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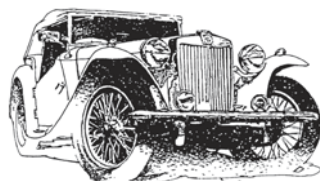
Members inspect the progress on the latest incarnation of the Bundy TC at his Bonsal, CA residence during the San Diego Double Day event in June. (See Pages 8-9)

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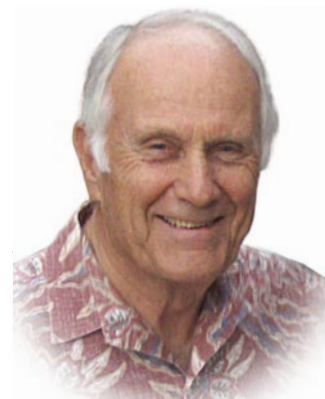
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Prez Mez By Gorden Bundy

Well....we have survived "The Fourth" and now it is time to get serious about Summer. You gals can break out those bikinis and show the results of all those visits to "Curves" or other fitness palace. Guys, now is the payoff for all those hours spent working out with that mail order Charles Atlas muscle man course. No "beach bully" will kick sand in your face now.

Our upcoming events look great to me. The Simmons/Mullin Museum extravaganza will be followed by The Einhorn "Good Eats" Drive-Dog and Plunge. No one goes away hungry.

Blink twice and the kids will be back in school....so get out there and grab a big slice of Summer for yourself. We are headed north for a 3 week road/canoe trip to British Columbia. V.P. Ron Simon will preside over the July meeting. See ya in August. Drive hard, no excuses...

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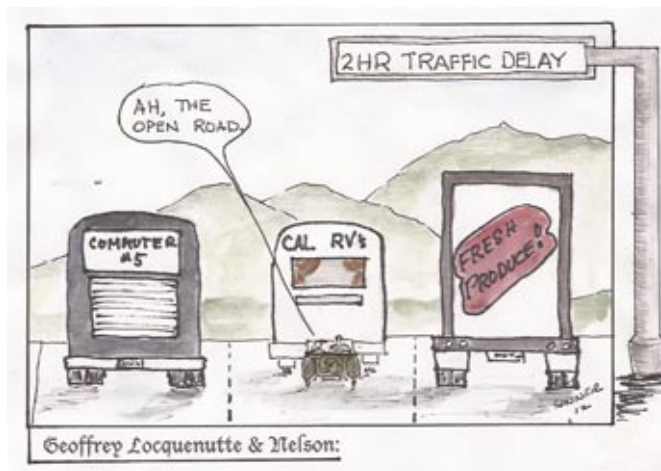
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COVER: The Bundy TC at Rancho del Lago. Photograph by Jim Crandall.



Cartoon by ARR/TCMG member, Brian Sonner

Annual TCMG June

Hosted by Cindy and Tony Henkel



At 7:00pm on June 24th, the driveway at the Henkel house was already half full of cars. MGs, of course, got preferential parking for this annual picnic meeting. By the time dinner was under way, the drive held five TCs and an SA with an equal number of non-British vehicles on the street. The final headcount was thirty seven hungry members proving the old TCMG adage, "Feed them and they will come."



As usual, **Cindy Henkel** had outdone herself, not only providing deserts and coffee for the event, but also furnishing a delicious assortment of appetizers intended to lure tire-kickers from the cars in the drive to the gaily decorated dining area.

After dinner, **President Bundy** was urged to conduct the traditional truncated June meeting which included a personal report of our June visit to the Tim Robinson Classic Boat Workshop in Fallbrook and Vista's Antique Gas & Steam Museum.



Picnic and Meeting

Photos and Report by Jim Crandall



Gordon Glass reminded us that June marked the 60th anniversary of the TC Motoring Guild which, appropriately, coincided with his and Mimi's 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to both!

Steve Simmons announced the date and place of the TCMG/ARR Conclave as October 4-6 at San Luis Obispo's Apple Farm Hotel.

Jim Crandall was acknowledged for his work

as summer editor of the Classic Chassis newsletter (Midget Edition.) Jim promised that he would step down, without protest, in September when regular editor, Dave Edgar returns from vacation.

The informal meeting was formally adjourned so that Cindy's sweets could be served, thereby bringing a tasty conclusion to the always popular, Henkel garden party. ●



Tech Topics

by Doug Pelton

T-SERIES DOORS: Originality and Fit



The doors get a lot of use and after 60 years do not always fit. Here are a few tips to help. Always start with the hinge and then work forward.

Hinge Fasteners: Tighten the hardware! Both machine screws and wood screws are used to fasten the hinges to the door pillar. It is common for the wood screws to be stripped. To fix, get some 1/4" dowel at the local hardware. Drill the wood screw hole to 1/4" and glue a piece of dowel into it, then redrill for the screw. To tighten the machine screws you may have to lift the trim panels to hold the nuts within the door pillar.



Hinges: Don't be afraid of bending your hinges to help with the fit. Put them in a vice and tap with a hammer. However this is only good with the original hinges as they are ductile and can be bent. Today's replacement hinges are cast and will not bend.



Hinge Pins: The original hinge pin had a slotted raised head that fit down into the recess of the door hinge. The thread of this pin is unusual and has resulted in frustration of many to try to find a nut to fit. The thread is 0 BA. This is very close to 1/4 BSF or 1/4 UNF hence the confusion. These pins are expensive so it may be cheaper to just buy the pieces needed. Complete pin assemblies are available but beware that most suppliers offer a replacement that has a head that sits proud on top of the hinge instead of inside the recess.



Door Curvature: The front edge of your door should be parallel to the body. It is common to see either the bottom or top of door bowed away from the body. A very simple solution is to install a door adjustment strap. This can be tightened or extended to change the curvature of the door resulting in the proper fit. You will have to remove the interior trim panel to do so.

Door Latch: Once again, tighten the hardware and adjust the latch assembly itself. If the latch mechanism itself is worn, replace it. This is one new item that is a good value.



Safety Latch: If you have any concerns about the possibility of your door coming open when driving, I recommend adding a door safety latch set. There is a manual lever latch to replace the shoe string or bungee cord you are currently using to secure the door. A door coming open can cause great damage, so this period item is a great insurance policy. ●



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Tim Robinson (and son, Brian) gave us a special tour of his world-famous wooden boat workshop in Fallbrook, CA.



A recent project was this 1954 Chris Craft, NERVOUS, and a 1924 Hackercraft, originally built for Henry Ford.



The varnished rear deck on the 19' runabout, NERVOUS, reflects the images of June and Bobbie like a fine mirror.



8 We enjoyed Saturday's cocktail hour on the patio of a restaurant within "crawling distance" of the motel.



On June 15th, a small but enthusiastic group of TCMGers converged on the San Diego County communities of Bonsall, Fallbrook and Vista to pay homage to the arcane crafts of classic boat and vintage tractor restoration.

After dodging a four-truck pile up on Hwy. 5 in San Clemente, we all arrived at Rancho del Lago (pictured above and below) more than ready for a luncheon of gourmet chili and all the fixin's prepared by our hostess, June Wennkamp, followed by a visit to one of the leading wooden runabout shops in the U.S., led by tourleader, Gordon Bundy, himself a former Chris Craft commander of the first order.

A new experiences for most of us was an introduction to the clan of antique tractor buffs whose annual gathering in Vista, CA revealed an equally dedicated reverence for farm implements of the past. We watched from the stands, shocked and awed as a wide range of snorting vintage tractors rolled by. I think we all came away with a new understanding of the phrase, "whatever turns you on!" ●



Attendees were: Gordon and June, the Crandalls, Glasses & Guests, the Simons and McCannes. Joining us on Saturday, George & Kevin Kershaw.



Star of the Antique Gas & Steam Museum in Vista was this "steam traction" vehicle, hence the word "tractor."



We join the locals to view the semi-annual museum parade of vintage tractors and other rolling vehicles.



This turn-of-the-century, steam-powered, road roller (hence, steam roller) was also a parade favorite.



The one and only, Glass TC turned out for one of the shortest traditional TC "lineups" in Guild history.



Our next monthly meeting
will be held on Tuesday,
July 23rd at 8:00pm
in the community room of the
Montrose Citibank
2350 Honolulu Ave.
Montrose, CA



In addition to our regular business meeting, Ron Simon, program provider of the month, has decided to show an old movie he made a while ago, "Racing from the 50's." It shows racing from Hansen Dam and Santa Barbara plus the English trials in Encino. It also has a copy of the first TCMG/ARR Conclave plus a little bit we did with the TC for Playboy video. The whole thing runs about 30 minutes.

WANTED: Old TCMG Badges

I'm looking for some old TCMG badges for a history project I'm working on for the club. If you have an old badge that you would like to donate or sell, please contact Steve Simmons (mail@mgnuts.com) Below are photos of the three types of badges I'm seeking.



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Hosted by Kay and Larry Einhorn

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The parking is free and there is no admission fee. They accept donations for the foundation that runs the Barn. The train ride has a minimal cost.

Steve Simmons will then lead a little rally back to our house, going up the hill for a good view of the Hollywood Sign and then coming back along Mulholland Drive.

We would like to invite members' children and grandchildren to come along. They would like seeing the trains in the barn and we would like them to enjoy a swim at our house along with any of the attendees who bring their swimming suits along.

We would also like the members to RSVP so we can plan the refreshments. Please RSVP yes or no and how many by sending Larry an e-mail at goodeats@usa.net and not to the Yahoo groups messaging site.



Directions:

Get to the 134 and get off at Forest Lawn Drive.
Take highway 134 and exit at
Forest Lawn Dr., through stop sign.
Turn LEFT at the first signal – Zoo Dr.
Turn LEFT at the stop sign.
Follow road around to the right for about 1/2 mile.
Walt's Barn in on the RIGHT.

Parking for Walt's Barn is the first parking lot on the LEFT.

Walt's Barn is located East of the LA Live Steamers main entrance. For those setting their built-in GPS systems which came as standard equipment on their TC the approximate address is: 5202 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90027

It's not too late to register for GoF West 2013



The next gathering will be held at the CAREFREE RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER October 28 through November 1

Events for the week will include car display, tech sessions, special ladies tech event, funkana, roadrunner rally and finally, arts and crafts to include photo, model, and dioramas competition. All will culminate with an awards banquet.

Make room reservations directly with the Carefree Resort,
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\$60 after July 1
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registration form at:
www.GoFWest.org

Plan now for the Event of the Year!



57th TCMG/ARR CONCLAVE

Schedule for the Weekend

- Friday evening: Arrivals and Hospitality Room.
- Saturday AM: A driving tour is scheduled for Saturday morning. Details are still being worked out but it will include a stop at TCMG member Jason Len's shop, XK's Unlimited, to enjoy their 40th anniversary. Enjoy tours of their facility, restoration shop, etc. Also get discounts on parts ordered at the counter.
- Saturday PM: Banquet dinner at the Apple Farm. Menu choices will be available soon.
- Sunday AM: TC lineup and goodbyes. The TC lineup and photos will be held very near to the hotel. Details are forthcoming.
- Sunday PM: For those interested, there will be a car show at XK's Unlimited on Sunday and we are invited to attend. Discounted room rates will be honored at The Apple Farm for Sunday night.

To Make Reservations

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Rooms at the hotel vary greatly in price, so to ensure a low room rate be sure to book as early as possible! Ask for the sales department (not the front desk) and book under the group name "TC Motoring Guild". Our reservation number is 721200.

Special discounted rates on their lowest cost rooms available are as follows:

- Queen (one queen) Trellis Court Room: \$109 / night
- King (one king) Trellis Court Room: \$119 / night
- Queen (one queen) Trellis Court Room w/ private patio and hot tub: \$149 / night
- King Specialty (one king) Main Inn: \$179 / night
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Badge A

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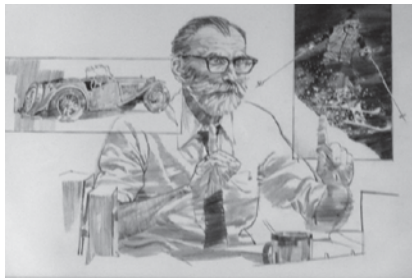
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Badge B

For Sale! The Binford TC

1948 TC 6973 XPAG 7797 Pewter / Red



The late Glen Binford, began as a copy boy at the L.A. Times in the 1940's and rose thru the ranks to Editorial staff prior to his retirement as Financial Editor in 1982. The picture above is a line drawing by one of the Times artists which was fondly captioned "No we cannot let him retire - he's the only one who knows how to spell!" He had a love of the MGTC that took him to the Lyon's Drag Strip in the 1950s where he found "Silver Streak." He loved and feared that car but it taught him that he could work on a vehicle and with the Guild's help he brought her back from her drag strip life to run with the TCs!

She's lovely old girl that still gives us 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 Pamela Binford-Grudin at 360-652-0363 or email me at pamg4@wavecable.com.

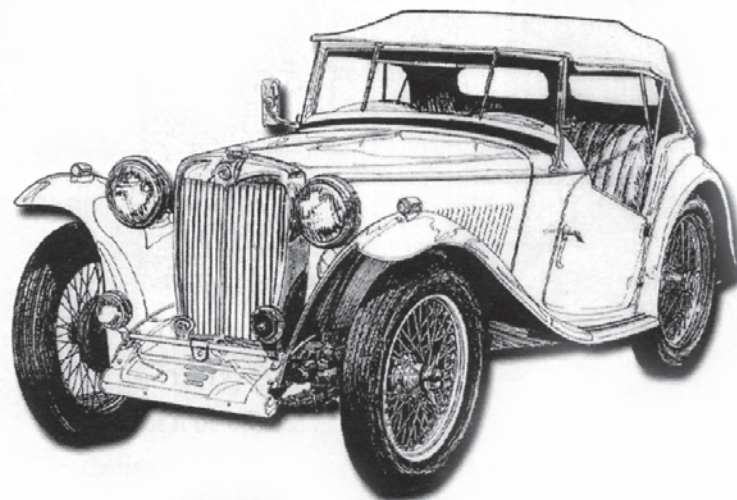


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