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So what else can this TC part be used for besides the dynamo pulley? Cookie cutter? Itch scratcher? Well the winning use given at the last meeting was - wait for it - wait - A clamping devise on a mammogram machine. For other parts and uses, see our meeting report on page 12.

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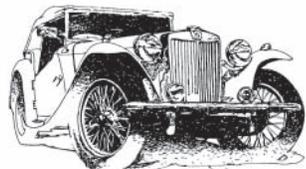
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President's Message



Here we are nearing the end of Summer, and getting ready for our annual Conclave with the Abingdon Rough Riders. As of this writing, yours truly still has the engine out of his TC, but we will be there even if I have to put the engine into the trunk of another car and drive it up there! For those who have never been, the Conclave is one of the best events we do as a group. It combines everything we love – cars, friends both new and old, cars, touring, cars, eating and cars.

been yet then you're missing out! Also remember October's Halloween party and pot luck in our usual Montrose location. Start thinking about your costumes now so you can win those fabulous prizes!

Events are so much more fun in a TC but remember you don't have to bring one along to join the fun. You can drive along in a modern, air conditioned car with big comfy seats, watching jealously as others motor along in hot, cramped, rattling old M.G.s. Aaahhh, the good life!

Even if you can't make it to a Conclave, there are plenty of other events and meetings to enjoy. Our meeting this month is the much anticipated "movie night" at the Simon's museum in Gardena. If you haven't

Steve Simmons

Ed. Note - Congratulations to Steve & Linda on their new home and move (Linda says she will never move again! LOL). They are still sorting things out but happy to have room to eventually store more cars. One joy is that Steve can build a new garage now. The downside is that Steve has to build a new garage now.





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For our September meeting we move from our traditional Montrose meeting location and visit the Simon Auto Museum. The private collection consists of classic cars, movie props, auto memorabilia, avionic items and much more and are yours to view. Arrive early to kick tyres. After our business part of the meeting we will view a couple of Laurel & Hardy short comedies. Thank you Ron & David Simon for hosting.

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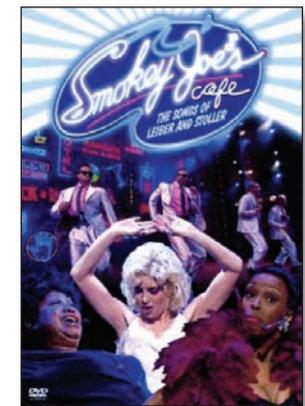
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Movie Night at the Simon Museum

The Simon museum has a new lounge area where we may hold the meeting and movie viewing. So be sure to come and don't forget to leave room for popcorn.

See and hear the music & dancing from the 50's when TC's were young and so were we!



New TCMG Member



*Let's Welcome Ian
to the TCMG*

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1948 TC 6885 XPAG 7740 White / Black & Red



While Ian is new to the club, old TC 6885 is not. It was owned by TCMGr Ray Reichwein back in the 60's. Ian has record of Ray buying it in 1956 and who sold it in 2011 to a gent who kept it only a couple months.

Seems he then made another purchase as and could not devote the time to the TC so sold it to Ian. Ian has MANY service records and information from when Ray had the car. The car has not been driven since 1964.

GoF West 2012

June 13 - 17 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.



6 Please visit our website at: Gofwest.com for registration info.

Annual TCMG / ARR Conclave

Just days away now!

**Sept 23-25
San Luis Obispo
2011**

55th Annual meeting of the TC Motoring Guild and the Abingdon Rough Riders. It all began in 1957 in San Luis Obispo where the two TC only clubs met to have fun.



We will be staying at the Vagabond Inn (right next to Madonna Inn).



Saturday dinner at the Madonna Inn.

Contact Gene Olson if you have questions
805-813-5569 or olson_g@msn.com

*Look for a report
on this event in the
next issue.*

Wedding Day

by Phil May



Betsy and I were married on August 25th, 1962. The reception was in my folks' backyard on Marialinda St. in Torrance-- high on a hill overlooking the recently built West Torrance High School. (In the accompanying photo you will see the TC on the street in front of the driveway a day before the wedding with my New York state, future-father-in-law as a passenger. He was a very politically conservative man who thought the John Birch Society was slightly left wing. He also thought the car was crazy. And he wasn't too sure about me either.)



The TC, named Tissy, was to be our classy ride to honeymoon in Laguna Beach. Betsy's aunt had a rental home there that she gave us for a week as a wedding present. One block off the ocean and near Bette Davis's home.

Because of the steep hill it was required, by law, to turn wheels

8 into the curb when parked. Tissy,

with new paint about three weeks old and her almost new engine, was parked thus in front of the house.

I collared one of my best friends from college—an usher—to please watch over the car and make sure no one put signs, ribbons, crepe paper and especially tape on it. I was really concerned that tape, when removed, might pull up the still-curing paint job. He gave me his solemn promise. Which proved not to be worth a damn!

Reception was nice. Time to leave. We went out with the small crowd to the front of the house. There sat poor Tissy, festooned with "Just Married" signs, and all the other stuff that wasn't supposed to be on it—including tape! I glared at my friend (a dear friend to this day) who smiled and shrugged. I mean there were even tin cans and old shoes on string behind the car. I was fuming mad.

I hopped in the car and fired it up. And repeatedly blipped the throttle making a lot of noise. Betsy, instead of getting in the car, had been collared by my mother and led through the crowd to say goodbye to a couple of aging relatives. A feller can always count on good ol' Mom.

I'm yelling at her, my three hours old bride, to get in the damn car! People are not only throwing rice, they're

grinding it into my hair (I had some then) and down the back of my shirt.

Finally, Betsy got in the car. There were people in front of the car. I didn't care. I backed up to unchock the wheels from the curb and moved ahead. People scattered. I roared down the hill with a cacophony of clattering and clanking behind us.

Someone yelled, "We put rice in your radiator!"

Oh! My! God! Or as they text today, OMG!

At the bottom of the hill I screeched to a four-patch stop. Got out and removed all the stuff, pulling the tape very carefully. I left everything in a pile in the middle of the road.

Betsy knew I was P.O'd. She didn't say a word. We stopped at the first gas station to fill up. There was an ungodly smell coming from

somewhere. Was there really rice in the radiator? Were my friends that dumb? If so, we weren't going to go very far, and I would soon be arrested for multiple murders.

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bride, to get
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car!*

I ran to the front and unscrewed the radiator cap. Whew! No rice. I opened the hood and there, on the exhaust manifold was a monster mass of bubbling Limburger cheese.

Two days later, on honeymoon, I went out with a vacuum to get rid of the rice in the car. The cheese on the

manifold had cooked to ash, but there was still a bad smell. I opened the tool compartment and there was the cheese that hadn't been used. Two days of hot California sun had turned the stuff nearly lethal. Luckily it was in a wrapper so it was quickly in the trash... (to be continued)

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Progress On a New Garage

Many people have asked how the progress on our garage is going. Slow but sure, but lots of visible progress has been done in the last few weeks so thought we would share. And how is this related to TCs? Well Joyce keeps buying toys and the TC was getting crowded in the garage. And the garage is tall as it has to fit the latest toy of a motorhome. So when finished the motorhome will have a safe home and so will the TC. Not sure if TC will go into new garage or stay in the existing garage but have more room.

97% of work has been done by David and 2% by Joyce. Building it ourselves so construction has to fit between other fun activities.

So in December 2010 we had finally gotten the foundation done and now the slab is poured.



Site of where the garage will be built. Grading done in 2003.



Took a few months to build the retaining walls but on August 29, 2011 we got some wood delivered.



Second wall built and being set in position now.



Before the beams go up, I needed to finish painting the steel columns which raise up 15 feet. Relied on a ladder on top of a scaffolding to reach. Don't call OSHA.



22' beam ready to be hoisted up



Second beam (a 30 footer) being installed now.



Now comes building the cripple wall over the beams.



Now the last section of the wall goes into place.



Joyce bolting the beam in place.



As the progress was on Sept 13, two weeks after delivery of wood.



And the next section of the cripple wall. Wall had to be lifted 10'-4" to fit over beam so Bobcat helps again.



And how the building sits as of this time. Had to stop work and get ready for the Conclave. **11**



And the next day we had built the first wall (which weighed a ton) so relied on our Bobcat to grab, lift and set the framing on the 6' block wall.



Two walls up waiting for the beams to go in place.

David & Joyce Edgar

August Meeting Minutes and Program

With the Simmons doing some escrow signing for selling their home (congratulations on that), Ron Simon took over as VP and brought us to order at 8:16pm. He went through the routine of explaining what was in our mail before going onto asking for a report on the last meeting. Details were in the last Midget Chassis and accepted as printed.

Joyce, our Treasurer, said we had money in the bank and we were up to 103 members now. She also said we had 16 people signed up for the Conclave dinner (oops, make that 18 as two more just paid). Still early on that so we expect more.

We had a choice of Dec 11 or Dec 18 for our TCMG Holiday Party at the Sportsman's Lodge. We voted on Dec 11.

Conclave in San Luis Obispo is getting final tweaks. Still taking dinner reservations. We had a short discussion on how to caravan up but nothing filmed up.

A report on the Shapiro car collection said there were roughly 25 cars (Packards, Caddy's, Rolls Royce, Lancia, and of course MGTC, etc) that he had been collecting for some 30 years. Interesting underground storage facility was noted.

September 27 is our next meeting and it will be our Simon Museum Movie Night. Ron has something a little different for us.

A reminder to get your raffle tickets was made and David Coleman described the items you could win.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:33 (guess we discussed quick as that was only a 17 minute meeting).

We socialized for awhile before continuing on to our program of what other uses do we have for TC parts.

Very respectfully submitted by

David Edgar
TCMG Secretary



As we unlocked the meeting room we found the janitorial staff cleaning and waxing the kitchen area. So that was off limits but did not deter us from using the serving bar to distribute the snacks.



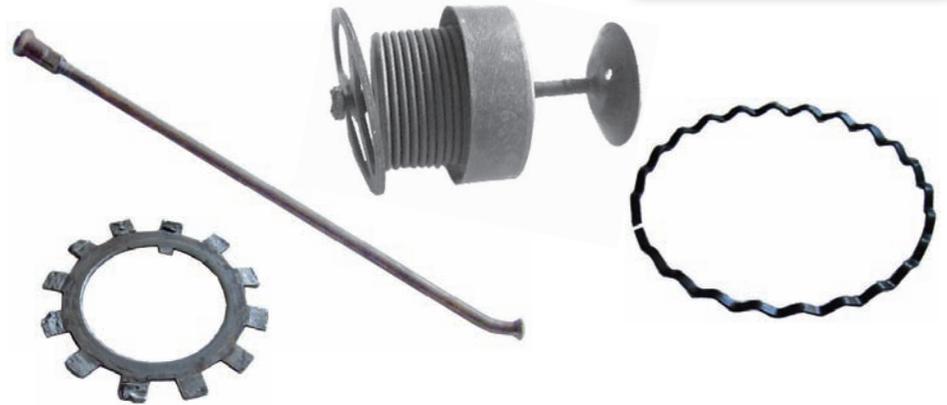
A little discussion going on before the meeting started.



Kevin Kershaw and Esther Belland listen to what Joyce Edgar's words of wisdom while George Kershaw lends Stan Belland an ear. Was good to see Stan & Esther at a meeting again.



Caroline Hendrickson catches up with Joyce and Don McLish looks over the raffle items with David Coleman



The above are just some of the TC items we found alternate uses for. Punk Rock bracelet, back scratcher, pointer for a lecturer, toy top, ear ring were some of the suggestions. And Pete Thelander shows off another use for a headlamp bucket, David Edgar wears a timing chain headband and Gene Olson thinks he has an ear wax removal device.



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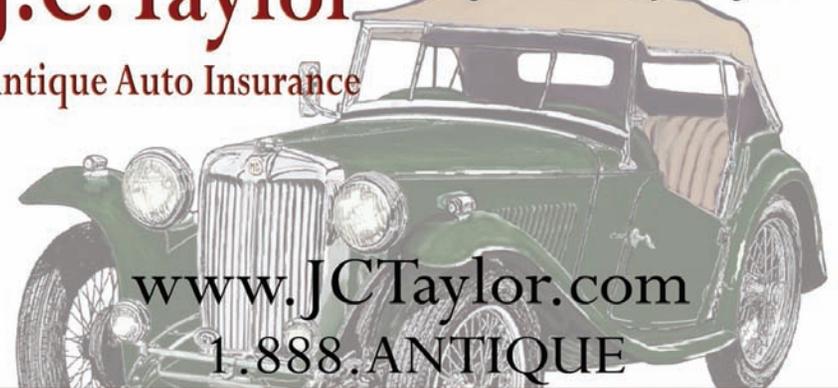
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