

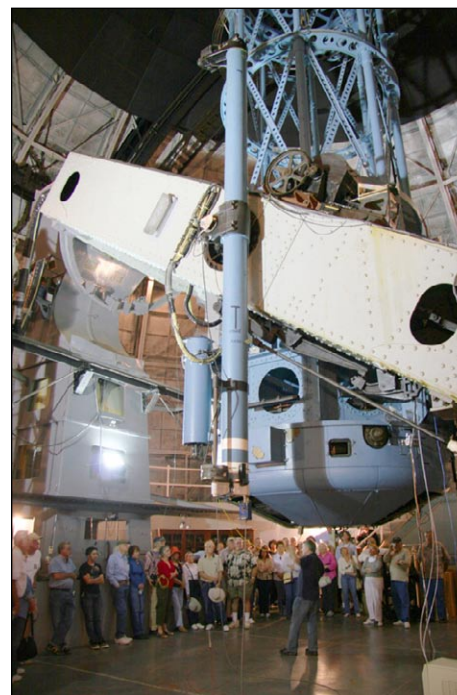
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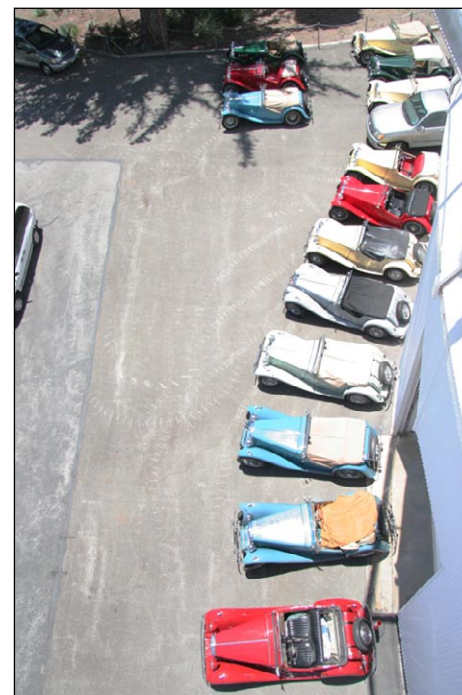


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First Class Mail



The Mt. Wilson Tour was more than anyone could have imagined. Everyone was duly impressed with all the aspects of the facility during the VIP tour.



Here is a view of all the Ts from up on the dome railed walkway above. Old cars and old telescope still provide countless hours of enjoyment.

June 26 TCMG Annual Picnic and General Meeting  
7 pm

July 2-6 GoF West, Park City, UT

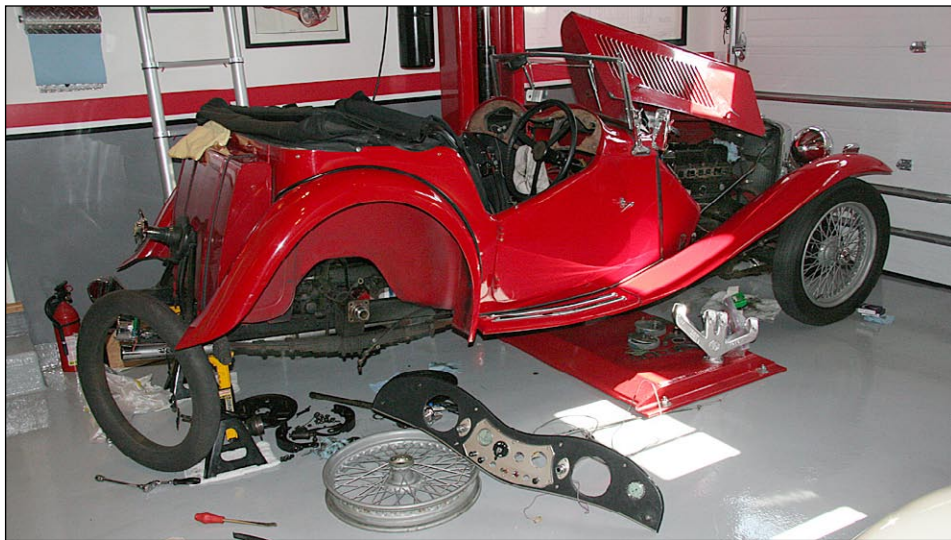
July 28 Horsepower Picnic

Oct. 5-7 51st Annual Conclave

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Last month in the Chassis Steve provided a photo from last year before GoF. Here is one from this year. with a count down of about two weeks away. Better get crackin' Steve.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last month, I gave some advice about not putting off maintenance until the last minute. It was my hope that no one would end up struggling feverishly at the last minute to get their TC on the road for GoF, as I did last year. Unfortunately it seems I don't practice what I preach!

Here we are again... one year later, two weeks from GoF, and my TC is spread out over a 20-foot radius on the garage floor. The differential is out being rebuilt. The hubs are disassembled and the tires are off the rims. My carburetors are parted out between two cities, being refurbished. The dash panel is on the garage floor in a pile of wires and cables, while the gauges and switches wait patiently on a work bench. I have multiple stacks of manuals, wiring diagrams, parts both new and used, and "to do" lists scattered about the place.

Why I always seem to wait until the last minute to start these projects is beyond me. Perhaps it has something to do with the great driving weather which we enjoy year-round here in Southern California. Who wants to put a TC on jack stands when they can be out driving it instead?

If you see me at GoF in Park City, be sure to look for the bags under my eyes. They will be the only remaining sign of the lessons I don't seem to learn. I wish all of you the best of luck in your preparation for another great driving adventure this July.

*Steve Simmons*

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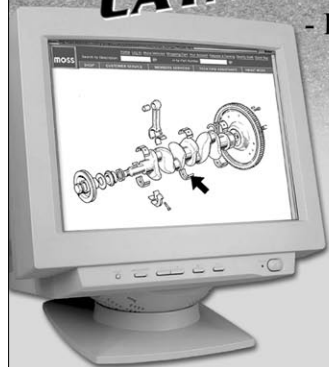


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## Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 PM** Note time change

## Annual Picnic

*Note time and location changes*

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

The ever popular annual TCMG Picnic at the lovely Henkel's home. Event was moved to June this year, but it will be the same fun we always have. We usually get a nice showing of TC's too so make it a point to be there.

**RSVP only if you can come**

Cindy at 626-793-2813 or [chkitty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chkitty@sbcglobal.net)

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Take W Colorado Blvd and turn left onto Orange Grove Blvd.  
Drive .6 mile then left on N. Pasadena



## 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.

## 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

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*Shadetree Motors announced that it will be closing down after many years of serving countless MG fanatics. No final day is listed as of this printing but they are having a sale of their stock so buy up everyone.*

*Since Skip died the business was run by volunteers, but it is time to move on now.*

## Earl Sargent Award

With five meeting and five tours under our belt for this year we have Lutz, Olson, Simmons and Thelanders out in front with three tours apiece for the Earl Sargent "Use It or Lose It" award. They are followed up by Appell with two tours and 11 others have made at least one event or meeting.



## Directory Changes

*OOPs on the Directory !!!*

*So far I have been nailed twice on errors in our 2007 Directory. I made a couple typos on email addresses. Please note the following corrections:*

*For Tony & Cindy Henkels:  
[chkitty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chkitty@sbcglobal.net)*

*And for David & Debra Spiegel,  
[dspiegel@socal.rr.com](mailto:dspiegel@socal.rr.com)*

## New TCMG Members

Please welcome our newest member to our family of TC owners. We are glad to have Dick & Arlene with us and we hope we can be of service in keeping their TCs going and encourage the use of the wonderful old machines.



*Welcome*

#### Dick & Arlene Gronet

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 1948 TC 5135 XPAG 5712

Regency Red / Tan

*Dick has had various other MGs over the years since he bought a TD in college (the TC he wanted got sold before he could come up with the money). He went on to an A and then a couple B's. But that elusive TC was in the back of his mind so recently returned to his roots and picked one up from a meticulous restorer, Ed Browder. Dick is selling his Porsche 911 Turbo to pay for the new purchase of the TC. He is keeping his Jaguar S-Type R though. When showed a few months ago at MG's By The Bay, the TC came home with 1st Place.*



## In Memory - Dean Jensen

Dean had been a member of the TCMG for a number of years, but being from Illinois most of us on the west coast never had the pleasure of actually meeting him. He failed to renew membership last year and I surmise it may have been due to health problems. We found out about his passing just recently and I include a couple remembrances of him from others.

Dean was a truly nice man, who always had a kind word for all. Coming home from the Central GOF in Chicago I was leading our group back to Minny-soda and saw I saw Dean in the far distance. Petal to the metal, I began to chase him down. 20 minutes later I realized his supercharger was acting up. Our group did a little roadside tuning and soon Dean was off again. That was the last time I saw him. He will surely be missed.

Steve Guttormsson, TC 3995  
 Duluth, MN (and a current TCMG member)

Dean was a dedicated and knowledgeable MG'er who was always willing to help. My first encounter with Dean was when I received a letter from him in 1979 seeking previous owner info for TC 5010 (of which I was a PO). In fact, Dean provided me with lots of technical information for my current TC. He'll be missed.

Mark Stolzenburg, TC 7812  
 St. Louis, MO

**6** Get your TC out and maybe you will be the high point winner this year.

**7**



# Mt. Wilson Tour to the Heavens



*Steve tries to herd the TCMGers together to start up the mountain.*

Steve lined all the Ts up against the observatory for photos, then Steve's father Mike Simmons led us into the big white dome. Very impressive BIG telescope. In 1917 it

On Saturday, 2 June, a large swarm of Ts gathered at Conrad's restaurant in La Canada. The parking lot was filled with TCs, TDs and an occasional TF. We even had a pair of Lotus Elise. After much happy yakking Steve Simmons tried to assemble the group (like herding cats). A warning about the lack of modern facilities at the observatory led to a rush on the restaurant bathroom (there are trees on the mountain).

Finally we roared up the Angeles Crest Highway. We arrived at the public parking lot for Mt. Wilson without incident, although a sour burning smell was traced to the Kershaws parking brake partially on.



*Gatherings of the caravan before driving onto the grounds.*



*And parking around the domed building housing the 100 inch telescope..*



was the largest in the world. Lovely 1915 rivet and steel construction. Mr. Simmons had us all stand on the circular balcony surrounding the telescope as he rotated the scope. Turns out we were rotating around the scope. Very smooth. After the main telescope we saw the solar telescope and the 1911 Fairbanks-Morse 50 HP engine. It was an awesome old engine. There is something about gleaming brass tubes, cylinders the size of 5 gal buckets, and an engine you climb on to fiddle with the mixture and the valves that makes you stare at it in wonder. Too big to fit in a TC though.

After a GREAT tour (thank you, Mike) we drove to Newcomb Ranch for lunch. By the time we got food it tasted great. We also learned it was Steve's birthday Sunday, so he got a rousing song. A VERY nice tour. Thank you Steve and Linda.

*Gene Olson*

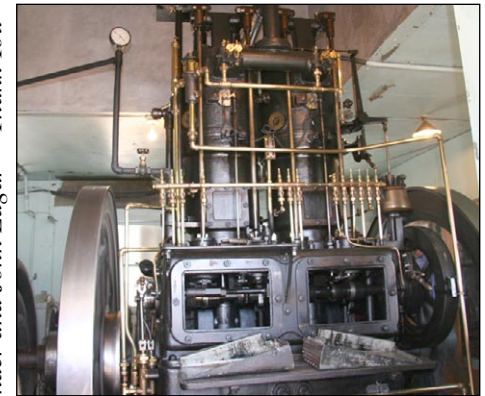
*Our group stand dwarfed by the telescope.*



*Another shot of Ts around the domed building*



*The group walks towards the solar telescope facilities..*



*Now this engine brought oohs and ahhs from all who gazed upon it.*



*Ahh, lunch at Newcomb Ranch.*

Photos by Steve Simmons, Pete Thelander and John Edgar

Thank You



# May 22, 2007 Meeting Minutes

After some delay in getting into the meeting room, (seems some people failed to notice that May had five Tuesdays. Our meetings are on the fourth Tuesday, not the last Tuesday) the meeting was called to order at 8:35. President Steve Simmons welcomed everyone and gave highlights from the mailbox...just the usual magazines and notices of other car shows and events.

Treasurer's report was posted for all to see. There were no comments or corrections.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in the Chassis.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

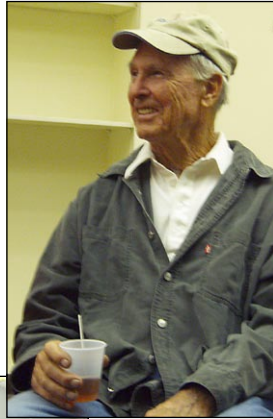
The upcoming events were discussed, beginning with the Mt Wilson Tour on June 2nd. It was doubtful that there would be any meaningful Wild Flower Tour, as the wild flower crop this year has been virtually none existent. The Henkels are unable to host the traditional July picnic. There was a discussion of alternative dates or sites. The Movie night will be held in August or September.



Mike, our guest speaker, with his son, Steve. Mike held our attention and we were awed by what he showed us about Mt. Wilson.

The starting point for the Mt Wilson Tour has been posted on the web site. Meet at Conrad's restaurant, 631 E Foothill in LaCanada/Flintridge.

*Here sits Joe relaxing after forgetting it was the 4th Tuesday as well as the key to open the meeting room. Luckily we were able to get custodial staff to open the room for us. Whew!!!*



*David & Debra Spiegel look like they had a good time based on their smiles.*



*And Linda amazed us once more with VERY tasty treats and LOTS of them.*



Dave Edgar reported he had an email from Barney Jackson. He said to say "Hi" to the gang.

The Henkels were absent, so there was no raffle.

After copious sumptuous goodies prepared by Mrs. President, Linda, the guest speaker – Mike Simmons – gave an orientation preview of the Mt. Wilson facilities.

Respectfully submitted

*Pete Thelander*

Deputy Assistant Under Secretary



*Ron Flore who has owned this TC since 1967 dropped by but didn't stay. He is not a TCMG member and actually came by hoping to see Mike Goodman.*



*Phil talks to Mike describing his days at Perkin-Elmer who had made the mirror for the 200 inch Palomar telescope.*



*Harvey got the TC out and over to the meeting once again. Note the handicap placards. Knowing our group I wonder why we do not see more of them?*

Don McLish drove his TC over and had to park it in the side parking lot. It used to be an unsaid rule that parking in back by the door was reserved for TCs only. Have not had so many TCs at a meeting lately so the rule was relaxed. Guess we should start it up again. Had three TCs at the meeting tonight.





# GoF West 2007

July 2-6, 2007



GoF West 2007 at Park City, Utah is just about upon us. We wish all the TCMG members a safe and free from breakdown journey. We expect full reports from you all when you get back. For those of you that still need info on the event please contact: [www.gofwest2007.com](http://www.gofwest2007.com) or Floyd Inman, at: (435) 654-7086 or: [floyd\\_inman@msn.com](mailto:floyd_inman@msn.com)

Here are a few itineraries of people heading to GoF. Contact them if you would like to tag along.

Thelanders etc. Leave June 28. Stopover in Las Vegas, St. George, near Bryce Canyon, Salinas, and Park City on 7/2  
Hendrickson etc Leave 6/30. Stopover in Mesquite, stay on I-15 to Nephi then Park City on 7/2  
Einhorn etc leave 6/30. Stopover in Las Vegas, drive up scenic 89 to Marysville, then Park City on 7/2  
Butch Tarras leave 7/1. Stop in Mesquite, then Park City on 7/2  
Longs will leave 6/30 or 7/1. Stopover in Mesquite.

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Quite impressive. Thanks to Gordon & Mimi Glass for setting this up.



Photos by Steve Simmons





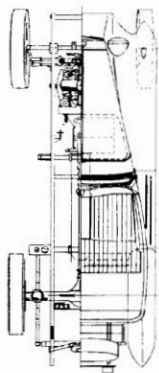
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