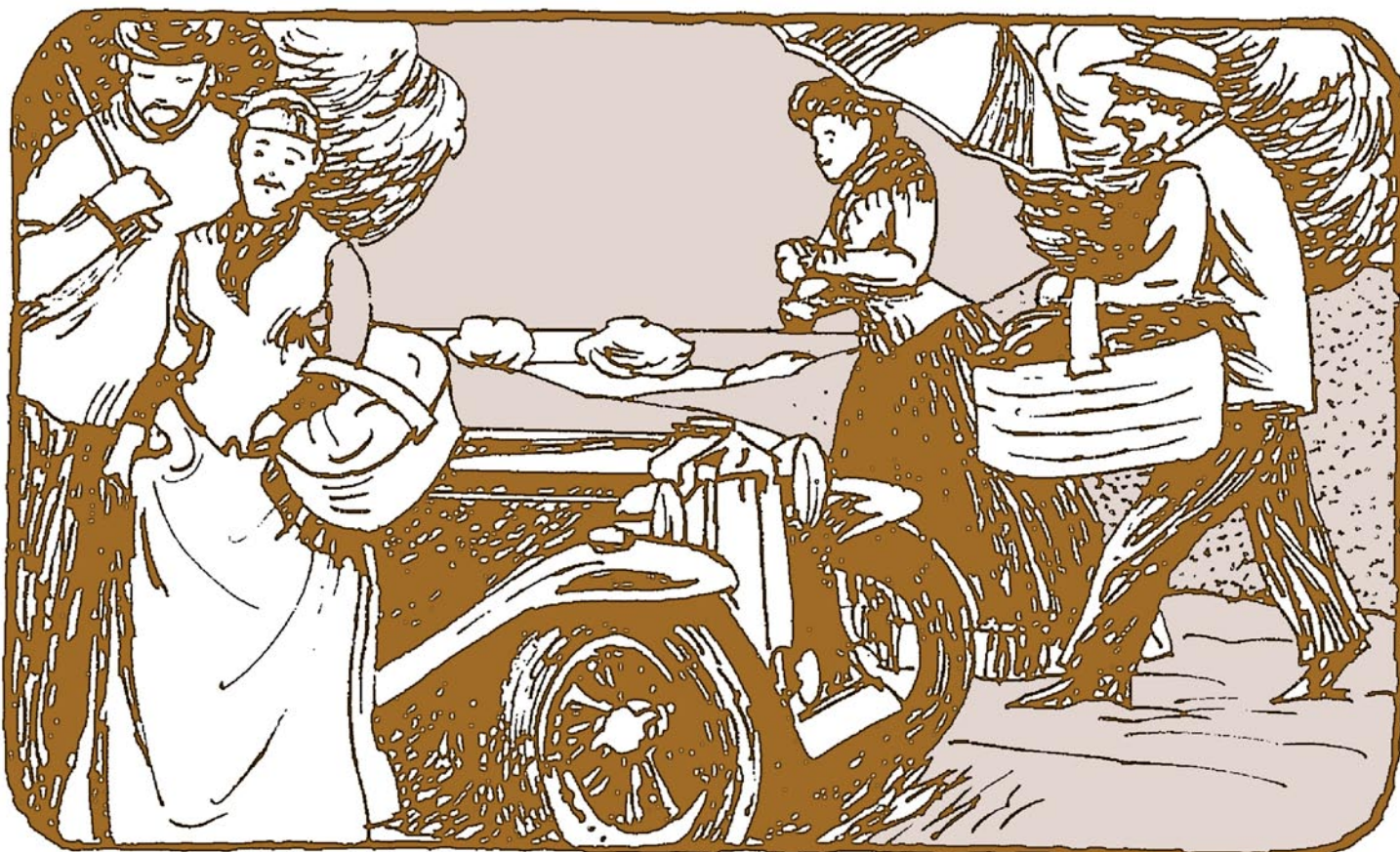


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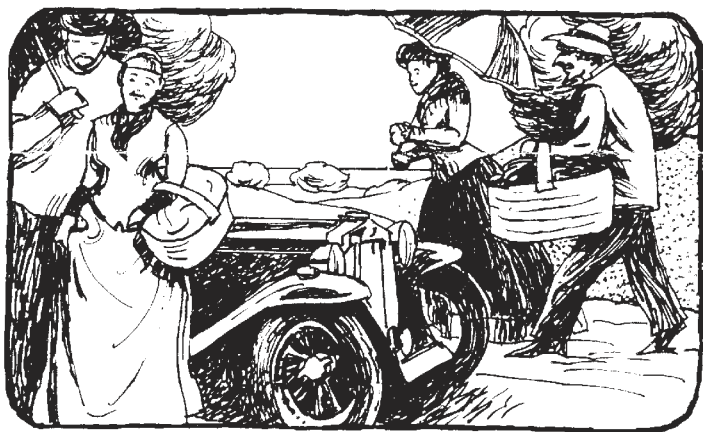
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**ON THE COVER** Poster art by Clarence Weiss for the formerly annual, TCMG Gourmet Pique-Nique. Inside you will find more Weiss contributions to the Art of TC Motoring including my own favorite on P.15 that you can actually "tear off" and frame. Ed.

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Happy New Year everyone! Our December survey at the holiday party and November survey of desires, expressed strong wishes - keep our traditional monthly format. We are good for this year, but the bank is talking about doubling our rent in 2011. So one stipulation, we need you locals to come and participate. The room rental per person is very expensive if only a few people come, and the board must justify the clubs expenses.

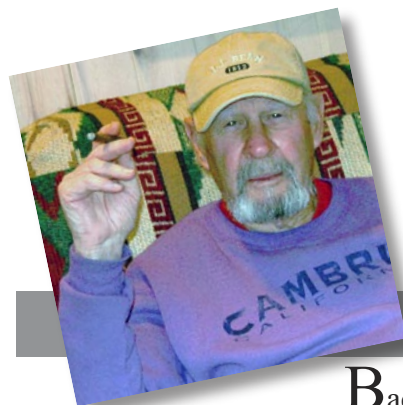
Back to our roots starts in January- a more social flavor in TC support. Special refreshments will be available presented to take you back to England. Gene will be presenting a special back to our roots fun program he is working on that is so secret he could only reveal to me some key ideas... "TC Fun, Obscure Parts, Ladies, Guys, and Trivia." You will have to come to the meeting for more details and enjoy our back to our English roots refreshments. In February, the theme, continues with a grand spread of the very early TC Motoring Guild newsletters and pictures spread out for a look/see, and a program presentation made by some of your senior board members who were there and did some of these amazing early traditions for which our club is so envied by other clubs- one club, one single model going strong for over 55 years with amazing programs and activities. Our early meetings did not have the lush spread of goodies we have been enjoying of late, and the early Holiday functions were simple affairs at homes. Every member present at the February Meeting with their TC, will receive a Vol 1 Issue 1 copy of the TC motoring guild newsletter. If rainy, leave TC home, rain checks will be given, bring them in March. You have your early warning, get the TC ready. You must attend in person with your TC to get it. In addition a memorial of this special meeting back to our roots theme for the event will be given. These cannot be purchased, and will not be available, locals must attend the meeting in person with your TC to get yours.

Our annual awards were given out at the Holiday party. The Frank Mason Award is given to the member who did the most to promote the TC for the year and went to Steve and Linda Simmons for their many great contributions, events and excellent cooking of goodies this year. The Earl Sargent "Use it or Loose it" award was also earned by Steve and Linda Simons. Part of all this fun is looking at various misadventures that have happened over the years. The most deserving catastrophic failure resolution, "The HARVEY" went to Pete Thelander, who attempted to go long distance to GOF on his original condenser which failed en route.

Now that the updates are done, time for me to continue the motorhouse ramblings, and TC dreams for the New Year. The long lost 'brick' has been located, purchased at the holiday auction, and given to your president. What is the brick? It is 'the brick' of course one of the original bricks from the factory. So now that this has been found, and is safely back in our possession, the club tradition, you can only keep it for one year so I have to hustle with my plan.

My plan for the new year- we will simply find the rest of the bricks, possibly on ebay, get them, and reassemble the factory here in California. Then we will go to the junk yard, and get scrap metal (a couple loads should do it), things were fairly lo-tech, and assemble the various metal works and we are set. Then it should be no problem to start building new TCs again, all we have to do is look at our own cars and see how everything goes. We expect some delay, as it is not known exactly how long it will take to locate all the bricks which must be done first of course to preserve complete authenticity. Perhaps assembling the new factory next to the old Edison plant in Commerce could be considered... Edison - Lucas... same thing. They made stuff out of wires. It would cut down on shipping costs having the electrical bits plant right next to the factory resulting in huge savings. The workers simply walk over next door, and get things- no conveyer belt yet. That will have to wait - not to be over ambitious the first year. For these reasons the new TC should cost less then they did in England with no mucking about with papers and offices. Everything is computer now. The upstairs space that used to do all that would be available for a tea room, and perhaps a bowling alley. Shipping savings on the electrical bits should pay for that easily. You do not even want to know how long it took your president to restore his TC. Suffice it to say, our new factory could build a complete new TC in a fraction of the time to restore, as all of us who have restored our TCs know. Just get a new one and press on. More next time. ●





# Clarence Weiss & The Art of TC Motoring

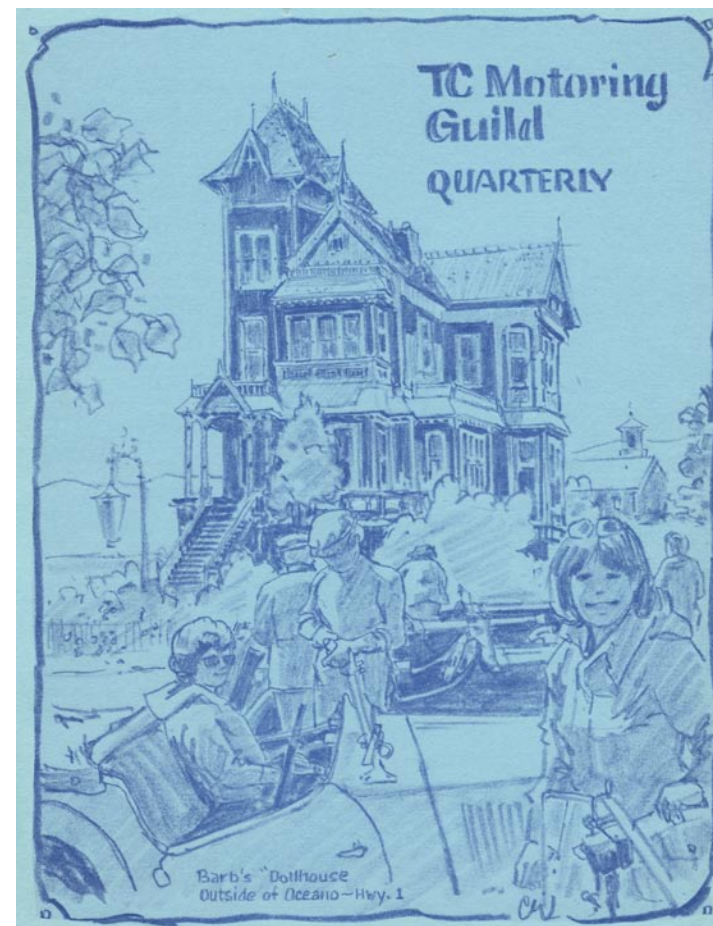
by Jim Crandall

Back in the day, we took the attractive covers of TCMG Quarterlies for granted. Just something to spice up an otherwise ordinary club newsletter. Big mistake! Just looking at the few examples on these pages shows us that they represent much more than snapshots of monthly club tours through typical California landscapes. They now rise to the level of significant automotive art that epitomizes the spirit of sports motoring, especially in the classic MG TC.

For the few of you who don't already know, Clarence, after retiring from a life-long career as a graphic designer, has established himself as a fine artist specializing in *plein air* painting along the Central California coast. His work can often be seen in galleries in and around Morro Bay, CA and he sometimes exhibits out of his home studio in Cambria.

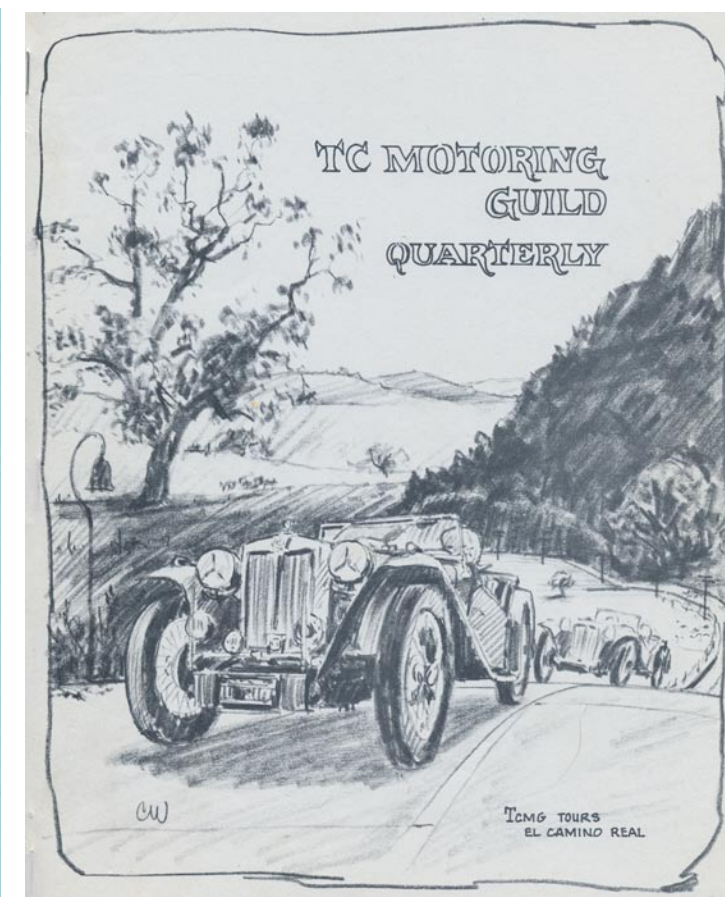
These drawings are part of an incomplete, fourteen piece collection recovered from the files of compulsive savers, David Edgar and Jim Crandall. The entire set can be seen in full color on our website at: [www.tcmotoringguild.org/ART/clarenceweiss.htm](http://www.tcmotoringguild.org/ART/clarenceweiss.htm). If anyone can help fill in the missing issues, please contact Jim at [crandallonline@yahoo.com](mailto:crandallonline@yahoo.com). ●

Clarence's current work can be seen at: [www.clarenceweiss.com](http://www.clarenceweiss.com).



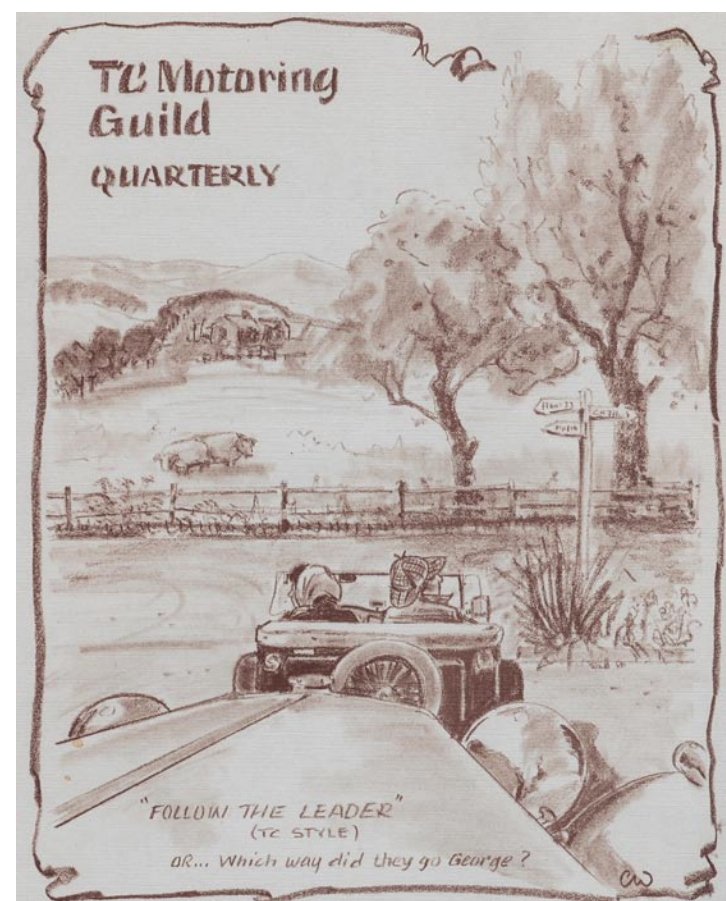
"Barb's Dollhouse"

Summer 1978



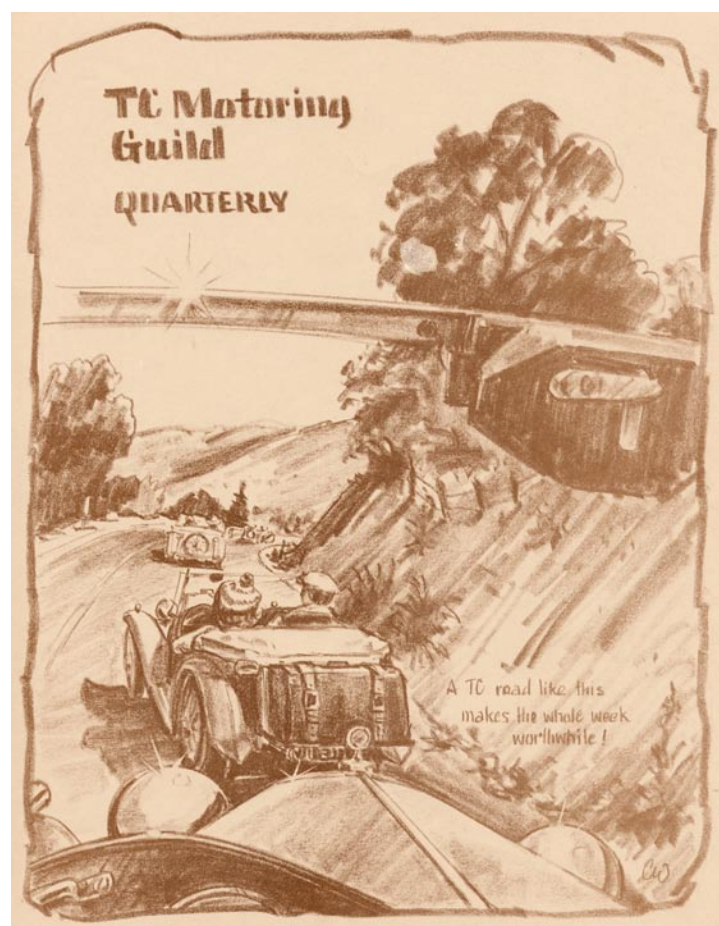
"Touring El Camino Real"

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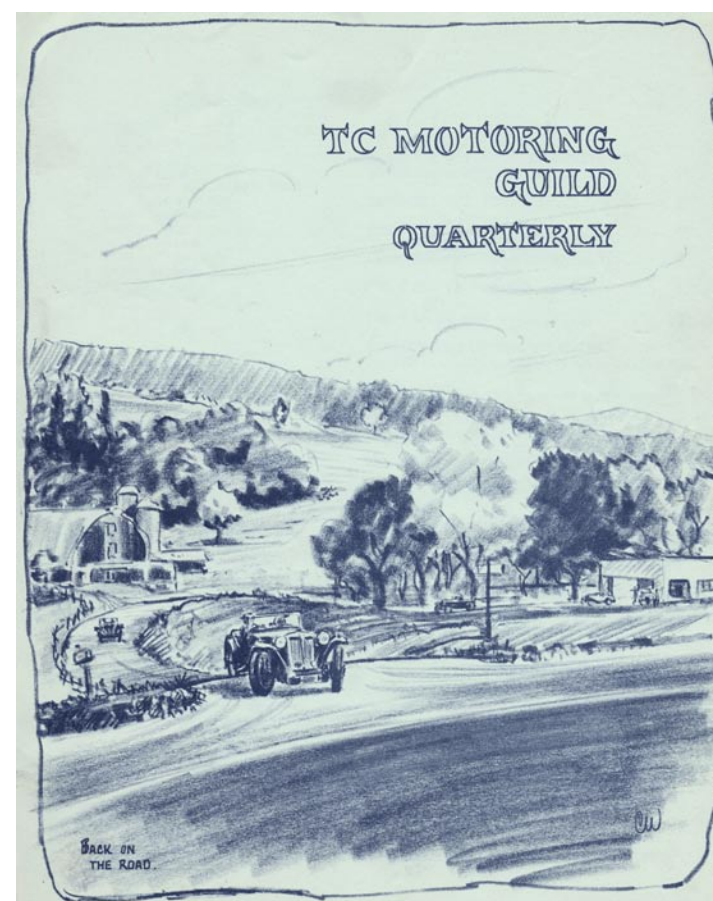
4 "Follow the Leader"

Spring 1986



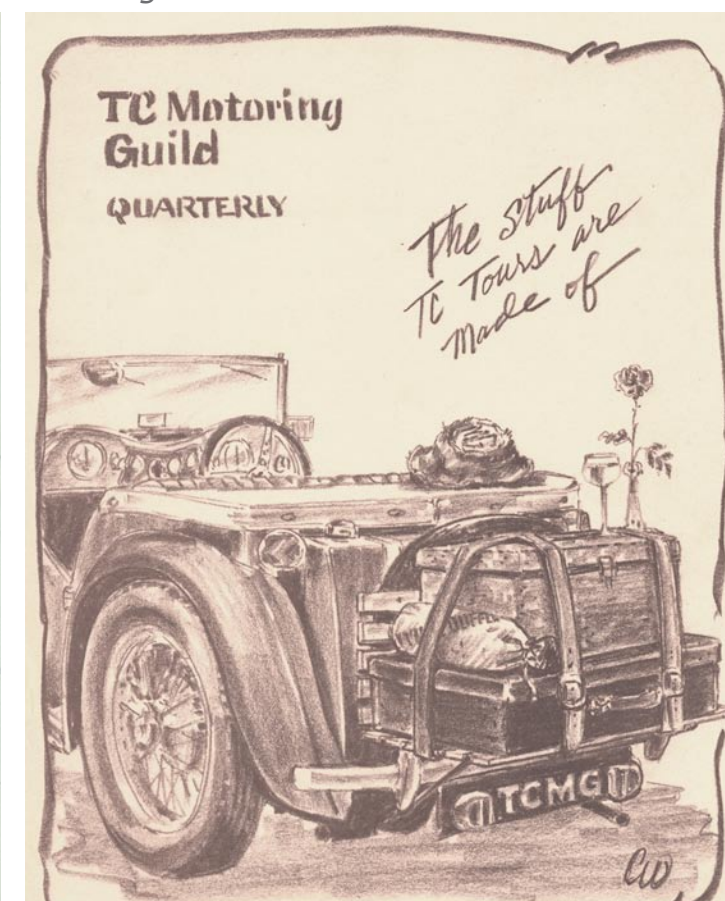
"Makes the Week Worthwhile"

Spring 1978



"Back on the Road"

Spring 1966



"Stuff TC Tours are Made Of"

Su. 1979





## TC Oil Caps - More Originality

by Doug Pelton

When I first saw TC7670, it was obvious I would have to find the proper oil filler cap. Instead of the cap, I had a “menagerie” of galvanized pipe and fittings to form a filler neck. (Below) On a positive note, it was original in every sense of the word and typical of its 1960’s restoration. After some time I was fortunate to locate an original brass cap, in excellent condition, to include the chain. But where did the chain attach to? Before I answer that question let’s review the transition of proper filler caps for the TC.

The filler caps for TC-TF were essentially the same except for the covers. The cap was manufactured by Enots and had a chrome button cap. You have to pull hard to get it to release and press the button to lock. There was a short break from using this cap during TC production from Engine # XPAG 2019 to 2966. These engines had the aluminum alloy cover with the flip top MG crested filler cap. Otherwise, the progression of different oil caps seems to be as follows:

1. Early TC: Chromed valve cover, MG Crested valve cover nuts, plain chrome filler cap, no lettering.



2. Early TC: XPAG 2019 - 2966, Cast aluminum coffin cover with flip top oil filler cap. (Left)

3. Early TC / Post XPAG 2966: Painted valve cover. Filler cap: brass filler cap w/ wording: “USE N.O.L. ENGINE OIL”

4. Late TC: Aluminum filler cap wording: “USE N.O.L. ENGINE OIL”

5. Later TC: Aluminum filler cap, wording: “CLEAN OIL ESSENTIAL - SEE MANUAL”.



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It was not until the TD when the chain appeared to fasten the cap to the side of the valve cover. The later T-series cars saw the following filler caps.

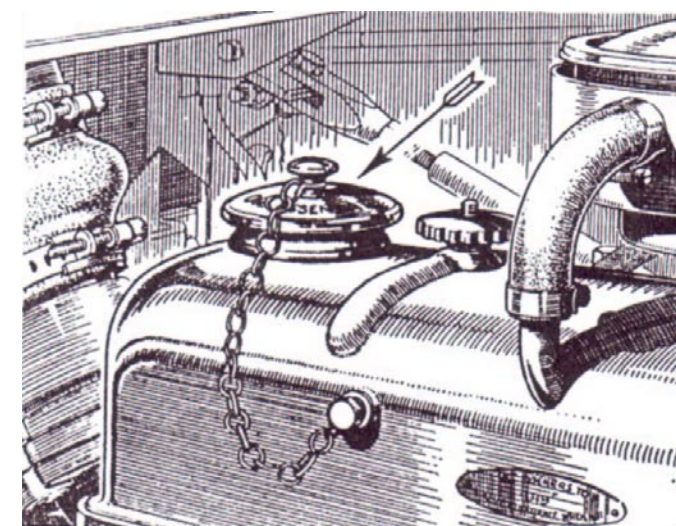
6. TD: Aluminum filler cap, wording: “CLEAN OIL ESSENTIAL - SEE MANUAL” with chain.

7. TF: Both Brass or Nickel plated steel caps (2 versions), wording “ESSO, STERNOIL, ENERGOL, FILTRATE, SHELL, MOBIL OIL, N.O.L. CASTROL” with chain.

Because needed parts tend to migrate across the different T series models, it has become confusing as they all fit each other, valve covers. However, there is no anchor point for the TC.

As a matter of economy for vendors, the TF oil cap with chain is commonly offered as a replacement by suppliers for other T-series caps. However, it is not proper for the TC. I have yet to find a source for the TC filler caps. If anyone knows let me know or if you have an oil cap excess to your needs I would appreciate that in order to help others. As always, this information is not absolute and I would request comment. ●

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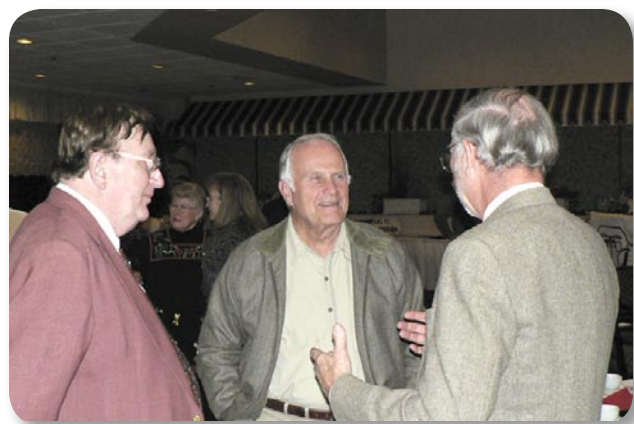
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### ALL MGs WELCOME IN 2011

Sometime in June of next year, GoF West 2011 will be in Reno, Nevada in conjunction with MG 2011. The combined MG 2011/GoF West 2011 event will be for all years of MG and since the two events had originally been scheduled just two weeks apart, it made sense to combine them. It will be a Huge Gathering!





# TCMG Holiday Party at the Hotel Huntington Beach

Photos by Jim Crandall



A small but lively group of holiday revelers gathered at the Hotel Huntington Beach for a typical TCMG celebration of old friendships, new acquaintances and lots and lots of food and drink. Annual awards were as follows:



This year, our auction, by Art Ludwick (*Far Right*) brought in \$744 which includes amounts over their bids by Colemans, Glasses, Ludwicks & McCannes. Thanks



*Upper Left:* Earl Sargent Award-Steve Simmons; *Lower Left:* Frank Mason Award- Steve Simmons; *Lower Right:* Harvey Award-Pete Thelander. Congratulations to all and to our returning President for 2010: Don Mc Lish, *Upper Right.*



to Don and Jan McLish for organizing the event and to everyone that brought toys which the Ludwick's graciously transported to the McKinley Children's Center in San Dimas.





### The Frank Mason Award



While Steve Simmons won the Frank Mason Award for the member who contributed most to the Club in the past year, the following members also received a nomination:

Linda Simmons	Gene Roth
Joyce Edgar	Art Ludwick
David Edgar	Pete Thelander
Don McLish	Ron Simon
Gene Olson	Doug Pelton

And team of Steve & Linda Simmons

### The Earl Sargent Award



This award is given annually to the member who most fulfills the second purpose of the TCMG charter: the perpetuation and use of the MGTC. 2009 winner: Steve Simmons.

### The Harvey Award

Harvey Schnaer's TC was famous for it's bad luck on driving events, hence the annual TCMG hard luck award in Harvey's name. This year's winner, Pete Thelander's TC is just the opposite. But as master MG mechanic Mike Goodman used to say, "They all do that" from 10 time to time."

### Our Newest Members

**Richard Hall**  
East Greenbush, NY  
TC 7091 XPAG 7750 BRG / Red

Acquired custody of TC in 1966. Also sharing space in the garage with the TC are my pair of 3.4 liter Jag sedans, 1973 Morris Minor mini 1000, a Griffith and a 1973 TVR 250M.

**Robert & Pamela Stephenson**  
Burlson, TX  
TC 5421 XPAG 6115 Cream/Red

Bought the TC in 1971 and restored it while stationed in California. Used the TC as daily transportation for many years. When it needed restoration again it was put into storage for about 20 years until I retired. I have now begun work on it looking to make it a good driver. Plan on putting a 5 speed and VW steering in it.

### Dues Reminder

Don't procrastinate. It's that time again. \$26.00 for those in the 90000 to 93300 Zip Codes. For those living more distant, \$22.00 (unless you want the special flyers on meetings and local events, in which case the fee is \$26.00) Checks made out to the TCMG Mail to: Joyce Edgar  
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### Early Birds

With their 2010 dues came this note from Mark & Carol Beveridge of Grain Valley, MO. "Carol and I sure look forward to receiving the TCMG Classic Chassis and Midget Chassis newsletters. We feel like we know you all as friends even though we've never met. Please extend our very best wishes for Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our fellow members! Our trusty TC 6013 is safely tucked away for the winter and we are already looking forward to our first drive in the Spring. All the best, Mark and Carol."

### For Sale by Members



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### Seen on T-ABCs Forever

This is was sent in by TCMG member Bob Stein to the TABC list in response to a discussion of heaters in a TC:

"I solved the problem easily - when my lady friend asked me to turn on the heat in the TC, I told her to keep talking. She was hot for the rest of the journey." (Grin)

*I wonder if he will be grinning when she reads this.*



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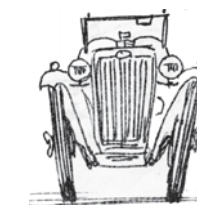


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**Photos & Captions by  
David Edgar**



*Dave Coleman reading the minutes of the October meeting.*



Ron gets fancy with his presentation. He had quite a bit of fun putting it together.

**"TC IN TOKYO" a presentation by Ron Wong**



"Ya caught me sneaking some sweets."

*So much to choose from from and  
so little time.*



*Come on Joe, you can do it.  
Force out a smile.*



Harvey Doty enjoying great food  
and great company too.

*Tony draws the winning ticket for Paid Up Dues for 2010. Winners were Steve & Linda Simmons.*



*Suzie, Steve and Linda - A thorn between two roses.*





## upcomingEVENTS

For the 2010 LAME DUK KUP

**Announcing the XIVIIL**  
(Figure that one out)

**Sunday Jan 38 (aka Feb 7)**  
**At Wildlife Reserve in**  
**Sepulveda Basin, 6350 Woodley Ave., Van**  
**Nuys**

**MEET 9:30, Events start at 10.**

This year we will have a classic contest of art, speed and endurance. Participants will receive their very own Rubber Duckie. FREE. You can decorate your Duckie. Events include Rubber Duckie swimming, driving, flying, and fashion show. Everyone else will go to a nice restaurant to eat. Very little driving, so bring the TCs out of the garage. LA DWP Japanese Garden is also here if people are interested (\$2)

TO GET THERE

[http://www.laparks.org/dos/horticulture/sepulveda\\_basin\\_Map.htm](http://www.laparks.org/dos/horticulture/sepulveda_basin_Map.htm)

### How the Kup Got It's Name

Back in the ancient times we had a traditional problem planning the January event because it had to be organized too early for the new events chairman, who was selected at the Holiday Party in December, to get his feet under him. Stan Belland, who was president at the time, got the idea of establishing a January event that could be put on by the outgoing Board ("lame ducks"). Then one day, as luck would have it, Stan & Esther were at a swap meet somewhere out in the desert and found a brass duck of no discernable function. It was no good as a decoy (wouldn't float) and, although anatomically correct, was too ugly to adorn the mantle of anyone but someone who had won it. It seemed like the perfect trophy for the January event. They paid the asking price of \$3.00, took it home, had Joe Douglass engrave it with a rusty nail and Lame Duk Kup was born. But why the strange spelling? What were the early events like? Get the full story in next month's Midget Chassis.

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Cover Art by Clarence Weiss

Summer 1966

Welcome to our new supporter, Nancy Mc Karney,  
long-time member of the TCMG. Ed.





**Tuesday, January 26th**  
**Thrills, excitement, prizes!**

### **Game Night... Pursuit of Trivia**

Teams will compete in a quiz game about TCs and the TC Motoring Guild. Sample Questions: How many spokes in a TC wheel? What color hat was Art wearing at the holiday party?

Start taking memory pills now! (memory helps, but so will age and treachery)

**Rules:** Winner is first team to get to the end of the board. For each question answered correctly a team gets to spin the big wheel of Fortune. Sometimes you go forward, sometimes a wheel falls off and you go back- but if you have the correct spare part card, you can avoid the penalty and spin again. Treachery- for \$2.00 (paid to TCMG) the other team can sabotage your repair and make your team take the penalty.

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