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Dietz Heuser, Erwin Ashenfelder, Glen Binford, Doug Wimer, Jim Crandall, Bob Goldstein, Bill Young, Harvey Schnaer, Clarence Weiss, Gert Jensen, Burt Greene, & Earl Sargent just to name a few). Race car drivers included Bruce McLaren, Dennis Hulme, Mark Donohue, Jim Hall, Dan Gurney, & Sam Posey just to name a few.

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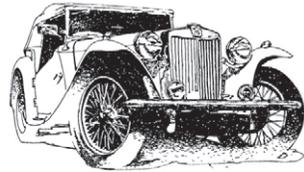
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Curt's Comments



I have been told that, as the new TC Motoring Guild President, I am expected to write “a little something” for each of our club’s 2016 newsletters. Well, since I regard myself as a “man of few words”, that should work okay! The real problem is, about what? After a “little thought” (that’s consistent with “write a little something”), I have decided to tell a “short story” (also consistent with “a little something”) about how I became a member of the TC Motoring Guild. Now, one would expect that all one must do, according to the TCMG By-Laws, is buy a TC and pay annual dues. In my case, it took longer (i.e., 5 years). The “short story” follows.

It all began in 2007 when Jan and I bought our 1948 TC from a car collector in Westlake Village. (He had purchased the car on ebay, from a family in Connecticut, and had decided to re-sell it instead of restore it.) Since I knew very little about automobile restoration, and less yet about an MG TC, I decided to search the internet for information. There, I became acquainted with T-Register (Totally T-Type) and the TC Motoring Guild (Midget Chassis). Before long, I was regularly downloading the monthly “Totally T-Type” and “Midget Chassis” publications. At the time, they seemed to provide me with much needed information about the TC and some insight into one’s life in a car club. I was immediately drawn to the technical information, but it took me some time to realize that a significant part of this “virtual” experience was my growing attraction to the TCMG club and its members. I soon learned some of your names and enjoyed pictures and descriptions of various programs and events. At this point, I felt like I had become a “virtual member” of the club and looked forward to the monthly posting of the “Midget Chassis” so that I could “vicariously” enjoy the many club activities. Soon thereafter, I checked the club’s By-Laws to determine the requirements for membership. To my dismay, “Virtual Member” was not identified as a membership category. So I, begrudgingly, continued my “vicarious” relationship with the TC Motoring Guild for the next few years.

In 2012, as I approached my retirement from the Aerospace Industry, Jan and I decided that it was time to “get real” and apply for “real” membership in the TC Motoring Guild. Retrospectively, it was one of the best decisions that we ever made. Conversely, delaying that decision was a big mistake. In any event, that is the “long and the short of it” (the story, that is). It is really quite short, it just seems long when you read it!

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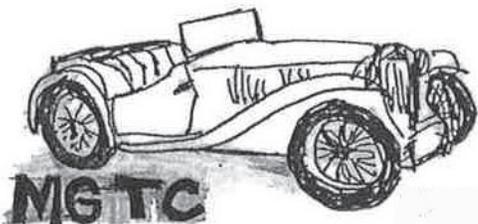
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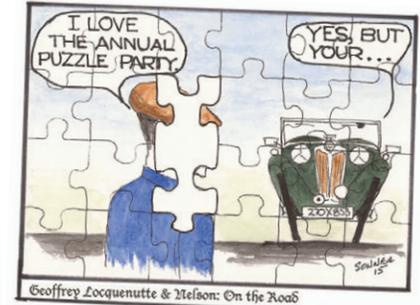


We have a totally new TC puzzle design for you to work on this month. Work in teams to put the puzzle together first and win a prize.



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

Tuesday,
Jan 26th
8:00 PM
Puzzle Night



This was last year's puzzle and shows the 2014 Conclave line-up



Lame Duk Kup Event

Save the Date

January 37th
(AKA February 6th)

We have the date but the Where and What will be announced in a flyer (and possibly at the meeting), so stand by.



2016 TCMG Executive Council

The six TCMG members below were elected to the TCMG Executive Council to guide the Motoring Guild through 2016. Curt graciously accepted the position of President and Ron continues as VP (he likes that

spot). Sandra, who has filled in as a temporary secretary from time to time now fills the Secretary slot and Joyce carries on as Treasurer. Steve and David serve as Directors and also run Events and Editor respectively.

Curt Sorensen
President



Ron Simon
VP



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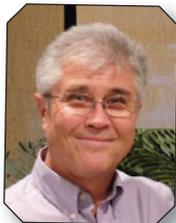
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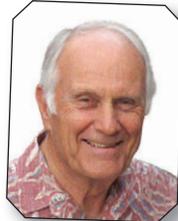
Steve Simmons
Director/Events



David Edgar
Director/Editor



Gorden Bundy
Ex Officio



Another
TCMG
member
photo
here

But it takes a lot more to keep the club alive and we have many chairs helping (see page 2) and still looking for program and raffle chairs. But the most important part of keeping the club active is the involvement of everyone (YOU) to participate and enjoy their TC. Even if you are distant or if your TC is not running, we love to hear what you are doing so please share.

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Back on the Road after 30 Years

Congratulations

Tim and Irenne Arnold from Olympia, Washington, joined our Motoring Guild a couple months ago. Just got a photo of their TC so sharing it here with their story.



Irenne and I decided that we had waited long enough to get TC8194 back on the road. Since retirement, a regular part of my daily schedule has been to have coffee at a local cafe (can't live in the Land of Starbucks without morning cup). A coffee buddy mentioned that he has one of my neighbors help him with his car repairs. Turns out the neighbor is from my old hometown. The neighbor is also retired but helps maintain a Mercedes Gullwing, several Corvettes, and other exotic cars. He agreed to help me. He said he had never worked on an MG but savored the challenge. I bought the parts and he put them

together (entire new brake system, rebuilt carbs, new horn, fuel pump, etc). Our unusually wet and cold weather delayed getting back on the road because I took the wire wheels to bare metal and then resprayed when the sun peaked through the mist. I had to replace my old Dunlops with new Blockley tires. Well, after 30 plus years of respite, she is back in action. Tech articles and chat discussions in the TCMG and MGTABC were great support and motivators.

Cheers. *Tim & Irenne*

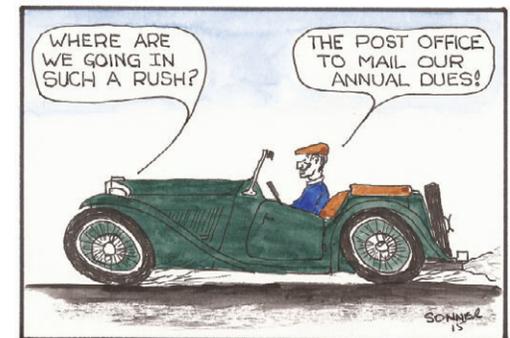
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Geoffrey Loquennette & Nelson: On the Road

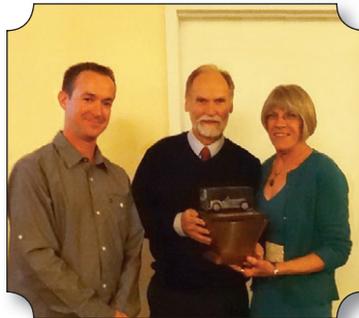
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2015 TCMG End-of-the-Year Party

We ended our TCMG year as we always do, with a party. This year it was held in Huntington Beach and we had a fantastic group of members attend. One lone TC showed up, driven by Richard & Sandra Loe to claim the honor of attending each and every meeting and event in 2015 with their TC (which they did in 2014 as well). Art Ludwick served as auctioneer and got many to open up their wallets in a fun and spirited manner. Thank you Art for a wonderful and entertaining evening. Thanks to Sarah who kept him on his toes as well by bidding on many items neither of them really needed.



We honored a few members with our TCMG awards that they earned over the past year. The Earl Sargent Award for driving their TC on club events the most naturally went to the Loes who made every event. The Frank Mason Award for the member who most exemplifies the aims of the Motoring Guild in the perpetuation of the TCMG went to Steve Simmons. And then the Breakdown Award went to the Thelanders for plugging problem of a dirty fuel tank & filter which disrupted two different weekend events. Congratulations to the Loes, Steve and then to Pete for finally solving his problem.



Steve, Richard & Sandra

We had a very short business meeting where we approved the minutes of the November meeting and the treasurer's report was posted for all to see.



Art working the crowd doing his magic on us all



Pete & Fran Thelander



Gorden Bundy & June



David & Joyce Edgar



Toshimi Shapiro and Karen Olson having a good laugh



Curt & Jan Sorensen



David & Lucy McCanne



Garret & Ambre Hanes

Sorry we did not get everyone in photos but we surely enjoyed your company



Linda Chalmers chats with Gordon & Mimi Glass

The winner of the \$100 door prize was Terry Schuller & David Reid
Congratulations



Our donated toys went to the Foster Children's Resource Center to brighten up other lives

Special thanks to Fran Thelander for coordinating with the hotel, and to Lucy McCanne for the beautiful and joyous decorations. Thanks for everyone else for their great company and bringing fun.

Hope to see you all at the end of this year for more fun.

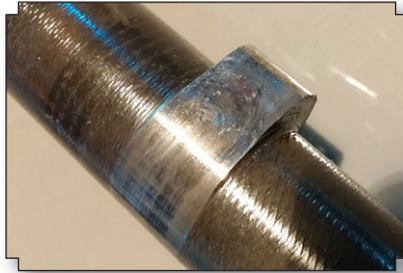
Photos by David & Joyce Edgar

Simmons Engine Rebuild Project

Back in March of last year Steve had an XPAG engine rebuild project. He was trying to solve two issues. One was severe camshaft and lifter wear after 9000 miles plus a pretty bad oil

leak at the back of the engine. He had it timed to get it all done between Motoring Guild events but due to complications the project lasted quite a while longer.

Steve pulled the old cam and as suspected it was toast. All of the lobes show damage.



He decided to take extreme measures and replace the cam and flat lifters with a roller camshaft. Was an expensive way to go at roughly double the price of replacing a standard cam, but it should give a slight performance boost and last much longer. Parts to be replaced are cam, lifters, push rods, springs and retainers.

The rear cam plug was a suspect in his oil leaks so he went full bore on it. With a perfectly clean bore, he installed a steel plug with sleeve retainer and hammered it tight. Then on top of that put a brass plug and hammered it tight. He resisted the urge to JB weld a third one on top.



There were several problems using the Moss rear seal. First, the holes in the seal housing were a bit off so it wasn't holding the seal perfectly centered over the crank flange. The way the housing is designed, it cannot be repositioned because the screws are countersunk so they self-center as they tighten. Beyond that, the crank flange itself was not round! It varied by 5 or 6 thou as it spun. Steve modified the seal adaptor to center better but could do nothing with the out of round crank flange.

For more photos and complete story see: vintagemotoring.net/forum/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=2652

Editor's Note: Was going to run this article back in April but it got squeezed out by something else, and then I forgot about it. Came across it just last week so better late than never.

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November 24th Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM by President Gorden Bundy. There were 21 present with no visitors. We were pleased to see Bruce and Marlene Larson.



Joyce and David Edgar were unable to attend the meeting, therefore no formal secretary and treasurer reports were presented. The minutes from the last meeting were published in the December 2015 Midget Chassis. [Ed Note - treasurer's report was emailed out to board members before the meeting but evidently not presented at the meeting]

Old business started with Bobbie Simon bringing us up to date on the Holiday Party plans. The party will be December 13th and will include a toy collection for the Foster Children's Resource Center. Fran Thelander reported there are reservations from 30 people. We need 45 to 50 to break even and meet the minimum. Fran encouraged anyone who has not made their reservation to please do so.

Richard Loe commented on the possibility of new TCMG shirts. The Sorenson's have a contact that makes shirts and other items and are looking into some options. They were not at the meeting, so we will look forward to their findings at the next meeting.

Several members that participated in the Halfway House Brunch Tour talked about the extensive damage to Vasquez Canyon Road that happened only a few days after six of our TCs traveled the road on their way to the Halfway House. Our tour was approximately 90 miles with the six MGs, several modern cars, and no break downs. It seems

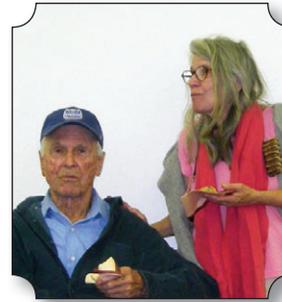
we won't be meandering through Vasquez Canyon again soon.

New business reports began with Richard Loe reporting on filing a request with Citibank to use the community room for our monthly meetings in 2016. The bank staff indicated that since we got our request in early and have been using the room for years, there should be no problem. The bank will contact us if there is a conflict.

Richard Loe was asked to comment on the MG PA he has recently purchased from the Thelanders. He is planning on attacking a few issues in the near future including the brakes, ill fitting passenger door, and damaged wing. Other than that, he hopes to enjoy driving the PA around town.

According to Joe Douglass the early years of the TCMG was partnered with a group in Long Beach that included all models of MGs. The Long Beach club had authorization from MG in England to form their club and wanted our TCs to be part of their group. In the end TCMG had more TCs, broke away from LB, and formed their own club.

Gorden Bundy reminisced on when he came to his first TCMG meeting in the late 60's. His rough TC had bad tires and his neighbor had a set of Cobra



wheels with tires that he put on the car and drove to Montrose.

The meeting was adjourned to enjoy refreshments provided by June Wennekamp.

A few minutes before nine Jim Crandall kicked off his video presentation on the Great Rallye Around Britain. The video included film taken by Jim and Ron Simon. According to Jim the inspiration for making such a trip was a column written by Stan Belland titled "What Would It Be Like To Take MGs Back To England". Stan thought it was a joke, however the response was overwhelming enthusiasm. In August 1992 after a year of meetings and extensive planning the containers were loaded with the cars for transport and the adventure began. In 1998 there was a second trip through Wales and Cornwall. As Jim's program came to an end, murmurs of a trip to New Zealand were heard.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Loe
Substitute Secretary



A tidbit of MG history for your enjoyment, found in the June 1979 issue of the Sacred Octagon, the NEMGTR magazine. It's from an interview of George Tuck in 1974. "Ted Colegrove, the original Sales Manager of the company at Abingdon was driving behind one of the new buses in Oxford. The bus had a big red triangle on the back and "Safety First!" painted through it, to indicate that they were fitted with four wheel brakes which was a novelty then. Ted thought that if the 'ir' was replaced by an 'a' it would make a jolly

good slogan for the MG (Safety Fast), so he went back to Abingdon and sold this to Kimber, and from then onwards it was the only slogan for MG. Prior to that in 1929 they had a slogan which was quite good - 'MG faster than most' - and this went on until someone wrote to Cecil Kimber enclosing one of the advertisements on which he had inserted the word 'bicycles' so that it then read - 'M.G. faster than most bicycles!'

Tom Wilson, Zionsville, IN
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GoF West 2017

In order to put on a GoF West, planning should start a couple years ahead. However the GoF West Steering Committee is a little behind and do not even have a chair for 2017 yet. While they are still searching the ball has to get started so a venue in the Santa Maria area has been selected. A favorable deal was negotiated with a hotel, a budget has been made, a logo created and a few other things have been worked out. But we need someone or club to take over and finish up. Many hands make light work so we (TCMG) can hopefully help out in some way.

Let's discuss it at a meeting.

The following areas possibly where we can help out if we wish.

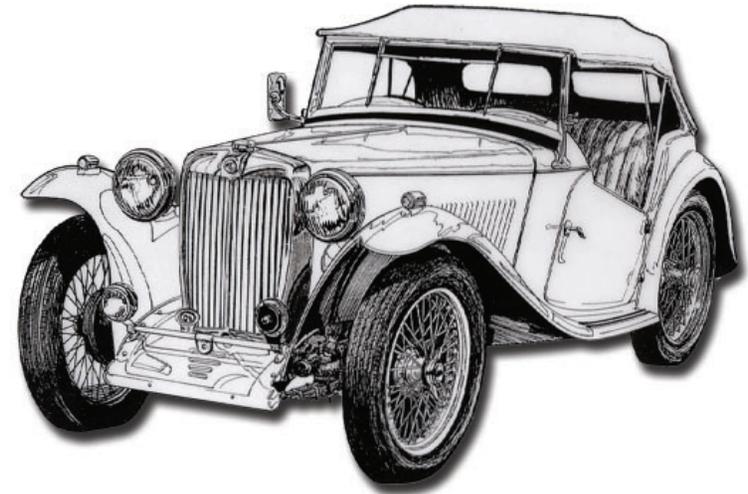
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