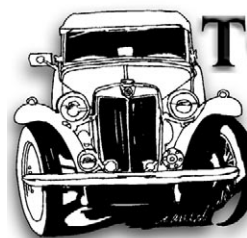




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An early photo of Harvey & Von. Based on the yellow/black license plate it must have been 1962 or earlier. More on Harvey on pages 8-11



Founding TC Motoring Guild member, Harvey Schnaer, maintained his membership continuously from July 22, 1955. He past away Nov 9, 2008 at age 89.

**Harvey Schnaer**  
May 29, 1919 to Nov 9, 2008

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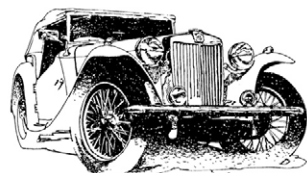


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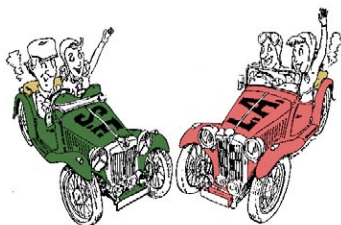
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## TCMG November Meeting

**Tuesday,  
Nov 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 PM**

**Larry Einhorn  
"Good Eats"**  
(What a great topic for  
Thanksgiving Week!)



Learn about the TV show Good Eats and  
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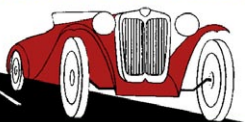
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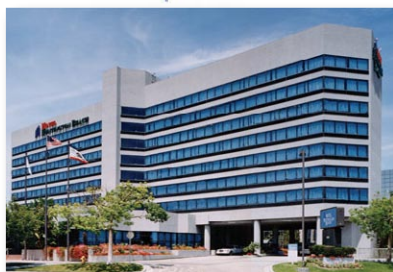
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## Just for the Record

One of our club members asked who had won the Frank Mason Award in recent years. While looking it up I thought it worthwhile to provide the info on our awards to everyone.

The annual Frank Mason Award, established in 1969, is presented to the club member who most exemplifies the aims of the Motoring Guild in the perpetuation of the TCMG



1969 Joe Douglas & Earl Sargent  
1970 Barney Jackson  
1971 Bill Fulton  
1972 Harvey Schnaer  
1973 Doug Wimer  
1974 Bill Fulton  
1975 ????????  
1976 Jack Berry  
1977 Bob Wilmer  
1978 Phil Marino  
1979 Phil Marino  
1980 Barney Jackson  
1981 Barney Jackson  
1982 Doug Wimer  
1983 Doug Wimer  
1984 Barney Jackson  
1985 Bob McKarney  
1986 Stan Belland  
1987 Stan Belland & Doug Wimer  
1988 Stan Belland

1989 Stan Belland & Bob Wilmer  
1990 Stan Belland  
1991 Clarence Weiss  
1992 Doug Wimer  
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1995 Art Ludwick  
1996 Ron Simon  
1997 Bob Goldstein  
1998 Tony & Cindy Henkels  
1999 Ron Simon  
2000 David Edgar  
2001 Mike Goodman  
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2003 Stan Belland & Joyce Edgar  
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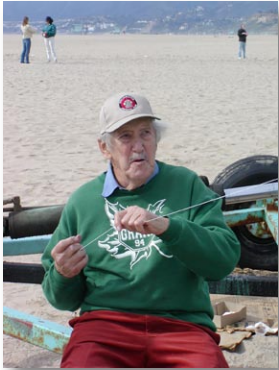
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Established in 1991 and presented to the member who drives their TC the most on TCMG functions or represents the TCMG with their TC.



## Harvey Schnaer 1919-2008



Many of the people submitting stories here started out by saying, "There is no lack of Harvey stories, but here is just one." True, Harvey touched a lot of lives and he was a character. He had his way of doing things and these stories only touch the tip of the iceberg of his shenanigans.

Thanks for the memories, Harvey

2003  
Kite Fly

On the GRANE - Grand Rally Around New England - Harvey and traveling pal Dottie Smith were amongst the eight MGs and one Ford (us) who toodled around peeping at leaves. One cold night, on our way to another lodging, we pulled out of a gas or food stop (memory fades). Very dark. Frank & Carol Borgardt pull over and we stop. Opening the bonnet we find copious oil. The oil line to the filter has failed! Everyone is checking their parts cache and coming up empty.

Harvey says, "I have one of those". Wow! Saved by the unlikely member of the group!

That is only part of the story. This is the only spare Harvey is carrying! All of his idiosyncratic behavior is forgiven and we toast him repeatedly for the next several days.

Allan Chalmers

I was shocked to hear about Harvey's death - I guess I thought that he - like his TC -- would just go on forever.

I certainly did not know him anywhere nearly as long as many others did, but I owe him a special debt, as his was the first TC I ever rode in. For all his feigned irascibility, he was one of the nicest and most entertaining guys in the group. I know everyone will miss him terribly.

Jay Call

Harvey was a friend and he'll be missed! I loved the old curmudgeon! As you know he was famously thrifty and some years ago, he found out that I was going to the Pebble Beach weekend by myself and had a room reserved in Salinas. Well he invited himself to stay with me and drove the TC up to Salinas on Friday. On Sat. we decided to take his TC over to Laguna Seca for the races....after a great day of walking around the Pits and listening to Harvey stories, we left to go back to Salinas. On the way down the hill at the junction of the main road, there was an accident and lots of cops. Harvey proceeds to pull out of the line of cars and start down to the road in spite of the cop telling/yelling at him to get back in line.... he almost got arrested... and probably would have had it not been for the TC.

God rest his soul.  
Terry Sanders



Harvey driving Jay in his first TC ride.

Very sorry to hear about Harvey. He had a good long full life. Unfortunately, it catches up with all of us sooner or later (I'd just as soon it was later!). Anyway, you asked for a few comments about Harvey. The things that I remember were mostly associated with trips, conclaves, etc. You had to remember the rules about Harvey: If he was at the rear of the group, everybody drove to fast and he couldn't keep up—if he was at the front, it was pedal to the metal. When I toured with them, he never had a radio, so it was almost impossible for the tour leader to keep track of him! Another rule: you never, ever, parked in front of, behind, or to the side of Harvey's TC—it had a habit of rolling one way or another (when unattended---and sometimes sideways, it seemed!). Rule # 3—if Harvey was backing up, get your car out of the way, get out and watch—something interesting was sure to happen! I distinctly remember Harvey backing into a sturdy fence at a conclave at Sky Ranch—he broke the fence and twisted up his luggage rack. The fence was stacked back together and part of a day was spent fixing the luggage rack—the people at Sky Ranch never knew anything about it!

Barney Jackson



Allan Chalmers, Harvey and David Coleman at 2002 Conclave



I-r, Joan & Bill Harkins, Pete Thelander and Harvey 2003 Holiday Party

The year was 1959. Clarence had just joined the TCMG and I was pregnant. The doctor told me not to ride in "that car". I thought Clarence had joined some hot-rod car club and I was busy "nesting" in suburbia. So it was with a great deal of trepidation that I went to the TC Christmas party in 1960. I wore my "little black dress" with a string of pearls and we headed off to the house in the San Fernando Valley. We walked into a crowd of people I had never seen before. The first person to come up to us was Harvey Schnaer. He introduced himself and made sure I met everyone and had a good time. That was the beginning of a very long relationship with some of the finest people I have ever known.

Godspeed Harvey,  
Love Barbara Weiss



Harvey, Gene Roth and John Hancock 2000 GoF



Three of our octogenarian TCMG members, Bob Wilmer, Joe Douglass and Harvey at the 2002 Piquique

Harvey is staying at our place on a visit. He goes over to Marin during the day to visit his cousin. That night we are having a little dinner party. The doorbell rings. It's Harvey's cousin and wife. He invited them for dinner. Of course he didn't tell us!

Allan Chalmers



## HARVEY THE CAREFUL

In the 25+ years that Esther and I knew Harvey, I don't think we ever saw him angry. Of all the people in the Guild, Harvey took more ribbing than anyone – about his hearing during the meetings, his age (a marvelous 89), his schmoozing the ladies and his famous red pants. And he took it all with a good natured wisecrack or a quip – never with irritation or resentment.

But most of all, Harvey was ribbed for being “tight” and he took it all with a grin.

And I think it was a bum rap. Harvey was not stingy or tight. He was *careful*. He followed a lifelong principle of never paying for anything he could get for nothing and never paying more than absolutely necessary. And he was proud of his acumen.

I remember him telling me that he and Von traveled across the country for weeks in the Bentley without ever paying for a night's lodging. He

carried a directory of the Rolls-Royce Club of North America. When they came to a city where they wanted to stay, they looked up a local member, called and asked to stop by for a visit. Apparently it worked every time. Now that's what I call *careful*.

When we went on the first GRAB, Esther and I were in charge of accommodations and we worked hard to get the best possible deals. At one stop, there was a sign behind the front desk advertising special rates that week and I overheard Harvey arguing with the desk clerk that he should be entitled to that rate, even though we had all made the reservation and paid for the room months before. I walked away in the middle of the heated discussion and never had the nerve to ask him how he came out.

I have a hunch he won. But even if he didn't, I know he took it in good humor. Because that's how Harvey was. Good natured but very *careful*.

Stan Belland

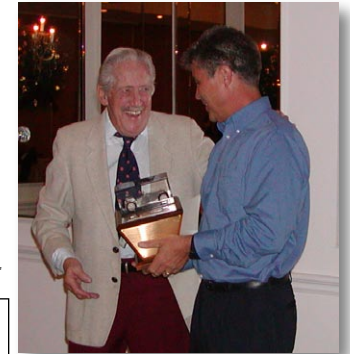


Paula Sargent and Harvey at 2001 Holiday Party

Harvey handing over the Earl Sargent Award (with his '92, '93, '95, '96, & '99 achievements) over to David Edgar. By earning it five times, he still has received it more times than anyone else.

Harvey had won the Earl Sargent Award numerous times (maybe it should have been called the Harvey Schnaer Award). Harvey drove his TC to the meetings and many events so he was hard to beat. After encouragement from Harvey, Joyce & I decided to give him a run for his money and we finally beat him out. He was so thrilled someone else could beat him out. He had the greatest grin on his face when he handed it over to us. Thanks Harvey!

David & Joyce Edgar



We go back 50 years remembering Harvey and Von. One of my favorites happened just a few years ago. Bobbie and I were driving our Maxima up Hwy 5 going to visit some of our kids in Novato when we stopped for a quick bite at the Burger King at the Harris Ranch turnoff near Coalinga. After getting our food and looking for a table we noticed, of all people, Harvey standing there. He had gotten off a Greyhound bus which had also stopped at the Burger King. He was on his way up to San Francisco to visit the Chalmers. We ate and chatted with Harvey for a while when I noticed that his bus was leaving without Harvey. We all ran frantically outside to no avail. I spoke to the driver of another bus that was also there who informed us that there was no further stop until the bus reached Gilroy which was on the other side of the Pacheco Pass. Harvey was really panicked as all his luggage etc. was on the bus. We grabbed Harvey threw him in the car and took off after the bus. We were about 15 minutes behind. Fortunately the Maxima was a good fast car as we were driving over 90 and finally caught the Greyhound. We honked, pointed at Harvey and believe it or not the bus pulled over in the middle of nowhere, opened the door and Harvey got back on. Whew!

Ron Simon

When the balloting postcard arrived, also containing the Frank Mason Award ballot, I thought it would cheer Harvey up to have won it for his contributions to TCMG folklore over the years. Sadly he was beyond being able to hear about it.

But it's not too late to nominate him. And even though he was hard of hearing, he'll know....

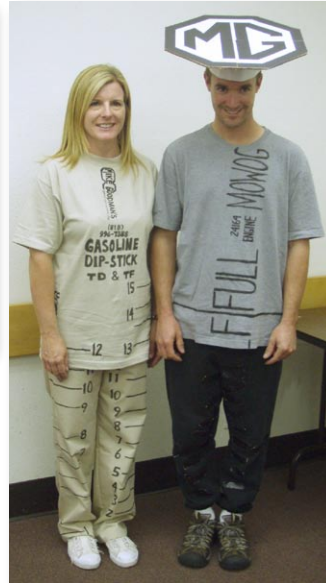
Gordon Glass



## October Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner



The costumes were pretty creative.



We met early for our annual Halloween Pot Luck Dinner and as usual the food was great, the company terrific and we had a very pleasant time. Thank you to Suzie for organizing this and for a job well done..

After dining was the costume contest and this year we had either two or four entrants depending on how you counted. Tony & Cindy Henkels came dressed as "a Nudist on Strike" and "Partly Cloudy with a Chance of Sprinkles." Cindy loved going up to people and when asked what she was, gave the description as she misted the questioner with water. Steve & Linda Simmons dressed as a pair of dipsticks. Steve was an oil dipstick complete with full mark and dirty looking oil. Linda was a Mike Goodman gas gauge dipstick with fuel level markings on the front and tech info on the back. With the votes in, there was a tie so the Henkels and Simmons both came away with prizes. Bob Wilmer wore a costume as well but declined to get up front to be voted on.

The vote for the centerpiece was fun too and very creative. However David Edgar pulled the win there with the TC headlamp jack-o'-lantern.

OK, now down to business. The meeting was called to order at 8:30. September meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and membership report were all approved as presented.

Having no mail, brought up the subject of Harvey (who usually picked it up). Harvey is in the hospital. Prognosis is not looking good. He went in to have knee surgery and while preparing for the surgery lost his blood pressure. He was going in and out of consciousness, not eating or appearing to recognize people when conscious. We all hope he gets better.

Brief updates on Frank Borgardt and the Bellands were also presented. Frank is advancing with Alzheimer's, Esther is working through rehab after back surgery; and Stan seems to be back after shattering his knee cap in a fall.

Last order of business was the nominations for the executive board slate for next year. Thirteen names were offered up, but some declined the



Dinner was tasty and company enchanting



Center pieces were by Carolyn Hendrickson with a TC model in the arrangement (upper left), a creation by Suzie Coleman with the witch wearing a TC necklace (upper middle), a Mouse Motel, by the Einhorn (upper right) and a TC headlamp jack-o'-lantern by David Edgar (left)

And the costume winners show off the prizes



nomination. We did get a slate of six names though and the ballots will be sent out, with Bob Wilmer tabulating the results and announcing the new board at the Holiday Party.

Program for next month will be Larry Einhorn. There are no club events for November but Nov 2 is a car show at Woodly park, a Civil War reenactment on Nov 8-9 in Moorpark as well as the Vintage MG Parts Exchange on Nov 23.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Your humble TCMG Secretary,

David Edgar 13



## A Few More Harvey Items

Harvey and Dwane Carlson looking over the rallye instructions before hand at 2002 Conclave



Gene Wescott and Harvey looking over the grading of the rallye answers.

Terry Sanders found this little ditty in with some old newsletters and typed on Sky Ranch stationary:

*We're in love with you, Harvey  
Say you love us too, Harvey  
But the things you do, Harvey  
Are too funny to be true.*

*How's your luggage rack, Harvey  
Think you'll make it back, Harvey  
Your frame is full of cracks, Harvey  
It's strange, but it's true.*

*Every time you pass, Harvey  
We smell a lot of gas, Harvey  
Stop sitting on your seat, Harvey  
Please stop for some fuel.*

*We know you've got a spare, Harvey  
But never full of air, Harvey  
and your tires are bare, Harvey  
or don't you really care?*

*Loved you from the start, Harvey  
Bless your little heart, Harvey  
Every day would be so marvy, Harvey  
Driving with you.*

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