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*There was a nice showing of TCs at the July tour (racking up those Earl Sargent Trophy points). For a full report see pages 6-7 & 10*

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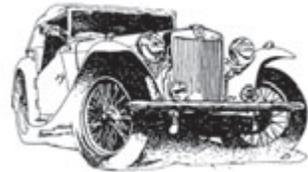
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**President's Message**

**THE LONG TRIP HOME  
& RETURN TO REALITY**

After a 3 week road trip to the Bowron Lakes Provincial Park, B.C., Canada, which included 8 days on the canoe circuit, it was time for June and me to head south and start to wind down. After a 3 day stay with friends in Port Ludlow, Wa. we did a run to Mt. Lassen-good stuff. With the prospect of doing our last day on Interstate 5, a few hours added to the trip seemed a worthwhile bargain for Hwy 1. Big Sur did not dissappoint. The fog held offshore and with June driving I had the premier view from the right side of the car. At Lucia we stopped for 2 slices of rhubarb and berry pie and coffee. Some effort was required to recover from sticker shock of a \$25.00 tab. There is nothing quite like a captive audience. The run took a bit of imagination to convert a Toyota van with a canoe on top into an MGTC...but we gave it our best shot. I am reminded of the old BOAC commercial which said: "Don't feel guilty about getting away from it all. It will all be there when you get back."

Ciao...

*Gorden*



By TCMG member Brian Sommer

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David & Joyce are back from their three month Alaskan trip and brought back over 5000 photos (and a few mosquito bites as well). They will share just a few of the photos and promise to be brief and not put anyone to sleep. Come see the TC and TCMG connections they made along the way.



**Tuesday,  
Aug 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 PM**

**Driving to  
Alaska**

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

**GEORGE'S  
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A Hawaiian shirt, skirt, lei, or a hibiscus in your hair will get you an extra raffle ticket!



**Hello Guilders,**

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Will also have other Goodies that Guilders Can't Live Without !!

Cheers,

*George*

# July TCMG Breakfast and Tour



Well to all of you who were unable to attend the automotive museum drive and tour put on by Steve and Linda Simmons, all I can say is that you missed what will turn out to be one of the best events that our club has ever put on.

It started with what was supposed to be a brunch at Steve and Linda's



house in Thousand Oaks. Brunch it wasn't but a breakfast that could not be duplicated in the finest of restaurants it was. The tables were set out in their backyard with beautiful place settings and the food, oh my god. Special individual egg dishes, thick french toast, bacon, fruit and a host of other goodies and steaming HOT coffee regular and decaf.

We even all had a chance to celebrate Joe Douglass' birthday. After a huge breakfast and a tour of their fantastic house including Steve's new garage, which hosts I think eight cars now with room for more and two lifts, we were off.

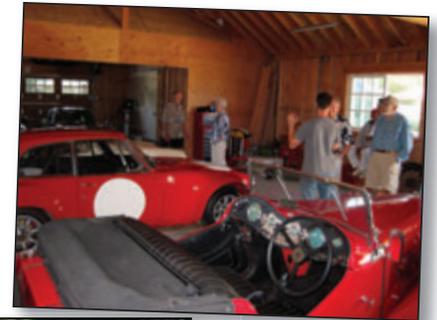
An hour drive on picturesque TC roads and we arrived at the Mullin Automotive

Museum. If you have never been there, this is a must see. Without a doubt the most beautiful automotive museum I have ever been to. I mean it is truly fabulous with an incredible display of cars, and we even had our own tour guide.

After our museum tour, it was off to of course you all guessed it. A local restaurant where we could all enjoy a late lunch. It could not compare to anything Linda did but it was still darn good. Finally we all went our own way home.

To Steve and Linda - WELL DONE!

Mel & Toni Appell



Photos by Jim Crandall & Steve Simmons



More photos on page 10



## T-Series Nuts - D and Double D

One of the biggest challenges of restoring TC7670 was the hardware. It took a long time to figure out what was right and wrong. There were all types of threaded fasteners: Whitworth, BSF, Metric, US, and BSP. Which nut goes with which bolt? And then there was a type nut that I had never seen before. It was a captive nut of some sort that was swaged into the sheet metal panels. I found some missing leaving a distinct round hole with a flat side in the panels. This was my first encounter with the "D" nut.



The D nut is a captive nut that gets its name from the shape of the hole needed to install into a panel. It has a very functional purpose. A captive nut in a sheet metal panel allows a single assembly line worker to install a panel without a helper holding a nut and spanner (wrench) under the car. The D nut is machined so that it has a D shaped flange that goes into the hole and then the flange is swaged to lock the nut into position. It is an easy install with a peen



hammer, just seconds. The Double D nut is essential the same except that it has 2 flats sides. The flat sides of the holes prevents the captive nuts from turning when final install of the bolt.

On the TC, there are a number of 1/4 and 5/16 BSF D nuts. Most can be found as part of the footplate and bulkhead assembly.

They can also be found on the inner plate for the steering column and under the battery box. Have you ever wondered what type of nut holds the front license plate to the valence? Yes it is a 1/4BSF D nut.



If you have a hole in your panel with a flat side then you need a D nut. These and all the other type original fasteners are available at From The Frame Up to help correct the unintended deeds of the past.



*Doug Pelton*

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## GoF West - 2013 in Carefree, AZ



Registration \$60  
Attend in Spirit \$25

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The next gathering will be held at the  
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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, 37220 Mule Train Road, Carefree, AZ 888-692-4343

### ROOM INFORMATION

Special GoF West Room Rate of \$142 plus tax per night. Resort Queen, Double Queen, & King accommodations are available.

Includes \$5 off Breakfast Buffet coupons per resort room. (Please refer to GoF West 2013 when making reservation.)

*Editor's Note: Doug Pelton will be teaching 2 Tech Sessions at GoF West 2013 - Carefree. "Keeping The Cars on the Road" and "Restoration Tips: How to Save Time, Money, and Aggravation". More information can be found at [www.GoFWest.org](http://www.GoFWest.org)*



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## More photos from July Tour



*Had 7 TC on the event which is a nice showing. The Mullin's Museum cars were pretty spectacular as well even though they were not MGs. Just some old Bugattis, Delahaye and other million dollar toys.*



## 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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- Queen Specialty (two queens) Main Inn: \$199 / night

Larger rooms overlooking our private TC-only parking lot are also available at discounted rates.



## July TCMG Meeting Minutes

The meeting started at 8pm with Mr. Ron Simon presiding in the absence of current TC president Mr. Gorden Bundy who is on vacation. The MGTC banner and the Treasurer's Report of the month posted for everyone to see.

Ron welcomed and introduced the guests; Mr. Bill Stone and his wife Janette. Bill is a former member who sold his TC and is interested in attending more of our meetings.



### Old Business:

1) The get-together at Steve and Linda Simmons' house was appreciated and raved about. The Thousand Oaks house new garage showcased 8 to 9 gorgeous classic cars. Linda prepared a superb and delicious brunch and her lovely garden was enjoyed by everyone. The ride to P. Mullin Museum was fun for all that love history. Everyone at the meeting applauded and thankful for another well planned event by Steve and Linda Simmons.

2) Mr. Jim Crandall our associate editor did a write-up of June events such as the San Diego Double Day and the June Picnic Meeting at the Henkels. The events were published in the August Midget Chassis. The coverage and pictures of both events was well done and enjoyed by all. Our

thanks and appreciation go to Jim and Norma Crandall, Gorden Bundy, June Wennekamp, Tony and Cindy Henkels for their contributions to a successful June event month.

The meeting adjourned for refreshment brought and prepared by Jan Sorensen and Kay Einhorn and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you, Ladies.

### New Business:

1) Another event planned in August 18 is the "Travel Town Visit" by Larry and Kay Einhorn. This will be another fun time for TC members who love trains and museums; a piece of Los Angeles history. Please refer to the Newsletter for event information. The Einhorn's have graciously planned a delicious hotdog lunch at their home.

2) Conclave on Oct 4 to Oct. 6 at San Luis Obispo will be at Apple Farm. The event scheduled and planned by Steve Simmons is in the August Newsletter. Early reservations at Apple Farm is recommended. This is another exciting event that will feature wineries and rolling hills as well as good restaurants at the San Luis Obispo area.

3) The Annual MGTC Holiday Party will be on Dec. 8, 2013, Sunday, at Sportsmen's Lodge. Lucy McCanne mentioned that reservation of the site was done in February and more details of the party will be shared as we get closer to the event date. Art Ludwick will be our auctioneer and his wife Sarah will be leading the "toy drive" donation.

Raffle of the night was a variety of gifts: MG tool bag, MG valve cover, MG hat, a lovely orchid plant with purple flowers won by Pete Thelander who presented to his wife Fran.



The program presentation was given by Ron Simon. It was a video about "Racing in the 50's at Hansen Dam and Santa Barbara Street Races in 1956 and 1958. There were all sorts of race cars, TC, TD, TFs, Volkswagen, etc. Ron Simon's TC #187 was at the race. There was a video of the "First Conclave" and line-up of TC's. This was probably the longest attendance of TCs line-up ever



filmed. It was a very interesting and enjoyable video that should be watched again and again. The best part was Ron Simon's TC appearance in the Movie Et Hotel Desire. On one of the scenes, the actor drove off on Ron's TC. He taught the actor how to drive the car. The last video was titled "What we drove in the 50's and 60's. These were educational and historical videos that deserve a place in the archives of our TC history. Our thanks to Ron Simon for sharing videos of MGTC races and history.

The meeting ended at 10pm.

Respectfully yours,

*Lucy McCanne*

OK Joe, we interface the computer with the digital projector using the USB ports so the images can be transmitted.

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Thank you, Pamela Binford-Grudin

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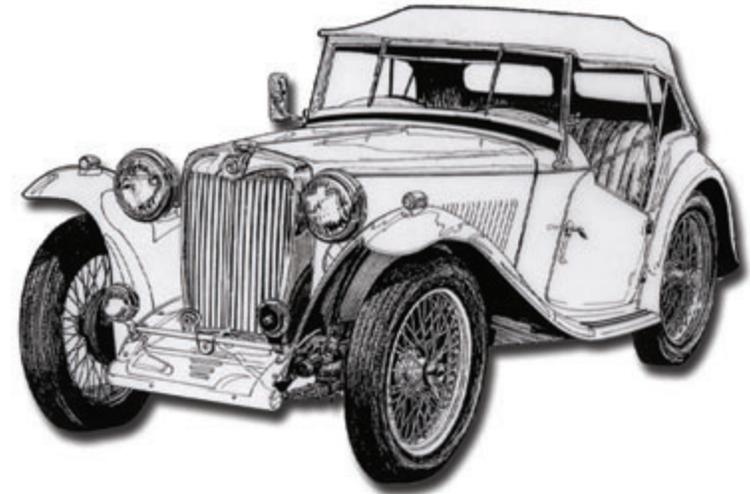


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