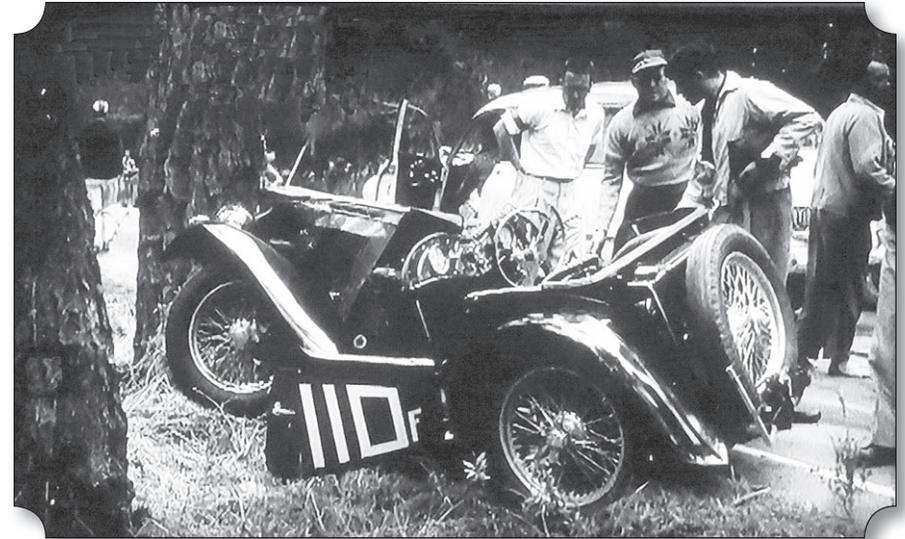




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*Not sure who owned or raced this TC but it came out 2nd when it ran into the tree in the 1950's. Definitely not "tickety-boo." See this and other racing photos plus video where there was no accident at our February 23 club meeting. See page five.*

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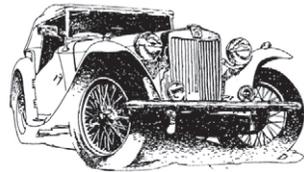




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**Curt's Comments**



While watching some of the recent presidential debates, I noted that one of the candidates used the old expression "talk-the-talk & walk-the-walk". As I was reflecting on the meaning of that expression, it occurred to me that it could also be applied to us, members of the TC Motoring Guild. In the presidential debate, the expression was intended to be discrediting and derogatory. In the context of this article, I intend that it be applied in a friendly manner. As an example, I think that "walk-the-walk" could be applied to one's knowledge, and the application of that knowledge, to the restoration, preservation and use of our beloved TC automobiles. In turn, "talk-the-talk" could then be applied to the social part of our club activities where we discuss/share our involvement with our cars, and our lives in general.

Now, I believe that, in general, every one of us does a pretty good job of the "walk-the-walk." (Some of us walk more slowly than others!) I do, however, believe that there are opportunities for improvement in the "talk-the-talk" department! Having said that, I recognize that most have mastered the proper use of certain unique words (e.g., "bonnet," "hood," "wings," "spanner," etc.). Even when these words are used correctly in a conversation, there still seems to be something missing. A little British accent might help, but for greatly improved authentication, I think that we all need to include more British slang in our conversations. I, therefore, propose that we learn to use some British slang words and phrases together. But wait, we need some words and phrases! Well, it so happens that I have direct access to a seemingly endless (and authentic) supply of British slang words and phrases. This source is our British daughter-in-law (Kenzie Sorensen) who lives here in Westlake Village and can frequently be found in Harpenden England sharpening her use of British slang.

To make this easy, I'll start us off with just a single slang word. (Hey, this is dangerous stuff and we have to be careful!) The chosen word is the first British slang that I learned from Kenzie.

**Tickety-Boo** – If something is going well, with no problems, we would say it is "tickety-boo".

So, practice the use of this "starter" slang word because there may be a test at our next meeting. If, at that time, we think that we are ready, I'll provide some more British slang words and expressions in future newsletters. In the meantime, Cheers!

*Curt*



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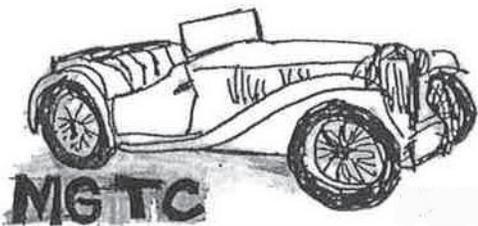
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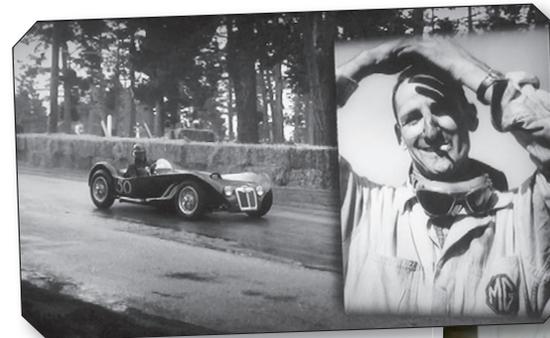
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TC which raced in the very first Pebble Beach Race and now owned by Bob Koons



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

## New TCMG Member

# Welcome



**James Ogden**  
 919 20th Street  
 San Diego, CA 92102  
 619-232-8089  
 db.ogden@gmail.com (son)  
 1948 TC 7255 XPAG 8002 Yellow / Green



James joins the TCMG courtesy of his son, Doug, who wrote the following description:

**Use of TC** - "Habitat for the rare Burlingame Dust Bunny"

**History of TC** - "English home model, brought over to the US in the 50's, by an English professor who taught at Cal Berkeley. Sold car to his student who restored it. Car was subsequently sold to his class mate who kept it in Hawaii until purchased in 2010. Returned to mainland. Modifications (if any): Extensive use of Hawaiian termites for lightening of body work sub-structure."

I love the way Doug describes things. In further questioning, he went on to say there may have been a tad bit of creative license in some of the description, except the body wood...the termites very much

had their naughty way with it. Why it stays together, only a higher power knows. The photos here show how the car basically looks today. Recently he had the carbs rebuilt by a gentleman in Sonoma (a body cracked and needed replacing). The gas tank is currently off and is being repaired, at some point in life it had been hit and patches soldered over it, leaking like a sieve doesn't begin to describe the pools of gas that flowed out of that thing. As you know, getting a tank repaired in SoCal is not very easy any more. Doug has made contact with Craig Seabrook at Whitworth Shop to have him start compiling a body, so that will be going on over the next year and change.

## Other TCMG Member News

In the process of working on this years TCMG Directory we have a few notices.

Sad to report that **Bill Risser** passed away in January. We did enjoy seeing him at a few of our functions eight years ago with his neighbor Charles Duvall.

**Bob & Charlotte Wilmer** have moved to Ventura into an assisted living facility and closer to their son, Bob. Both are doing OK, but Bob's hearing problems makes  
**6** telephone conversations difficult.

**William Sopkins & Marion Goldstein** who we have not seen in about eight years have decided to not renew their Guld membership.

**Don & Suzanne Scheu** from Virginia will be dropping as well after being with us for about nine years. Sad to say we never got to see them (or TC) in person since they are on the east coast (has a TC once owned by Allan Chalmers).

## Mike Malmut Vintage Car Museum Tour

**March 19**  
**Meet at 8am**  
**at Marmelade Cafe**  
**3894 Cross Creek Rd**

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**\* RSVP if you are going**



Join us for a trip to Mike Malmut's Vintage Car Museum in Newbury Park. Meet at cafe at 8am and we depart at 9am, to make 10:30 museum tour. The museum is a private collection featuring

an eclectic mix of vintage cars including a large number of micro cars and early air-cooled Porsches and VWs. There are also many American, British, French, German and Italian vehicles on display

in addition to vintage gas pumps, televisions and radios, jukeboxes and more. Malmut Museum This is an event not to be missed! Lunch will follow the tour at a nearby restaurant.

Lunch afterwards at nearby restaurant.

**\* This is a RSVP event so contact Steve Simmons if you are going: mail@mgnuts.com or call**



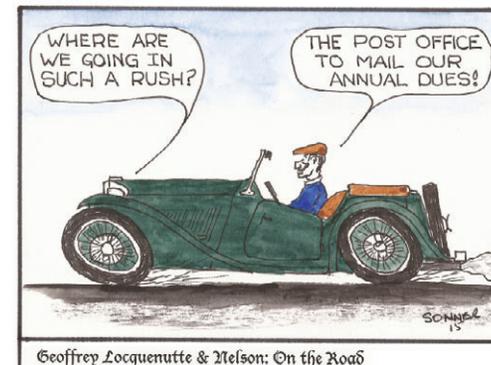
## TCMG Dues Reminder

### Dues are Due

THANK YOU to all who have renewed their TCMG membership so far. For those who have not renewed yet, we are in the grace period until March 23 (our March meeting). We don't want to lose you. **You will be removed from the 2016 roster if dues not received by then.**

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Geoffrey Loquettte & Nelson: On the Road

Dues are \$26.00 (Zip Code 90000 to 93300) If out of above zip codes, then \$22.00 (will not get special flyers on our local events - pay \$26 if you want those),

## 2016 Lame Duk Kup

Ten participants took part in this year's Lame Duk Kup Rallye, including three TC's driven by Richard and Sandra Loe, Steve and Linda Simmons and Malcolm Buckeridge with guest navigator Dean Caccavo. Ron & Bobbie Simon came as well and Ron & Diane Spindler came in a spiffy Marcos. Teams were given route directions along with puzzles to solve along the way before setting off into the Santa Monica Mountains.



Three TCs - Buckeridge, Simmons, Loe

The route took us through many rustic towns and small, twisty roads... just the kind TCs were built for! While stopped for a break at the halfway point, we were greeted by Erik and Pam Benson who were visiting from France. Erik is an avid vintage racer, having owned T-Types in addition to other classics and exotic race cars.



Kicking tires by the Simmons and Buckeridge TCs



Taking a break from the rallye to socialize and enjoy the views

Photos by Steve Simmons

Linda Simmons, Pam Benson and Dean Caccavo taking in the amazing views of the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island



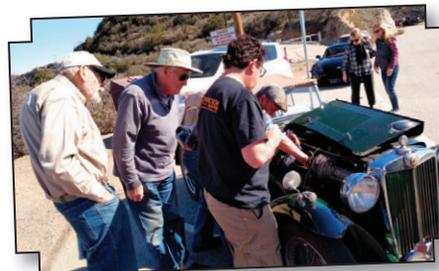
The group checks out Ron Spindler's Marcos



The team of Buckeridge / Caccavo ascending a canyon



Looking out across six valleys, all the way to Ojai



Ron Simon, Erik Benson and Dean Caccavo watch as Malcolm diagnoses a leaky exhaust gasket



Some of the group taking a break at a scenic overlook



The group enjoying a BBQ lunch



Rallymaster Steve Simmons presents the Lame Duk trophy to the victors, Richard and Sandra Loe.

The views from our rest stop were breathtaking, with crystal clear skies and unlimited visibility. We could see from Catalina to Ojai with ease. Continuing on, we descended the canyons and worked our way to a BBQ lunch in Woodland Hills where participants boo'd and jeered at the rallymaster and tried their best to argue (aka cheat) their way to victory. In the end it was the team of Richard and Sandra Loe who took top honors and get their name engraved on the duck.

## GoF West 2016



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Registration form and information at: **GoFWest.org**  
 For those without Internet, contact David Edgar to have the form mailed to you.

Several of our TCMG members will be helping out this year. In addition to Larry Long co-chairing the whole GoF West, David Reid /Terry Schueller, David & Lucy McCanne, Gorden Bundy/June Wennekamp plus David & Joyce Edgar have volunteered so far and all first-timers in helping out at GoF. If you are going and want to help out, there are

many places to assist.

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# January 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Outgoing president Gorden Bundy called the meeting to order and handed the gavel and leadership of the meeting over to the new president, Curt Sorensen.

Curt welcomed the 26 members in attendance and guest Malcolm Kirby who came with Ernie Page.



Gorden handing the gavel over to Curt

the Midget Chassis and were accepted as printed. Joyce Edgar gave the treasurer's report. Previous to the meeting Joyce had sent the year end report, December report, and the January report to the board and then posted the reports at the meeting. She reported on 2016 member dues received, advertising renewals, and the proceeds from the Holiday Party auction (\$980).

Next Curt asked for standing committee reports. Steve Simmons announced that the Lame Duk event is scheduled for Saturday, February 6th, and will be a rally through the Santa Monica Mountains. There will be a flyer with all the details. Other confirmed events for the year include the Wine Country Tour (May 6-8) in Santa Barbara and the Conclave. This year the Conclave is being organized by the Rough Riders (October 6-9) in San Luis Obispo at the Apple Farm.

David Edgar has agreed to chair the programs committee and is looking for suggestions.

12 Bobbie Simon shared a thank you



note from the Foster Children's Resource Center for our donation of toys collected at the Holiday Party. According to Esther Belland, there is an open house at the center on February 6th. As hospitality co-chair, Bobbie asked for volunteers to bring refreshments to our meetings and passed around the sign up sheet.

Historian, Don McLish, reported he has a goal this year to compile a list of all TCMG members past and present including their car number. He has previously worked on a database of officers.



Gest, Malcolm Kirby

There was a discussion regarding if we want to continue having raffles and if so in what form. Several suggestions were made including 1) monthly event with several prizes, 2) monthly door prize with one prize, 3) yearly raffle with tickets sold all year with one big prize. Several comments were made by Gorden Glass, Gorden Bundy, David Edgar, Joyce Edgar, Malcolm Buckeridge, and Don McLish. We heard about the history of the raffle, the budget, the challenge of finding appropriate items, and purpose of having a raffle. It was decided if someone wanted to volunteer to be Raffle Chairman, then they could decide what form they prefer and could run with it.

Old Business was concluded with a big thank you to those that helped put on a wonderful Holiday Party, especially to

Fran Thelander for organizing with the hotel and to Lucy McCanne for the wonderful table decorations.

The New Business portion of the meeting started with Don McLish reporting on picking up the key for the meeting. He sensed the bank is nervous about their community room program in general and if use of the room would continue. Ron Simon reminded us that the club has been meeting at the bank since 1957. Curt volunteered to talk to the manager Katrina Figueroa go get a better feel of our using the community room in the future.



Steve showing off his repaired SU carbs

2016 GOF at Eagle Crest, Oregon is in the planning stages. Joyce Edgar has volunteered to do the awards banquet slide show. David Edgar is the chairman of the steering committee. Other volunteers are being solicited to help with the event. 2017 GOF is going to be July 7-14 in Santa Maria, CA. Joyce suggested we may want to make a donation (maybe \$200) to GOF rather than donating an item for the raffle. Last year we spent more for the item than it

sold for at auction! A motion was made and passed to donate the \$200 to GOF.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 for everyone to enjoy the refreshments brought by Karen Olson. The evening program was a very challenging puzzle.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Loe  
Secretary

Photos by  
David Edgar and  
Sandra Loe

Some of the puzzle teams fitting pieces together



## TC For Sale



Dick Miura was an active TCMG member as well as active in the Abingdon Rough Riders MANY years ago. He had put his TC up on blocks and began to refurbish it but he became ill and passed away. So the TC remains jacked up and has sat for 30 some years. His wife Malkit, plans to move so wishes to sell the TC now. Appears the TC is fairly complete although some of the original parts are stored in the rafters and under the car along with many other spares (engine block, 3 heads, oil pan, transmission, etc.



~~The car is in San Diego area (La Jolla) and photos can be seen at [www.stm.com/TC/TC623.html](http://www.stm.com/TC/TC623.html)  
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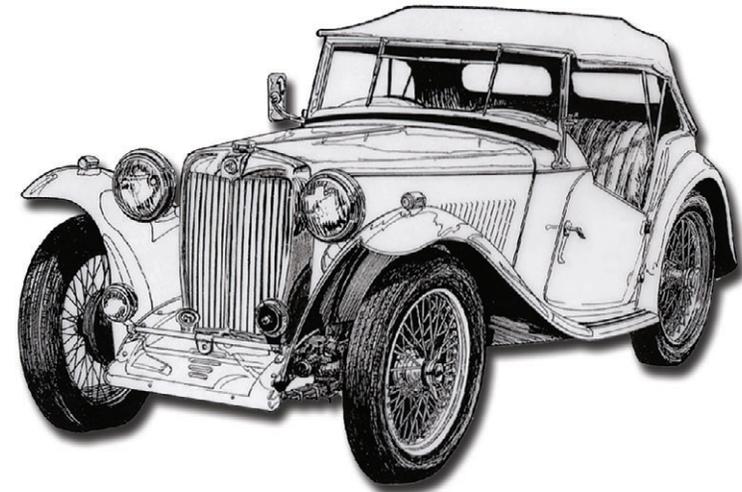


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