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President's Messageby David Mathison

GoF WEST 2012 DID NOT DISAPPOINT!

Our own Larry Long and Geoge Kershaw, organizers of this year's Gathering of the Faithful, have earned our highest praise and made the Motoring Guild exceedingly proud, as did Linda & Steve Simmons who seemed to have swept the table of every award possible over those five days, together with the Roths, Thelanders, Kaplans, Kershaws and Longs. My son Michael and I also managed to escape with a solid Third Place standing as Navigator/Driver in the Funkhana. Michael was "The Bomb" (his words) in grape stomping, nearly matching Steve and Linda's passionate, yet equally vibrant, oscar-winning, impromptu performance.



My only frustration was that "GoF Week" was also "Finals Week" at Loyola Marymount University, so we arrived late to the Wednesday events. We also had to miss the much-anticipated Henkels' Annual Picnic Meeting which by all accounts was another great success.

One final thought - How many times do I need to learn the same lesson of "Drive your TC or death by museum?" My TC was pulled directly from storage the day before Michael and I drove north to GoF. The battery cable was loose. On our caravan back to LA with the other TCs, my car finally stalled only to be rescued by Steve Simmons' ever-quick trouble shooting. And I thought I was the final word on roadside repairs.

Thank you Steve and all those who made this year's GoF West the wonderful event it turned out to be.

On another subject, please join me in welcoming two new members to the TC Motoring Guild. Be sure and

add their information to your roster and give them a big "Hello" when you see them at meetings and events.



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1948 TC 4694 XPAG 5319 Dark Green / Black

A Project Completed by Leo Pedersen

A five year project...... two dreams come true

A few years ago, Leo Pedersen, with the help of fellow TCMG member, Gene Roth, found an humungous cache of T-Type bits and pieces in the desert community of Ridgecrest, CA. With this find, it didn't take Leo long to dream up two separate projects: the restoration of a show car to be offered for sale, and a highly modified speedster in which to fulfill his life-long fantasy of sports car racing. Now, five years later, the dream has become reality. The show car been completed and now resides with its proud new owner in Martha's Vineyard, MA. The striking, vintage race car pictured below is now track-ready and anxious for its maiden outing. *Ed.*





Leo describes some of the unique features of the car pictured below:

A. Competition seats with 5 point safety harnesses. One seat is removed for races. B. Functional engine compartment with VARA required oil recovery system. C. Engine tuned with ported, oversized valves, 1-1/2" SUs, maximum milled head to 9.6:1 compression and light alloy flywheel bring top speeds of 90+mph. MGB fan for street use is removed for racing.

D. TD suspension with rack & pinion steeriing, MGB coil springs and anti-sway bar to provide stiffer and more precise handling. Also note mesh grill and aggressive racing tires.

E. Custom, powder-coated roll bar welded to frame, fire extinguisher plumbed to driver side and engine compartment with manual release on dash.

Photos by Leo Pederesen







Placerville Mini Conclave by Jim Crandall

Four SoCal TCMGers take a drive with the ARR



here's no doubt about it. Our sister club, the Abingdon Rough Riders, has access to some of the best TC touring roads in California. Combine that with a selection of first-class wineries and a group of like-minded motorists and you have the makings of a memorable weekend. Placerville, CA was the hub for a variety of activities which included a Friday night BBQ courtesy of Brian and Jane Sonner, a visit to the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park in Coloma, wine tasting at a couple of Placer County's finest, and a Saturday night banquet at one of the better eateries in downtown Placerville.

Assigned the moniker of "MINI CONCLAVE" by event organizer, Brian Sonner, the tour was attended by twelve TCs and one TD from the ARR. Representing the TCMG were Jim and Norma Crandall who trailered their TC behind a Ford Explorer, and Leo and Martha Pedersen from Atascadero who toughed it out in a Lexus SUV. Once at their destination however, the Pedersens, although they would rather have had their TC along, were lucky enough to get the loan of a rubber-bumpered B roadster from ARR's Laurie Alexander for the Saturday tour. (Actually, there were several other members of the TCMG present but they are included with numbers above because of their membership in both clubs.)

In keeping with the recent theme of getting kids interested in TC motoring, the Crandalls' "kids" (aged 50+) who live in nearby Cool, CA, tagged along on their BMW and Vespa motorbikes, but on Sunday, the TC was made available for them to drive in hopes that after experiencing the power and handling of this fine example of British automotive design, they would also get the MG bug. Oh well, they got a lot of waves, that might do it too.



A shady clusterpark of TCs at a local winery



Bill Traill improvises a carb tune on Crandall TC



A catered, gourmet box lunch at winery 2



Allan & Brian meet and greet us at park





TC Originality: ID PLATES & PLACARDS

by Doug Pelton

Like many aspects of the TC, the ID plates and placards have been a topic of debate through the years. There is a level of uncertainty as to why there are differences in type finish, wording, fonts, and when early and late versions changed. The following is offered as a summary

of past studies to help answer some of these questions. Let's look at the Maker's Plate, Patent Plate and Made in England Plate, all on the side of the battery box.

General Info – These plates are commonly found in 2 finishes, brass and nickel. However, they were originally all plated with a thin "flash" nickel finish, not brass. Through the years the plates have had the plating flake off or they have been polished to reveal the brass below. There also tends to be an early and late style font used in the hand stamping of numbers. Early TC stamping seemed to be a hold-over of the elegant pre-war font featuring curly scrolls on the numbers. The later font was a more linear font similar to today's "Arial". There were even different fonts used on the same plates because they were stamped as the car progressed through the assembly process. Thus, each plate is unique in itself.

Maker's Plate – Top plate on the battery box. The early plate had the distinct words of "Change Oil Every 1500 Miles". The later plate had these words removed leaving only "Guarantee Ceases with Removal of this Plate." There is no exact point of change for the 2 plates as they have both appeared on cars ranging from Sep 1946 thru Mar 1947 (TC16XX-TC24XX). Lettering was recessed and filled black. Both car and engine number were hand stamped to match original chassis and engine numbers. On occasion the maker's plate has added stampings which have sometimes revealed hidden history. If the stamped chassis number included "CKD" it meant that this car was exported as "Completely Knocked Down". This is illustrated with" TC1766 CKD" which was 1 of 84 cars sent to Ireland and assembled there. Another variant was "EXU", Export United States. TC7670 EXU was 1 of 494 cars with added equipment needed to meet safety standards for exports to the US in 1948-49.



1. Early maker plate, worn nickel finish revealing brass plate.





2. Patent Plate: (top) early raised lettering, 24 patent #s. (bottom) late recessed lettering 11 patent #s.

Patent Plate - Below the maker's plate. The purpose of the patent plate was to list the governing patents associated with TC production. There were 2 variations of this plate. The early plate had raised lettering with a black filled background and had a total of 24 patent numbers displayed. The later plate had recessed black filled lettering (opposite from early) and the nickel background. By contrast it had only 11 patents. Once again the transition from early to late was overlapped and not specific to a date. Either the early or late version would be considered original from Sep thru Nov 1946.

Made in England – Below the patent plate. The MIE plate had raised lettering with black background. Generally, only exported cars had the MIE plate. However an exception was that early TCs were exported without the plate. Also, those TC's that were exported as "CKD" had no plate as they were assembled in another country. The first sighting of the MIE plate was summer of 1946. After that, if a car had the plate it was assumed to have been exported. However, even that could be wrong if the plate was added erroneously during a previous restoration. Overall, one cannot be for sure as exports records have been lost.

on the web: www.fromtheframeup.com / Tech Tips / ID Placards. Because the original ID plates are an important heritage of each car, it is always advisable to restore them as much as practical. If you need any assistance with the restoration or replacement of your plates, please let me know.

Doug Pelton
From The Frame Up, LLC



3. Late maker plate and early patent plate. Note: multiple font styles and CKD stamping.



4. Late maker, late patent and made in england plates. Note: late style fonts and EXU stamping.



TCMG's RON WONG PROMOTES ARCHERY IN THIS OLYMPIC YEAR 2012

I Started in Archery in 1950 before chapter IX in the only coed class at UCLA and I still combine archery with beauty appreciation. I bought my first car, a used 48 TC, at about the same time as I was influenced by Errol Flynn who had one.

Interest in archery is at a new high today. In my day it was Robin Hood, Errol Flynn and then came Rambo, and now the Hunger Games.

For the TCMG meeting program on July 24th, I will show the different styles of present day archery and also a look into archery of the past. My claim to fame was to shoot an arrow (along with an elite band of a dozen or so archers from all over the world) further than anyone in the history of man in the year 1982. At the meeting I will also have a display of Bows and Arrows for all to see.

I also am with the Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA) who are dedicated to the art of the bow and arrow, organize competitions and provide free archery instruction to generate interest in the sport.

Because most of us are over 50 years of age I invite you to join the local Senior Games in sports from track and swimming to Pickleball and Archery. It will keep you young.



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Gathering of June 2012





Dave Mathison, Linda Simmons, Steve Simmons

by Jim Crandall

After the delightful movie, *Sideways*, plus the success of GoF West 2005 and since event organizer, Larry Long lives close by, it was inevitable that the MG faithful would once again return to Buellton, California. We had 32 TCMG members in attendance, driving 10 TCs. Congratulations to all of the TCMG members who won awards as listed below:

Steve and Linda Simmons

High Point Trophy

2nd Place in Car Display, TC Class

2nd Place in Rallye, Pre-'56 Class

1st Place in Funkhana, TC and Earlier

1st Place in Photo Competition, General Interest (Steve)

2nd Place in Photo Competition, General Interest (Linda)

2nd Place in Photo Competition, Action and Humor (Linda)

Gene and Deana Roth

3rd Place in Car Display, TC Class

David Mathison

3rd Place in Funkhana, TC and Earlier Class

Pete and Fran Thelander

1st Place in Carless Funkhana, Couples

Dead Last But Finished Award, Rallye

Sherman and Daveen Kaplan

Award of Merit in Car Display, TF Class

(Continued on next page)



the Faithful Buellton, CA



Steve & Linda Simmons in action

George Kershaw

1st Place in Model Diorama 1st Place in Model Display 2nd Place in Single Model Display Larry Long

1st Place in Arts and Crafts



GoF West Photos by Joyce & Dave Edgar, Lucy McCann, Mel & Toni Appell and Jim Crandall



(More event pictures on next page)



Alan & Victoria Campbell of Bell Canyon, CA



Gordon & Mimi Glass TC of Newport Beach, CA



Sherman & Daveen Kaplan of Mission Viejo, CA



Michael Mathison of Malibu, CA

Gathering of the Faithful 2012

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Alan & Victoria Cambpell of Bell Canyon arrive in their TC.



Non-Driving Funkhana was great for kids.



The Thelanders reclaim their winning ways in the Non-Car Funkhana.



Pete and Fran return to the hotel after a long, hard day at the car display.



Mimi and Gordon Glass admire the Thelanders' skill at the Funkhana.

At Wednesday's Funkhana there was no limit on fun games, noggin and natter.



Top L to R: M. Maxwell, A. Chalmers, B. Gaw, R. Simon. Center: B. Gaw, R. Simon, The McCanns, The Appells, B. Simon, M. Maxwell. Bottom L to R: Dave McCann, Gordon & Mimi Glass, Ron & Bobbi Simon.



At diner, David McCann thinks his glass is half full; Gordon Glass thinks it's half empty.



Fran Thelander expertly "plants the grapes" at a blazing 2 mph.



Team Mathison manages a respectable third place in the Funkhana.



Doug symbolically sprays the virtual



Dual spare tires add a measure of safety for Reid & Schuller in the Funkhana.



Steve and Linda arrive back at the hotel after placing 2nd in the TC car display.

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June Picnic & Annual Meeting

by David Edgar

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snakes.

T he annual TCMG picnic and meeting was held at the Henkel's home. It was very well attended and fun was had by all. The members milled around the cars in the driveway for quite a while and greeted newly arriving members as they came in. We ended up with five TCs, (Campbell, Edgar, Messer, Simmons, & Simon), the Olson's SA, Shapiro's nifty Morgan, guest Malcolm & Joyce's MGB, and of course the Henkel's '28 Lincoln and their Jaguar.

Everyone then found tables their and brought out their picnic dinners. Eating and chatting are two things we do well it was a pleasant evening.

VP, Ron Simon, called us to order after dinner for a brief meeting. He gave a very well deserved thank you to Tony & Cindy for setting up and providing such a nice venue for us. A great round of applause was given to them.

Ron said the treasurer's report was posted for all to view if they wished. Joyce said we gained a new member, which brought us up to an even 100 now. New members are Curt & Jan Sorensen from Westlake Village. They have a 1948 TC which is getting ready for restoration.

Minutes of the last meeting were in the Midget Chassis and there were no corrections noted so were accepted.

Ron read off a list of members who received awards at GoF. The TCMG were well represented there and of the 20 TCs at GoF, 10 were in the TCMG. That was our June event and Gene Olson announced the August event









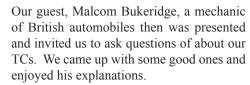


to encourage the younger generation to appreciate our old MGs. Points can be given to teen and younger youth who come to an event, help work on the TC such as

Pelton's suggestion

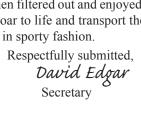
to set up a an award

an oil change or even washing it. We need to work out the details next.



The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 and Cindy then brought out some fancy dessert creations for us to enjoy. Good eating for sure and we then filtered out and enjoyed hearing the TCs roar to life and transport their owners home in sporty fashion.







in his head when he was in charge and we more or less did a quick count at the end of the year these last few years. The proposed dards should make it easier make the determination now. Thank you Steve for doing that. David recommended we follow Doug

would be a gathering at Art & Sarah Lud-

wick's home and his Easley Railroad on

August 18. Youngsters, and grandkids are

most welcome at this event. However be

warned and be watchful for possible rattle-

Steve worked out a nice set of standards for

us to follow in determining the Earl Sargent

Award. Harvey had mostly just kept track

Upcoming Activities

RIDING THE RAILS IN GLENDORA

Art & Sarah Ludwick invite you to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy some time in the foothills of Easley Canyon Glendora aboard the Easley Pacific Rail Road. All Aboard!!!

Saturday, August 18, 2012 Arrival in Glendora 10:00 AM

An event for all ages. Bring the Grandkids if you wish.



56th ANNUAL TCMG/ARR CONCLAVE

September 7-9 at the Narrow Gauge Inn, Fish Camp, CA

Room and dinner reservations have to be made and paid for by August 1. Contact Allan or Linda Chalmers at allanchalmers@yahoo.com (or call 415-566-9796).

Originally there were 26 rooms from \$135 to \$168 including 11% tax. Let Chalmers know what price room you would prefer and also what main dinner course and entree you would like. (See menu.)



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PROBABILITIES AND POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

September 25 Possibly meeting at the repair and restoration shop of Hema Vintage Auto.

October 23 Annual Halloween Pot Luck Dinner and contests.

November 24 Possibly a program by Pete Thelander on "What it Takes to Race Vintage Cars."

December 2 Annual TCMG Meeting & Holiday Party at Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City.

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(Watch the TCMG website at <www.tcmotoringguild.org/calendar> for the latest information.)

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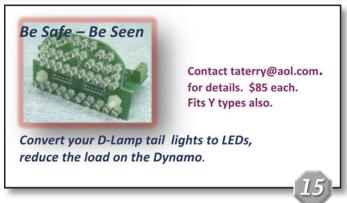
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Tuesday, July 24th

WONG AND THE ART OF ARCHERY

Ron will give a talk on this ancient sport and discuss his participation in the Senior Olympics. He will also have a display of archery gear.

Tuesday, August 28th

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE SIMON MUSEUM Featuring highlights from "The Grand Rallye Around Britain," an epic tour of the grand old island by twelve members in their TCs.

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