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The Kramer's TC at GoF West 2010 with Gundlach Bundschu wine case for a touch of class. But do they have any Grey Poupon? For other GoF west shots and news see inside. Weather was spectacular (OK so we had a few rain drops, but overall it was fantastic), All was good until we had to leave, and we dropped down in elevation to where the temperatures were hitting over 100 degrees. Welcome back home.

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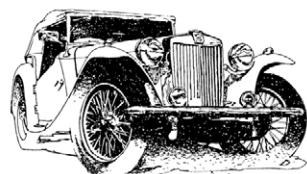


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It has been a great summer for the Guild. In June, Alan Peever and his Los Flores Car Wash General Manager Allen Hill brought a group of experts, and, a group from the Audio Toys department, with factory experts from Meguiar's products. They presented tricks and techniques for automobile finish protection and restoring for a 100 point car at Alan's no compromise facility. Top notch program Al, and the Guild thanks you.

Then our June event was an amazing best ever expedition out to pick all the cherries all you could carry, and a delicious kicked back meal at the Green Valley Cafe in Green Valley. It was the first day of cherry picking, and everyone found plenty. A nice surprise was Mike and Sharon Goodman had come in from the desert heat, stayed with the Romans, and showed up for the tour. A great time was had by all. The July event of course was GoF at Big Bear (see report and photos). The July 26th meeting program at the bank will again, by request, feature Gene Olson's TC trivia game program "Wheel of Misfortune".

Last time in the ramblings, we were deep into the details of the TC restoration discussing the block, and engine. While working at Mikes, we stumbled on a gold mine that later got me in a lot of trouble with Harvey. Reseda Imports closed and had a liquidation sale. Among the many goodies offered were six new T series OEM factory

**Six new T  
series OEM  
factory cranks,  
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on the dollar**

cranks, offered pennies on the dollar. I got two! One was to replace the .020 under crank I had in the TF 1250, and the other was to replace the old stressed one which was in the TC block. It was a great chance to pick up these needed parts - money in the bank. Mike picked up the other four. I put a new one in the TC block, and carefully stored the old one. Later when Harvey broke his crank, he wanted to obtain one of my "extra" new ones for his car for what I had paid for them years back. He never understood that these were never extra in my mind and had been purchased for my cars. I offered him the old TC crank which he turned down. Harvey never quite got over that one. Eventually he bought one from Moss, but I never heard the end of it.

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**Tuesday,  
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**8:00 PM**

**TC Wheel of  
Misfortune**

*This was such a popular event back in January that Gene Olson volunteered to do it again for us. So come to the meeting and spin the TC wheel (yes, and actual TC wheel). Answer a question right, and your team's model TC will advance (as measured by the petrol tank dip stick).*



*The spinner is a wheel from Gene's TC that he has mounted for the game. Note that he will not be driving his TC this night because of this.*

*Questions can vary from technical, to TCMG club event info or member info. Gene is a master at tailoring the question to the team and it keeps the laughs going all evening.*





## Webmaster Wanted



After more than five years managing the TC Motoring Guild website, Jim Crandall has decided to exit the program, delete his byline and pass the keys to a new keeper. It's time, he says, for an upgrade. So, if there are any want-to-be webmasters out there, now is the time to log in. Jim will continue to care for the site until the end of 2010 unless someone steps up sooner.

If interested, please contact:

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Thanks Jim for such an excellent website that has continued to improve and excell over the years.

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## TCMG Members at GoF West 2010

David & Joyce Edgar in TC,  
Gordon & Mimi Glass in TC,  
Lloyd & Carolyn Hendrickson in TC  
Ernie & Elizabeth Page in TC  
Gene & Deana Roth in TC  
Bob & Lori Smith in TC  
Pete & Fran Thelander in TC  
Gene & Brian Wescott in TC

Bob & Gale Kramer with TC  
Larry Long with TC  
David Reid & Terry Schuller with TC  
Gene & Karen Olson in MG SA

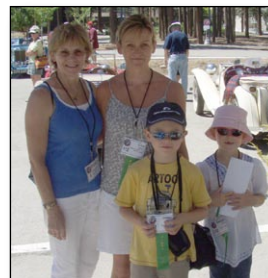
6 Steve Simmons in MGB GT  
Pat & Laura Mauch in '58 Corvette

George & Kevin Kershaw  
David & Lucy McCanne  
Doug Pelton  
Doug & Shar Pulver  
Ron & Bobbie Simon  
Willie Williams

Ernie & Elizabeth Page also brought Lisa,  
Jamie & Georgia Stove, daughter and  
grandkids, from Scotland, in MG TF plus  
Elizabeth's sister and husband from  
Australia, Bill & Renee Livingstone

In-Spirit: Joe & Pat Marcotte, Sherman &  
Daveen Kaplan, Don & Jeannette McLish

## GoF WEST 2010 Big Bear Lake, CA July 12-16, 2010



Elizabeth Page with daughter Lisa and grand kids, Jamie and Georgia.



Pat & Laura Mauch came via Canada



Gordon Glass with his Rallye motto T-shirt



Doug & Shar Pulver



Bob & Gale Kramer



David Reid, Gene Olson and Pete & Fran Thelander

Here are some of our TCMG members at GoF this year. For more members and photos see pages 6, 8 & 9



Pete & Fran Thelander working and running the GoF



Doug Pelton at the Flea Market



Willie Williams at one of the tech sessions.



## More GoF West 2010



Larry Long's TC showing his patriotism with flags.

David & Lucy McCanne look over the Arts & Crafts display.



The Roth TC with extra fancy rain shield.



TCMG member Bob Smith lives in Big Bear and came by to see all the TCs. His TC is beautiful and sounded great, and is for sale - see page 14.

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Pete & Fran Thelander enjoying a break from their GoF Co-Chair duties.



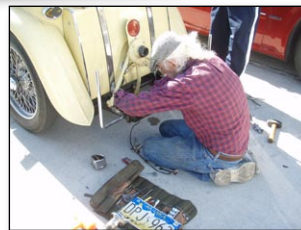
The popular Roth TC was designated as display only and could not be voted for as it had won top honors several years ago. But as always, it looked like a premier car.



Lloyd & Carolyn Hendrickson also taking a break from their GoF assignments.



Gene Wescott works on his TC. Not a fun task but the silver lining was winning the Hard Luck Award.



### GoF Award Winners tied to TCMG

George Kershaw (2nd in MG Single Model)  
Elizabeth Page (1st in MG Crafts, Carless Funkanna - Ladies)

Ernie Page (1st in TC Funkanna)  
Larry Long (3rd in TC Funkanna, 2nd in TF Funkanna)  
Gene & Karen Olson (Carless Funkanna Couple)  
Elizabeth Page & Lisa Stove (2nd in Rallye  
Lisa Stove (1st place in 1st timers car display,  
1st in TF car display, and High Point Award)  
Lloyd & Carolyn Hendrickson (3rd in TC display)  
Gene Wescott (Hard Luck Award)



David & Joyce Edgar fishin' for some plastic fish.

### GoF Funkanna Fun



Ernie Page (who celebrated his birthday at GoF) picks up pine cones.



Larry Long with Sheila Hogg (above) and Steve Simmons (right) guiding a toy boat with squirt guns.



GoF photos by David Edgar & Karen Olson



Special thanks to Pete & George for their detailed planning as Co-Chairs for the GoF. And thanks to spouses, Fran & Kevin who were a VERY BIG part of the behind the scene work as well.



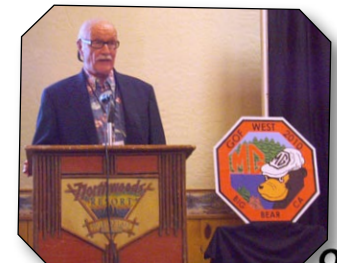
Gene Olson with raw egg in his mouth and trying to catch a water balloon.



Lloyd & Caroline Hendrickson and David Reid & Terry Schuller also collecting pine cones.



Many thanks for all the hard work VMG put into hosting this GoF. Job well done !!!



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## McLish's Motorhouse Ramblings (cont'd)

We were getting to the point in the story now that a new unforeseen problem about the frame and body fitting came to light. It seems TC'S are not all the same. Where are the pills, time for an aspirin sandwich. In those days each car was hand fitted, the hood was custom cut to length to fit the particular car exactly at the factory. You change frames, and everything can be off, and was. With a life of teaching and family responsibilities, this obstacle became sort of the last straw. The hood was too heavy with extra steel welded in to correct a bent hood at some point (possibly in a prior crunch) that was used to set the size made at the factory.

There were considerable differences between the old and new alignment. Another issue I was working on was the rear end. The original had broken and had been replaced somewhere in the history of the car with the wrong one with the wrong gearing. I obtained a correct ring and pinion gear from Moss and some spider gears from Mike. But the case was not correct (arg) and the difficulties went on and on. I am embarrassed to tell you that the car had now been apart for over 10 years as I struggled with these things myself because of limited funds. I was getting serious cabin fever. Some of our very

good TC friends were no longer with us, and I did not care so much anymore about being such a perfectionist. I just wanted the TC together, and to drive it and nothing else mattered. My life was busy, and I was not spending the time on the project that was needed. I knew of no way of tackling this one with the standards I had set for myself. I was missing too many fun activities with the Guild as we went on all kinds of fun events, and my transportation was relegated to other cars. The TF on events was a little too close and so I took the Mustang. I did take the TF on an event to the bay area with the surf board and my custom designed T series surf board rack that worked top up or top down, with or without side curtains. I camped in a small tent at the beach and had a great time. I then rode with Art Ellis in his beautiful blue TC and we did the official conclave events. Anyway, back to the TC story, I was dealing with many hard issues. The hood sides were not in good condition as I mentioned. As nice as they were painted, heavy metal had been welded on the inside of the hood left side panel. The cuts needed for the new frame were different, and I wound up pondering options to resolve, but we must continue the story next time.

*Don McLish*

## TC Wanted

Looking for a reasonably priced TC. A mechanically strong, original candidate is important. Need not be (nor can afford) concourse but would like a straight solid body. I can do cosmetic and detail work myself (maybe even some painting).  
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GoF West 2011 will be in Reno. What makes this GoF different is that it will be in conjunction with MG2011, an all-MG event organized by the North American Council of MG Registers. This event is held every 5 years and will be the first time it will be held in the western US. If you want to see a variety of MGs plus T-types coming from the east coast, be sure to make this event. The last event had over 1100 MGs. Dates are June 12-18. Registration expected to open in Oct 2010.

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DESSERT: Cheesecake with Raspberry topping



## June Picnic & Meeting



Five TCs, an MGSA plus Tony's toys in the garage were present.



Our annual picnic/meeting is always a popular one and one that brings out the TCs too.



Cindy Henkels made up flower centerpieces with photos of members and their TCs. We were invited to take them home



Thank you, Tony and Cindy for a wonderful venue, tasty deserts and putting up with all the leaky TCs.



Guest Carlton Long (who is looking to buy a TC), Stan & Anita Roman, Gene & Brian Wescott plus Ron Wong



Joe Douglass, Pete & Fran Thelander, plus Steve & Linda Simmons



Gordon & Mimi Glass, Ron & Bobbie Simon plus David & Suzie Coleman



Jim & Norma Crandall, Larry & Kay Einhorn plus Joel Shapiro and guest.



Larry & Anne Haile, Bill Risser with Charles Duvall plus Dick Messer and guest.



Gene & Karen Olson, David & Joyce Edgar plus Lloyd & Caroline Hendrickson

Cindy, thank you for all the photos. You did a great job. So sorry we did not take one of you and Tony.



## 1949 TC 7418 - For Sale

Recent complete repaint (3 years ago with fenders, and doors off body), New top and side curtains, plus brakes redone. Seats were recovered five years ago. There are added louvers on the bonnet, Brooklands windscreens behind the windshield, EXU type rear turn indicator lamps, and a radio/CD player mounted in the dash. TC runs GREAT and starts up on the first pull. Exceptionally clean and ready to drive anywhere.

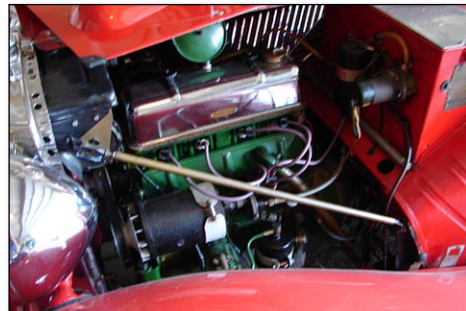


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Big Bear City, California

I have had this TC for 60 years (bought it in 1950 while in college). I love the car but it is time for me to let it go and to let someone else enjoy the fine driving experience of a TC.  
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## 1949 TC 9163 - For Sale

XPAG 9884  
ENGINE: 4 cylinder - 1250 cc  
TRANSMISSION: 4 Speed, Manual  
MILEAGE: 3478 Odometer Reading



Vehicle was purchased by a doctor in England in 1949 where it spent most of its life until May 1978 when it was purchased and relocated to Colorado. It spent a short time in Ontario, Canada from November 2003 until I purchased it and transported it to Fresno California in March 2004. It is basically an original car with only the seat covers and soft top have been replaced, and turn signals added. Appraised in 2004 by Wayne Rowe of Wayne Rowe Classic Cars at \$24,000.00. The car has always been garaged and protected by a cotton dill cover. It is licensed in California and driven weekly.

The engine and running gear all function properly. The only recent mechanical addition was the installation of a Thompson Steering Gear to improve steering response. All wire wheels have been completely redone with new spokes and new tires were mounted. Car is fully capable of extended motor trips.

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