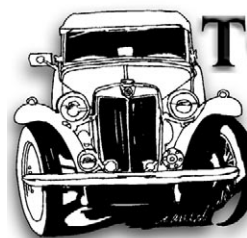




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Doug Pelton was very meticulous in his restoration of this TC. And the folks at GoF thought it was such a splendid job that they voted it First Place in the TC Car Display. Congratulations Doug and to Carol for all the support.



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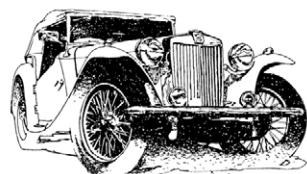


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TCMG June Picnic & Meeting



Tuesday, July 22nd

8:00 PM

Speaker, Steve Simmons:
Adventures of a Camera Man

Steve Simmons works as a cinematographer which has allowed him to work with many interesting people and taken him to many interesting places around the world. He has even worked with the legendary Larry Einhorn. I am sure he will tell us how his TC saved the day at one filming location too. Be sure to make this meeting. See ya there.

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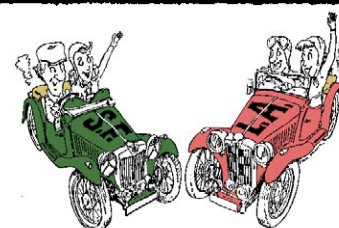


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Easley Pacific Railroad & Rubelia Castle Tour



Well you couldn't have asked for a nicer day for this event. Wonderful weather, super people, a fabulous location (the Ludwick's home) and exceptional fun on the train. Motoring Guild members were vast in numbers and some brought grandchildren which delighted Art and Sarah. The train chugged over the trestles, past the koi pond, down by the

Rainbird windmill, across the railroad crossing, through the tunnel and into the little station depot. And if we were not riding, we were waving from our lunch tables as the train past or wandering the lush grounds.

As much as we hated to leave, we had part two of the tour to look forward to, which was a tour of the Rubelia Castle a few blocks from the Ludwick's home.



While this is not your typical elegant royal castle, it is a castle none-the-less. Built from whatever materials that were donated or found, it is a maze of drawbridges, turrets, towers and passageways. Unique items are found everywhere as well as remembrances of many a public figures, like movie stars, and European royalty.

If you would like to learn more about this castle do a Google Search. Be sure to watch the Huell Howser video which should pop up in the search to get a hint of



what this place is all about.

Thank you, thank you to Art and Sara for having us over, plus arranging the castle tour. This is one tour we will not forget for sure.



GoF West 2008

Monterey Bay, California - July 6-10



Phil Marino & Suzanne from Riverside, CA.



One nice thing about GoF is that you meet some of our distant TCMG members. We had Guild members from Washington, Utah, Arizona and even Scotland in attendance. Everyone on these six pages are with the TCMG except for Al Moss (he is a member).

Photos by David & Joyce Edgar and Karen Moote



David & Carol Marks drove their TC all the way from Utah.

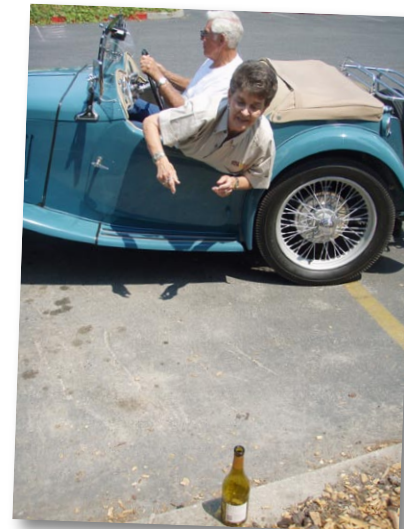


George Kershaw from Anaheim, CA.

Also from Southern CA are (l-r) Joyce Edgar, Ron & Bobbie Simon, Kevin Kershaw and Karen Olson.



On the right are Jon & Susan Hermance from Utah (who helped put on the GoF last year). Their daughter Allison from Calif joins them here with Gene Olson in the back.



Carolyn Hendrickson looks like she needs a drink but it is just part of the funkanna with husband Lloyd driving.



Alan & Karen Moote from Oceanside, CA in the funkanna.

Displaying their winning style in the funkanna are Ernie Page with son Michael from Scotland.



Joyce & David Edgar (below) from the San Diego, CA area at the funkanna.



Steve & Linda Simmons from Woodland Hills, CA in the funkanna.

More GoF West 2008



Pete Thelander from Westminister, CA assists David Marks from Utah in solving an engine misfiring.



Fran Thelander goes over the Funkanna instructions with Al Moss.



Betty Gaw and Marilyn Maxwell sit in the TC they once enjoyed and now is owned by Lloyd Hendrickson.



Alan Moote from Oceanside, CA by his red TC.



Gene Roth from Ridgecrest and Willie Williams from Hawaii prepare for the rallye.



Joe & Pat Marcotte from San Jose, CA.



Steve & Linda Simmons from Woodland Hills, CA are at one station of the Carless Funkanna while Doug & Carol Pelton from Arizona are at another station.



Deana Roth from Ridgecrest, CA.



Bill Young from Sonoma, CA, plus Alan Moote and Joyce Edgar from S. Calif.



Allan & Linda Chalmers from San Francisco, CA.



David Reid & Terry Schuller, Ventura, CA listening to the rallye instructions given out by Larry Long, Santa Maria, CA.



Gene Roth of Ridgecrest, CA admires the engine compartment of Doug Pelton's TC.



Sherman Kaplan, Mission Viejo, CA neglected to tell the TCMG about his marriage to Daveen a year and a half ago. Was a surprise to us. Congratulations to Sherman & Daveen. And Serman, don't forget the flowers.

TC Motoring Guild Members Win Big at GoF

Steve & Linda Simmons with their TC
High Point Award
Rallye - First Place (Pre '56)
TC Car Display - Honorable Mention
Best Snapshot - 1st Place to Linda and 2nd to Steve

Doug & Carol Pelton
TC Car Display - First Place

Rick & Judy Storms
TC Car Display - Tied for 3rd place

David & Carol Marks
TC Car Display - Tied for 3rd place

Betty Gaw & Marilyn Maxwell
TF Car Display - Third Place

George & Kevin Kershaw in a TD
Sacajawea Award (Kevin - Lady driving the longest distance)
Best Single Model - First Place (George)

Sherman Kaplan in his TC
Hard Luck Award - with a brake failure (hard brake line split)

Lloyd & Carolyn Hendrickson in their TC
Rallye - Dead Last But Finished

Larry Long
Best Diorama
Model Display - 2nd Place

Ernie, Elizabeth & Michael Page in their TC
Funkanna - First Place (Ernie & Michael)
Sewn Goods - First Place (Elizabeth)

Gene & Karen Olson
Carless Funkanna (Couples)



Not the greatest photo of Bob Hawkins of Washington but the only one we got.



Betty Gaw & Marilyn Maxwell from Atascadero, CA in the 3rd Place TF Car Display.



Larry Long from Santa Maria, CA tries his hand at the nuts and bolts station on the Carless Funkanna.



This was a fun T-shirt David Reid was wearing. Many definitions of MG. Do you have a favorite?



An informal gathering of TCMG and ARR members during GoF. Thank you Allan & Linda.



Lloyd & Carolyn with their DLBF award.



Steve & Linda Simmons all loaded down with awards (and trying to figure out how to get them home in the TC).

Fabulous TC Trek

At GoF were Bob & Lynne Douglas who are on a rather long trek in their TC. They shipped their TC from New Zealand in November 2007 and picked it up in Chile in January. Wanting to travel the length of the Americas, they headed down to the tip then zig zagged back up through South America. They entered the US in June and decided to make the GoF in July. With over 21,000 miles clocked so far and they are now continuing north to Alaska. They will then come back down to the lower 48 and park the TC as their 90 day Visa will be up. But they plan to return later and tour the rest of the US.

To view their stories and pictures go to the following web address. mgccyorkshire.co.uk Then click on the TC Adventures link.

Their TC is well packed with extra compartments tucked here and there, spare parts all over and lots of spirit. People at GoF were so taken by it being able to make 21,000 plus miles over some very rough terrain that it came in second in the TC car display over some very spotless and almost perfect TCs. Only Doug Pelton beat them out with his magnificent TC EXU restoration.



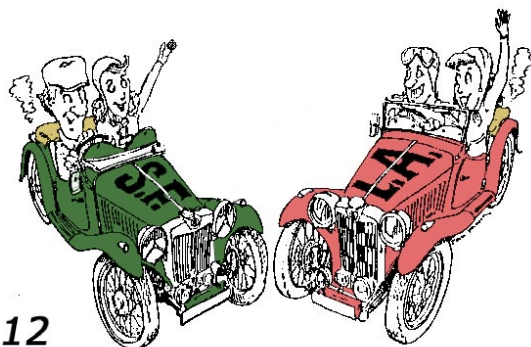
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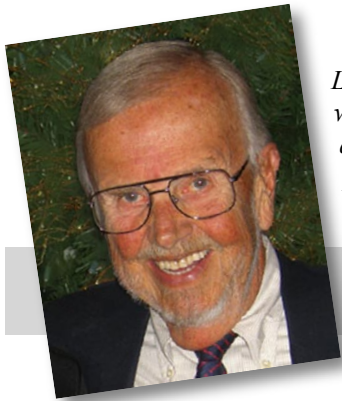
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Long love affairs accumulate memories. Mine with cars has lasted now for about 60 years and a million miles. Small wonder then, that when I peer back along that road of memory, some short sections shine in my mind's eye.

My Memorable Rides

Eleventh in a series by Stan Belland

April 2008, Gloucestershire, England

Esther and I were in England with our son, daughter in law and three grandchildren this spring. We were staying in a rented cottage in a little Cotswold village, enjoying English village life enormously.

My love of classic sports cars becomes evident to anyone I talk to for a while and during a conversation with Tim, a friendly neighbor, I mentioned that we had been there several years before with a group of MG TCs from California. He remembered having seen our group come through the village and mentioned that another neighbor was an old time sports car racer and had some sort of a "very special car". I told Tim that I'd like very much to meet him and see the car, if he could arrange it. He said he'd try to arrange to get us together but was skeptical that I'd be allowed to see the car. He had never seen it himself.

A few days later, Tim came over with Bernard and Sue. We chatted about cars and racing and Bernard presented me with an old MG parts catalogue which is quite a prize.

They invited Esther and me to come to their cottage for tea. It's a lovely old rambling cottage of that honey-colored Cotswold stone with a breathtaking vista of acres of meadows and

I am a life long Anglophile and Bernard and I hit it off immediately. He's a typical British country gentleman, taciturn but warmly hospitable. He looked the part in his tattersall shirt, Ascot scarf and tweed hat. As the women went ahead into the cottage, he took me aside and unlocked the doors of a garage on the back of his property.

There, tucked into the small stone building sat a 1953 Ferrari, model 166MM that Bernard had owned for 48



years! The 166 was the first Ferrari to make the transition from pure racer to street car. It had been introduced at the Turin show in 1948 and became the first car of a design identifiable as Ferrari.

I gasped in amazement and walked around the magnificent little red roadster. It was in meticulously restored condition and I found out later that its 12 cylinder

engine had at one time been rebuilt by none other than "Wilkie" Wilkinson, the late MG icon and friend of the TC Motoring Guild. It had the Vignale body of 1953 and I tried hard not to drool on the flawless paint work as I walked around it.



To my delighted surprise, Bernard asked if I'd like a ride in it. Some questions don't require an answer. He fired it up, warmed it carefully and backed it out of the little garage.

This series is about Memorable Rides and what followed for the next thirty minutes was perhaps the most memorable of them all. It must be quite a tricky car to drive – 5 speed non-synchro with lightning quick steering – but Bernard's mastery and experience were quite evident as we worked our way down a narrow lane, through the village and out onto the two lane winding country roads. We hurtled over hills and around narrow curves between the hedgerows at speeds that Bernard later made me promise not to reveal. The little roadster screamed like a banshee and there was never an instant when I sensed Bernard was not in complete control of it. The wind coming over the little plastic racing screen felt like it was enough to bruise my face.

Somewhere along one of the straights, I saw an oddly shaped car coming towards us. As it approached, I realized that it was an old, cycle-fendered racing Bentley! As it roared past, I noticed Bernard give the slightest nod and a tiny two fingered salute. Just

a casual, back road meeting between a rare vintage Ferrari and a 1930s racing Bentley. God, I love this country!

We returned to the cottage where Esther and Sue were having tea in the cozy living room amid racing memorabilia and pictures. Several historic steering wheels decorated the walls. And we talked about racing and hill climbs and the great days of English motoring far into the afternoon.

It turned out that Sue was a racing and hill climb driver from a racing family. She and Bernard had met at a hill climb event. Her father and grandfather were notables in amateur racing and their son, who races motorcycles, is a fourth generation motor sportsman.

The stories flew and I took notes as best I could. Sue drove a 1927 3 liter Bentley, a Mona Alfa Romeo, a Mini Cooper and Bernard's Brabham BT23B in several hill climbs. Her father, a physician was a prominent amateur from the 30s through the 70s.



Bernard participated in the 1973, 50th anniversary Le Mans historic car races and clocked 138 MPH in the Ferrari. British sportsmen and women are truly an intrepid and antic breed. That's why I love them and whenever I'm in England, I seem to attract them.

When Bernard and I returned from our ride and pulled into the garage, he asked me if I had enjoyed it. I couldn't think of what to say so I just grinned and shook his hand. I guess I should have told him that it had been truly – "Memorable".

June 24 Meeting Minutes & Picnic

The picnic was scheduled to start an hour earlier than our normal meetings at 7:00 and Harvey was so excited that he arrived at the Henkels' home at 6:00.

As usual most of us gathered in the driveway looking over the three TCs, the SA and the Lincoln while catching up on each other's lives. Cindy finally rang the dinner bell and we broke open our picnic spreads and dined at the tables the Henkels had set up.

Since this was a meeting too, our President officially opened the meeting at 8:44 saying this would be brief. Someone then jokingly made a motion to adjourn. Sorry, we really did have some business to attend to so we rolled on. We recognized Phyllis, who came with Don Yett. Seems there may be some wedding bells in the future here.

Minutes were accepted as printed in the Chassis. Joyce then gave a Treasurer's report saying we were doing fine and that a full report was posted on the wall. Membership still stands at 104.

Our mail was still at the post office box so no mail to present.

Old business included a review of who was going to GoF and seeing if anyone needed to link up with any of the

Joyce passes the Frank Mason Award to Steve. They tied in votes so each gets it for six months.



Gene got to within 400 feet of the picnic when the SA developed an electrical problem. A few minutes later Gene had it running again.

caravans going up. Everyone seemed set.

Next event coming up on the weekend is the Easley Pacific Railroad (the Ludwick's train) followed by the Rubelia Castle tour. Everyone is excited about attending. GoF would be next and a new car show in

downtown Ventura July 20 looks to be a pretty nice event too.

Next program will be Steve Simmons talking about his cinematography career.

OK we covered all our business in 12 minutes so a motion was made and seconded to adjourn for the scrumptious deserts Cindy prepared for us. Many thanks and kudos to Tony & Cindy for all their work putting this together.

Your humble TCMG Secretary,

David Edgar



David & Debra Spiegel in their TC (above).



Don Yett with (fiancee?), Phyllis.

June Minutes & Picnic (continued)

The usual gathering on the driveway to check out the cars and catch up with friends.



Photos by David Edgar



Carolyn, Fran and Joyce showing the results of the Photoshop Diet they requested.



Doing what we do best - eating and talking.



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