



# TC Motoring Guild MIDGET CHASSIS

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## **A NEW HOME FOR THE TC MOTORING GUILD!**

*Among the first cars to arrive at the new TCMG meeting place (pictured above) were those of club President, Richard Loe and Events Chairman, Steve Simmons. Also in TCs were the Hanes and Einhornes who, with about two dozen other members, christened the spacious new facility in conveniently-located, Studio City.*

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COVER PHOTO: New TCMG headquarters by Steve Simmons

## Presidential Rememberances



The first monthly meeting in our new Studio City location is now history. The turn out was good, and everyone I talked to had favorable comments about the new location. For most people, the drive to Studio City is shorter than their drive to Montrose. For some the drive was about the same, and for those few whose drive was longer, it was not enough longer to be a problem.

As anticipated, we had the parking lot adjacent to the meeting room completely to ourselves. As in Montrose, the TCs on hand got the parking spaces closest to the door. However, none of the spaces are very far from the door and the big bonus is we no longer have to go down (and back up) those steep stairs that led to our old meeting room.

Since the Studio City room is larger, it was harder for some to hear what was being said during the meeting. Afterwards, several of us discussed alternative seating arrangements we can test during our next meetings to try to solve that issue. If necessary, we can consider some sort of amplification system.

Everything considered the first meeting at our new home went very well. Given its more central location, it will be easier for a greater number of members to attend the monthly meetings and should make it far easier for them to get there in their TCs.

If you are planning to go on the Big Bear trip, now is the time to make your reservation. It promises to be a fun weekend!



*Richard Loe*



## THE APRIL MEETING PROGRAM "Something New"



Members wait patiently while President, Richard Loe and Secretary, Sandra Loe hang the TCMG banner for the first time in our new, Studio City headquarters.

### Minutes of the Meeting

by Sandra Loe

April 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by President Richard Loe. There were 25 in attendance with one guest, family member Jill Einhorn. The attendance sheet was circulated. A big thank you to the Einhorn family for bringing a special cake decorated with a picture of their TC ("It Leaks") parked in front of what they believed to be our new meeting location. Since they had forgotten to bring the address of the new place with them when they headed out to take the picture, they Google searched Church of Christ on Whitsett, drove to that address, took the picture, went to the bakery, had a cake made with the frosting duplicating the photograph they had just taken, and headed back to the church to be at the meeting by 8:00 P.M. Upon arrival they found no one was there. They called the Simmons and discovered they were at the wrong church! Their story is one for the books. Evidently there are two...yes, two...Church of Christ locations on Whitsett! They then proceeded to the correct location, walking in only minutes after 8:00 P.M. with the cake no worse for wear. Always quick on his feet, Larry did some creative adjusting of the frosting photo on the cake and voila...TC surrounded by trees. Perfect! No one would have known the



After the long search for a new meeting venue, Richard happily calls the inaugural meeting to order.



Larry and Kay Einhorn provided a special cake for the occasion featuring their TC in front of the new (OK, similar) meeting place.



Top: A few early arrivals meet for pre-meeting dinner. Above: MGs line up in the spacious new parking area.



Douglass, Eleanor Sherman, and Steve and Linda Simmons for planning and leading the Wildflower Tour followed by a picnic lunch. As always, Linda's cookies were yummy and enjoyed by all.

There was one April birthday: Curt Sorensen on April 4. Best wishes were given by everyone.

Sandra Loe submitted the March 2017 general meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. They were approved as written.

The Edgars were out of town welcoming their newest grandchild, so Steve presented the Treasurer's Report and indicated that Ron Simon had authority to write checks if needed.

The committee reports started with Steve reminding us of the coming events: May – Big Bear Lake, June – Somis Tour, and July – GoF West in Santa Maria. He also commented on the Queen's English where there were four TCs: Ron Spindler's, the Loe's, the ex-Al Moss TC, and a VMG member's car. Other TCMG members at the show were Steve Simmons with his MGC GTS, Gus Ramos with his TD, Ron and David Simon, Joy and Malcolm Buckeridge, David Reid with his XK 150 Jaguar, and Gene Olson with his MG SA. Gene won the Best Coachbuilt award which is especially interesting since the Queen's English is a non judged event. Congratulations Gene. Kay Einhorn proposed scheduling events on weekdays when accommodations might be less expensive.



The Sorrensens and Simons seem happy with the new meeting place.



Toni, Lucy and Cindy also approve.



"Good for 67 more years," says Richard.

Photos by Steve Simmons

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## Sharing Something New



Above, Cindy Henkels revealed new plans for Tony's old workshop, Steve Simmons shared photos and videos of his new TC seats, antique tractor and dump truck, Curt Sorensen described his TC dashboard restoration and David Reid talked about "Showing off Your Car With a CJZIP Beacon."



(Minutes continued from Page 5)

Programs planned by Curt for future meetings include: **May** – Presentation by Sandra Loe, **June** – Henkel Picnic, **July** – Presentation by Malcolm Buckridge, **August and November** – open (please share any ideas you have), **September** – Movie Night at the Simon Museum, **October** – Halloween Party, and **December** – Holiday Party. Curt then introduced the program for the evening, All Things New, including a presentation of our new meeting location, a review of the new book by Mike Sherrell, and concluding with an opportunity for members to share anything new in their lives. There was a sign-up sheet on the refreshment table.

We were reminded that Jim Crandall would be editor of the next newsletter. Please submit articles and photos to him.

Steve and Linda introduced new items of regalia, hats. There are several styles and color combinations. See the website. Hats will sell for less than \$20 each (price to be determined.)

The website continues to be updated twice a month and new postings include several videos.

Finishing up the Old Business portion of the meeting included: Sunshine Chairman – Bobbie Simon – no action needed, Historian – Don McLish – continuing his work on the database, By-Law Committee has a meeting scheduled for this week, and liability insurance has been purchase through Hagarty.

The only New Business was finding a volunteer to be Keeper of the Key. We have been issued one key to the church and it was determined the President be holder of the key during his or her tenure.

Richard reminded everyone about the coming events to Big Bear Lake, Somis, and GoF West.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Loe*

Secretary

## Still Time to Sign Up



TCMG  
Big Bear Weekend  
May 26 - 28, 2017

To reserve your room at our host hotel, **The Lodge at Big Bear Lake**, you can go through their web site or you may call directly.

Rooms are available at a special discounted rate of only \$129 per night for one King or two Queen beds with fireplace or balcony and flat screen telly. Once you register, please notify our events coordinator Steve Simmons by phone or email so we can put you on the list for caravan details, as well as plan our group dinners .

To register by phone, call (909) 866-3121. Tell them you are with the TC Motoring Guild to receive the discounted rate .

To reserve online or to find out more about the touring itinerary, log on to our website at: [www.tcmotoringguild.org](http://www.tcmotoringguild.org)

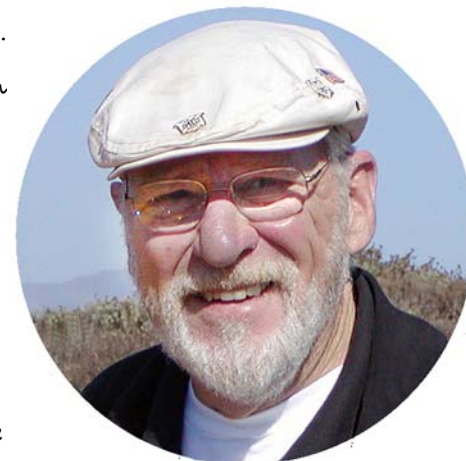
## MEMBERS REMEMBER BOB MC KARNEY

Bob McKarney was one of a kind. His persona was bigger than life. His humor was contagious. When he was in the room, everyone had fun.

A really neat guy who would always let you know if you were full of baloney.

He was very welcoming to us when we joined the TCMG. Great friend and great TC lover.

He was as quirky, eccentric and fun as the cars we drive, but more comfortable and dependable.



He truly was a great guy and we had so much fun with him as part of our group.

REST IN PEACE, BOB..  
WE WILL ALL MISS OUR "TOP BANANA."



And get....  
**"The Real  
 Loe-Down on  
 Gourds"**

The evening's program will be a special presentation by TCMG member Sandra Loe on a form of artistry you may not have seen before!

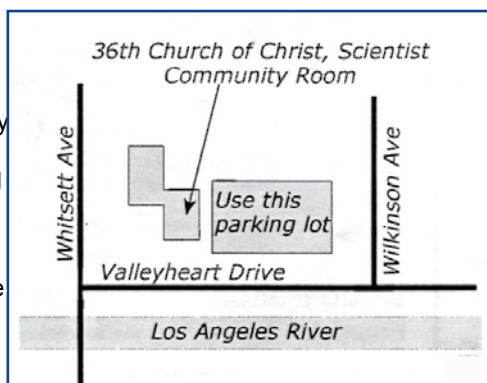
*"Gourds – the who, what, where, why, when, how, and how much in thirty minutes or less. I will fill you in on the history, types, uses, and techniques for decorating gourds. Don't miss learning everything you need to know about this plant that has been around since prehistoric time. If you are a doodler then you have the creative ability for this craft and there may be a new hobby in your future."*



## HOW TO GET THERE

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

Use the parking lot on the corner of Wilkinson and Valleyheart. Meet in the Community Room which is labeled "Sunday School" over the doorway.



## Tech Topics by Reed Dickinson



Installed Nissan drum. Additional holes are for the Nissan 280Z.



Closeup of mounted drum.



Drum mounted with wheel & tire.

This is my latest modification to my TC. (EXU 7385) I have long admired the Alfin brake drums available for our MGTC's but the price is a trifle high for my limited budget. I researched the available non-MGTC brake drums and came up with a near match in the 1975-1978 Nissan 280Z. It has the right diameter, right height, is finned, cast iron with a generous steel wear surface and can be machined to fit the TC. It is a Centric 123.42002 and JC Whitney sells them for \$31.12 each.

I had Sid's Machine shop in Fullerton do the necessary modifications to a set of 4 for about \$33 each. The fit is perfect, the looks outstanding and the \$65 per wheel price very reasonable. I included one of my TC drums with the package I sent to the machinist. He used it as a pattern to drill the Datsun drums.

The Nissan and Datsun 240, 260 and 280 all use the same drums. I found they were cheaper if I asked for a price on the Nissans rather than the Datsuns. ●

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## An "Unofficial" Event

### THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH CAR MEET



Photographs by Steve Simmons

Even though this gathering of British car enthusiasts at Woodley Park in Van Nuys, CA is usually a "bonus event" on the TCMG calendar, it has become an annual draw for many Guild members because of the beautiful setting, convenient location and interesting MGs to be seen. There's also food (bangers & mash?) music and general merriment, but best of all, it's FREE to spectators. Folks with something to sell at the auto jumble (swap meet) are restricted to "used parts only" and are charged a small space-fee. All British cars and motorcycles are welcome making the event a destination for casual tire-kickers and serious collectors alike.



TCMG members seen at the event were Ron Spindler (TC), Steve Simmons (C-GTS) and Richard and Sandra Loe (TC) above. Gus Ramos (TD) was also present with the Simons and Buckeridges attending in modern cars. Below, Richard



checks out a VMG member's handsome, black TC and everyone enjoys another look at the famous, Al Moss TC's custom striping. In the center, TCMG member, Gene Olson poses with the "Best Coachbuilt Car" award for his MG-SA.



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## Upcoming TCMG Events

### June 25th Somis Safari



Our June tour will take us to the small farming town of Somis for a variety of activities. Our first stop is a small farm store, family owned and run for 58 years! (left) Here you will find all kinds of nuts and nut-related foods in a charming old wood building.

Next we cruise by a hardware store (below) opened in 1912 and now on its third generation in the same family. In fact it's the oldest continuously operating hardware store, owned by the same family, in the county. It was rebuilt in 1926 after a fire, and parts of the store and inventory haven't changed much since then!



The last stop on our tour is at a roadside fruit stand where you can not only buy all kinds of farm fresh fruits and berries, but you can pick your own by grabbing a basket and walking the berry trail! This is a great event for young and old alike so bring the kids! And don't forget to bring your TC to fully enjoy the old back roads we will take to get there.

Details on meeting time and location will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

### June 27th Summer Picnic Meeting



This much-anticipated event at the Henkels' Pasedana residence is on again for this summer! Bring a picnic dinner and dine under the stars at this annual favorite. Dessert will be provided by our hostess. Those driving TCs or equally interesting classics (tall order) get preferred parking in the driveway.

Note the earlier start time of 7:00 PM.

Watch for a flyer in the mail with further information, or contact Cindy Henkels.



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## Club Regalia

'TClinics' are now available online FREE at....[www.tcmotoringguild.org/tech/](http://www.tcmotoringguild.org/tech/)

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Linda Simmons

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## New Items

### PRICES

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 Long sleeve Tee (Black) Modern Logo (not shown)  
 LL-Short sleeve Tee Modern Logo....\$15  
 CTR-Caps (Specify 1, 2, or 3).....\$15  
 UR-Short sleeve Tee (box cut).....\$15  
 UR-Short sleeve Tee (form fitting).....\$10 (SALE)  
 LR-Hoodie TCMG Logo.....\$30  
 (Plus Postage)



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[www.gofwest.org](http://www.gofwest.org)

### **Cartoon of the Month** by Brian Sonner



### **TC Birthdays (Build Dates)** by Curt Sorensen



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

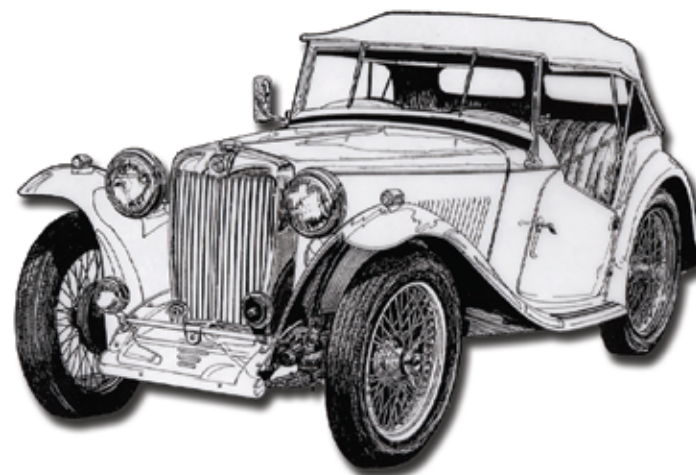
Sullivan TC 5515	May 19, 1948
DeBruyn TC2903	June 4, 1947
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