

When Jim Sullivan sent his dues in, it came enclosed in a nice TC card. Jim is the artist (Sully) and I liked it so much we share it with you here. Thanks Jim.

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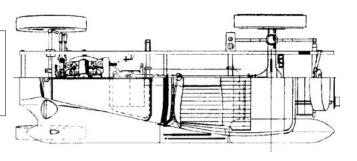
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After writing last month's message, I found myself thinking more about the differences between the days of yesteryear and those of today. Owning and driving MGs for 18 years seems like a long time, but it is insignificant compared to one of our members, Joe Douglas, who has owned his TC since new! However, even in the "short" time I have been involved with these cars I have seen numerous changes in the hobby. Some parts that were readily available 20 years

ago are no longer available today, while other parts which were unobtainable after the original stock ran out are now available as reproductions.

But perhaps the biggest change in the classic car hobby has been the creation and evolution of the Internet. Finding a rare part used to be a challenging task. Now it's as simple as logging onto eBay and typing the name of the part into a search box. Furthermore, parts vendors who may have been known only to a handful of people can now quite literally share their inventory with the world through their web sites.

Technical issues which once confused and frustrated home mechanics are now easily solved through the use of online forums. We can simply type a message describing the problem and it is sent to thousands of owners all around the world. Then all we have to do is wait for replies to be delivered directly to our computer screen, free of postage. Through these forums, new ideas and engineering improvements are easily and instantly shared between owners from all walks of life.

It seems somewhat ironic that our cars, built from increasingly obsolete technology, rely more each day on ever-increasing technology in order to survive. They not only survive to this day... but thrive, thanks in no small part to the modern world and its technological wonders. Yet the real irony is that these cars, whose owners rely so greatly on computers and the Internet, only exist today because of our nostalgia for the past.

In the end, the large and resourceful MG community which has been created in cyber-space serves only to complement the "real life" friendships we create through our mutual adoration of the MG TC.

Steve Simmons

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Don't forget that this issue of the Midget Chassis is also available on our club web site in living color. And you will find web pages on most our activities in color as well. Check it out.

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# Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 PM

# Valley Wire Wheel

Harvey Schnaer confirmed that a representative from Valley Wire Wheel will be on hand this night to explain their services and answer our questions. He tried to talk them into giving out free TC wheel samples, but they declined, but you better show up anyway just in case. Learn what worn hub splines can cause, why your spokes keep popping, if a bent rim can be straightened, what chroming spokes will do and if you should just replace one broken spoke or if it is OK to wait until a second goes before fixing.

## Citibank Community Room 2350 Honolulu Avenue, Montrose

Enter from the back of the building and go downstairs. GPS coordinates: N 34.206 degrees, - W 118.229 degrees.

# LA Concours d Elegance

2nd Annual Los Angeles Coucours d'Elegance Rose Bowl, Pasadena, CA June 3, 2007

Esther Belland, a long-time volunteer for the Assistance League of Southern California, reminds us that it's not too early to start preparing our TCs for this year's event. Last year the TCMG had four cars participating. See www.laconcours.com for entry forms and information. Application deadline: April 10th.



## TCMG / VMG Joint Tour

Saturday, May 12 AND THER FOLKT EVENT WITH THE VINTAGE MG CLUB





Mercedes Benz Type 770

A GUIDED TOUR OF THE MERCEDES-BENZ CLASSIC CENTER 9 Whatney, Irvine (see Thomas Map)

It's the only factory-owned restoration shop outside Germany; the only factory-owned museum artside Germany; the only factory owned giftshop outside EuroDisneyland (perhaps ....).

Tour starts at 10 AM. Plenty of parking on-site. Refer to Thomas Guide Orange County page 861 E-4.

After the tour we will OINK at the Yard House in the nearby Irvine Spectrum Center (see Thomas map), then SHOP-TIC-YOU-DROP through the spectrum.

Please RSVP Gene Olson at 805-522-8052 inasmuch as the museum and restaurant need an approximate body count. Thank you.

Mimi and Gordon Glass

## Tours and Events

# Big House Gawking Tour March 31

Meet Greystone mansion 10 AM.. 905 Loma Vista Dr. Beverly Hills,

Tour grounds (inside not open). But do not be late as at 11 AM we leave, drive Sunset to Mandeville Canyon, then up Westridge for spectacular views of the Westside. Lunch about 1 in Brentwood (The City bakery, Hamburger Hamlet, or suggestions)

For those coming from the San Fernando Valley: meet 9AM at McDonald's 13925 Ventura West of Woodman. Drive over Coldwater/Franklin to Greystone.

> Gene Olson 805-522-8052 Event day Cell 805-813-5569



At Greystone Park, can drive through the fancy wrought-iron gates of one of the most dramatic estates in Beverly Hills, stroll its lushly landscaped, 16-acre grounds, and admire the 55-room castle up close. And it's all free!

This fortress-like Tudor mansion was built by famed oil-tycoon Edward Doheny in 1928, as a gift to his son. With over 46,000 square feet of living space, it cost more than \$4 million to build back then (one might imagine what it would cost today). Many people hail this massive home as one of the grandest mansions on the West Coast, second only to William Randolph Hearst's San Simeon.

# Getty Villa Tour



## MUST RSVP FOR TICKETS

Gene Olson olson g@msn.com, 805-522-8052

Wildflowers????

Does not look good this year, but if they appear we will go.

# April 22

San Fernando Valley Group: meet 11:30 at Steve Simmons house, drive over Topanga

Meet 1 PM for lunch at? Suggestions in Santa Monica?

3 PM meet at Getty Villa. Parking \$8 per car, admission free.

> Cherry Pickin' Leona Valley Mid/late June

## TC Motoring Guild Dues

**LAST CHANCE** before we drop non-renewers and print the 2007 Directory. March 31 is the absolute deadline.

# DUES ARE DUE

### **Annual Membership:**

\$26 for members in zips 90000 to 93300. All others are \$22 per year (Won't receive local event flyers. But if

you want them then just remit \$26).

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As a secondary reminder, for those who we have not heard from yet, I am inserting a reminder sheet here. Look it over, correct it if necessary and please mail it back with your check.

For those who have sent in their dues already, Thank You. I am inserting a 2007 Directory proof as to how you will be listed. Please review and if changes are in order, please contact, David Edgar at: djedgar@pacbell.net for email, 619-593-8255 by phone, or 1454 Chase Terrace, El Cajon, CA 92020 by USPS.



## **New TCMG Members**

Please welcome two new members to our family of TC owners. We are glad to have them with us and we hope we can be of service in keeping their TCs going and encourage the use of the wonderful old machines.

# Melcome

### Joe & Pat Marcotte

1758 Marlyn Way
San Jose, CA 95125
Phone: 408-266-1030
marcottemg@sbcglobal.net
1946 TC 1697 XPAG2397 Green / Black





Bought TC in 1991. It has been storage for about 24 years but will be going in for a cosmetic and electrical restoration soon to bring it back to it's glory.

#### David & Carol Marks

111 S. 300 E. Bountiful, UT 84010 Phone: 801-299-1446 utahmarks@yahoo.com

1946 TC 1910 Gold Seal Engine Black / Beige



Bought TC in 1995. Did a frame up restoration over a three year period. Won 1st at a Concours de Elegance, 1st at GOF new comers in San Marcos and several other awards. TC has a factory replacement Gold Seal engine.

## MGTC Help on the Internet

In light of Steve's mention of how great the modern Internet is at helping us with our TCs we run a few suggested links here. You could come up with thousands more by doing a search on Google. So many sites, so little time. At any rate, look some of

these over and if you find others of particular interest please pass them on to us. And don't forget that many sites have links to other sites so you ride one site to another and how the term surfing the web became popular. Have Fun!!!!

### TC MOTORING GUILD

Of course this has to be your most favorite, right? And if there isn't enough for you, there is a page devoted to many other interesting TC and MG links temotoringquild.org



#### **OUR ADVERTISERS**

Now we would be in trouble if we didn't list the advertisers web pages who help support or club. There are links from the TCMG classified page as well.

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C&S Classic Battery - email at: simon90248@yahoo.com

JC Taylor Insurance - ictaylor.com

Kavanagh Motors - kavanaghmotors.com

## Southern California British Motoring Forum

A Forum Steve Simons started up. socalbritishmotoring.com

## **GoF West**

gofwest.com

Chicago MG Club Tech Tips chicagolandmgclub.com/techtips

#### MG World

MG related web page run by TC-MGer Doug Pulver gothere.com/mg-world

## Google

Try searching for MGTC. Switch over to Images and search again. google.com

### eBay

Do a search for MGTC or MG TC and be amazed.

ebay.com

Abingdon Spares Ltd. abingdonsparesllc.com/

#### OTHER CLUBS

See what other TC and or MG clubs are doing. And this is only a small sample. Check out others on our TCMG web page MG Links

### MG Car Club - mgcc.co.uk

## T Register.

Sorry, have to comment on this one.

Most interesting part of the MG Car Club. Find out your
TCs build date, original engine number and such. Very

informative newsletters as well -all free.

tregister.org

#### TABCs Forever

Another one of my favorites. Get onto their group email and you can communicate with over 800 TA, TB and TC owners.

mg-tabc.org

## Vintage MG Club of Southern California

A neighboring club which many TCMG members are active with.

vintagemg.com

MG Car Club Victoria, Australia mgcc.com.au/mgcc

MG TC Register Victoria, Australia

mgcc.com.au/mgtc

**MG TC Owners Club** 

mgtcoc.com

I listed a few of my favorite sites but Steve has many of his own. Find them at his own web site MG Nuts mgnuts.com Be sure to look at his links page.

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# Feb. 27, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by President Steve Simmons. The mail consisted of magazines and auction flyers. Guests Paul and Joyce Van de Walker from Georgia were introduced.



Paul and Joyce Van DerWalker from Georga were out for business to California and found the TCMG on the Internet so decided to see what we were all about. Glad to have them join in for the evening.

Treasurer: Absent, but had submitted report by email to President. We have had 64 members renewed to date, and unallocated funds of \$2848.76.

Events: Chairman was also absent but also emailed results to the President. A visit to Greystone Mansion on the Douheny Estate is planned for March 31. Details will be spelled out in a flyer to be published.

April 22 will be a visit to the Getty Villa. Meet at the Simmons home. Fuller details to follow.

May will be a joint visit with Vintage MG Club to the new Mercedes Benz restoration facility in Irvine. George

Kershaw and Gordon Glass are

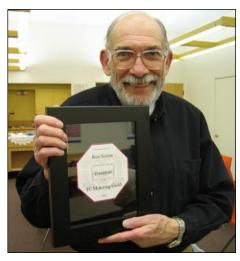
Kershaw and Gordon Glass are coordinating.

A Cherry Picking/Wild Flower tour and a Mt Wilson Tour were suggested for May or June.

Programs: Valley Wire Wheel has once again been scheduled for March meeting. George Kershaw volunteered to do Hobby Night for April.

A history of Mt. Wilson was suggested to compliment the anticipated tour of the facility in May or June.

Conclave: We are scheduled to host the Conclave this year and a discussion was held on possible sites in the coastal region north or south of Pismo Beach.



Ron Simon received a VERY nice plaque from Steve for being president last year. Ron looks quit please - but not pleased enought to return as president. Maybe Steve needs to bribe him some more.

The LA Concours was announced for June 3. While not an official TCMG event, we have been invited to participate as a club entry.

Several presentations were made. Harvey Schnaer received a dancing



Steve and Linda Simmons pose with the "Lame Duk" that Linda had won at the recent Ode to Davinchi event. Congratulations!!! Now be sure to clean up any duck droppings.

Harvey was presented a dancing doll that Al Chalmers had sent with specific instructions to present it to Harvey at the meeting, We really do not know the reasoning behind all this but Harvey seemed to think it was pretty funny.

doll for some unknown reason. Ron Simon was presented a plaque in recognition of his 4th term as President. The Lame Duck trophy was given to Linda Simmons for winning that rallye.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

It was announced that Tony Aulisio's TC was reported stolen in Orange County. We should all be alert for any suspicious parts for sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Thelander

Deputy Assistant Under Secretary





# Countdown to GoF West 2007



GoF West 2007 at Park City, Utah is fast approaching. Get ready by ordering those needed spares from Moss Motors. Get registered by downloading the registration form by going to: www.gofwest2007.com

or contacting Floyd Inman, at: (435) 654-7086

or: floyd\_inman@msn.com

There are seven of our TCMGers hard at work putting this event together since they are also menbers of the hosting British Motor Club of Utah. They, along with the rest of their club and others, will be making sure this will be a most enjoyable event.

Jon Hermance is in charge of the Car Display, First Timers, and Winners Circle

Dave Marks (our newest TCMG member) is in charge of the Flea Market

**Susan Hermance** and **Sharon Bailey** are busy making the Funkhana a challenge

**Susan Hermance** is also in charge of Publicity

**Dave Marks** and **Mike Bailey** have Tech Sessions handled

**Ilene Wimer** is one of three working the Food Services, Banquet

Oh and while **Doug Wilmer** is not listed, you can be he sure he has his hand in a little of everything.

# You'll Never Hear an MGTC Owner Say

- # 10 Well, the MG failed emissions again.
- # 9 Roll up the window, dear, I am getting a draft.
- #8 Don't worry, it won't leak on your new driveway.
- #7 My first gear syncro is weak.
- # 6 Do you think the engine is too powerful?
- # 5 The defroster should melt that ice in a minute or two.

- # 4 First one to the next stop light gets the pink slip.
- # 3 So what if it's raining, we'll stay dry.
- # 2 No problem, just throw it in the trunk.

And the #1 thing you will never hear a series T owner say...

# 1 Lets take the freeway, I just hate those twisty back roads

(with apologies to the MGB Experience) Terry Horlick TC2285

## The Cowan Collection







1947 TC 3419 XPAG 4027 Green / Black

1948 TC 5134 XPAG 5876 (not pictured)
Totally in parts strewn here and there. It is not complete (missing fenders, windshield, etc.), and not certain whether it will ever see the road again.

If the 1949 TC to the left looks familiar it is because we featured it on the cover of our November 2006 Midget Chassis. When Bill Cowan from Virginia wrote and said thanks, he mentioned having two other TCs that we didn't know about. the 1946 (in the middle) and a 1948 basket case. And then just last month Bill wrote and wanted to share a photo of a new purchase, a 1947 (at the bottom). He currently has 4 TCs. Oh ves, he had owned two other ones back in the 70s and 80s but had sold those after a few years.

Bill had a 20 year foray into motorcycles but guess TCs were closer to his heart so started up again.

Bill describes his 1946 as a rather original car except for the red over black paint job, a nice runner.

The 1947 that he just bought is from Bob Williams, who had advertised it in the TSO and who had owned it since 1968.



Bill Sue Cowen - she's smiling - I wonder if that was before Bill bought the 4th TC. Or maybe it is because he is out of motorcycles now.:)

## MGB Bites the Dust



OK so it is not a TC, but at one time TCs suffered this same fate (when they were considered worthless). This photo appeared in the Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper March 7, 2007. All the neighbors had complained about a particular property for years. The city finally declared the property a nuisance, when the owner would not clean it up. Several other cars were involved as well

as a half built house. The job of clearing the property was expected to last 10 days so a lot of trash needs to be moved. The MGB looks pretty well trashed, but can you imagine 50 years from now someone in desperate need of a bumper guard or some other rare item? Thank you to TCMGer Thomas Caperton for sending in the newspaper clipping.

Let us celebrate Cecil Kimber's birthday, which is April 12. Drive, work on, or at least look at our wonderful M.G.'s. Also one could raise a toast if so inclined.



## TC Bearing Replacements

Roger Furneaux <roger.46tc@virgin.net> has a helpful guide on bearings for the TC. He lists the original number as well as equivalents which you can go to your local bearing supplier to obtain. (b/b = ball bearing, m/e = modern equivalent, and t/r = tapered roller) Always good to bring along the bearing you are replacing to make sure you are getting the right thing.

#### **Front Hub Inner:**

b/b was LJ25, m/e Hoffman 130 or SKF 6205: t/r 30205

#### **Front Hub Outer:**

b/b was MJ20, m/e 320 or 6304, t/r 30304

#### Rear Hub:

Original b/b was LJBL40 (brass cage, 12 balls), m/e. M208 (steel cage, 12, 13 or even 14 balls). Most people use 6208 (9 balls) which is 1/3 price of M208 and good enough for lightly used cars. (There appears to be a new version of the 6208 on the market, the TMB208, which is alledgedly better than the M208. They are NTN brgs, and easily obtainable in the UK)

#### **Differential Carrier:**

b/b was LJT35, m/e 135ACD or 7207, t/r 30207 (direct replacement)

#### **Differential Pinion Front:**

Original b/b was 3MDJT25 (double row of 12 balls, brass cage, split outer race), m/e 3305 (2x9 balls, steel or plastic - ugh! - cage, solid outer) and not as long lasting as the original! Taper roller 32305 is direct replacement, but must use t/r rear as well:

#### **Differential Pinion Rear:**

Cylindrical roller brg was MRJ25, m/e R325 or N305: t/r 30305, but offset of 1.25 mm so must machine inner shoulder or use extra shims at front of pinion housing.

#### **Gearbox First Motion Shaft:**

Original b/b MJ35G, m/e 335NR or 6307NR (NR denotes groove in outer race with snap-ring)

#### **Gearbox Main Shaft:**

Original b/b MJ25G, m/e 325NR or 6305NR

## Water Pump:

Original b/b MJ12, m/e 312 or 6301 (add ZZ to end for a modern sealed bearing)

### Dynamo:

Orig b/b LJ17, m/e 117 or 6203 (add ZZ to end for a modern sealed bearing)

Ed Note: - In addition to the numbers above for the front hubs, which are complete assemblies (race and bearings), you can also purchase individual parts using these numbers

07079 (Timken) bearings (front hub outer)

07097 (Timken) bearings (front hub inner)

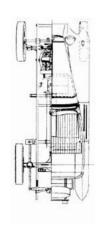
07204 (Timken) cups (bearing race which fit both bearings above)





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MG in pictures, 18" x 24" poster......\$1.75 members, \$2.75 non-members "MG TC Specifications": A booklet of what is and what isn't stock on the TC. A "must" for restorers. ...... \$3.00 Members, \$5.00 non-members TCMG Cloth Emblem \$4.75

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