



# TC Motoring Guild MIDGET CHASSIS

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*Thelander's TC  
all packed up and  
heading to Park City.*



*Simon's TC in  
the picturesque  
Sundance area.*



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- July 24    TCMG General Meeting  
            7 pm "My Other Car"  
            See what other cars we like
- July 28    Horsepower Picnic
- Oct. 5-7   51st Annual Conclave
- Dec. 1    TCMG Holiday Party  
            in San Diego  
            (save the date)

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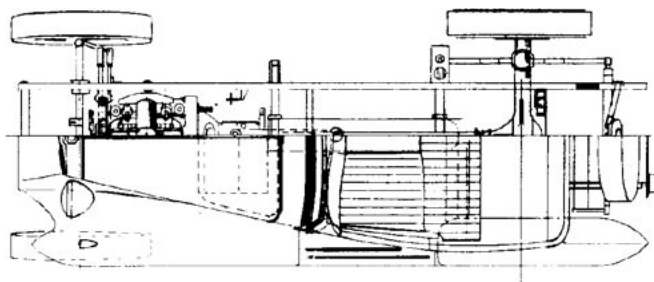
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With GoF West behind us and all our friends safely home, we are now looking forward to the Fall event schedule. That means it's time to take care of all the things that broke, slipped, stripped, bent or in some other way malfunctioned during the trip to Park City and back. For Linda and I, this includes a broken seat bracket that ripped away from the seat frame. Apparently we exceeded the maximum load size of the rear storage area! We also lost our chrome exhaust tip, which gives us an excuse to buy a shiny new one.

Our wiper arms were loose from day one but the convertible top frame waited until half way through the desert to break away from the side panel. Good thing we never needed to raise it! Later, at some unknown point in time, both front hubs developed side play. I think I heard a spoke break somewhere in Northern Nevada but I haven't found it yet. By the time we got home, the shifter was rattling, the dash frame had come loose and something in the firewall area had begun to creak loudly.

These problems were all avoidable. We could have shortened our route to allow carrying less luggage. We also could have driven fewer unimproved back roads. And we definitely could have skipped the trip over Guardsman's Pass, a rough dirt road cresting a mountain pass over 9000-feet in altitude. But such actions would stand against our reasons for owning our TC and lessen the incredible experiences we have while touring in it.

Whether you drove, trailered or took the journey in pure modern comfort, I hope your trip was as enjoyable as ours was. If you drove your TC, then at the very least, I hope this experience made the maintenance both before and after the trip worthwhile.

*Steve Simmons*

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## Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 PM** Note time change

**Parking Lot Car Show**  
 (what other vehicle do you own and have fun with?)

*We will have a car show starting at 7:00 PM. This will take place in the parking lot just outside. Bring any interesting car, motorcycle, boat or even your TC. This car show has no sponsors; so prize money will be nada, but then the entry fee is nada too. Maybe Gene Olson will bring his remote controlled cars for some racing fun like last time. Our business meeting and dessert will follow the car show.*

**Citibank Community Room**  
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## Horsepower Picnic

# MGs & Polo Ponies

## Saturday, July 28

### Will Rogers State Park

Sunset Blvd in Pacific Palisades [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=626](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=626)

Joint Outing of Vintage MG Club and TC Motoring Guild

Tour the restored house of Will Rogers, bring a Picnic and watch POLO played on the only polo field in Los Angeles.

<http://willrogerspolo.org/> Polo 2-5 PM

### San Fernando Valley Meeting Spot

Meet 9:30 AM at Michael Ds Café (Bowling Alley) 23130 Ventura Blvd at Woodlake exit of 101 (NOT Woodman) LEAVE 10 am. drive over Topanga. House tours at 11, 1 and 2. We hope to do 11 AM tour. Bring Picnic. You may also want to bring lawn chairs if you want to stay for polo. Parking \$7

**Southern group meeting** at 9:30 at Denny's 1560 Lincoln (at Colorado) in Santa Monica

## Dwane Carlson

After a short illness, Dwane L Carlson, aged 78, died peacefully at home on Thursday, July 5, 2007. A memorial was held July 16. We are going to miss him, especially at the Conclaves. He was the link to everyone in both the TCMG and ARR and remembered the details of the early days of our obsession with the Little British cars. We were able to honor him last October at the Conclave. The award given him was prominently placed on his "MG Wall." Remembrances can be sent to the Paul D. Carlson Memorial Scholarship Fund, C/O Glenn County Office of Education, 311 S. Villa Ave., Willows, CA 95988 or the Memorial Fund of the First United Methodist Church, 544 N. Shasta, Willows, CA 95988



## Another TC in the Guild

Dick Messer showed up at the June Picnic in a red TC. Seems one TC was not enough. His green TC had a motor rebuild and a 5 speed gearbox put in but it is a slow (and expensive) process to get it right and Dick missed driving a TC. So last year he bought another. The red 1948 XPAG 5050 had belonged to Jack Archibald from Connecticut for 54 years. The car was raced quite a bit on the East Coast and has 38,600 original miles, original interior and a hopped up 1320cc motor (probably 80-85 horsepower). He absolutely loves the car and put new chrome spokes and Michelin tires on it recently that were actually supposed to have gone on the green TC. Dick says the green TC will be his long distant cruiser (once it is working right) and the red TC his around town sprint car. As he drove away I can attest that it does indeed sprint and makes an amazing roaring sound.



## TC Gets New Owner



Art Ludwick informs us that he and Sarah just could not give their dear TC all the exercise it needed. In order to maintain the breed, they sold it to Ron Wong who had a TC many years ago and just had to have one again. Ron is excited and wants to go on some adventures and trip with his new acquisition. He already has inquired about TCMG membership so we ought to see him out there soon..



Art & Sarah say they will continue as TCMG members as they love our friendship.

## My Memorable Rides

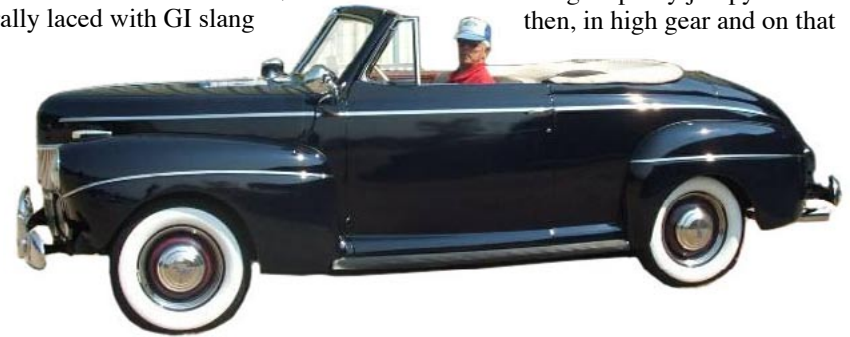
*Long love affairs accumulate memories. Mine with cars has lasted now for about 60 years and a million miles. Small wonder then, that when I peer back along that road of memory, some short sections shine in my mind's eye.*

### July, 1945 – Southern Wisconsin

*First in a series by Stan Belland*

As a teenager, cousin Gordy was my idol. He was eight years older, the most sophisticated, worldly-wise guy in my world. World War II had just ended and he had returned from army service in Japan. I vividly remember a snapshot my aunt showed me of Gordy seated at a bar in Tokyo, in sharply pressed khakis with his cap and a pipe at a jaunty angle and a beer in his hand. Now he was back with war stories for us all, liberally laced with GI slang

Then, too soon, it was late afternoon and time for the drive home. Ah, the drive home! About 20 miles south of the lake, Gordy pulled to the side of the road and asked me casually if I wanted to drive. Some questions require no answer and this was one of them, even though we both knew and didn't discuss the fact that I had never driven before. Joe got into the back seat and Gordy, in the passenger seat talked me through a pretty jumpy start. But then, in high gear and on that



and words that would have gotten my mouth washed out with soap. He had just bought a 1941 Ford convertible with "moon" hubcaps, leather seats, a wolf whistle horn and colored lights on the dashboard – the car of my 14 year old fantasies.

When he asked my mother to let me go with him one Sunday to a beach in Wisconsin, I pleaded so desperately that she finally said yes. We set out early in that magic car with Joe, a friend of his and drove the hundred or so miles north from Chicago. The day was wonderful. I tried to act as grown up as I could and not to gawk too obviously at the girls they flirted with on the beach.

straight and deserted road, I was driving! There's no way to describe the feeling. And the best was still to come.

After about 15 minutes of this bliss, I glanced over at Gordy. He was asleep! Nothing he might have said or done could have given me that feeling of triumph. For a few shining minutes I tasted the adulthood, responsibility and sophistication that 14 year-olds so long for. After drinking deeply of it for 20 miles or so, we pulled over and Gordy made me promise not to tell my mom,

Gordy has been gone for years now and I never really got to tell him about the gift he gave me by pretending to be asleep on that Wisconsin road. But I'm pretty sure he knew.



# GoF West 2007



Three TCs just outside Zion National Park.

Norma, Bobbie, Kay & Larry, Norma & Jim plus Leo pose after making it to Park City.



Doug & Ilene Wimer are all smiles seeing their dear TCMG friends making it to Park City.



Photos courtesy of Simons and Thelanders

More photos on page 13 Check them out.



Larry stands by after a flat tyre and a cross threaded knockoff problem near Barstow. They had a second flat and carb float problem near Reno too.



Jim & Norma, Leo, Kay & Larry, Ron Simon and Martha's sister Sue try to hide the TC. (below)



List of Attendees at GoF. \* indicates car driven to GoF. May be others but unsure.

Mike & Sharon Bailey - Red TC  
Allan Chalmers - Green TC  
Jim & Norma Crandall - Yellow TC  
Larry & Kay Einhorn - Green TC\*  
Lloyd & Carolyn Hendrickson  
Jon & Susan Hermance - Brown TC  
Sherman Kaplan  
George & Kevin Kershaw - Maroon TD\*  
Larry & Barbara Long  
David & Carol Marks - Black TC

Gene & Karen Olson - Green TC\*  
Ernie & Elizabeth Page - TF\*  
Leo & Martha Pedersen - Dark Blue TC\*  
Doug & Carol Pelton  
Gene & Deana Roth - Black TC\*  
Steve & Linda Simmons - Red TC\*  
Ron & Bobbie Simon - Red TC\*  
Pete & Fran Thelander - Blue TC\*  
Doug & Ilene Wimer - Red TC  
Willie Williams - TF



Is that a TC parts store over there?



Gene & Karen Olson check in their TC. Some of our Utah Guild members can be seen near by running the event. Susan Hermance and Mike Bailey



Choose your caption:

- 1) "Steve, I just bought this hood ornament for the TC."
- 2) Steve & Linda on the way to winning the "Boobie Prize" at the funkhana.

Thank You to the **British Motor Club of Utah** for putting on this wonderful event. Of that group, the following are also TCMGers and worked hard on making sure everyone had a GREAT time. They primarily did the following but helped out in many areas.

**Jon Hermance** - Car Display, First Timers, and Winners Circle

**Dave Marks** - Flea Market

**Susan Hermance and Sharon Bailey** - Funkhana challenge

**Susan Hermance** - Publicity

**Dave Marks and Mike Bailey** - Tech Sessions



Lloyd & Caroline Henderson pay attention to what is going on.



Ernie and Elizabeth won 2nd Place in the TF class. Elizabeth also won First Place in the Arts and Crafts.



In addition to winning second place in the car show, TC class. Steve won a second place in the photo contest "General Interest" and Linda won second place in the photo contest "Best Snapshot / MG Action"

**Ilene Wimer** - working the Food Services, Banquet

**Doug Wilmer** had his hand in a little of everything.

And we should not forget **George Kershaw & Larry Long** who are on the GoF West Steering Committee.



# June 26, 2007 Meeting/Picnic

In Steve Simmons' absence, Gene Olson called the meeting to order in the lovely garden of our hosts, Cindy and Tony Henkels. Thanks to Cindy and Tony for hosting this annual picnic.

Stan Belland announced that he and Esther were "double dating" with Harvey Schnaer and Nancy Morrell. Stan also told us that Harvey was celebrating his 89th birthday making him the oldest member of TCMG. He presented Harvey with a T-shirt inscribed with "OLD GUYS RULE". We all sang Happy Birthday as Cindy presented him with a birthday cake to commemorate the occasion.

Treasurer, Joyce Edgar reported that finances were in good shape and we now had 111 members.

The Program Chair position is open. Please contact Steve Simmons if interested. The program at the July meeting will be "Bring your other Car" plus a report on the GoF.

## Old Business:

- The Conclave is October 5-7, 2007 at the Inn at Morro Bay. Twenty rooms have been reserved and there are nine left; 3 Queen bed rooms at \$109 each and 6 King bed and spa rooms at \$139 each. There will be 2 or 3 plated choices for dinner.
- Christmas Holiday party is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2007 at the Town & Country in San Diego. There will be something planned



Don Yett with his beautiful green TC.

Bill Risser's TC made it's first Guild event when driven over by Charles Duvall



Ron & Bobbie arrive in TC



Larry & Kay with their TC behind them.



The Olson TC on a pre GoF test run.

Thelanders, Pages and guests from Scotland, Brian & Helen Kirkness



for Sunday as well so plan to make a week-end out of it.

- GoF West 2007 is at Park City, Utah. Seven TCMG couples will be attending; six will be driving their TCs.
- The event for July is the Horsepower Picnic on the 28th to be held at Will Rogers Park. Bring your own picnic and watch the Polo Match after the tour of Will Rogers home
- The Movie night will be held in August or September.

## New Business:

- Again thanks to Cindy and Tony Henkels and best of luck to them as they show their Lincoln at Pebble Beach Concours in the Preservation Class on August 19.
- Dwayne Carlson is very ill. Cards would be appreciated.
- Brian and Helen Kirkness from Scotland who are friends of Ernest and Elizabeth Page were introduced. They will be driving George and Kevin Kershaw's TD to the GoF in Park City, Utah.
- Welcome to Dick Messer who is attending the Henkels picnic for the first time.

Also welcome to Charles Duvall who is driving Bill Risser's car.

Respectfully submitted

*Fran Thelander*

Secretary

Pete Henderson and Larry Haile inspect the Henkel's Lincoln which was invited to be shown at Pebble Beach this year



Harvey checks out his birthday cake. 89 years young.



And his OLD GUYS RULE T-shirt.



Friends, eating and TCs. This is what the TCMG is all about.





## TCMG 51st Annual TCMG/ARR Conclave



Members should call the Inn directly for reservations 800-321-9566 and tell them you are with the MG car club.

For Conclave info: Gene Olson  
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**October 5-7, 2007**

### INN at Morro Bay

20 rooms are reserved, same rates as last year 1 Queen \$109, King bed and spa \$139. This is one of the more reasonable places on the coast that can accommodate us.

The banquet Saturday night will be individual dinners rather than the buffet.

## TCMG Holiday Party - Dec 1

It is time to start planning for our TCMG Holiday Party. Per request it is back in San Diego on December 1 in the fabulously decorated Octagon Terrace Pavillion at the Town & Country Resort. We will also have a breakfast gathering the following Sunday morning at a location yet to be determined. San Diego has plenty of fun things to see and do so make a mini vacation out of it. For now just save the dates.



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## More GoF West at Park City



*Believe it or not, the Olson suitcase made it to Park City and back just tied on the back.*



*Larry says, "You can't beat this for dessert."*

*Larry made several short video clips while at GoF. They are quite fun to view. Do not know if they are on our web site yet, but will be. Look for them. Pretty neat.  
[tcmotoringguild.org](http://tcmotoringguild.org)*

### TCMG Members Who Received Awards:

Gene & Deana Roth - Premier 1st Place  
Larry & Kay Einhorn - Hard Luck Award  
David & Carol Marks - High Point Award  
David & Carol Marks - 1st Place Funkhana  
David & Carol Marks - 3rd Place car show, TC class  
Steve & Linda Simmons - 2nd Place car show, TC class.  
Steve Simmons - 2nd Place "General Interest" Photo  
Linda Simmons - 2nd Place "Best Snapshot / MG Action"  
Ernie and Elizabeth Page - 2nd Place in the TF class.  
Elizabeth Page - First Place in the Arts and Crafts  
George & Kevin Kershaw - 1st Place car show, TD class  
George Kershaw - 2nd Place Best Single Model  
George Kershaw - 2nd Place Model Display

*Congratulations to all and to everyone who attended.  
You are all winners.*



*Pete Thelander rides shotgun, Al Moss pilots and Floyd Inman looks on.*



*Gene Olson has this on his TC. Doesn't mean anything except he thought it was funny and liked it.*



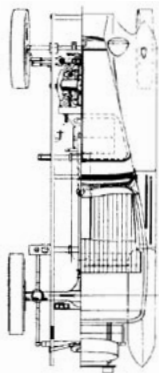
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