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Here is Ed Pohle on the ramp at Pebble Beach in 1966 receiving 1st Place in the TC Class. Read more about that Pebble Beach which the TCMG and ARR combined with the 10th Annual Conclave. Story on pg. 6

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President's Message

"TRICK OF THE WEEK"

Def: A peculiar malady affecting old car owners in general and TC owners

in particular. The malady is characterized by the car owners compulsive desire to incorporate into his or her car every accessory, problem fix or modification that is reported to make the TC: faster, more reliable (good luck), not leak oil (or other essential fluids), run cooler, carry more luggage, provide more or brighter lights, better steering or more effective brakes. Perhaps more to the point, these "mods" can make the TC more "spiffy" and enhance your bragging rights at the bar. I counted thirty odd such items on my TC (disease well advanced). The rational of this behavior is plagued by one nagging question. How could "Guilders" with near stock TCs, such as Joe Douglas car, have racked up so many miles without the "trick of the week."

Ciao... Gorden



Cartoon by TCMG member Brian Sonner

Next to the warehouse is a garage full of British cars. And our co-workers often commute in theirs. We put these cars to work every day.

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Tuesday, March 26th

8:00 PM

The Great Race "A TCMG Production"

In the late 1960s the TCMG created a movie called *The Great Race*. In the hills around Malibu Canyon's Tapia Park, a small group of TC owners gathered for an informal club race. But with a nice trophy and a few side bets on the line, things get a bit nasty. Cars are sabotaged, course markers are switched resulting in numerous breakdowns and wrong turns along the way. Fortunately, the hero survives the mayhem and saves the day for all. The Cast: The Wimers, Wilmers, Goodmans, Goldsteins, Douglasses, Binfords, Ashenfelters, and Bill Fulton. Who is the villain? Who is the hero? Will we recognize the young cast?

TCMG Meeting held at: Citibank Community Room 2350 Honolulu Ave, Montrose

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



Hello Guilders.

Thanks and we had great support for the Feb. Raffle. Most folks filled in the proper side of their Ducats - do have a few blanks, however, and if you saved your "Tickets," bring them this month and I will trade you. We want everyone to participate in the **Special Drawing at the Holiday Party!!** Did you know that we have 3 Stans in the Guild?

Orchid proved to be quite popular, so we will have another plant in March along with a **Pound of Sees Candy** - Box will be full when it leaves Anaheim, but no guarantees after that!

Also have several other exciting MG TC Treasures, and something for those who have recently built huge Garages!

Cheers,



The Tenth Annual Conclave

by Richard Miura

(Ed Note: This originally appeared in the Winter 1966 TC Motoring Guild Quarterly.)

The cool, predawn air was suddenly punctured by the roar of the 4 cylinder engines as one by one TCs began to arrive at "Tips." The annual migration of the TCMG to the wilds of northern California was about to begin. Shivering on this cool morning in July were the Binfords, Douglasses, Goodmans, John King and his son, Dick Mazy, Sargents, Scotts, Wimers and yours truly. After some last minute pit stops and tire kicking the procession was let out of the parking lot by the Sargents. Once on the freeway, however. Earl let loose of all 1500ccs and what was advertised as a 55-60 mph tour turned into California's version of the Targa Floria. In an effort to keep up I became the only casualty of the entire trip - a little matter of a fire under the dash going up the Grapevine. At this point the tour was joined by the Ashenfelter entourage - one TC, one Porsche and a '63 Chevy.

After a well needed breakfast stop at Taft, the trail boss, Joe "Go-Go" Douglass gave the order to "Head 'em up, move 'em out." The next leg of the journey proved to be the highlight of the entire trip. The road from Taft to Coalinga was one which tested the handling qualities of the TC and the skill of its drivers. Actually, for those not fortunate enough to experience this driving thrill, you could have tied down the steering wheel, opened the slow running control and gone to sleep. They must have tied a string between Taft and Coalinga and paved underneath it. After a very necessary pause that refreshed us at Coalinga (it was getting quite warm by this time) the TC wagon train winded it way over San Lucas Pass to Highway

101. The run to Salinas was another trophy dash. Sharon Goodman even

tried to lighten Mike's TC by tossing out excess wardrobe.

The lunch at Anderson's in Salinas was thoroughly enjoyed with the realization that we were near our goal. The drive to Carmel brought out the fact that northern Californians still recognize and appreciate fine machinery. We were waved at by everyone from Alfa sedans to dogfaces from nearby Fr. Ord riding in 2-bys. Upon arriving at Carmel what was up to this time an orderly procession of TCs soon disintegrated into mass confusion. The next few moments saw TCs scattering in all directions in search of their lodging. The veterans, of course, headed directly to their motels, while we first timers spent some time wandering through Carmel in search of our weekend abode.



The Carmel Cottages contingent was greeted by Duane Carlson and Stan Tribbur, who had driven up earlier and Kip and Cecile Greene, who were on their way home from vacation. Also arriving at the same time was John Edson and his wife from the ARR. Kip was especially considerate offering us a well needed can of Budweiser. One point of interest at this time is that some exceptional mileages were recorded on the trip up. Some made the entire trip on just one can of Coors while others got even better mileage.

After getting settled and washing off the road grime, most of the group converged upon the motels where the TCMG contestants were staying and pitched in to prepare the jewels for the next day's show. Dinner that evening was enjoyed at several places with one party heading for June Simpson's , another for the

Monterey Wharf and others sampling the gastronomic delights of the many other fine restaurants in the Carmel area.

The bid day started out in an overcast fashion, but soon blossomed out into perfect, made-to-order weather. For persons like myself, however, who were first timers, the impact of all those beautiful cars situated in an ideal setting was almost too much to comprehend. The concours has been adequately described on previous occasions, so it will suffice to say that everything mentioned about the show is true. However, this year was especially memorable in the fact that a separate class was devoted entirely to TCs and that 10 of the finest TCs in California were in repose on the Del Monte Lodge lawn.



Representing ARR were the yellow TCs of Dick Grayson, Mike DeSoto and Gert Jensen and Bill Camp's green gem. Rounding out the northern contingent were a gun-metal model entered by Ed Pohle and Kennedy's tan entry. The latter car was a feminine a TC as could be found and it appealed greatly to the ladies of the Guild. It's color scheme could best be described as tan on beige on sand. It also drew some derisive comment when it was unloaded off it's trailer in plain view of the rest of the contestants.

The Guild was ably represented by Earl Sargent, Mike Goodman, John King and Dick Mazy. With four cars representing four different colors, the Guild did not show any particular preference for one color (although one would dispute this if he attended a TCMG meeting). Perhaps it is fitting that ARR cars should be decked out in Abingdon yellow.

Last minute preparation was much in

evidence as the judging was scheduled to begin. Mike Goodman had thrown in the towel earlier in the day, but Sharon persisted in some final wiping and detailing. Gert and Ann Jensen went right on polishing while the car next to them was being judged. The TC paddock became a very popular spot as people began to arrive in greater numbers. It is amazing how much interest TCs can generate even when shown with other great marques such as Rolls-Royce, Bentley and Bugatti.

Arriving on the scene after driving up the previous night were Jim and Norma Crandall, Clarence and Barbara Weiss and Floyd and Claydene Burt. They along with the rest of the TCMG and ARR group awaited anxiously as the judges tabulated the scores. When the results were announced, Sharon's persistence paid off as Mike's red beauty received the red ribbon for third place. ARR's Bill Camp walked off with second place honors, while Ed Pohle's gun-metal

grey was declared the "best" TC in the show. This highly popular win gave further meaning to the old hot-rod adage, "If it doesn't go - chrome it!"

Some interesting sidelights to the show were John King's zipper on his fly suffering a mechanical breakdown just before the judging was about to begin and Earl Sargent blowing an exhaust flange gasket right after the concours was over. Judge Frank Mason was inducted as an honorary member of the Rolls-Royce Club. Rumor has it that he deliberately worked his way in so that he could mount a square radiator on his TC.



The conclave portion of the weekend was held at the Mark Thomas in Monterey. An enjoyable cocktail

hour was followed by an equally enjoyable dinner of filet mignon. Art Ellis of ARR and Duane Carlson of both TCMG and ARR were honored as having attended all ten concalves. The business portion of the evening consisted of the TCMG evening the inter-club trophy for having the most TCs present and the selection of the location for next year's conclave. Suggestions ranged from Carmel to Sequoia to Solvang or Santa Barbara. A TCMG move for Blackwell's Corners was countered by ARR's push for Firebaugh. Afterwards the party broke up to head for the local pubs in Monterey or back to their motels.



This year the traditional farewell breakfast at the Tuck Box was supplanted with a continental breakfast served by the host at Carmel Cottages. It was announced at this breakfast that Earl Sargent was the winner in the "My Favorite TC" poll. He received a beautiful set of wrenches for his efforts in maintaining his black beauty. After endless cups of coffee and tire kicking, the combined ARR-TCMG group

retired to the street in back of the cottages for a truly memorable scene - 22 TCs all lined up, Le Mans style. The shutterbugs had a field day. Amid cries of, "See you next year," the two clubs parted ways with TCMG heading down Highway 1 and home. A final picture taking stop at Point Lobos began the long journey home.



It was agreed by all hands that this conclave was the best ever. So now it's ten down and only umpteen hundred more to go.



To the right photo by Ed Pohle showing the TC 1966 grouping at the show.



Early Origins of the TC

Archeological documents recently discovered have revealed new insight into the origins of the TC. Before the invention of the wheel, one of the original steps in TC design was the implementation of the carrying poles. This method was not entirely satisfactory as it was slow, and many chauffeurs died prematurely.

The original implementation was also considered to be a statement of excess arrogance. The real TC woman although always refined is never arrogant. The real TC man is a supremely stately yet simple man. Hence the transition to the un-poled chair occurred.

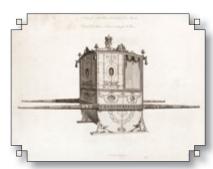
The dragging soon wore down the chair legs as well as the people legs as proven in this new archeological discovery shown on the right. It was not until the invention of the oil leak that this wear could be reduced. Complete chair and leg rebuild was only of a temporary nature and had to be repeated every ten kilometers.

The next phase of the evolution of the TC involved adding horsepower. Unfortunately the TC seat design was too pinching on the horse. The horse could only last twenty kilometers before expiring. Still this doubled the previous durability record. The ride on this implementation was bouncy. Riders were constantly falling off and being killed on high speed rides, and sudden stops.

The number four was chosen after the invention of the wheel to replace the four legs of the horses, and the TC ride was forever refined to a smooth stately roll.

This will not waste your time and bore you with further TC developments well documented in the literature. The oil leak invention is the most reliable of all innovations, and continues to this day.

Don McLish - April 1, 2013







Too Cold to Take the TC Out?

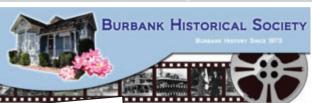




Oh it is too cold to take the TC out you say. Well maybe we are spoiled here in southern

> California but Norman Golm in Michigan puts us to shame. He has taken the TC still undergoing restoration around the neighborhood to get his TC kicks. Note the gas can strapped on the back. And note oil gauge and on/off switch.

TCMG April Tour Event



APRIL 13th Check website and watch for flyer regarding meeting time and location

Join us in Burbank for a trip to down history lane with your fellow TC'ers. Learn about the rich early history of the region, and of the

important roles it has played in both the aerospace and film industries. Enjoy their collection of vintage automobiles ranging from a 1904 Franklin and other brass era vehicles to a room containing 50's hot rod memorabilia and engines. Also on the site is a circa 1887 Victorian house.

There is something for everyone!!!



And while not a TCMG event, many of our members attend the ALL BRITISH CAR MEET AND AUTO JUMBLE at WOODLEY PARK, VAN NUYS Date this year is Sunday, April 14 9am to 4pm

> queens-english.org for more info.

Ed Pohle's MG TC





T.C. Browne on the right

Ed's TC was previously owned by T.C. Browne who actually did the first restoration at BMC Palo Alto in the early fifties. He had heard of T.C. as he was something of a legend and finally got his number from Road & Track. One of the first questions he asked Ed was how I liked the wiring.... it was all black!!!! On one of the ARR trips down the coast to the Cambria Conclave. years ago, the group of about eight or ten decided to pull off the divided highway near San Simeon to put warmer clothes on. A car pulled up behind us and Alan Chalmers velled, "Ed, here's T.C. Browne". Ed still finds it hard to believe that such a chance meeting could occur considering that Browne lived in Florida and was just out to Cambria visiting a friend for a few days.

Ed showed the TC at Pebble Beach in both 1966 and 1967, receiving a First Place both years. He was sure if it hadn't been for Frank Mason, they would never have given him the second First Place.



Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

1966 Entries

MG-TC		
Ferrest W. Cong	. Pacifics: -	THAT MG TO
Michael H. Du Soto	. Ookland .	1948 MG TC
Michael Goodman	Encine .	THIS NG TO
Richard H. Green	Orieda .	1948 MG-TC
Gent O. Jensen		1948 MG-TC
Duniel J. Kansedy	Sente Clare .	1949 MG-TC
John King L		1948 MG-TC
Richard Mory, Lo		THE MG TO
Edwin Public	. Serotege .	1948 MG TC
Eurl A. Serpent		1948 MG TC



Here Frank Mason judges Ed's TC in 1967. Ed recalls Frank asking him to start the engine.....one could tell how much he enjoyed hearing the sound of the engine which Ed is sure led to winning the class for the second time. 11

March 2nd Reagan Library Tour













Twas a magnificent day to get your TC out for a tour, and five of our members did. In no particular order we had Jim Ellis with his daughter Courtney, Mel & Toni Appell, Ron & Bobbie Simon, Steve & Linda Simmons plus Curt Sorensen (with wife, daughter and grand kids in a second vehicle). And in their MG SA, Gene & Karen Olson added a touch of class to the group. Meeting at the library itself were Pete & Fran Thelander and David & Joyce Edgar (who also brought their daughter, son-in-law plus two grand kids). The Library exhibits were well organized and the Disney exhibit was unreal. There as a ton of stuff beginning with his first venture Laugh-O-Grams, early Oswald Rabbit toons and then Mickey. Memorabilia went right up to current movies and ventures It was OUTSTANDING!!!



When they said the Nautilus miniature was on display I though of something about a foot long. It was more like nine feet. They also had a Black Pearl miniature from the Pirates of the Caribbean which was probably 50 foo long and 30 foot high.





GoF West - 2013 in Carefree, AZ

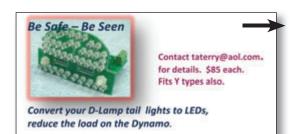


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held at the
Carefree Resort & Conference Center
37220 Mule Train Road

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To register, visit GoFWest.org to register on-line or for a mail in form.



Note: I have 12 positive ground units left and 3 negative ground units left... and after these are gone, I doubt I will make more. If anyone wants to take over this enterprise, we can talk. Terry in Oakland, CA

February 26 TCMG Meeting Minutes

The meeting started at 8:00 pm with 39 people attending. TC President Gorden Bundy presented a Certificate of Recognition to Joe Douglass for 53 yrs. of faithful service in many capacities: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Wildflower Tour Leader, Nature Guide, TC Maintenance Advisor and for being key master of the Montrose Meeting location. (note: A video taken by Steve Simmons of the presentation can be viewed on our website.)



We welcomed our two guests; Stan Belland's son, Eric and Joe Douglass' son, Arnold.

The refreshments enjoyed by everyone were brought by June Wennekamp and Cindy Henkel. It was quite a spread. In fact it was so great that Linda Simmons brought items too which never got put out. Thank you ladies.



Report from Treasurer, David Edgar was given by Joyce. 68 membership dues paid up, taxes all filed, Citibank returned our check. No meeting room charge for 2013, was indicated.

It was mentioned that Phil Marino will be dropping out of the club. He is loosing his sight and his TCMG friends are encouraged to stay in contact with him.

Joyce Edgar mentioned California Pizza & Kitchen has flyers out to raise funds

to help the families of the police officers who died during the "Dorner rampage."

Coming Events: Steve Simmons reminded everyone of the March 2nd, tour of the Ronald Reagan Library and Disney exhibit. He is looking into the date and location of "Conclave" this year.

Gorden Bundy is making June 14-16th arrangements for Fallbrook TC Event. The Antique Gas & Steam Museum at Vista will be having festivities and parade that weekend and those

driving TCs can park for free. More info coming.

Art Ludwick had agreed to host the auction of this year's TCMG Holiday Party and suggested Dec. 8th, a Sunday, as the date. Joyce Edgar and Lucy McCanne will plan the event. The preferred venue is Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City, CA.

Steve had stacks of free old club registers, articles, specs, bumper stickers from the 80's on the table for anyone interested.

George Kershaw had raffle prizes enjoyed by the winners. Interesting items such as a box of See's Candies, an orchid, \$10 bill, and other goodies.

It was "Hobby Night" and TC members and some wives had interesting hobbies to share

Tony Henkels collects "Schwinn" badges. He has reproduced rare decals for the old bicycles and Aerocycles. He shared a copy of Side Mount Mirror magazine featuring his gorgeous 1928 Lincoln on the cover. Tony plans to enter the 1928 Lincoln at Pebble Beach Concourse this summer.

Cindy Henkels, hobby is "money origami." She showed a box of folded dollar bills into origami of hearts, peacock, a ring, an elephant, just to mention a few. She taped together 51 – one dollar bills, rolled them and put in a box, a unique gift indeed.

David McCanne collects 1920 era HO scale cars. He parks the cars on the HO scale train module, another hobby. He was 13 yrs. old when he built the 1926 Auburn phaeton model from scratch.

Ron Simon plays a musical instrument, the trombone. He plays a base and alto. He brought 3 trombones and played a few notes of each trombone to entertain us. He plays in a band.



Mel Appell is a fishing enthusiast and shared pictures of his fishing adventures. He has gone fishing at Galapagos Is., Mexico and Alaska. The largest fish he caught was a 265 lb. yellow fin tuna in San Diego.

Toni Appell knits for a hobby. She brought a lovely knitted pink blanket, flannel lined that she knitted for a granddaughter. She has 6 grandchildren and has knitted scarves and blankets for them.



Don McLish suggested a new hobby and that is, digitizing TC Club history, record it in the club's website for preservation and viewing by club members.

Pete Thelander has a collection of German cameras and lenses. In one of his collection is a rare camera that his wife Fran gave to him for his graduation. His collection includes items from up to the late 1990's when digital photography came in.



Stan Belland is into a computer software "Dragon" that adjust to voice; a virtual dictation... it is talk and type. He published a book titled "Stories for my Grandkids". A unique, personal stories of his family life and adventures.

Steve Simmons hobby is collecting MG related pewter sculptures and ornaments. He has some very rare pieces.



David Reid's hobby is "underwater photography." His company manufactures light weight aluminum arm gadgets he attaches to his underwater camera. He has visited Galapagos Is. and plans to visit the Philippines for its world known coral reefs. His photography items weigh about 35 lbs. out of the

water but air chambers reduce that to a couple pounds under water. For more information you can visit his website on www.ULCS.com.

George Kershaw is an avid stamp collector. He brought a big book of stamps and has an interesting and varied collection of stamps in the 1950's period of the British Empire.

David Edgar collects old TCMG items. Among those he brought to show were old T-shirts, TC license plates, Frank Mason ornament, name tags and a 1961 newsletter which welcomed Crandall into the club, a newsletter when Joe Douglass was President in 1964 and when membership dues were \$6.00.

The meeting ended at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Lucy McCanne TCMG Secretary

the right side of this

On the right side of this page we show three of Ron's trombones and then under that David McCanne's model cars. And to the immediate right are some of Tony's bicycle badge and decal collection.

Photos by Joyce Edgar, Steve Simmons and David Edgar













Art & Sarah Ludwick



Tony & Mel Appell



David Coleman with Mike Goodman



Stan & Anita Roman



39 members at the meeting was a very nice gathering and everyone caught up with each other.



Tony & Cindy Henkels



Award given to Joe

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





Club Regalia

TCMG Car Badge A	\$25 (\$30 if mailed) members only
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TCMG Lapel Vintage Pin	
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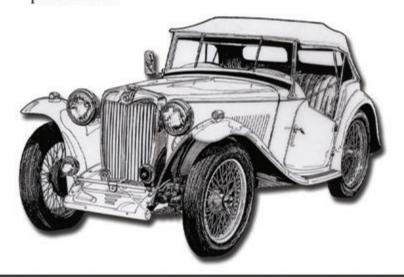
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