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We know many of you use the TCMG web page already (with 13,089 hits and 130 of those since the first of the year) but for those who do not, it is worth a try. Lots of information there. Jim Crandall has really spruced it up. Thanks Jim! Give it a go at: tcmotoringguild.org

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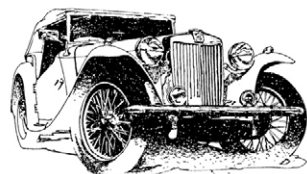


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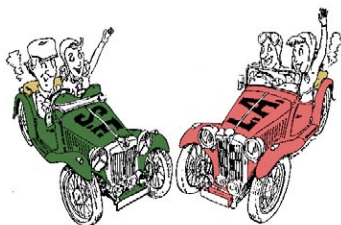
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DON'S DECREES



It is with honor I humbly accepted the guild presidency for 2009. We are excitedly looking forward to coming events and sharing with old friends. When you get older (notice I did not say OLD), you tend to get a few broken branches here and there. 2008 was not a good year health wise for my sweet wife of 32 years, Jeanette.

She was hospitalized with heart arrhythmia. I was not sure if I would even be able to accept a board nomination this year, but with answered prayers and adjusting medications all seems to be well with her now and we both enjoyed your company at the Christmas party annual meeting in December.

Like most of us in the Guild have found, motoring and tinkering with the TC in some mysterious way also gives a healing touch. When you are feeling bad, and you go out with the TC, tinker around, or go for a ride, soon you tend to forget health problems. In addition to being fun to drive, the TC has a wonderful spirit about it that just climbs in you and makes you happy.

The purpose of our little group here is to help keep these little cars running, and to enjoy them-after all, motoring is what this is all about. It is particularly nice if there is a destination, and friends in their cars sharing the warmth and spirit that can only be found in the TC. They are just plain fun. One must remember that the era the TC comes from is of a different technological sort, and one can not take too seriously the design features of that era that make the TC the fun car that it is. When kept up, they are sweet running vehicles that run with the precision of a fine World War II era aircraft. There is nothing unnecessary, no frills, nothing on it except raw features to make it go better. Whether your choice is touring, racing, or just tinkering-taking two hours to fix a tire with a bottle of wine, the TC will bring fun into your life that no other car can match. There is something about the straight forward businesslike attitude of the TC that is pure satisfaction. During this coming year, I look forward to helping get the most fun out of your TC possible. We have a dedicated staff of officers that share in this endeavor. Peace and blessings for the New Year.

Don McIlisk

First TCMG Event for 2009

**Lame Duck Rally
Saturday Feb 21
Meet 9AM**

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view as we meet. (see their website:
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TCMG January Meeting

**Tuesday,
Jan 27th**

8:00 PM

Building a Log Cabin

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Citibank Community Room,
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Meeting room entrance
is at the rear of the bank
- downstairs.

Our program chair, Gene, is looking for other meeting program ideas. If you have (or know someone who has) an interesting hobby, career, event or ? to share then please contact Gene to schedule. Do not be shy as what is mundane to you might be very interesting to others. Gene: 805-522-8052 or olson_g@msn.com



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The MG TC Battery and British Jargon

When I began my quest to find the original pieces for TC 7670, I included on my list the battery hold down. Of course every battery has a hold down, but there was none to be found for the TC. Surely, someone must have one to show me so I could at least duplicate it. I finally found what I was looking for.

During a past visit to see Joe Douglas and TC 7383, (Joe is the original owner), he was kind enough to “pop the bonnet” to his very original car.

(Please don't refer to the bonnet as the hood as the hood is the canvass top to the car.) Upon inquiry of the battery cables and battery box, I asked him to tell me about the original battery. “Do you want to see it”, Joe said. I thought to myself, nobody has their original battery. From 1948? “Sure!” I exclaimed thinking ‘impossible’. In the wink of an eye, he pulled the original Lucas, tar top battery from the corner of his garage. At first sight, it explained everything. The battery had 2 extended “ears” or tabs on each end with a hole in them. These ears were used to hold the battery in place with two 1/4 BSF bolts 9 1/8” long. The bolt fastener nuts are integral to the bottom of the battery box and can be found today in any TC. According to the TC factory specifications, the battery is listed as Lucas STXW, 9A, 12V, complete with 6 drip cups. Still not sure what drip cups are but have to assume this is a British term for filler caps. Included with the battery were 2 “fixing screws” for the battery lugs. More British jargon, but this helps to explain the next item of originality.

The original battery cables had “helmets” (battery connectors) on the cable ends that fit onto the lugs (battery posts). The fixing screws were simply a slotted round head sheet metal screw that went through the center of the helmet into the center of the lug to secure the helmet and make the electrical connection for the battery to the car. One originality question that is common for exported TC's is what



type of battery cable is original? This is because a “helmet” is rarely seen on our cars in the US. Upon close examination of Joe's car it was clear that the answer is that cars left the factory with helmets. With the passing of time most of the battery cables have been swapped out for what many of us now consider to be the “original” clamp type cable.

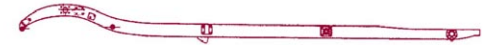
So the when you are at the next MG gathering, ask to look under the bonnet to see the battery with ears and drip cups and also check to see if the battery has helmets with fixing screws on the lugs.

And oh, by the way, Joe..... If you read this article, you may want to consider a battery change. Your battery shows June 1996 and it may be time for a change. And, you don't need to save this one!

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Dues Time for the TCMG

Annual dues remain at \$26 for local So. Calif members (living in Zips 90000 to 93300) and \$22 for all others (unless you want the special flyers on local meetings and events, in which case the fee is \$26.00). It is time to mail yours in. Make check out to TCMG and mail to:

Joyce Edgar

1454 Chase Terrace

El Cajon, CA 92020

Email: djedgar@pacbell.net

We receive many notes enclosed with dues checks. Here is just one of them.

Dear Joyce:

In accordance with annual custom, enclosed please find my personal check no. xxxx, which is made payable to the TCMG for the amount of \$22.00. It is my intent that this sum serve as payment of my obligation for 2009 annual dues for membership in the TCMG.

Regards,

Joe Marcotte



George proudly shows off the paid up membership for 2009 he won at the raffle we had in November. Steve & Linda Simmons won as well back in February. Will we do it again? Maybe, so come to a meeting and buy your raffle tickets.

Thank you to those that have already renewed. For those that have not, please note any address, phone, email or TC info that may have changed in the last year when you mail in your check. Hope to hear from you soon. Deadline to renew is March 24 (our March meeting).

TCMG Annual Meeting / Holiday Party

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008



Art matched up auction items to buyers in splendid style



TCMG members catching up with each other. I-r: Sharon & Mike Goodman, Annabel Goldstein, Anita Roman, Joyce Edgar, Bobbie & Ron Simon



Larry Haile trying to decide on if he should bid on that fender apron



Bob Goldstein dashing around the room greeting everyone



Allan Chalmers and George Kershaw sharing an MG moment



Carolyn Hendrickson, Suzanne Miller and Lucy McCanne inspect some of the auction items

Linda Chalmers and Stan Roman remembering fun TCMG events



And a BIG THANK YOU to First Lady Susie Coleman for setting up this holiday event.



Charity that we supported this year was the YWCA WINGS (Women In Need Growing Strong)

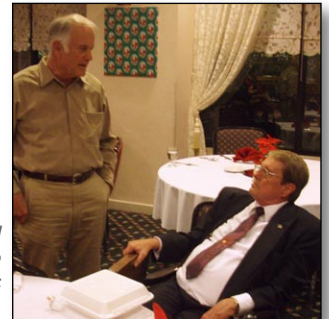


George Kershaw and Sara Ludwick waiting for the right moment to bid on an item.

Gorden Bundy and David McCanne comparing TC stories



Michael and Irene Schnaer were able to attend the TCMG party and see the awarding of the first HARVEY



Awards given out at the party include the Frank Mason Award (shared by Ron Simon and David Edgar); the Earl Sargent Award to Gene Olson and a new award called the HARVEY went to Ron Wong (not in attendance).



Horrific
Anti-catastrophic
Resolving
Viral
Effort
Yippie

The Frank Mason Award is presented to the club member who most exemplifies the aims of the Motoring Guild in the perpetuation of the TCMG. The Earl Sargent Award goes to someone who has driven their TC the most on club activities. And the HARVEY goes to whomever has experienced the most

strange TC breakdown, found a clever or MacGyver solution to a breakdown, maximized economy on the TC, was able to nurse their TC home against all odds, or ? Well, you get the idea. There is no certain criteria for the HARVEY but everyone will know who it should go to when it happens.

More on Harvey

A different viewpoint of Harvey :

In 1959 I talked to Harvey on the telephone prior to his taking the group to Carmel to meet the northern group. He told me that all I had to do was to get up there, that he had made reservations for rooms, and his group were leaving on Thursday night, with another group leaving on Friday night. For a short spell we had Floyd Burt, with his TA MG for company, but before we got into Thousand Oaks his car broke, so we were on our own.

Following directions, we found the accommodations near the mission. It was where the ranch hands of the era were accommodated. The men had one bunk house and the women the other.

We had a very good time, and during our visit, Harvey found out that I liked to camp. Subsequently he picked up a heavy-duty International station wagon, and then our two families camped together for quite a few years. We enjoyed the areas along Highway 49, and in Death Valley, and up to Eagle Lake .

When the three car clubs, TCMG, Morgan, and Singer, had their hill climb event at Willow Springs, which was quite a success, Harvey was the one that

sat in our bus and negotiated with the other two clubs so that the finances were distributed evenly. The Morgan Club had indicated they were the larger club and going to do as they pleased.

Harvey did create many situations, the start of many tall tales about his activities, and I think he had a wry smile while doing so. One day many years later, after the wives had passed on, he called and was very sober about in his son Dave needing some help to get his transportation working well. I knew that he and Dave were seldom on the same side of the fence; also as it was a mechanical problem, and he felt he could not help, and would I give it a try? Well, I did, and it worked out okay.

Harvey's work was taking inventories, mostly at night, so there were a lot of calls over the years to come and fix his TC so that he could get it back home. On this particular night, he had a broken axle on his MG, and if I would drive up to his house, he would take a Jaguar and 50 ft of rope and we could tow the TC back home. Well that was one wild ride, but we will save that for another day, to be included in some other Harvey stories.

Joe Douglass



Not much stopped Harvey from driving his TC. How about you?



Oldest (Harvey) and youngest (Steve) TCMG members sharing TC info.



Old Guys Rule T-shirt was perfect for Harvey.

Member News



Carol Borgardt sent in her dues for the TCMG and wrote that she drove the TC that afternoon. It had not driven it in a couple of months. The first block it back-fired like crazy, then ran happier. I just drive it around town. Life has tossed her a few challenges with her sister passing away in April and of course Frank advancing in Alzheimer's.

If anyone desires to send a card to Frank, they can address it to Carol and she will read them to Frank. He is not able to talk on the phone as he has lost just about all use of his hands. She says he is such a wonderful man, and you can imagine how heartbreaking this whole thing is.



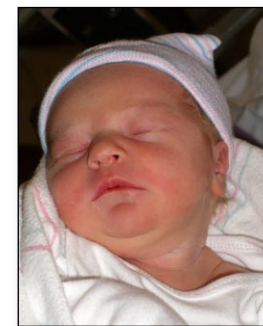
Dale & Joan Sheets had sold their TC some years back if you remember them. Mel Torme had willed the TC to them (they were his managers). While they loved the TC, they were just not using it enough and upkeep was too much for them. So they sold it (it is still in the TCMG as Steve Schrieberg in Virginia bought it) and thought a boat would be fun and relaxing. They bought a 37 footer, outfitted it with some plasma TVs and other niceties. They discovered the "hole it the water" story to be true and plus were not using it enough to make it worthwhile so sold that. They both have had some medical issues in the last couple years but both are on the mend and doing fine again.

Joyce and David Edgar recently welcomed their 4th grandchild into the world.

Piper Joy Rand
Born: Friday, January 9, 2009
Time: 0019 hours
Weight: 6 pounds, 12 ounces
Length: 19 inches

For other pictures you can go to the website:
randfam.blogspot.com

The name Piper comes from dad Chris's hobby of airplanes (Piper Cub) and mom Karen's flute playing.



Just a couple hours old

November 25th Meeting Minutes

We began in usual style – late. Dave Coleman broke us away from the idle chatter everyone was engrossed in and brought the meeting to order at 8:26. We rolled along by accepting the minutes of the October meeting, and listened to the treasurer's report that we were doing just dandy (full details posted on the wall for those interested).

No mail to view as key to the post office box had still not been found at Harvey's home.

Speaking of Harvey, Don McLish proposed establishing an award to be called the "Harvey." It would go to someone who had an unusual TC break down and or was able to get a TC going again via unusual or "MacGyver" type repair using odd methods or parts. Stories would be presented at the Holiday Party and voted on then for this year. Don would make up something to present for this year, with possibly a more permanent award later. Vote was taken and passed.

Vintage MG Parts Exchange was a great success. They had 38-40 sellers renting spaces and everyone had a fantastic time finding needed parts, selling MG treasures or just talking shop with fellow enthusiasts. The



Is Don campaigning for President?

refreshment area was also a big hit, especially with the goodies Linda Simmons had brought.

Joyce mentioned she would take dues for 2009 tonight for those who wanted to renew and save us the trouble of mailing out some renewal notices.

Tony had some nice raffle prizes and encouraged members to buy their tickets for a chance to win. Drawing would be after the break.

And with that we adjourned the business part of the meeting so we could chatter some more and enjoy some treats.

Program for the evening was Larry Einhorn talking about his fun times producing and starring in the Good Eats TV program. He really got us involved as we shouted out on cue, "Roll Tape." Our mouths were watering as we went to Joe's Crab Shack in Florida, Sammy's in New York, The Pantry in Los Angeles Pat's Philly Cheese Steak, in where else, Philadelphia plus a few more long time famous eateries.

Your humble TCMG Secretary,

David Edgar



Earnie, don't look now but someone comes bearing gifts.



Lloyd & Carolyn Hendrickson catch up with David & Lucy McCanne



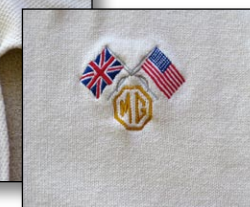
Susie Coleman, Fran Thelander and Bobbie Simons probably telling husband jokes.



Larry Einhorn giving the thumbs up on one of his Good Eats episodes and again that night to show he has not lost the touch.



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Note: Charles use to be a TCMG member and lives in Northridge

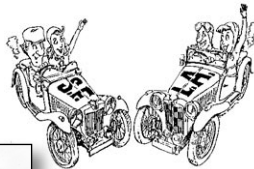
TCMG/ARR Conclave '09



A drawing and signatures from the 1st Conclave in 1957

Where are we going to go? 2009 is the year the TCMG plans the annual event sine we alternate with the ARR. Below is a list of past Conclaves. Do you have a favorite or have ideas of another location. Criteria is that it be convenient for both the Los Angeles area and the San Francisco area clubs. Timing is an issue too as it is traditional to hold it early October but we can be a little flexible. There has been a request to avoid the first weekend in October if possible due to a conflict with other car activities by some members. Contact Steve Simmons with suggestions. email: websim@pacbell.net

1957	San Luis Obispo	1988	Cambria
1958	San Luis Obispo	1989	Wawona
1959	Carmel	1990	Morro Bay
1960	Sequoia	1991	Wawona
1961	San Simeon	1992	Pismo Beach
1962	Sequoia	1993	Sequoia
1963	Sequoia	1994	Cambria
1964	Cambria	1995	Mariposa
1965	Huntington Lake	1996	Pismo Beach
1966	Carmel	1997	Wawona
1967	Sequoia	1998	Paso Robles
1968	Kings Canyon	1999	Sky Ranch
1969	Cambria	2000	Paso Robles
1970	Sky Ranch	2001	Murphys
1971	Sequoia	2002	Cambria
1972	San Simeon	2003	Sky Ranch
1973	Sky Ranch	2004	Cambria
1974	Monterey	2005	Sequoia
1975	Sky Ranch	2006	Morro Bay
1976	Morro Bay	2007	Morro Bay
1977	Murphys	2008	Oakhurst
1978	Cambria		
1979	Sequoia		
1980	Morro Bay		
1981	Murphys		
1982	Cambria		
1983	Sky Ranch		
1984	Cambria		
1985	Sky Ranch		
1986	Alvia Beach		
1987	Murphys		



Line of TCs from start of Conclave in 1961

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