

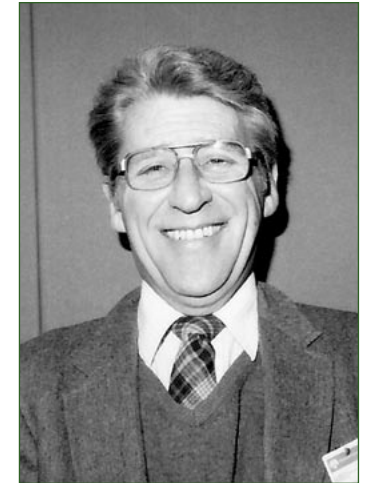
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First Class Mail



Barney Jackson recently sent me a batch of old TCMG photos and so I post these two plus a few more on page 16. These were taken quite a few years ago. Do you recognize these youngins? Barbara Weiss stands beside their TC with some original art by Clarence showing Wine Tour, Father's Day. And above we have Bob McKarney.

- April. 24 TCMG General Meeting
8 pm Valley Wire Wheel
- April 21 Hollywood Hills Tour
- April 22 Getty Villa Tour
- May 12 Joint TCMG/VMG tour to
Mercedes Center
- June 3 La Concours
- July 2-6 GoF West, Park City, UT

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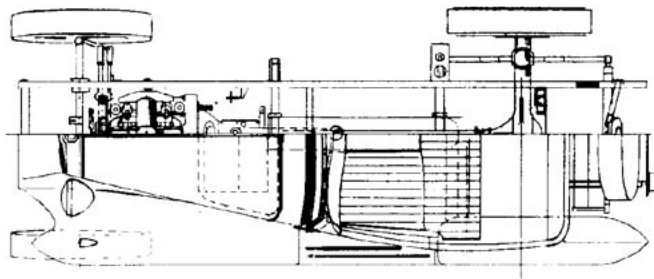
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



NO, NO Steve, it is a MG TC club not a MGC club. But WOW, what a beauty.

For more photos and specs on Steves new 200+ HP (at the wheels) MGC GTS go to:
mgnuts.com/mg/mgcgts/

I thought for a while about what to write this month, and then it hit me. No, not an idea for a column... it was a case of emgeeitis... What is this disease, you ask? It's the sudden appearance of another M.G. in your driveway and usually strikes shortly after spotting a "for sale" ad. Additional symptoms of the condition are loss of all financial self control, complete lack of good judgment and a sudden irresistible urge to wear out tires. Yes, I have it bad. But I take great comfort in the knowledge that every one of you reading this suffers the same wonderful disease that I do, and that we can feel good about spreading it to as many people as possible. For what is life without the many joys of emgeeitis?

Steve Simmons

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**Tuesday,
April 24th**

8:00 PM

**Hobby
Night**

Once again we will amaze each other with our other interests. It has always been very, very interesting to see what we find fun when not in the TC. Bring your collections of: Stamps, Coins, Political Buttons, Spoons, Tools, MG Parts, Cups & Mugs, Plates, Jewelry, Art, Photographs, Fencing weapons . . .

You are getting the idea — bring whatever interests you.

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

Camaraderie will be in abundance.
Don't Miss It !!!

And don't forget the refreshments. Linda will probably show off one of her other interests - culinary delights. Yum, yum.

**Citibank Community Room
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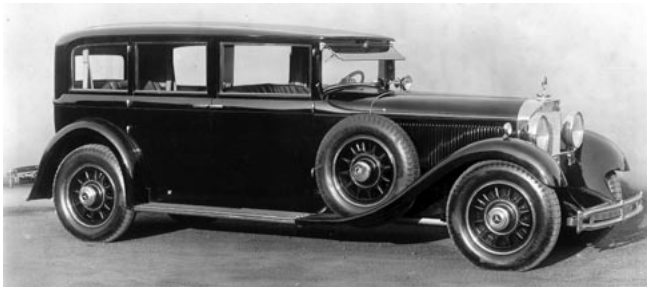


Esther Belland, a long-time volunteer for the Assistance League of Southern California, reminds us that it's not too early to start preparing our TCs for this year's event. Last year the TCMG had four cars participating. See www.laconcours.com for entry forms and information. Application deadline: April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

TCMG / VMG Joint Tour

Saturday, May 12

ANOTHER JOINT EVENT WITH THE VINTAGE MG CLUB



Mercedes Benz Type 770



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

It's the only factory-owned restoration shop
outside Germany; the only factory-owned museum
outside 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-TIL-YOU-DROP thruout 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

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Tours and Events

Getty Villa Tour

April 22



This is by RSVP only and the
deadline is past. Check with Gene
to see if there was a cancelation if
you really, really want to go.

Gene Olson olson_g@msn.com,
805-522-8052

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

HOLLYWOOD HILLS RUN III Saturday, April 21, 2007

Meet at 9-9:30 AM
at Home of Evan & Judy Humphreys
5841 Coretta Avenue
North Hollywood, CA. 91607
818 763-7172

Evan set this run up for the VMG
but invited the TCMG to join in like
last year. Everyone has a grand time
and this year should be the same.
Tour Toluca Lake, Burbank/L.A.
equestrian area, Silver Lake, Echo
Park, and Elysian Park. Classic
homes, historic L.A., Angelino
Heights/Carroll Avenue Victorians.
Then on to lunch at the downtown
favorite Eastside Market, an Italian
delicatessen/sandwich shop with
ample free street parking. There may
be several locations to stop along the

way so wear comfortable shoes for
short walks to views and overlooks.

Lunch at the Eastside Market, 1013
Alpine Street - near Figueroa and
Sunset

Directions to our house: North on
170 to Oxnard, turn right (east)
one block to Radford, turn right
(south) short block to Tiara, turn left
(southeast) on Tiara to Coretta Av
(Small cul-de-sac on left) 2-story
yellow house. Thomas page 562 H1

Wildflowers????

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

Cherry Pickin' Leona Valley

Mid/late June

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Notes From Our Members

It is always interesting to hear from our many members with notes they include with their dues. By the way thank you everyone for getting your dues in. The Directory will be mailed out any day now. Anyway I would like to include some highlights of their correspondence with you here.

Art Malfi from Washington state writes that he has sold his TC. He had a very beautiful one but his main interest is in TFs. He has taken it upon himself to start accounting for as many TFs as he can and has put up a web page. It is worth a look if you get a chance.

www.tfreord.com

Dwane Carlson writes that he is still working on his two TCs. One he will turn over to his son who lives in Southern California and will give him a membership to the TC Motoring Guild as well. Now that is promoting the TC to the next generation. Thanks Dwane for keeping the interest alive.

Stan Lucas blew me over with his note. Now I know some of you are members of several clubs but I think Stan holds the record. He writes: "... I'm in about 250 clubs. Yes, I do get 6 to 10 club publications per day and I try pretty hard to read them. It is a sad comment on my social life but I've become an addict for cars and car clubs and can't help it. ... I'll have my TC out this Spring, first time in 10-12 years. Owned it 30 years and driven about 40 miles."

I hope the drive goes or went well Stan. The TCs are a lot of fun (when they behave themselves). And for those who are not aware of the connection, Stan owns Lucas Automotive (see ad on page 2), which sells classic car tires in Long Beach and now has a second location in Ohio. I bought my last set of tires from Lucas. Maybe we can arrange a tour one day and we can learn how to choose and care for our tires. What do you say Stan?

And thank you to the many that said "Thank you for all you do for the club." Joyce and I say back, "Thank you for being a part of the club. We hope you have as much fun as we do."

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New TCMG Members

Please welcome two more 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.

Welcome

Lee & Patricia Ashenfelter

762 35th Street

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Phone: 310-545-7835

Porsche4ash@worldnet.att.net

1949 TC 7582EXU XPAG 26707 Green / Black



Lee comes back after being away from us for a couple years. The TC he owns is the one his father had when he was in the TC Motoring Guild many years ago. Great to have Lee back.



Bill Risser

c/o Charles Duvall

949 So. San Rafael Avenue
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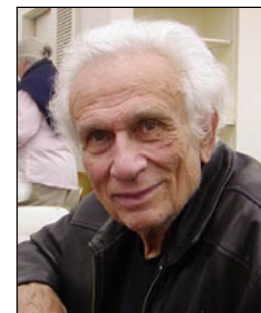
Phone: 626-799-1319

515-279-0500 (Iowa)

Email: none listed

1948 TC ??? XPAG ??? Black / Tan

Bill has owned his TC since the early '70s. Bill also spends some time in Iowa hence the Iowa phone number. Charles Duvall is a neighbor who is also interested in the TC and has been coming to most our meetings.



Bill Risser



Charles Duvall

We hope to get a photo of Bill's TC to share. Maybe they can bring a photograph to the next meeting along with the chassis and engine numbers.

Big Gawking House Tour



Six TC's in a line up.



David Mathison got confused and brought his Ferrari instead.



Our First Lady walks past the tall rows of junipers standing at attention

Karen, Lucy and Bobbie chat with David

March 31 was a lovely day to look at mansions. Several TCs met at a pretty crowded McDonalds on Ventura Blvd. After much waiting our esteemed President FINALLY showed up. Gene Olson explained in detail how we would drive to Coldwater canyon, up the hill to Franklin, over Franklin canyon to Beverley, etc, etc. As we drove up Coldwater said Olson totally missed the turn onto Franklin, continued down Coldwater, and made an unexpected left on Cherokee. The other cars followed as if they were used to this sort or bizarre behavior. Arriving at Greystone we met some southern folks, at least they had strange accents (Ernie Page and family). We had 6 TCs at the Greystone: Steve and Linda Simmons, Lucy and Dave McCanne, Betsy and Jon Lutz, Toni and Mel Appell, Pete Thelander, and Gene Olson. Also arriving in an almost TC was Dave Mathison and his brother(in a red Ferrari 355?). In less memorable cars were Ernie Page and assorted family, Bobbie and Ron Simon (a modern Mini is not a TC) and Judy and Evan Humphries. Humphries are members of Vintage MG, and they have put on a very enjoyable Hollywood Hills tour for several years. This year it is April 21.

Greystone mansion is awesome. Doheny built the 46,000 square foot estate for his son in 1928. It is now a Beverly Hills City park. Unfortunately you cannot usually go inside, so we all peered in the windows. They have very nice Sunday afternoon concerts at Greystone where you get to tour the first floor. Next concert is April 29 anyone want to go?

After soaking up some class at Greystone (and being pushed out for a wedding) we got in our hot rods and cruised Sunset Blvd. Did not see any XKE to race, but we drove west to Santa Monica and up Mandeville Canyon. This is a pleasant,



The TCers are watching the Koi and the Koi are watching the funny TCers.



I wonder why they didn't allow us to park our TCs here?



(l & r) The gang doing what they like best - enjoying each other's company.



*Photos by Ron Simon and Steve Simmons
Thank You*



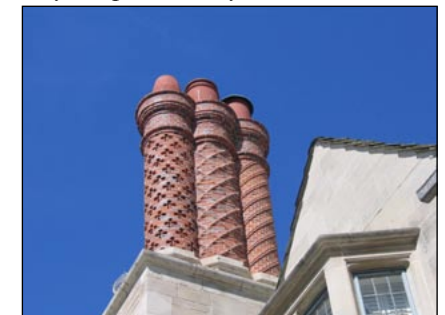
Ron catches Ernie Page and Steve Simmons eyeing him back.

tree lined twisty road up into the hills. Coming back and going up Westridge you can get spectacular views of the west side basin. Unfortunately it was English weather, so we mostly saw clouds. We drove to Santa Monica Airport (we even went through a roundabout) to eat at Spitfire Grill. We were seated immediately thanks to Steve Simmons' trusty cell phone, unfortunately service was slow by even the most relaxed measure. Otherwise a wonderful TC day.

Very unique chimney work.



Lead gutters and drain.



March. 27, 2007 Meeting Minutes



Ron got behind the podium again to help out in Steve's absence.

For those that came early, we all stood in awe as Linda unpacked her many packages of goodies. She truly astonishes us each month with the amazing refreshments she brings. Steve may never be voted out of the position of President so we don't have to give up Linda. Linda not only prepares goodies for the break but before meeting delights as well. And Steve couldn't even be at the meeting this month due to work. Three cheers for Linda.

With Steve gone and our VP not making it either Ron Simon volunteered to lead us once more and began the meeting at 8:15. We jumped to the mail bag of usual magazines and newsletters. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the Midget Chassis.

About this time Pete & Fran Thelander straggled in. They said traffic was a mess out there as the wind had blown down some power lines over the freeway. George Kershaw was also frazzled by the congestion and came in about 15 minutes later. We are glad they were safe.

Next up the Treasurer indicated that all finances were in order and that the full report was posted on the wall for those interested in the particulars. Joyce also indicated we received two more

Lee Ashenfelter returned after being away. He still has his father's TC. And Charles Duvall signed up his neighbor Bill Risser. Bill has owned his TC for over 30 years and he and Charles have come to several of our recent meetings. Bill was out of town but Charles signed him up. We welcomed the additions with applause.

We also welcomed Mike Rizenman who runs Valley Wire Wheel who was our excellent guest speaker for the night.

George Kershaw indicated that our April meeting program will be the traditional Hobby Night. It constantly amazes us on what else our members are into besides TCs. Be there and be prepared to be surprised and amazed.



Listening to our guest speaker kept us attentive for quite a while. Thank you Mike for helping us understand our wires.

Gene Olson was unable to attend but Ron read off our future events. A Big Gawking House tour on March 31, followed by a Getty Villa tour on April 22. We also have the combined VMG/TCMG tour to the Mercedes-Benz Center on May 12. Wildflowers were still iffy so no commitment on doing that yet. Other non club sponsored events include the San Diego Rolling British Car Day on April 15, the Moss Buttonwillow races May 5-6, and the LA Concours on June 3.

We briefly talked about ideas on hosting the Conclave this year. Staying in the Cambria, Palos Verde, Pismo Beach triangle was preferred and several suggested accommodations were given.

The GoF West auction committee asked us for a contribution. We discussed it and voted on spending \$100. Tony would be in charge of picking out an item(s) and George Kershaw volunteered to transport the items to GoF.

The business part of the meeting was adjourned as the aromas of Linda refreshments were getting to us. Hip, Hip, Hooray for Linda. She really treats us well.

Respectfully submitted by David Edgar for Fran.



Mike wore his Valley Wire Wheel sweatshirt so here is some free advertising for him. Phone: 818-785-7237

Mike Rizenman really helped us understand the many facets of the wire wheel. Here Mike holds a recently completed TC wheel.



Carolyn and Bobbie try prying recipes from Linda.



Linda really knows how to dish it out and there is something for everyone. Strawberries & Lime Curd, Prosciutto Rolls with Buffalo Mozzarella, cookies, cakes, and for the health minded - fresh vegetables.



Countdown to GoF West 2007



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There are seven of our TCMGers hard at work putting this event together since they are also members 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 sure he has his hand in a little of everything.

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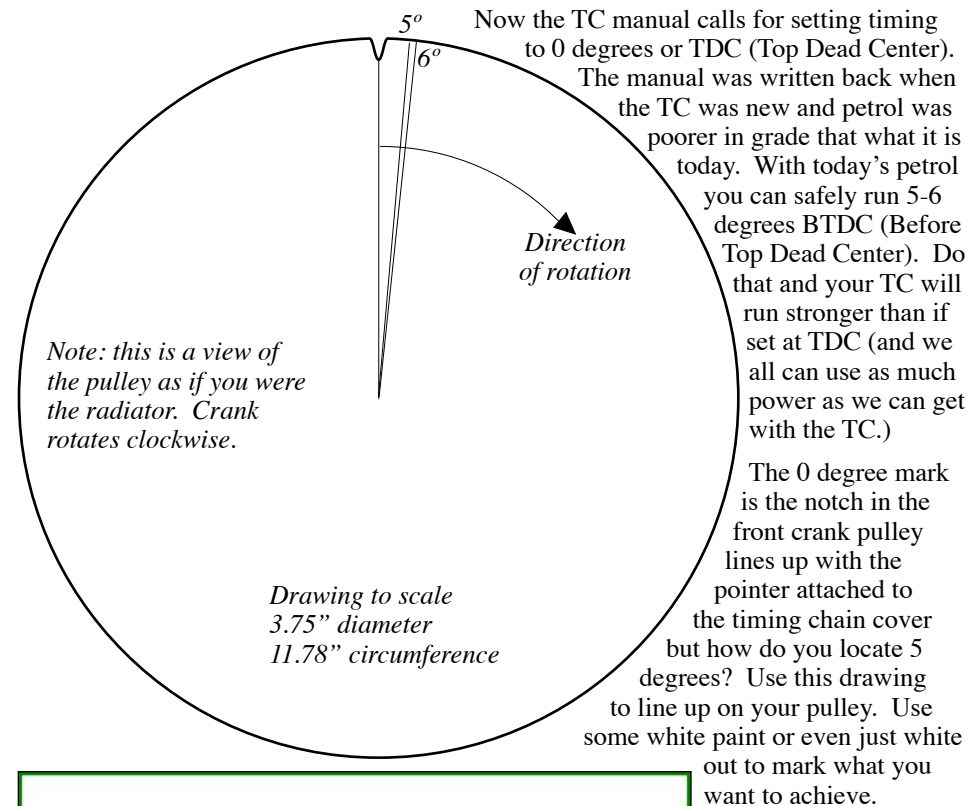
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All these photos appear to come from about the 1970's and maybe early 80's Thank you to Barney Jackson for sharing them.



Glen & Betty Binford

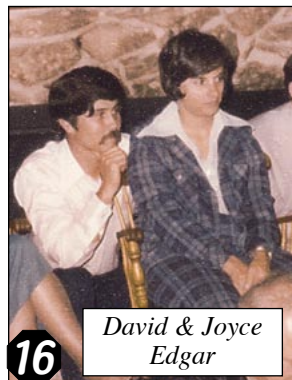


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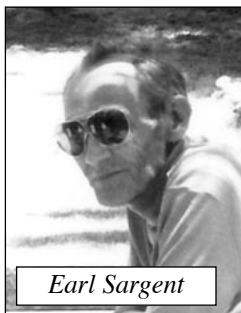
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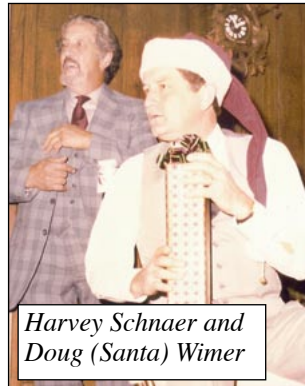
Remember when everyone could just sit around on the floor? Believe this is about 1972 at the Berry house for a Holiday Party



David & Joyce Edgar



Earl Sargent



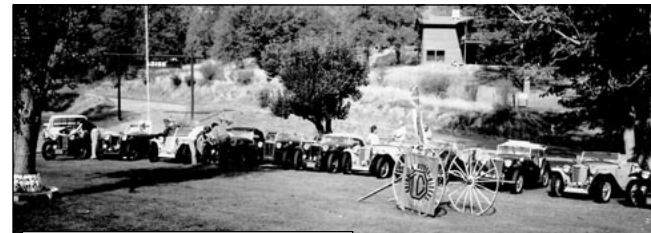
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Mary Lou Jackson and Anita Roman

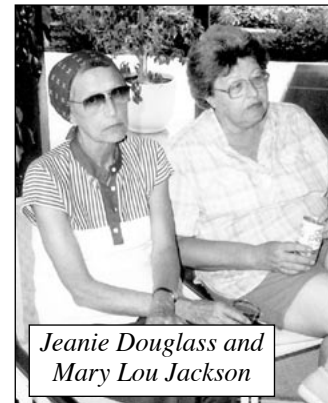


Sky Ranch Conclave Lineup

Looks like we had 19 TC in the line-up that year's conclave.



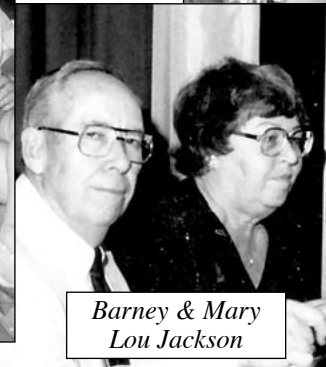
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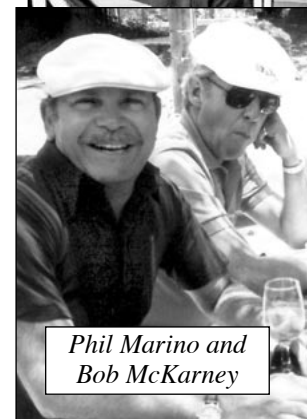
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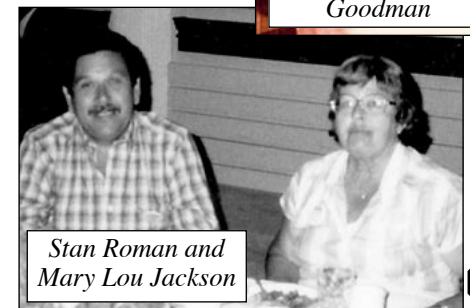
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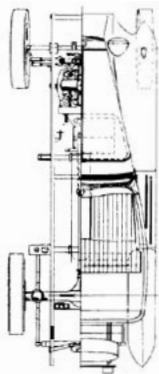
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