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Presidential Remembrances



Richard Loe

Tcan hardly believe another TCMG year is about to end! It seems like it was only about 2 months ago that Gene Olson was leading us through the "Wheel of Misfortune" game at our monthly meeting. What monthly meeting was that? Oh yes, that was the January meeting!

Well, a lot has happened since that January meeting. Probably the most significant change the club has experienced for a long time happened shortly after the year began. We were informed our traditional meeting place in Montrose would no longer be available. That news triggered a scramble to find a new location. After looking at many possibilities, we settled on a new meeting place in Studio City and have been there since April.

Starting with the January meeting, we have had a great lineup of programs and events. We have seen outstanding displays of members' cars,

visited historic Southern California locations, seen abundant wildflowers, eaten Chicago hot dogs, viewed interesting movies, had a picnic and parties, been instructed on TC maintenance, learned about decorating gourds, and more. Beside all that, we had a very pleasant weekend trip to Big Bear Lake, participated in an outstanding GoF West, and hosted Conclave at Morro Bay. I guess I shouldn't be surprised the year is almost over. They say time flies when you are having fun, and we sure have had a lot of fun!

There is a long list of devoted members who have made all that has happened this year possible. You know who you are. To you, my sincerest thanks.

For the years to come, let us all continue to wear out the roads!

Richard Loe

TCMG President 2017



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Gaffer

The manager or boss



The exact video has not been chosen vet but Steve is looking through his archives. If you have a suggestion, then please contact Steve at mail@mgnuts. com or call using number in our TCMG Directory.

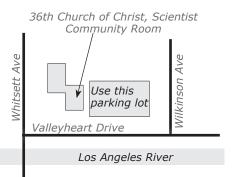
TCMG Meeting Spot 36th Church of Christ Scientist 4032 Whitsett Avenue Studio City, CA 91604

About a mile south of the 101 Freeway and two blocks north of Ventura Blvd Take the Coldwater Canyon or Laurel Canyon exits off the 101.

Use the parking lot on corner of Wilkinson and Valleyheart. Meet in the Community Room (labeled school).

Tuesday, Nov 14th 8:00 PM

Interesting MG Video From Steve's Video Vault





Rancho Los Encinos Tour



November 12th

More details with gathering location and time as well as other specifics will be in a flyer mailed out.
Watch for it.

Join us on November 12 for a tour of Rancho Los Encinos, an adobe rancho built in 1849 on the site of an ancient

Native American village. The rancho is located on the original El Camino Real route (now Ventura Blvd) in the city of Encino (spanish for "Oak"), which is named for the rancho. We will learn the rich history of the rancho and tour the various buildings constructed on the site in the mid to late 1800's, plus the stone-lined pond,

in the shape of a Spanish guitar built on a spring by the Garnier brothers in the early 1870's.

A driving tour will precede the event, circumnavigating the original border of the 4,460 acre property. Afterward we will gather for lunch at a restaurant adjacent to the pond.



Check our TCMG website for latest info.

Image of the rancho in the 1800's. Note Ventura Blvd here.

TCMG Annual Meeting and Party



Sportsmen's Lodge Caribou Room 12833 Ventura Blvd, Studio City

TCMG Auction with Larry Einhorn as Auctioneer

Select your meal

Atlantic roasted salmon with dill sauce Sliced tri-tip with mushroom sauce

Porcini Mushroom Ravioli - with white truffle cheddar cheese sauce

Meals include salad, dessert, coffee & tea service, tax and service fee

No Host cash bar will be available in the room.

Reserve Early to Guarantee You a Place and Save too

Three door prizes (one

\$50 and two \$25 cash

prizes) will be given

out at the party. Must be

present to win.

Reserve and Pay for Your Meal

Dinner is \$35 each if reserved by Sat. Nov 15. Reservations Nov 16th thru to Nov 27th are \$45 Note we only subsidize two meals per membership so if you require more than 2 meals, please contact Joyce.

Send checks made out to TCMG or TC Motoring Guild to: TCMG, 1454 Chase Ter, El Cajon CA 92020-8368 and specify your menu choices.

OR we accept Paypal or bank transfers use TCMG@TCMotoringGuild.org as the recipient Note that PayPal charges a fee while bank transfers do not.

Reservations received after Nov 27, may not 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 \$60.

Be Generous

The Toy Drive recipient this year will be the Foster Children's Resource Center. Esther Belland has been a long time volunteer with the group and provided this information on what they do and what they need.

It is staffed entirely by volunteers and supported entirely by donations from individuals and groups like ours. Each child referred to us by the Dept. of Children's Services is not only given an assortment of new clothing, school supplies and toiletries but also the hope that they are going to be okay. As they leave our Center they stop by our "Toy Shelf" and may pick out a toy or book. Right now we need toys for babies 6 mo. to 2 yrs and for toddler 2 yrs. to 4 yrs. And Legos for all ages are really loved.

California Fires

The fires in northern California were devistating. Here are a couple reports from Abingdon Rough Riders who live up there.





Andrew Avellar was able to get his TC into town from his Scribe Winery in Sonoma:

He wrote: "My wife and I moved the MGTC out of the barn at 3:00am and parked it in a garage in town. She



Dick Nyquist lost a home and a big barn full of vintage cars. In the barn was his yellow TC (above) as

evacuated at 4:00am and I stayed to help protect our winery. 25 hours later, along with my two nephews and two firemen, we created enough fire breaks to save all four buildings on our Scribe property."



well as two Triumph 2000s. Photo to the right was from a 2010 ARR tour. A very sad event for sure.

Bill Young (both a ARR and a TCMG member) from Sonoma reports his home and TC survived the fires. That's good because his grandson's two favorite vehicles are the TC and his little pedal car, shown to the right here.



Aftermarket TC Wheels





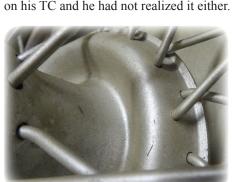
Curt's wheel on the left and closeup of rim above.



Original Dunlop rim with rolled edge and note the drain hole.

At the October meeting, Curt Sorensen brought over the spare tyre and wheel from his TC. Seems this one was different from the rest and he wondered what it was from. Turns out it was not an original Dunlop TC wheel but an aftermarket wheel (maybe Dayton or MWS). Everyone focused on the rim which was just a formed single layer while the original Dunlop has rolled edges. Note the drain hole above.

But another clue was the hub itself. Curt's odd wheel hub had much more pronounced curvature to it compared to the Dunlop. See below. I for one had a single odd hub on my TC for many years before Mike Goodman pointed it out to me. In my case I had an original rim but not the hub. I just had not noticed it all the years. After I learned of this I pointed it out to Malcolm on his TC and he had not realized it either.



Close up of aftermarket hub with much more pronounced curves.

Richard was also surprised when it was pointed out. He had to really look hard to notice the difference.

One thing that always bugged me is I bought TC spokes to replace some bad ones and while they worked on my odd hub, some threads were exposed. I had chalked it up to bad quality control by the supplier of the spokes while it was the odd hub that was the cause.

Take a look at your hubs and see if you might have an odd hub or even rim. As hubs wore out, aftermarket hubs may have been installed on your original rim.

I can only comment on the originality of what is correct. As to what is better or stronger all together another subject.

David Edgar, TC 5108



Original hubs with shallower curvature.

TCMG Dues for 2018 are Due by Annual Mtg

21 members (21%) of our members have already renewed their TCMG dues for 2018 at this point. Dues are DUE on 12/3/17, the day of our "Annual Meeting" and holiday party.

As always your prompt attention to this saves work for the "treasurer" and is much appreciated.

The Motoring Guild has made it easier by making PayPal available. Just go to: tcmotoringguild.org/membership/renewal

Or do a bank transfer to: TCMG@TCMotoringGuild.org

Note to Everyone - Double check your TCMG Directory to see if your info is correct. If you have changed addresses, phones, emails, or bought or sold a TC, please inform us so we can update our database. Send changes to Joyce at djedgar@pacbell.net or to address to the right.

Dues Time

Of course we still take checks and cash. \$26 for local members* and \$22 for non local (unless you want all local event mailings and then it is \$26).

Send to:

Joyce Edgar TCMG Treasurer 1454 Chase Terrace El Caion, CA 92020

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Nov 19, 1947	TC4103	Stan & Esther Belland
Nov 23, 1948	TC7175	David Mathison
Nov 25, 1948	TC7220	David & June Simon
Nov 28, 1946	TC1877	Don McLish
Nov 29, 1946	TC1882	Ron Wong
Dec 1, 1948	TC7255	James Ogden
Dec 15, 1948	TC7383EXU	Joe Douglass
Dec 15, 1948	TC7385	Reed & Phylis Dickinson
Dec 16, 1948	TC7409EXU	Joh & Susan Hermance
Dec 16, 1948	TC7410EXU	Doug & Carol Pelton
Dec 17, 1947	TC4314	Ernie & Elizabeth Page
Dec 19, 1946	TC2014	Ed & Dee Koskie
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Dec 30, 1946	TC2040	Tom & Emily Wilson



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October 24th Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by President Richard Loe. The attendance sheet was circulated. There were no new members or guests present. Richard thanked the Simons and Sorensens for providing refreshments for the Halloween Party and Linda Simmons for planning the games.

Thanks were extended to everyone that made the 61st Conclave a success including the Simmons and Sorensens for making all the arrangements, the Sorensens for hosting brunch, and the Thelander's for leading the tour north to Morro Bay with a stop in Orcutt for lunch. Everyone enjoyed the venue and it was suggested we meet there again in two years for the 2019 Conclave.

We were all saddened to hear that Dick Nyquist lost his collection of classic cars in the fires surrounding Santa Rosa, CA in October.

The November meeting has been scheduled for November 14th. Curt offered to send a reminder email of the date change to local members that typically attend the monthly meetings



Annual dues are to be paid by the annual meeting December 3rd. Payment can be made by sending a check to Joyce Edgar or by PayPal.

The September general meeting minutes were submitted as published in the newsletter and were approved as written.

The financial statement was posted.

Steve Simmons announced the **12** November outing is to be held on



Two faithful red TCs make the meeting again

the 12th. We will be touring Rancho Los Encinos in Encino at 11:00 AM. There will be a drive before the tour and afterward lunch on site at the Lakeside Cafe. A flyer with details will be sent by mail.

Programs Chairman Curt Sorensen suggested the November meeting program be a video from Steve's collection or the second half of the video on Los Angeles area racetracks which highlights newer race venues.

There was nothing new to report by Chairs of the newsletter, regalia, sunshine, and club history committees. Hospitality chairs Jan Sorensen and Bobbie Simon asked for someone to bring refreshments for the November meeting and the Loes volunteered. Reports by the website chair and bylaw committee were status quo. Lucy McCanne reviewed progress on the Holiday Party/Annual Meeting plans. She is meeting with the Sportsmen's Lodge representative November 8th to finalize details. Dinner reservations can be made for \$35/person until November 15th, November 16th - 27th the cost is \$45 and call Lucy for late reservations or reservations for guests. The club only subsidizes two meals per membership. There will be a no host bar in our dining room, a toy drive with emphasis on toys for young children or any Lego sets, and auction led by Larry Einhorn.

The new business portion of the meeting was consumed with nominations for the 2018 Executive Council. Those nominated and accepting the nomination include: Steve

Simmons, Curt Sorensen, Sandra Loe, Joyce Edgar, Mel Appell, Lucy McCanne, and Joel Shapiro. Those nominated and declining were: Ron Simon, David Reid, and David Coleman. Ballots will be sent to members by the Loes early in November and need to be returned to Linda Simmons with the results being announced at the Annual Meeting December 3rd

Richard recapped: November 12th - tour, November 14th - next meeting, November 15th deadline to RSVP Holiday Party for \$35 cost, and December 3rd - Holiday Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 for refreshments before the Halloween Party games began.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Loe Secretary

Photos by Sandra Loe, and Steve Simmons.Thank You, Thank you



Apple and pumpkin pie for dessert



Joe and Eleanor cleaned their plates



Linda does the Mummy bowling



Games included Web Splat, Hanging Pumpkin Toss, Witch's Hat Ring Toss, Mummy Bowling, and Beanbag Toss



Sandra plays pin the skull on the skeleton as a tie breaker between Lucy, Bobbie and herself



Bobbie won the game competition and was awarded a Starbuck's gift card

Club Regalia

TCMG Car Badge \$25 (\$30 if mailed) members only
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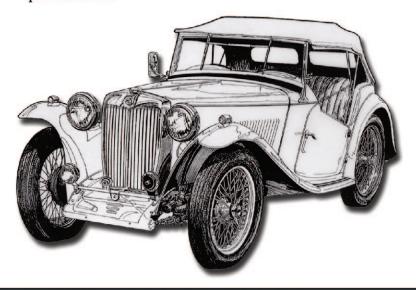




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