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First Class Mail



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Two TCs out in the freshly fallen snow. These two TCs are part of new TCMG members Tom & Emily Wilson's fleet. Tom wanted to show that TC lovers live in Indiana too. What makes these two TCs even more special is they have sequential chassis numbers - 0272 and 0273. Thanks for the picture Tom!

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President's Message

've learned many lessons about TC ownership in Lthe years that I've been privileged enough to be a member of this fine organization, but the most important one was learned just recently... never be late to a council election meeting. Mostly these meetings involve people sitting around discussing club business and

deciding who will do what for the coming year, but for me it was different. It went something like this: "We voted for president and you were the only one who wasn't here to say no."

So just when you though my reign of terror as president of the TC Motoring Guild was behind us, it's back. I can't say that I have the most difficult job on the council, in fact far from it. The less enviable appointments are skillfully fulfilled by others, most notably Joyce and Dave Edgar who, respectively, manage club accounting and produce our fine newsletters. In my opinion they cannot be thanked enough

for their hard work in this regard.

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vears. Gene Olson has taken the events chair and is starting the year out with his much anticipated Lame Duk event.

For those who haven't attended a meeting recently, why not make it a

point to come by and say hello? We always have a great time, and you can make fun of your new president as he fumbles his way through the meetings. If that isn't enough then perhaps this is... Linda is back as first lady and so are her goodies! Come to think of it, that's probably the only reason I'm president.

Steve Simmons





Gene Olson has presented this game to us before and everyone loves it. So here we go again. Do not miss the laughs and thrills while you learn interesting facts about TCs and our club.

Tuesday, Jan. 25th

8:00 PM

Program: Wheel of Misfortune

TCMG Meeting held at:
Citibank Community Room
2350 Honolulu Ave, Montrose
GPS coordinates:
N 34.206 W 118.229
Meeting room entrance is at the
rear of the bank – downstairs.



Yes that is an actual TC tyre and wheel.



George Kershaw give the wheel a spin.



Team cars are ready to race - Note the "course" is an official TC petrol tank dip stick.

New TCMG Members



Welcome to the TCMG



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LAME DUK KUP EVENT

Announcing the XIVIL Lame Duk Kup
(Figure that one out)

Saturday, February 12

Meet at Wildlife Reserve in Sepulveda Basin, 6350 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys

Meet: 9:30am - Start: 10:00am

Duk flying, Duk racing, Duk concours, and of course a good meal. get your FREE ducks at the January meeting, or at the event.

Questions - contact Gene Olson 805-522-8052 or: olson g@msn.com



Pick up your free duk at the January TCMG meeting so you can personalize it. The fist event will be the Duk Concours. Be creative.

And then be prepared to launch your duk into a TC for the Duk Flying event. Gene Olson is demonstrating how it works.



TC Gas Cap Update



Description

Stud, gas cap

#4 Coil spring, gas cap

#6 Spacer, gas cap

#3 Flat clip spring, gas cap

#7 Fuel cap paper gasket

Gas cap only, no internals

I have continued to receive inquiries on the availability for the internal components of the TC gas cap and also for information on the proper assembly order. To date, a number of the various components have been non-existent creating problems for repairs or restoration. This has since been resolved in that I have had those remaining components manufactured. The following photo illustrates all of the pieces for the cap. It also shows the numbered sequence for their proper assembly order.

Item #

CR182a

CR182b

SPG052

SPG054

CR182d

GA234

#4 #5 #6 #7 #8 #9 #10

When fully assembled the gas cap will look like this:

#8 Ribbed washer, gas cap CR182e #9 Washer, shake proof WASP031 #10 Nut, brass NTPBA2b #11 Cotter pin, gas cap to tank SP0608 For any help or parts needed, please

#5 Slotted main disc, gas cap CR182c

contact Doug Pelton, doug@fromtheframeup.com

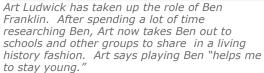
Doug Pelton

Ed Note: Doug had special dies made to stamp out the special washers as no one else (worldwide) has them. He also has complete and assembled gas caps. Be sure to visit his website (see his ad on next page).

Our Most Interesting TCMG Members

Many of our TCMG members have interesting lives and I thought it would be nice to feature a couple of them here.







Doug Pelton retired from his job as a pilot, but he has not slowed down at all. Actually his 2nd career is taking off. He had admired the classic lines of the TC for some time and finally got to restore a TC that had been in the family for years. Frustrated with where to get parts, or more importantly, correct parts, he started up his new business; starting by reproducing a small spring set. He has turned into a well respected source of hard to find MG parts. We thank Doug for his TCMG support with his ad and excellent technical articles.





You can read up on Doug in the new issue of Totally T-Type 2, a free download from the web. Just go to: ttypes.org/ttt2 Article is in issue #4

TCMG DUES



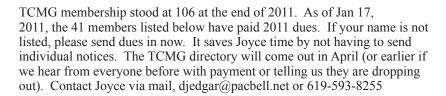
The TCMG by-laws state that next year's dues are due at our Annual Meeting, which was held December 12, 2010. Dues are \$26.00 for those in the 90000 to 93300 Zip Codes. For those living more distant, \$22.00 (unless you want the special flyers on meetings and local events, in which case the amount is \$26.00)

Please make checks out to TCMG, and mail to TCMG Treasurer/Membership Chair

> Joyce Edgar TCMG Treasurer/Membership 1454 Chase Terrace El Cajon, CA 92020

Send a note if there are any changes in address, phone, email or TC from what is in the 2010 TCMG Directory

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Our 41 paid up TCMG members for 2011

Appell	Kershaw	Olson	Toth
Belland	Koons	Page	Traill
Beveridge	Koskie	Pelton	Williams, Willie
Coleman	Larson	Scheu	Wills
Edgar	Leclerc	Shapiro	Wilmer
Einhorn	Loe	Simmons	Wilson
Glass	Long, Carlton	Simon, Ron	Wong
Hentzen	Ludwick	Sopkin	Yett
Hermance	Marino	Spiegel	
Hoak	Mauch	Storms	

Thelander

TCMG Annual Meeting & Holiday Party



The Annual Meeting (Party) on Dec 12th was fun. Thanks to Don McLish for setting it all up. Thanks also to Stan & Esther Belland who toted all the donated toys and games to the Foster Children's Resource Center in Los Angeles.



Art Ludwick takes his title of auctioneer extrordinaire very seriously and dressed the part. He was effective in keeping us laughing and bidding during the auction.



David Coleman and Stan Belland

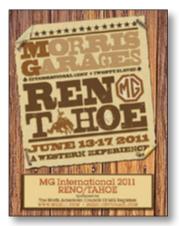


Gordon Glass sporting his whimsical Santa hat

Suzanne Miller

Phil Marino &

GoF West 2011



GoF West 2011 Reno, NV June 13-17, 2011 Save the Date

GoF West 2011 will be held in conjunction with MG2011 which expects 900 to 1000 MGs (all models) at the event.

This large event is put on by the North American Council of MG Registers and held once every 5 years and this will be the first time in west of the Mississippi. The council is comprised of representatives from five registers covering all

older MG models (Triple M's, T's, A's B's and C's). For those of us who love these cars, this is a very rare opportunity to see cars from all over the country and meet people who share our interest.



Membership in one of the national organizations is not a requirement for participation – any MG owner can register for MG 2011.

Each national register will be coordinating the individual events and activities of members attending for each register. For pre-1956 MGs,

The New England MG "T" Register will coordinate the activities for T-Series cars which attend. GoF West will coordinate the Rally, Funkhana, and Car Show for pre-1956 cars

Registration for MG2011 and GoF West is handled via the Council's website, www.MG2011.com



Using and Enjoying Your TC

The following notes were taken from the TABC list in regard to using and enjoying our TCs. This is just a small sampling of what was said but you get the gist.

Someone said, "when new these cars were cheap and were never intended to be museum pieces," and that has completely changed my attitude toward my TA. It has languished in the garage for literally 30 years because I was so sure that any restoration I might do would be so crude and mishandled as to illicit sneers of contempt from the true believers. I have moved beyond caring too much about what people think, and may, just may, eventually drive it out of the driveway for the first time since 1981. I also do not want a car that has to be kept in a glass case.

Dennis Nelson - TA3074, Manassas, VA

Many of the T-Type owners I have come across bought these cars in the 60's when they were very

cheap and not being looked after. Limited funds when we were younger often meant retiring them early until new funds presented themselves, most usually at or after retirement (i.e. after the expense of bringing up kids, paying off the mortgage, and other "priorities"). Restoration is expensive, and youngsters cannot pick up such wonders nowadays. Barnfinds do turn up every so often, but go for serious money, when you take into

account what still has to be spent. This is a great shame because I learned so much engineering at weekends tinkering with the TA. Try doing this with a modern box.

I think the moral is:

a) enjoy them now for what they are, and

b) try and encourage the next generation to at least take an interest so that when they inherit them, they can continue enjoying using these wonderful machines down the line

And never get hung up on what they might be worth as one day (heaven forbid) they might just get banned on environmental grounds. Then it's too late.

Ian Linton - TA3120, East Sussex UK



Notice from Phil Marino

Phil Marino no longer is furnishing specialty MG T parts and services. All of this has now been taken over by Butch Taras from the VMG Club (818) 249-9031, <mgyowner@yahoo.com>. He is very skilled and familiar with the MG T. He has all the tooling and machinery for the tasks Phil use to provide. Butch also rebuilds oil pumps, carbs, and distributors. Please refer to him for your future needs.

And Phil had sold the tapered rear axle machining for our TCs to Skyhook, but that tooling has since been bought back by Jerry Felper of the VMG. Jerry does a lot of electrical service for your TC as well. Contact Jerry at: 714-630-1074 or felperg@earthlink.net

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TC 9749 was a home restoration project and I researched the rebuild extensively to try and get everything correct until it

came to the front fenders and running boards. The condition of the right front fender after encountering a collision at an intersection with a much bigger vehicle was not good and a new fender was not in my budget. I opted to get the car on the road and found a set of cycle fenders and they were installed. I had always liked the looks of the early trials cars with cycle fenders and the



racers shown in several of the MG books. I do not have a Pebble Beach concurs winner but it suits me and it is usually a winner in the popular vote type car shows. I attend car events every summer and enjoy seeing the correctly restored cars and have never encountered a negative remark about TC 9749 from anyone. I do find things that I want to correct after looking at the field and usually do so if not too extensive. Car shows are fun and the best part is the people you meet that become friends after a time. I never consider car shows as anything more than an opportunity to show my work and have a good time with my friends showing their cars. We all have a vested interest in our cars that ranges from rebuilding and showing to racing or touring or just collecting. Whatever your passion is, it revolves around a simple series of cars built in Abingdon. We are all caretakers of these little jewels and hopefully someone that attends a car show will someday take possession of one of our cars and carry on as we have for future generations to enjoy. If you have one, get it out and show it off no matter what the condition is. Just keep MG T's out where people can know the make and the quaint style of a foregone era. My local young friends think my TC is as cool as my Saturn Sky turbo and my Vette. We each have a common passion the TC.

Ed Note: As an interesting side note, Dale for medical reasons, cannot drive the TC so his wife drives and he works the shift lever.

Dale Livingston, TC 9749 Catlin II. USA

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