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This poster was the graphic/logo for GoF Central 2015.

TCMG member, Tom Wilson was instrumental in putting the event together.

Tom was representing his home clubs, Olde Octagons of Indiana and Hooser MG's.

He reports that the GoF went extremely well and was one of the most well attended GoF Central events in recent years.

Congratulations Tom on your hard work and for the successful Gathering of the Faithful.



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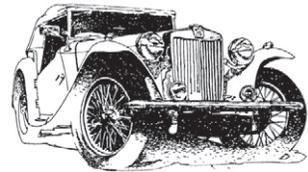
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TCMG Year End Party and Annual Meeting

Save the Date!

Sunday, December 13, 2015

**To be held at
The Hotel Huntington Beach
in Huntington Beach, CA**

Reservations and menu choices to be announced later.




Camarillo House Tour

**Saturday
August 22nd**



The TCMG will be touring to the Adolfo Camarillo House so get your TC ready for some fun. Deadline for the group tour was August 14th but check with Steve to see if there were cancellations or if they will accept more. But you might still be able to meet with the gang before or afterwards as there is always food involved.

Tour charge is \$5 each and payable to Steve Simmons.

Tour leaves from the Sorensen home at 9AM sharp to get to the destination on time.

More details on flyer that was mailed out and on our website.

Welcome to Our Newest TCMG Member

Welcome

George & Constance Hope

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*No photos to share
at this time*



TCMG members David Reid and Terry Schuller will present a follow-up to their previous program, discussing their career in making equipment for underwater photography. Learn about cameras and techniques, plus enjoy samples of their work at this most interesting presentation.



**Tuesday,
August 25th**

8:00 PM

**Underwater
Photography**
by David and Terry



These are just some teaser photos. To see more plus some videos, come to the meeting. It is amazing what other areas of interest our TCMG members have.



TCMG Meeting held at:
Citibank Community Room
2350 Honolulu Ave, Montrose
Meeting room entrance is at the
rear of the bank – downstairs.

59th Annual TCMG / ARR Conclave

October 9-11



Don't miss our premiere event of the year, the Annual Conclave with the Abingdon Rough Riders in Cambria. We will be staying at the charming Bluebird Inn on Main Street. For the latest information on hotels, activities, etc, please check our website, tcmotoringguild.org & click on "Calendar"

The Bluebird Inn, is located within walking distance of the many quaint shops and restaurants in the area. We have several types of rooms reserved, as outlined below.

NOTE: Rooms are booking fast and somewhat limited options are now available. Act quickly if you plan to attend!

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Please contact Steve Simmons once you have booked your room so we can keep track of our numbers.
Email mail@mgnuts.com.

Kids and TCs

Many of you have seen the recent Moss Motoring cover photo with our grand kids on the cover. Yes the TC did survive just fine and all the parts laying around were just props. Moss was in need of a cover and had only about two weeks to the deadline. So they put word out that they wanted a cover photo that will make people smile every time they look at it. The issue theme of "Friends and Family come to the rescue" and help keep LBCs on the road. So we called to see if we could arrange to get our grand kids to be a part of it. Due to their schedules and

ours we determined we had about an hour window to do this. We brought the TC over to their house and set the scene up before they got out of school. They came home and of course had to have their snacks first but we asked them to pose and were able to get a few good shots. As a reward their mother gave the kids a ride afterwards just up and down their private street.

The center photo below was the one selected but we share some of the other shots taken that day.



David & Joyce



We hope they make you smile too!



Some of Our Distant TCMG Members

We took an extended vacation and traveled to the east coast to see our daughter. But on the way there and back we met with some of our distant TCMG members and saw their TCs. We are happy to say that the TCMG is alive and doing well all over.

David & Joyce

In Columbia, South Carolina we met up with Bob Koons. Bob has been collecting TCs (and other cars) for many years. He recently retired and moved back to where he grew up and since his collection is somewhat vast, he needed something to house at least some of them in. He has a 5000 foot building where he keeps his four TCs, a couple MGAs, MGBs, and XKEs as well. We have featured his two race TCs in the Midget Chassis before and they are even more impressive when you are right next to them. Perfection plus. The other two TCs are well preserved with nice original paint, hood material and more. Time capsules at the best. Most the cars are pretty low mileage examples or have some nice history.



Bob also collects NOS parts, petrol station pumps and more. Wish we could have seen his Lotus 22 race car not there but we had to move on. Maybe on another trip. Thank you Bob for a wonderful visit.



At Williamsburg, Virginia we met Phil and Cindy May. While Phil has one TC right now (Tissy II), it is the 4th one he has had over the years. We have featured his stories and escapades with the TCs in past Midget Chassis issues and they are very entertaining.



Their daughter, Jamie, is a lead archaeologist in Jamestown and has been involved in many significant finds. We were happy to meet her, and she gave us a wonderful tour of the archaeology museum. Thank you Phil & Cindy for driving us around the Williamsburg highlights.



John Williams lives in Fairfax Station, Virginia. He has owned his TC 2556 for 40 some years, and it sure looks great. The TC is just one of John's hobbies. He showed us the wooden boat projects, highly detailed models, firearms and much more are in his arsenal of hobbies that keep him busy and entertained. He took us over to a local club member's home to see his friend's TC restoration progress along with a display of a few other cars including a '34 MG PA, an MGA with trailer, a unique '49 Triumph roadster, and a Model T Ford. Thanks John for a wonderful visit with you.



We almost missed meeting Tom Wilson in Zionville, Indiana. Our original planned meeting date fell through but due to a change in our itinerary we passed back his way and finally met up. In the garage was his 1945 TC and 1934 PA. There was an MGB in the garage as well but more on that later. Mike Sherrell drove the TC at GoF Central where Tom was one of the event organizers. We visited some and then went down into his basement where we found an extensive wood working shop. He is quite the craftsman with wood to say the least. But also in the shop were TC engine and chassis parts (Tom holding a rear axle housing above). Then



we entered another room which was carpeted and there was a bare TC frame all prepared and ready to go. There also were a few boxes of parts and wood tub material which Tom had made himself in his shop. He has the parts logged into his CNC machines to make more as well. And if that was not enough, another room had his upholstery

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Distant TCMG Members continued.

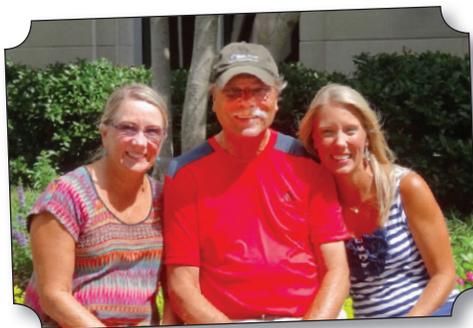
business (TC and MMM upholstery of course). He had bolts of material and dyed hides plus several HD sewing machines (one capable of going through plywood like on TC doors) laid out. His business, Kimber Creek, produces MG interiors and weather equipment to exacting specifications (Tom does not seem to do anything halfway). These even meet Doug Pelton's "From the Frame Up" standards so that is saying something. He does not advertise as he stays busy just by word of mouth.

Guess I could go on and on but a couple more points to bring up. Going back to that MGBGT in the garage. It is a genuine MGB (registered that way) but a company in England takes original MGBs and totally rebuilds them using modern parts. The end result is a modern fuel injected high performance engine, air conditioning, and totally new body meeting modern standards. Eliminated are all the weak points of the original B and you have a Porsche killer. Search MG LE50 on Google to have a look.



And last point is Tom let on that on a recent trip to England he was introduced to someone selling many MMM MGs (wanted to sell together as a lot). Negotiations were worked out and Tom now has TEN MMM MGs (J2s, an L, some PAs and PBs) plus a VA Saloon. Once he finishes the two other TCs he has (within the next 12 months) he will do all 10 MMM cars at once starting in early 2017. He said there was enough commonality with them that he could work on say 10 differentials at once and so on. This guy is a dynamo and hope to hear more of his restoration progress.

We also visited with Greg and Wendy Mathews in South Carolina. Maybe some of you old timers will remember them. They retired, sold their TC and moved to the east coast some years ago. Pictured above are the two of them plus their daughter who lives out there too. Greg if you remember was well into collecting antiques and things and he continues with that. Their guest house is totally taken over by a HUGE model train layout plus thousands of other collectable items. Main house has many notable collectables as well. Was great to catch up with them. They took us on a tour of the surrounding areas and they do live in paradise. They miss the TCMG friendships and activities and say HI to all of us in the Motoring Guild.



Photos by David & Joyce Edgar

USS Iowa Tour

Sunday morning, July 12th, TCMG members met in San Pedro to enjoy a self guided tour of the battleship USS Iowa. It was a beautiful day with sunny skies reflecting off the harbor water. Larry Pate and friend Traci Shoblom drove Larry's recently restored TC, the ex-Phil Frank/Nigel Shiftright car. This was the first TCMG event for Larry and Traci. Richard and Sandra Loe drove their TC and managed to arrive on time in spite of having to replace the car's fuel pump in route. Carrying tools and spares sometimes pays off.



The Iowa (nicknamed "The Big Stick") has had a colorful history. Built early in WWII, it was commissioned for 227 months until 1990. In November, 1943, the ship secretly transported Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his staff across the Atlantic to the Tehran Conference where Roosevelt met with Churchill and Stalin. After safely returning Roosevelt to the U.S., the ship immediately headed for the Pacific where she participated in numerous battles until the end of WWII. The Iowa then served in the Atlantic theater, Central America, the Mediterranean, and Persian Gulf throughout her commissions. In the 1980s, Iowa was the first Navy Ship to launch a drone.



Highlights of the self-guided tour of the ship included examining the 16" gun turrets, viewing the officers' quarters and crew's quarters, and taking in the view of the ship and the harbor from the bridge. Especially interesting was the helmsman's position on the bridge. He is completely enclosed behind 17" thick armored walls to give him maximum protection as he steers the ship in battle conditions. The armored door into the helmsman's enclosure weighs over 4000 pounds!



Photos by Sandra Loe

After completing the tour of the ship, the TC foursome had a leisurely lunch at a Salvadoran café in San Pedro and then headed for home.

Sandra & Richard Loe

July 28th Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by president Gorden Bundy at 8:17 PM. There were 22 members present and one TC (Loe). The minutes for the last meeting were printed in the July newsletter. Regarding the Treasurer's report, Joyce was not present but had sent the report to the board on Monday (Ed. Note: Joyce will email a copy to any member upon request).

Old Business included a report on the USS Iowa Tour by Richard and Sandra Loe, a big "thank you" to Cindy and Tony Henkels for hosting the June meeting at their home, an accounting of the evening at Viva Fresh in Burbank to hear Ron Simon play the trombone, and an announcement by Richard that our trademark registered June 9, 2015.

Bobbie Simon relayed that Jim Crandall had called informing her that member Stan Belland had a heart attack and is now home recovering. Bobbie will check with Jim and keep us posted on Stan's progress.

New Business included reports on coming events and programs by Curt Sorensen. The conclave arrangements have been completed by Steve Simmons with all pertinent information on the website. Conclave will be October 9th - 11th in Cambria. The next event will be a tour of the Adolfo Camarillo House on August 22nd. The day will start at the Sorensen's home for a continental breakfast at 9:00 AM.

Upcoming Programs will be "Playing With Clay" tonight, Underwater Photography in August, Movie Night at the Simon Museum in September,

Halloween potluck dinner meeting in October, the Grand Rally Around Britain in November, and the holiday dinner in December. Fran Thelander reports that she has a contract for the holiday party to be held on Sunday Dec 13th at The Hotel Huntington Beach. There will be a block of rooms available for members that would like to spend the night. The evening will include an auction, awards ceremony, and a toy drive.

Jan Sorensen thanked those that have volunteered to bring refreshments to our meetings, but indicated that she still has an opening for next month's meeting and hopes someone will sign up.

Joe Douglass shared a book that was made for him by a hiking friend to commemorate his 96th birthday that he celebrated earlier this month.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Loe

Filling in as Secretary for the night

Thank you Sandra for doing the minutes for June and July meeting in David's absence

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Sandra Loe not only took minutes for the meeting but also provided the program on how she plays with clay. She brought a potters wheel and actually turned out a nice bowl. They brought their TC to meeting so it was one full TC or they brought a second car.



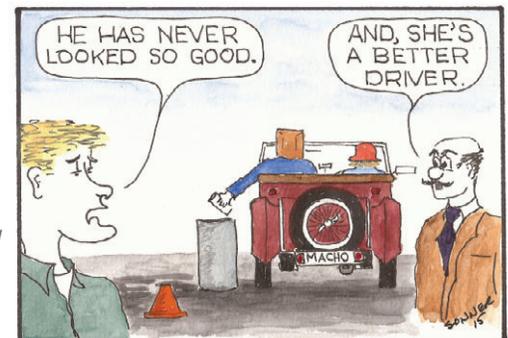
Photos by Lucy McCanne



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: With Cruz



Brian Sonner's cartoons have graced our newsletter for several years now. Thank you Brian for sharing your talent.



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

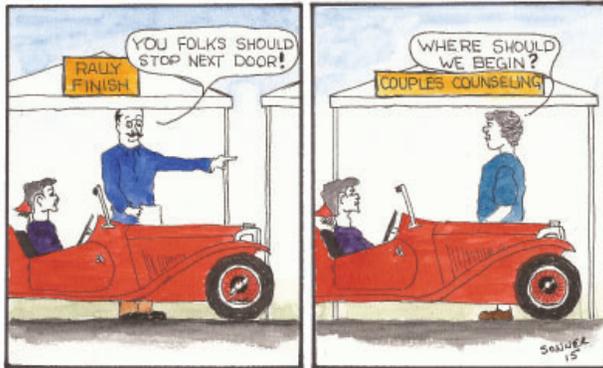
Cartoon to the right is from the funkhana at GoF West 2015 where passenger was blindfolded with a bag over their head.

More cartoons on next page



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

And these two are based on the gimmick rallye at GoF West 2015



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

If you did the rallye, then you would understand. Rallye designers were ARR members. Thank you (we think).

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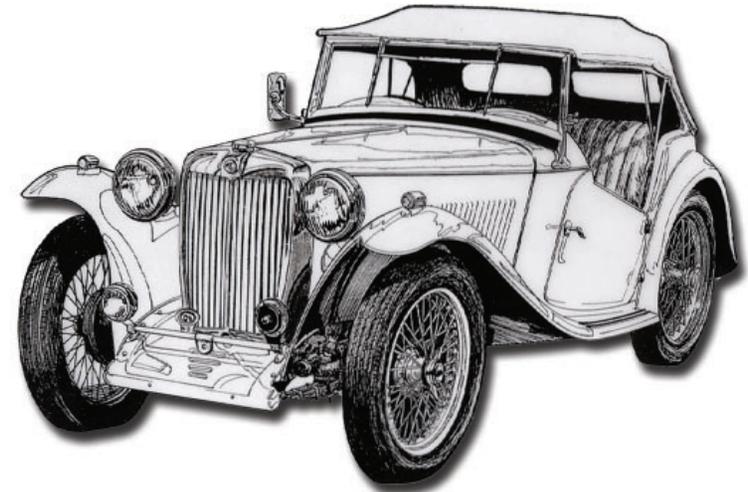


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