

# TC Motoring Guild MIDGET CHASSIS

December 2016



Four TCs and 17 members and guests were out last Saturday for the Valley Relics event. What could be more fun than a drive in a TC? How about a strawberry ice cream soda dipped in chocolate? Sure looks tasty. More of the story and photos inside this issue.

## The Midget Chassis

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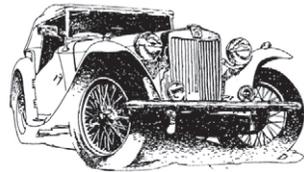
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**Curt's  
Comments**



Well, it is already December,  
where did the year go! As we  
approach the end of the year,  
it seems appropriate to reflect  
on the past year (2016) and to,  
also, look forward to the coming  
year (2017). My retrospective  
look includes both the memory  
of some long-time members of  
our TCMG Family, who are no  
longer with us, as well as the  
addition of some new members  
to our TCMG Family.

Also, to be remembered, are  
those who have contributed so  
greatly to the continuity of this  
great organization. They are the  
ones who, without much fuss or  
fanfare, quietly get the “bits and  
bobs” done. To those, a special  
thanks and, to all of you in this  
great TCMG Family, I wish that  
we could see more of you more  
of the time! In any event, I wish  
all of you a very . . .




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In January 2017, we will begin  
the year with a new mix within  
the Executive Council. They,  
with all of our support and help,  
will propel the TCMG through  
another fun and exciting year  
with one another. That has been  
our time-tested process for over  
sixty (60) years and we are, not

yet, going to give up that great  
legacy! So, stay healthy, stay  
happy and keep those “TCs  
Forever”!

Cheers,

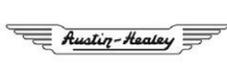
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## BRITISH SLANG LESSONS by Curt \*

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<i>Fancy</i>	=	<i>Like</i>
<i>Brilliant!</i>	=	<i>Great!</i>

\* can you find these in this newsletter?



**Tuesday,  
Nov. 22nd**  
**8:00 PM**  
**Precision  
Restorations**

TCMG member Garret Hanes has moved his restoration shop to a new location where they work on Cobras (real ones!) and other exotic classics. See how the shop was built, the type of work they do and other interesting factoids at this very special presentation!

Garret specializes in hand built alloy body classics and is a master craftsman. He can hand form body panels. Garret even maintained Carroll Shelby's #1 Cobra for Carroll. Listening to him describe his work is VERY fascinating and you will not be disappointed.



The new facility has work and restoration room as well as a climate controlled storage room for hi-end classics. Note the Cobras, TC, and GT-40 in the photo above. Offers service and maintenance options too.

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

# TCMG Annual Meeting and Party

**Sunday Evening**  
**December 11, 6pm** **Sportsmen's Lodge**  
**Caribou Room**  
**TCMG Auction with**  
**Art Ludwick as**  
**Auctioneer**  
**12833 Ventura Blvd,**  
**Studio City**

## Select your meal

Atlantic salmon with dill sauce

Sliced tri-tip with mushroom sauce

Vegan Tofu Stack - (roasted asparagus, carrots, portabella mushroom, sweet tamarin reduction)

Meals include rolls, salad, seasonal vegetables, rosemary potatoes plus dessert of chocolate blackout cake with berry coulis

Three door prizes (one \$50 and two \$25 cash prizes) will be given out at the party. Must be present to win.

**Reserve Early to Guarantee You a Place and Save too**

## Reserve and Pay for Your Meal

Dinner is \$30 each if reservation received by Sat. Nov 26. After Nov 26th thru to Dec 5th will be \$45

### Send checks

make out to TCMG or TC Motoring Guild  
 Address to: TCMG, 1454 Chase Ter, El Cajon CA 92020-8368

### OR, use Paypal

Use the button on our website :  
[tcmotoringguild.org/party/](http://tcmotoringguild.org/party/)

Reservations received after Dec 5, requires special handling to see if additional meals can be accommodated. Avoid late decisions if possible, as it creates much more work for the coordinators and the meals will not be subsidized. Contact Lucy McCanne direct (323-463-9869). If the reservation can be added, the cost will be \$55.

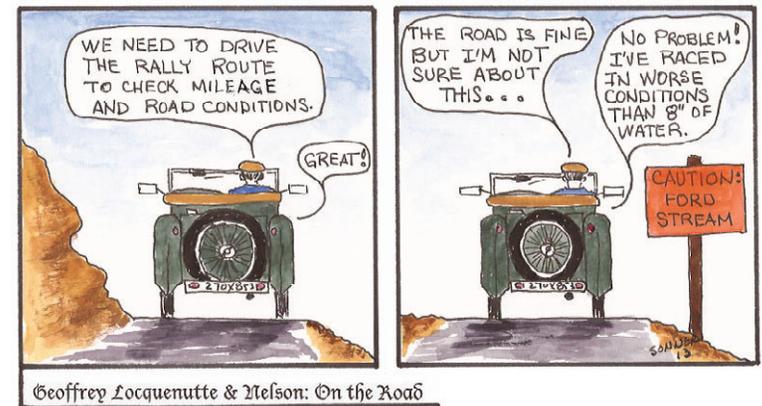
## Be Generous

This year, our toy drive will go to the **YWCA San Gabriel Valley WINGS Shelter** for families seeking refuge from domestic violence and new directions toward sustainable living. This is an organization Sarah Ludwick volunteers with. Thank you Art and Sarah for collecting the donated toys and delivering them to the facility.

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.



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: The Interpreter



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

## Party Auction



One of the auction items at our holiday party will be a MG shop overall as worn by mechanics at various MG events and races. Modeled here by Gordon Glass. Donated by Gordon and Mimi. Thank you!

# Valley Relics Museum Tour

Our last event of the year brought out 17 members and guests with four TCs. We met at an original 1940's diner for breakfast. Before departing on our scenic tour, several members seized the opportunity to purchase newly designed TCMG shirts making their debut at the event. To prepare us for the museum, our route took us through an area that was once the wild west (literally) and now a sprawling suburban landscape, as well as a few roads that haven't changed much in the past 100 years.

At the museum we were treated to an array of historical items from the San Fernando Valley, focusing mostly on the urbanization and pop culture of the 1950's through 1980's. Neon signs, automobiles, wartime photographs, documents and much more were on display in the relatively new museum, which is not yet large enough to hold even half of what they have to offer.

Departing the museum, we worked our way to the final stop of this tour, an old-fashioned soda fountain situated in an original 1959 pharmacy. The group enjoyed ice cream, malts, shakes and more, as well as the usual good company.



*Starting with a breakfast at a '40s style diner*

In TCs:

Malcolm & Joyce Buckeridge  
 Kay & Larry Einhorn  
 Richard & Sandra Loe  
 Steve & Linda Simmons

In moderns:

Gorden Bundy & June  
 Anita Roman with friend Doris  
 Curt & Jan Sorensen with daughter, Jana  
 Ron & Bobbie Simon



*Buying the newest TCMG design shirts and then showing them off*

Photos by and report by  
 Steve Simmons



*At the museum*



Thanks to Steve & Linda Simmons for planning this wonderful event

*Cooling down (and gaining weight) at the old fashion soda fountain*



*Curt takes a fancy to his ice-cream.*



*Ending the event at the soda fountain was a brilliant idea.*



*Was Jan was taking donations?*

## What is the Correct Timing for Your TC?

Your TC instruction manual specs shows you set the timing on your TC at TDC (Top Dead Center and the little notch on the crank pulley. And if you go to page 57 it explains further that you can vary that by a degree depending on the fuel available. The description further explains setting the timing with a static engine (not running). But that was written back in the mid 1940s with terrible post war "pool" fuels available (low octane), but today's modern fuels are completely different. TDC is also for a stock TC. So to what specs and how should you time your TC, which certainly has been modified from stock (bored out, etc)?

Generally you can set a TC to 5-10 degrees BTDC (Before Top Dead Center) with today's fuel. The range here depends on your engine modifications, as well. May want to try 8 degrees at first. If you get pinging

then retard a bit. If no pinging, you can try adding a little bit and see what happens.. Several factors come into play here though. What octane fuel are you running (please read the article in the December 2015 Midget Chassis on this) and for most of us, a regular grade fuel is more than adequate. At what altitude do you generally drive? Generally you can advance about 3 extra degrees if you live and drive most at 6000 feet.

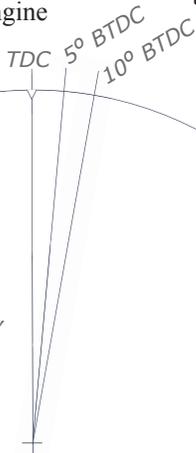
Do not use a timing light to time your engine though as the mechanical advance kicks in pretty early. As the manual says, use static timing by using a meter or light bulb to determine exactly when the points open (which causes the coil to discharge).

Since your TC is driven at RPMs greater than at idle, maybe trying to set timing at around 3000 RPM would make sense rather than relying on the advance mechanism to adjust correctly. Makes sense, but what do you set the timing to? On your XPAG TC engine, if you like experimenting, use a digital tach and find where it runs best at 3000 rpm by twisting the distributor back and forth. Once that is determined, then back the dizzie off by 50 rpm. You might want to use an adjusting timing light to see where you end up for future reference.

Have fun!

David Edgar TC 5108

Crank pulley at full size, 5 degrees is roughly .165" on the circumference and 10 degrees is .330"



## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

We are listing our TC birthdays or build dates each month. These are the ones to the middle of November

Nov 18, 1949	TC7149	Allan & Linda Chalmers
Nov 19, 1947	TC4103	Stan & Esther Belland
Nov 23, 1948	TC7175	David Mathison
Nov 25, 1948	TC7220	Ron & Bobbie Simon
Nov 29, 1946	TC1882	Ron Wong
Nov ??, 1946	TC????*	George & Paula Tipton
Dec 1, 1948	TC7255	James Ogden
Dec 15, 1948	TC7383EXU	Joe Douglass
Dec 16, 1949	TC7409EXU	Jon & Susan Hermance
Dec 16, 1948	TC7410EXU	Doug & Carol Pelton
Dec 17, 1947	TC4314	Ernie & Elizabeth Page
Dec 19, 1946	TC2014	Ed & Dee Koskie
Dec 20, 1948	TC7437EXU	Philip & Cindy May
Dec 23, 1948	TC7481	John & Donna Visconsi
Dec 30, 1946	TC 2040	Tom & Emily Wilson
Dec ??, 1946	TC????*	Richard Messer



\* no chassis number on record but based on engine number probably in month listed



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: Along the Way

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Be sure to visit fromtheframeup.com as Doug has posted 15 YouTube videos (as of this writing) on various TC subjects. I just watched the headlamp video and found things I did not know, one of which was the rubber headlamp seal I bought over 35 years ago from a supplier was totally wrong. Never could figure out why it did not fit right. - ed.

## September 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM by Curt Sorensen after we had finished our Halloween Party pizza dinner. Special thanks to Jan Sorensen and Bobbie Simon for organizing tonight's party. Curt also expressed thanks to John Visconsi for his informative program at last month's meeting, to Joyce and David Edgar for arranging the Sept program, and to Steve and Linda Simmons for hosting the continental breakfast at their home before our departure to Conclave.

This month we have two birthdays: Bobbie



Simon and Susie Coleman. Three club cars were manufactured in October: David and Susie Coleman's, Malcolm and Joy Buckeridge's, and Gordon Bundy's.

The minutes of the September meeting were presented and approved as written in the newsletter.

Joyce Edgar posted the Treasurer's Report.

Joyce reviewed upcoming programs including Garret Hanes' presentation scheduled for our November meeting and the Annual Meeting/Holiday Party to be held December 11th. The Holiday Party will include dinner, an auction, toy drive, announcement of the 2017 Executive Council, and awards. The dinners are going to be subsidized by the club and reservation deadlines are as follows: November 26th (\$30), December 5th (\$45), and after that reservations must be made through Lucy McCanne to see if there is room to accommodate

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anyone and at that point the fee will be (\$55). Gordon Glass modeled his "Pit Overalls" outfit that he will be donating for the auction. He wore the overalls to this year's Goodwood Revival in England. They are embroidered with "MG Safety Fast" on the front and back.

David Edgar asked for any submissions for the next newsletter. He asked Jan Sorensen to try to take pictures as Curt takes his TC on its maiden voyage.

Steve Simmons brought us up to date on the new TCMG shirts and sweatshirts. Contact Steve or Linda to order a sweatshirt.

Bobbie Simon reported that cards have been sent to the Wimer family and Brian Sonner.

Historian, Don McLish is continuing work on his projects.

The next item in the "Old Business" portion of the meeting was possible By-Law changes. Richard Loe offered to work with Curt on reviewing the current By-Laws and make recommendations for revisions. If possible, notice of voting on the changes will be posted in the newsletter in November so a vote could be held at the Annual Meeting in December.

David reported on the 2016 Conclave in San Luis Obispo. There were about 28 in attendance at the continental breakfast where there were two repairs before hitting the road (the Appells and Einhorn's).



*Our Halloween dinner prior to the meeting was enjoyed by all*



Garret Hanes had some overheating problems, however his TC healed itself. We stopped for lunch in Orcutt and arrived at the Apple Farm by late afternoon.

Richard led the nominations for the election of the 2017 Executive Council. Those nominated included: Joyce Edgar (accepted), Ron Simon (accepted), Malcolm Buckeridge (declined), Steve Simmons (accepted), Sandra Loe (accepted), Gordon Bundy (accepted), Hema Ratnayake, and Jim Crandall. Hema and Jim were not in attendance. They will be contacted by phone to determine if they

will accept their nomination. Nominations were closed.

Reminders of November events included: Nov 12th event to Valley Relics Museum and the VMG Parts Exchange on November 20th.

Curt adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM so the Bingo Game could begin.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Loe*  
Secretary



*Malcolm dressed up pretty scary at our TCMG meeting in his Jaguar shirt*



*Following the meeting we enjoyed Halloween Bingo and had a few lucky winners*

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## 1948 TC Wants a New Home



TC needs a home where it can be loved and driven. The paint and upholstery is somewhere in the 15 year old area (give or take). Chassis appears to be somewhat more worn. The Guarantee plate on the battery box is stamped TC/B230 and 4847A29760 (seems to be the tub numbers which should not be on the guarantee plate). Reportedly only 98 miles put on the TC since being painted.

TC 9606 is stamped on the frame and XPAG 5730 on the engine plate (but XPAG 5730 is not original to the TC 9606 chassis).

Can be seen at Declan Kavanaugh's Saugus Auto Repair business and you can contact Declan at [declanmkavanagh@gmail.com](mailto:declanmkavanagh@gmail.com) or at 561-360-9389 See ad on page 2.

## GoF West 2017

July 10-14, 2017

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For more information or to register on line - [gofwest.org](http://gofwest.org) or contact David or Joyce, 619-593-8255 or [gofwest2017@gmail.com](mailto:gofwest2017@gmail.com)

Since the last meeting, we've picked up some other TCMG members as leads for GoF West 2017 activities. Our thanks to Gordon & Mimi Glass for taking on the Carless Funkhana and to Jon Hermance to take the lead on the Funkhana.

If you would like to help in this area, their contact information is in our Directory. It's been awhile since Jon and Susan Hermance from Salt Lake City, have made a club activity. But they have been involved in past GoF's in **14** Park City, and know what needs to

be done. Jon would love to have some California folks to brainstorm Funkhana ideas with and get some help with the assembly. We will have an enclosed trailer to bring necessary pieces and parts up. Some of you creative people, please send Jon an email or give him a call (info in our TCMG directory).

We all know how creative the Glass duo are, they are also a lot of fun to work with, so feel free to contact Mimi if you want to help with the Carless Funkhana too.

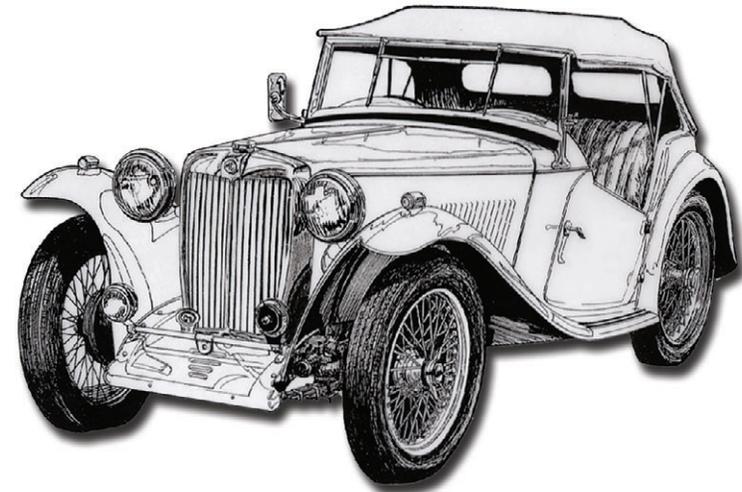


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