall@charter.net or snail mail to 31800 Cottontail Ln., Malibu, CA 90265)

Thanks, Jim C., Asst. Editor

March 28, 2006 General Meeting Minutes



Another rainy night but the faithful Guild members showed up as did our guest speaker John Seim. Ron began our meeting and went through the mail bag with the usual items in it. Ron went on to mention the recent sell off of MG racing division items in a auction (see article on page 5).

Minutes of the February meeting were in the last Midget Chassis and were accepted as printed there.

Joyce listed our current total funds at \$7,228.37. \$3,440.49 of that is earmarked for budget items so leaves \$3,787.88 left over as available. She went on to say we had 94 members renewed at present (tonight being the deadline to be included in the next directory). Have not heard from 17 members including Call, Coleman, & Einhorn. Don McIish was present at

Don McIish reappears. After an absence from the Guild for a year, Don rejoined the TCMG.



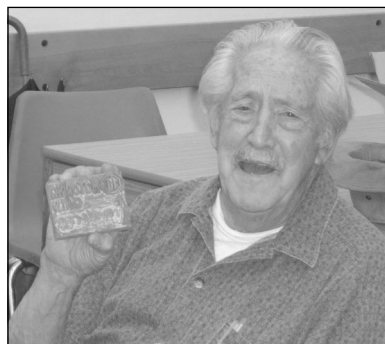
the meeting tonight and rejoined the Guild after a years absence.

Lloyd reviewed our upcoming meeting programs. Tonight we have John Seims speaking on the TC's engine oiling system. April will be our Hobby Night. May might be a talk on paint and June will be on wire wheels (originally scheduled back in February but postponed due to speaker's illness).

As far as events go the tour up the Angeles Crest last Saturday was quite exciting with all the snow up there (see report on page 10). April will be a joint TCMG/VMG tour possibly to the Will Rogers museum (see correction below). Should have a Wild-flower Tour in early May and Cherry Picking in mid June. Once George Kershaw arrived (after several hours on the wet freeways) we got straightened out on the joint tour. It will be April 22nd. and will go through the Hollywood Hills and end up at Bob's Big Boy in Burbank.

Holiday Party plans are progressing and is on Sunday April 3rd this year.

Stan Belland reminded us of the LA Concours on May 21. So far we



Harvey hold the printing block for the early TCMG newsletters which he will put into the historical files.

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New TCMG Member

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1949 TC 8637EXU XPAG 9376 Red / Beige

See photo on cover. Bought from Michael Vermillion in Sacramento in April 2006. Michael owned it for several years and had bought TC from David Whorf in Carmel. TC has rack & pinion steering, and drilled Alfin drums. It also has won many awards per the trophies displayed in the picture. David is planning to enjoy driving it. David mentioned his old Ford V-8 experiences so sounds like a car lover from way back.

Gayne Wimer



Doug Wimer sadly reports that his brother Gayne, 82, died April 12. Charlotte Wilmer talked to Doug and apparently Gayne died in his sleep at home. Services for Gayne were a private family affair. Gayne had a few health challenges of late and had bypass surgery late last year. He wanted to come to the Holiday Party but was still shaking off the affects of the surgery so thought best to not come..

Gayne, Doug, Nancy and Ilene use to put on quite a show with the TCMG San Diego Double Day years back which included special hand made prizes. Gayne and Nancy were quite active many years ago and were in one (maybe both) of our TCMG film epics.

One other bit of trivia is that the brothers own TC 6811 and TC 6822 which were both built on October 14, 1948.

We offer our prayers to both Nancy (who has her own health issues) and Doug.

Angeles Crest Snow Tour

On March 25 the Guild went for a tour up Angeles Crest Drive. As it turned out they were greeted with snow along the road side. There were 2 TC's: Gene Olson's and Joe Douglas. Also attending were Ron & Bobbie Simon in their new Mini Cooper. Jon & Betsy Lutz in their Porsche, Bob & Charlotte Wilmer in their Highlander and Joe Douglass's Son Arnold and his wife, Lilly, in an Accra. We drove up as far as the road was open, 7000'. After looking at the snow and taking pictures we went to Newcomb Ranch for lunch. A good time was had by all.

Ron Simon



Joe poses next to his TC since he did not have any wildflowers to look at.



Gene contemplates the life expectancy of a snowman if he built one on Joe's radiator cap.



Gene Olson fixing his badge bar which was about to fall off and then standing back to admire the magnificent repair



Bobbie Simon stands next to their new Mini (with a heater). Ron is behind the camera.



Bobbie Simon and Betsy Lutz



Joe Douglass with his son and daughter-in-law, Arnold and Lilly.



Bobbie Simon and Joe Douglass



Bob & Charlotte Wilmer (also with heater).