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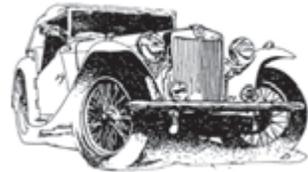
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President's Message



As we approach the end of my term as your president, I remain baffled about how I managed to hold down three positions within the club for a whole year. I even took two of the jobs seriously. I suppose letting that third one slip is how I managed to stay sane. Just recently during a moment of "better late than never," I finally decided to take a feet-first plunge into the one I've put off for so long. What does this all mean you ask? It means the club is getting a new web site.

Those of you who are on the club email list may have noticed a recent request for photos for the new Members Gallery on the web site. I received several submissions and these have been added to the new site which, if all goes well, should be online and ready for viewing by the time this newsletter reaches your doorstep.

A small handful of people have even submitted a short bio about themselves. If you have the time, why not send our handsome and brilliant webmaster a couple of photos of yourself with your TC, and anything else that might be of interest to your fellow TCMG'ers. Also welcome would be more biographies, histories of the many TCs in our group, and old photos of club members, events, etc. for the history pages.

I invite you all to check out the new site and give feedback, good or bad. After all it isn't really my web site, I just work here.

Visit TC Motoring Guild on the web at www.tcmotoringguild.org

Steve Simmons

GoF West 2012

June 18 - 22 in Buellton, CA

GoF West 2012 will be held in the heart of California's spectacular Central Coast. This year's rally/tour will follow the beautiful Foxen Canyon Wine Trail, and there will be extra, optional attractions - Solvang's Pacific Coast Performing Arts Theater and a tour of Vandenberg AFB - in addition to the traditional car display, funkhana, auto-jumble and banquets.

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Meeting room entrance is at the rear of the bank - downstairs.

Are you coming to the meeting and have extra room in your car? Contact a fellow TCMG member and carpool.

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd

8:00 PM

Kids in TCs What is the Law?

Can a young child legally ride in a TC?

Is a car seat required especially if the TC does not have seat belts?

Can kids legally ride in the boot area?

You might be surprised at what you can and cannot do.

Joyce Edgar will give the latest scoop on how to transport those young grandchildren.

Remembering Barbara Weiss



Conclave 2005



Conclave 2007

Barbara Weiss passed away on Nov 2. We share a few photos of her and Clarence here. Our Prayers for her, Clarence and family.

Humm - a number of years ago

Getting Our Third TC

by Phil May



It was November of 1962. My wife Betsy and I had only been married a few months. We were living in Santa Monica on 18th Street. We had our '48 MG TC for fun and a '55 Hillman Husky for our daily driver. Betsy hated the Hillman for some weird reason that I can't remember. Odd, because she didn't have a driver's license.

I had done a shoestring restoration of my TC during my last year and a half at San Jose State College. The restoration—a combo of restoration and renovation-- of the car from bare chassis up had been done in Torrance, CA at my folks' home.

On Thurs. November 22nd we drove down to Torrance in the Hillman to see my folks and celebrate Thanksgiving. They had just come from church in Manhattan Beach.

Mom said, "Honey, there's a car like your MG on the side of the road over in Manhattan Beach." I said it probably belonged to someone living over there. She said, "No, it's been there for a couple of days and there are no houses or apartments nearby."

Betsy and I hopped into the Hillman and drove over. Indeed, here was a TC. I got out to look. The spare was gone, as were both right side wheels. The chassis was held up by bricks. The knock-off hubs were still on the axles.

I figured someone had a major, major tire failure.

6 You may remember I had built

my TC out of two cars—a basket case and a wreck. While I had sold most of the excess parts to help finance the completion of the car, I still had a selection of wheels, tires and tubes in the garage at my parents' home.

I thought perhaps I could loan these to the owner of this stranded car to help him out. I could not find the registration that was supposed to be visible. I wrote down the license plate number, and we went to the Manhattan Beach Police Station. I told them the story and asked if they could supply me with the name of the owner so I could offer assistance.

They said it was their policy not to give out that info, but they would call the owner and let him know my offer. The woman officer came back in minutes and said she'd reached

the wife of the owner, and he was on his way to the car right now.

Betsy and I headed back to the car and parked about 50 feet behind it. Sure enough, within ten minutes a car pulled up. A fellow got out and waved goodbye to the driver, who drove away.

Then proceeded a bit out of a Charlie Chaplin silent movie. The man walked around the car and grabbed his head! He jumped up and down a bit. I got out and walked to him... (to be continued)

The spare was gone, as were both right side wheels. The chassis was held up by bricks.

TCMG Year End Party and Annual Meeting

**Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011
at 6:30 pm is the date and
time for our Year End Party
and Annual Meeting**

Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy libations and fellowship with your fellow TCMG'rs (and help us make our \$350 bar minimum). Please purchase drinks in the room, so we don't have to pay extra for the bartender.

Linda Simmons is our Event Coordinator

Dinners will be \$26 each (subsidized price) and includes salad, entrée, dessert, tax & gratuity

Your menu choices are:

Filet Mignon

Rollatini of Chicken Breast Mozzarella

Vegetarian Lasagna Rolls

Mail dinner reservations to: Joyce Edgar
1454 Chase Terrace
El Cajon, CA 92020

Make checks out to: TC Motoring Guild or TCMG

Indicate who is attending and their choice of entrée

MAKE RESERVATIONS BY NOV. 22 ←

TCMG DUES

Per our TCMG by-laws, dues are due at the annual meeting and that is the party above held on Dec 11. The grace period is up in March but why wait?

The annual fee for those in Southern California remain at \$26.00 (Zip Code 90000 to 93300). For those living more distant, the annual fee is \$22.00 (unless you want the special flyers on meetings and local events, in which case the fee is \$26.00).

When you send in your dues please note any info changes you may have had in the last year (moved, changed phone numbers, bought or maybe got married).

Make check out to TCMG and mail off to:
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Please put Membership Dues on check memo line.


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MG Rally to GNOMESVILLE

Last month my wife & I had the pleasure of joining the TC Owner's Club of Perth for a weekend rally in South West Australia. It was a great event, good friends, good food, & good stories. Sunday, the 3rd day was particularly noteworthy. The major event for the day was a planned drive through the rolling hills of Western Australia (WA) returning late afternoon. What fun!



It all started with the traditional "line 'em up" group car photo. This was no small task as there were around 40 cars. What a sight! Look at all the TC's! As the photos were snapped, my eyes locked on to the center display of a Gnome on a pedestal. Quietly, I asked (not to appear unknowing)....."What is the significance of the Gnome?" "Why, we are driving to Gnomesville today and you never go to Gnomesville without a Gnome." "OK", I said.....So off we went.

The drive was incredible, far beyond my expectations. WA was far from the desolate outback, down under. Instead, there were lots of green, thick forests, rivers and streams and rolling hills. It was a perfect day with blue sky and endless visibility. Our first leg

and river valley to end late morning for a stop of tea and crumpets with clotted cream. The 2nd leg of our drive transitioned into the farm country. The tidy rural farms seemed endless and pleasing to the eye. We stopped for lunch at a community Town Hall where the local women put on a wonderful lunch for nearly 100 ravenous MG motorists who had just invaded their little village. And, after the 8' table of deserts, we were off again, this time in search of Gnomesville.

The last leg of our drive was short. We followed our directions carefully as our

anticipation was building. We did not want to miss our goal. And finally, we arrived. Wow! The entire community was a "buzz". Our MG group was only part of a larger group of people visiting Gnomesville that day. Everyone was excited, pointing, laughing, studying, reading, walking, looking and just enjoying.

What we found was that Gnomesville was a thriving community; population of humans is 0 and Gnomes 10,000+. The endless sea of Gnomes has been the product of visitors making their contributions to the community. Gnomes were grouped to represent



families, businesses, public services, commemorate lost loved ones, and visitors from afar. The imagination and humor displayed could not help bring a smile. Clever displays with signs were prominent (see photos).

What prompted this community? Local lore is that a few years ago, this intersection was a safety hazard. So the town decided to build a roundabout.

However, work was very slow and progress seemed nil. One day

a Gnome appeared on the work site with a shovel. The local paper captured and published a photo to illustrate the speed of the progress. Immediately, there was a public following of the project as Gnomes began to multiply by the hundreds sending a signal to get on with the task. The project was completed and the newly established Gnomesville began to flourish. The speed of growth was phenomenal. With the now many daily visitors, to include tour buses, Gnomesville has become world renown. You can see many internet accountings using Google and You Tube. Take a look!

There was one final task at hand for the visit, the placement of the TC Owner's Club Gnome. While a few members labored with digging



Photos by Doug Pelton

a hole and mixing concrete, the remainder signed their names to the Gnome signify attendance. Then unceremoniously the Gnome was anointed with water with a loud cheer of approval and accomplishment from the MG contingent. Our work was done!

To our many Aussie friends of the TC Owners Club, a hearty thanks. As there is no place like Gnome!

Doug Pelton

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More photos on following page

38th VMG MG Parts Exchange

**Sunday, November 20
7am to 1pm**

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Our New Website Design



As Steve's President's Message indicated, he has been working on a new website design. I got a sneak peek and I think it look GREAT.

Initially Steve redesigned it to make it easier for him to maintain and the new look was a bonus. When Steve wrote his message, the new site was still not complete so the pressure has been on to get it done now before I finish and mail out the Midget Chassis. We all know how life gets in the way sometimes so if you read

this and go to our site and see the new design, GREAT. If the old site still pops up, know that the new one is coming soon and do check back.

I saw on the club archive news page that we might be able to add comments. That will be a VERY NICE addition. And there is plenty of room to add other photos of your TC or of yourself on the Gallery pages so do send him some of your favorite photos to share and dress up your individual pages.

October Meeting Minutes and Program



Food, Glorious Food. And there was much of it as our members arrived

and carried in the pot luck items they brought. We quickly spread out the decorations and centerpieces. The desserts were calling to us but so was the main courses. We filed in, filled our plates and settled down to a nice dinner while we visited with each other.

Eventually we had filled ourselves up, not an easy task, and we cleaned up so we could start our business meeting.

Steve called us to order at 8:19 and went through the mail, minutes of the last meeting plus the treasurers report. No corrections were noted and we proceeded onward.



The Holiday Party plans and reservations were progressing. We need at least 50 for the party to cover room cost and we have some in already (plus a few more signed up at the meeting).

Remember to bring auction items and toy donations which will go to the Foster Children's Resource Center this year. We showed an auction item that Bill Hentzen, from Wisconsin had sent in a nice auction item (MG blanket) which everyone ooh and aahed over. Thank you Bill.

Program for tonight was evident from what we had seen



and done already. We look forward to the centerpiece decoration and hat contest. We are in need for a program next month so please pass on ideas to Steve. Joyce volunteered to do a review on new laws that pertain to our TCs (and other cars as well) next year sometime.

There was some interest in having a group of us go see the filming of the Jeopardy show with possible dates of December 13 or 14 being mentioned. Would be in Culver City and last about 3 hours (which would get through about 3 shows).

Joe



appreciated the cards and well wishing while he sorts out health issues. And speaking of health, Don McLish who was suppose to get the meeting room key for us while Joe is recovering, slipped and broke his ankle. Thus Ron Simon took over and picked up the key (a 30 some mile trek for him each way). Luckily the bank allowed him to pick up the key a couple days early since he was going to be near there anyway. Thank you Ron.



Vintage MG Parts Exchange is Nov 20 and held at the College Park, College of Communications in Fullerton.

David showed off a new product by Loctite. It is their thread lock material but in a tape (similar to teflon tape in application) form rather than the liquid. Will test it out and report back but it looks like it could be very convenient.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 followed by the centerpiece and hat contest. Steve won the centerpiece contest (see skull on page 8) and Carolyn Hendrickson won the hat contest.

Very respectfully submitted by

David Edgar
TCMG Secretary

The ballot for next year's Board members has been mailed out and await being returned by you. Please vote. We count on your support to keep the club running. And thank you to those that allowed themselves to be on the ballot.

Gorden Bundy	Dave Mathison
Dave Edgar	Don McLish
Joyce Edgar	Gene Olson
Gordon Glass	Ron Simon

Binford's TC For Sale

A very sad time for me has come at last. I must confess that I do not drive Daddy's TC anymore and she is very unhappy just sitting. Silver Streak has been in my life since 1952, I was six years old. I grew up in the boot!

You may remember Silver Streak as 1948 MGTC 6973-XPAG 7797 pewter/red. She is a lovely old girl and still gives us a run for our money when we do get her out for a short jaunt.

We would love to find a loving, driving home for her and hope you will share this news with interested parties.

She was completely restored in 1980 by Glen Binford and friends (->) She has always been garaged and covered and comes complete with Whitworth tools, luggage rack, leather suitcase and antique picnic box (also leather) with implements.



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