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What's better than a TC race car? Two TC race cars!

Bob Koons has completed his second race TC, the Kerrigan Special on the right. It had been raced at the very first Pebble Beach race back in 1950 by Spence Kerrigan. The aim was to race it at Monterey in 2012, and it is ready and able, but family events now make the racing debut at Watkins Glen in September. We wish him lots of fun. His first TC racer is on the left, the Updraft Special was featured in the March 2010 Midget Chassis.

The Midget Chassis

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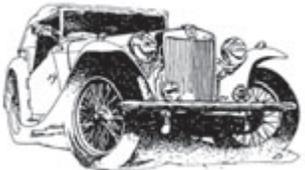
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*Note change of
time and location*

**Tuesday,
August 28th**

7:00 PM *Note time
change*

**Movie Night at
the Simon Museum**

*This is the 20th Anniversary
of GRAB* '92. See a video of
the TCMG experience.*



*** Grand
Rallye
Around
Britain**

*View the cars and memorabilia in the
Simon Museum, then meet and view
the video. Be sure to come and don't
forget to leave room for popcorn.*

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to the meeting
and have extra
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TCMG member and
carpool.*

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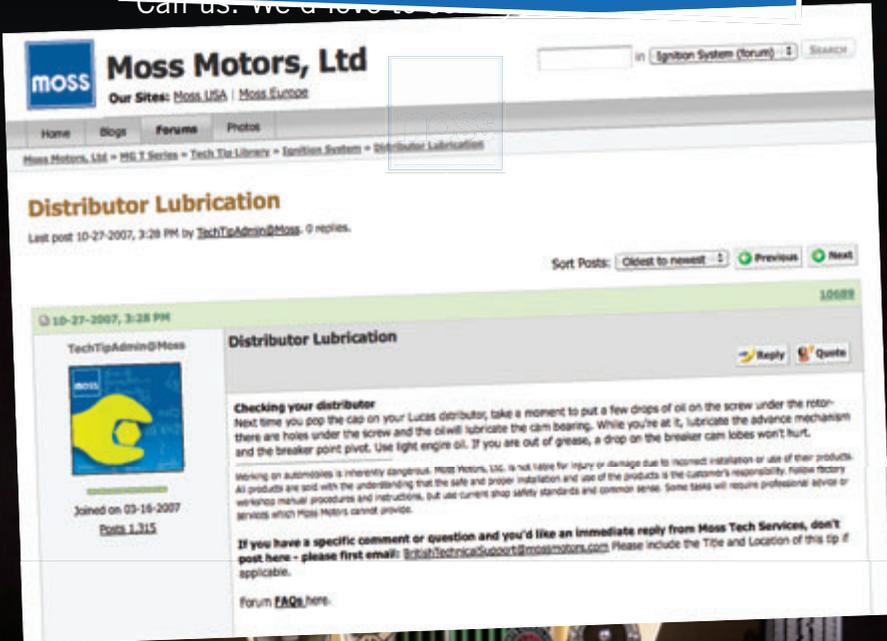
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Bob Stephenson's Man Cave



Bob Stephenson, TCMG member in Texas, proudly stands in his large facility built to have a place to work on his TC



TC frame is on the rack having been powdercoated and ready to accept parts.



On the left the tub metal frame is prepped and ready to accept the new wood framing members. To the right Bob shows problems he found in the differential.



This photo is from March of this year and shows the TC on the rack undergoing disassembly.

Joyce and I were privileged to visit with Bob & Pam Stephenson in July at their home in Texas. He retired and had the space so had this shop designed to have a place to work on his long owned TC. He is progressing well. The TC has been stripped down, parts have been ordered, sheet metal is undergoing work, and the new tub wood is almost ready to go together. Bob is having a great time and doing a great job.



Parts galore await attention. Note all the bins on the right to keep smaller parts marked and organized.



Leaving Your Mark

An MG Tradition

I always enjoy the discovery of a new stamping or marking on an obscure part of the TC. Most all parts will normally have some visual stamping done by the manufacturer to help identify a specific part and or a date of manufacturer. However, when the parts were actually installed on the production line at Abingdon, the workers would sometimes add their own little something to "leave their mark".

Here are some examples. Were these worker's or manufacturer's marks?

"BERRY" – Stamped on rear springs.



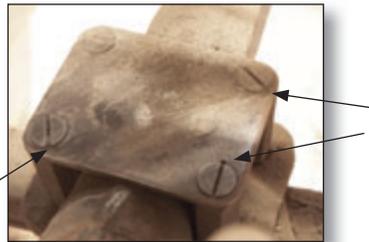
"Horse head" Logo – stamped on front spring leaf.



"WM" or "WML" – stamped on the pivot pin of front spring to chassis.



Single punch mark – stamped at each machine screw of the front axle buffer plate.



A few years ago I was told of the sighting of the MG logo stamped on the head of the front engine mount bolt. However, I was skeptical as I had never seen one. A few weeks ago I was archiving some old rusty parts in my "original items" box. As I threw a couple of engine bolts into the box, I remembered I should look for the fabled markings. Pretty rusty, but wait, maybe something. I gave them a quick touch of sandpaper and there it was – the MG Logo.

The logo was significant in that it is exactly the same size and definition of the MG logo on the gas cap trigger. I was well familiar with it because I have had this same hand stamp made for my company to manufacturer the TC gas cap triggers. So I had to assume that someone on the production line came across this hand stamp and stuck it in their pocket. And then when the chassis's went down the line this unknown worker "left his mark".

Now some 65 years later his mark has been discovered and although the worker is unknown his legacy lives on. Today the replacement front engine bolts being sold by From The Frame Up have been hand stamped by me with the same MG logo to carry on the MG tradition. And hopefully after another 65 years someone will rediscover these and say, "Oh, that was Doug and he left his mark".

Please let me know if you discover any other items of interest on the TC.

Doug Pelton

doug@fromtheframeup.com



Be sure to visit Doug's new and improved website. Lots of free tech topics to view as well as parts to order.

Note the new office phone number

56th Annual TCMG/ARR Conclave

September 7-9 at the Narrow Gauge Inn at Fish Camp, near the Mariposa Gate to Yosemite

Thanks to Allan and ARR for hosting the conclave this year.



The last couple of rooms available at the Narrow Gauge Inn we had reserved had to be released but may be still available .

Those who do have rooms are: TCMG - Simmons, Simons, Colemans, Bundy, Einhorn, Roths, Dottie Smith, Thelanders, Olsons and ARR - Sanders, Storms, Marcottes, Shempps, Stobbes, Traill, Tucks, Sonner, and Matlocks.

In addition to the rooms there is a Saturday evening group dinner. If you are not on the list and want to go check in with Allan or Linda Chalmers to see how to proceed: allanchalmers@yahoo.com (or call 415-566-9796).

As far as the Train ride goes, based on last time, we shouldn't need reservations ahead, so those that want to go can head over there on Saturday. Check the Narrow Gauge Inn web site for more information: narrowgaugeinn.com and for the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad: ymspr.com

Sparking Interest in the TC

Here are a couple more photos of kids in TCs. I hope everyone keeps the photos coming. If you have any photos of your kids, neighbors, friends

or ? in a TC (or any MG) please share them and send to David. I would love to post them. What are we doing to keep the interest in TCs alive?



Eric & Evan Stephenson in 1970 with the family TC getting ready for restoration.



Same TC and Evan has grown and has his son, Derrick, in the TC now (circa 1990)



This photo is of the completed partial restoration in 1972 with Bob Stephenson. He is doing a more complete restoration now as can be seen on the page 5.

Thank you Bob for sending these photos



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Welcome to Our Newest TCMG Members

Bob & Judi Eicher

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Germantown, MD 20874
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rweicher@msn.com
1948 TC 5964 XPAG 6634 Clipper Blue / Biscuit

Bob reports that his son was getting married on Aug 11 and he was busy getting the TC ready. His son wanted the TC to take them to the reception. Bob & Judi left their reception in the same TC back in 1973. I am awaiting photos to share.

Ron & Diane Spindler

16823 Saticoy Street
Van Nuys, CA 91406
Phone: 818-782-2788
rspindler@spindlereng.com
1948 TC 6439 XPAG 4395 Pale Yellow / Maroon

Ron has had this TC since 1999. Previous owners were Henry Hamilton '82 - '92 and Gerald Shoaf '92-'99. TC has a 1500 XPEG and lower rear end ratio so does the highways nicely. Hopefully we can get some photos to share.

Welcome

Please add these newest members to your directories

Report on Al Moss and TC

In mid July Al Moss was admitted to the hospital after his left arm was acting up. They found a mass in his brain and they removed the mass in a later surgery.

And as an added note, Al Moss had his famed TC auctioned off. Reportedly sold for \$66,000 and went to Robert Goldman, owner of Moss Motors.

An August 2nd report said Al was up and around and scheduled for chemo and radiation.

August 19th reported Al as finishing the 1st week of chemo. He has a few side effects and challenges but working through them. He had 37 remaining treatment days to go.



Story behind the licence plate of EAM645: Al reports he had the plate made up (not an official registered plate) with his initials (E. Allan Moss) and 645 was the time he woke up in the morning.

TCMG at Channel Islands British Car Show

*TCMG Members
who participated
at the
July 22, 2012
Channel Islands
British Car Show*



Dave Reid (MG TC) CCBCC Award, MG T-Series Class



Larry Long (MG J2) Best In Show



Gene Olson (MG SA) CCBCC Award, Pre-War Class



10 *Terry Schuller (Morris Minor) CCBCC Award, Orphans & Race Cars class*



Channel Islands British Car Show (cont'd)

The theme of the Channel Islands British Car Show was the 50th anniversary of the MGB, so we brought our '67 MGB GT instead of the TC.



Other TCMG members in attendance:
Steve and Linda Simmons (MGB GT)
David and Debby Spiegel
Alan and Victoria Campbell

Report and photos by

Steve Simmons

Thank you Steve

TCMG Annual Holiday Meeting/Party

*Save the Date
Sunday, December 2, 2012*



*6:30 pm at
The Sportsman's Lodge
in Studio City*

TCMG Holiday Toy Drive

This year, toys will go to the YWCA San Gabriel Valley WINGS Shelter for families seeking refuge from domestic violence and new directions toward sustainable living.

This year it would be nice to focus our giving on older children and teens. Some suggestions to guide your choosing are **board games** such as Monopoly, Scrabble; **jigsaw puzzles** of nature, picturesque or historical places (of interest to adults and older children); **DVDs** of family-type movies; etc. Please choose gifts that do not require batteries and are non-violent in nature. Please bring toy donations UNWRAPPED.

*Thanks to Lucy
McCanne for hosting
the party and to Art
& Sarah Ludwick for
handling the toy drive.*



*A note from Art and Sarah Ludwick
Thank you so very much for your
kindness and consideration. Each
gift will make life a little happier
for someone special. 'Til we meet
in December, our prayers and best
thoughts are with you all.*



July TCMG Meeting Minutes

Having forgotten to bring the official gavel, our president started official business by banging his hand on the table, which did little to deter the hungry mob from attacking a large spread of goodies brought by Don McLish. To entice people away from the feast, the meeting was started with a few jokes, which were followed by many groans.

With the Edgars both on a road trip and therefore absent, minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter, and the invisible financial report was approved regardless. Mail was presented and consisted of the usual items and magazines.

Old business was discussed and included a brief report on the British car show held the previous weekend at Channel Islands Park in Oxnard. TCMG was well represented and several awards were brought home including Larry Long winning best of show with his MG J2. The David Reid & Terry Schuller won two awards for their TC and Morris Minor, and Gene Olson won an award with his MG SA Saloon. A report was also given from those who attended GOF West, for those who missed the report at the July meeting.

Upcoming events are a picnic at the



Members checking out the refreshments and catching up on what has been going on.

Ludwick's railroad on August 18, and our conclave in early September. Future programs are Simon Movie Night in August (remote location), Hema Ratnayake's restoration business in September (remote location), Halloween Potluck in October, Pete Thelander on vintage racing in November, and the Holiday Party in December. Tonight was Ron Wong on Archery.

Other items discussed were Al Moss' health issues and Joe Douglass' recent



93rd birthday. A round of Happy Birthday was sung, much to Joe's dismay. One TC was present at the meeting, belonging to the Simmons. After a raffle preview, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Steve Simmons

Thank you Steve for filling in as Acting TCMG Secretary while I was away. - David



Happy Birthday Joe. 93 years old and hard to keep up with.

Ron Wong on Archery



Now that is a fancy bow Ron has. Note that is not an arrow (bow is not armed) shown but a stabilizer on the bow



David Mathison says be at the next meeting or he will come looking for you (not really but he has fun trying out the bow)

Meeting photos by Steve Simmons



Some mighty fine archery equipment shared by Ron Wong

Plan Ahead for TCMG Meetings & Events

We have our June picnic/meeting which was announced on page 5 in this issue and with the colorful notice Cindy Henkels sent out, but plan ahead and mark your calendars for these other meetings and events.

- Sept 25** - Meeting at Hema Vintage Auto where repair and restoration takes place.
- Oct 23** - Annual Halloween Pot Luck Dinner and contests.
- Nov 24** - Possibly Pete Thelander on what it takes to race vintage cars.
- Dec 2** - TCMG Annual End-of-the-Year meeting and party.



Easley Railroad (Ludwick's train) tour to be rescheduled when weather permits. Stay tuned.

Binford's TC For Sale

1948 TC 6973
XPAG 7797 Pewter / Red

A lovely old girl that still gives 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.

For additional information or to strike up a conversation, call me at 360-652-0363 or email me at pamg4@wavecable.com

Thank you, Pamela Binford-Grudin



Fantastic TC For Sale



1948 TC 5494
XPAG 6156 Clipper Blue/Biscuit

Excellent award winning and reliable TC. Car is located in Southern Calif.

Contact Lloyd Hendrickson by phone 626-330-0016 or racer404@roadrunner.com [Have patience with email, he does not check it often. And include a phone number as he probably would rather call than type.]

TC Wanted

Hema of Hema Vintage Auto is looking for a project TC to fix up. TC needs to be complete and will consider a basket case or non running TC. Hema just does not want to be hunting for lots of parts but is fully capable of rebuilding and restoring.

If you wish to sell yours, or know of one for sale, please contact:

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