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# TC Motoring Guild MIDGET CHASSIS

May 2017



This is it, as members attending our last meeting at the bank, pose by the exit door before leaving the room for the last time. And outside are the two TCs in attendance before they drive away and out of Montrose. Next month they will mark their territory in another parking lot with oil drippings.

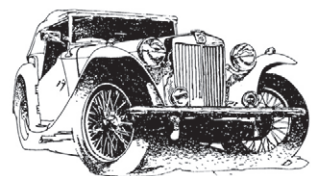
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## Presidential Remembrances



The night of March 28 saw the closing of a chapter in the history of the TC Motoring Guild, the last meeting in the Community Room in Montrose. Fifty-nine years of meetings in the same location, which has to be some sort of record, was ending.

Many members were on hand to commemorate the occasion. Several veteran members attended, including Ron Simon who was a member when we started meeting in the Community Room in 1958 and Joe Douglass who has been a member since 1959. Some members brought memorabilia from TCMG's early days. For instance, Stan and Esther Belland brought a TC Motoring Guild version of the board game Monopoly which was used during an early weekend trip to Big Bear Lake.

David Edgar had researched the archives and put together a program of photographs covering meetings in the Community Room over the decades. David arranged the photos in chronological order. Watching them reminded me of just how long this club has existed. The meeting room décor changed over the years, the seating arrangement we used changed several times, and hair and clothing fashions evolved. There were pictures of past Executive Councils and pictures of members dressed in imaginative costumes for the Halloween parties. Through it all, it was obvious that we have had good times in the Community Room.

Too soon the meeting was drawing to an end. We all gathered for a group photograph, cleaned up the room, turned out the lights, and locked the door. Those of us who had driven our TCs started them up, and, heading east, worked our way down the main street of town, went through the last stop light, and the TC Motoring Guild left Montrose for the last time.

But as one chapter in TCMG's history closes, a new chapter opens. The night of April 25 will see the first meeting at our new location. After considering many possibilities, a room at the 36th Church of Christ located at 4032 Whitsett Ave. in Studio City emerged as the new home of the TC Motoring Guild.

Will we be meeting in our new location 59 years from now? No one can know, but wouldn't it be something if 59 years from now Brianna and Anthony Hanes, now both 12 years old and our youngest active family members, could be telling future TCMG members about the move from Montrose to Studio City?

I hope to see you in Studio City on April 25. The theme of the program that night will be, appropriately, "All Things New". Until then, continue wearing out the roads!

*Richard Loe*  
TCMG President 2017





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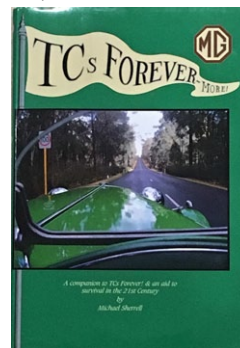


### NEW MEETING LOCATION:

On this very special night, TC Motoring Guild members will gather at our new home for the first time in 59 years! Please be a part of this special night and if possible bring your TC! Our new hosts are excited to have us so let's give them a real show of classic iron.

### NEW BOOK PREVIEW

Steve Simmons will be bringing an advance copy of the long-anticipated sequel to Mike Sherrell's "TCs Forever!" (the bible of TC ownership) entitled



"TCs Forever More!". This book, set for official release in May, is an essential piece of literature for the true TC enthusiast. This is your chance to view the book early and see why you need to order one!

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL over doorway).

**Tuesday,  
April 25th**  
**8:00 PM**  
**All Things New**

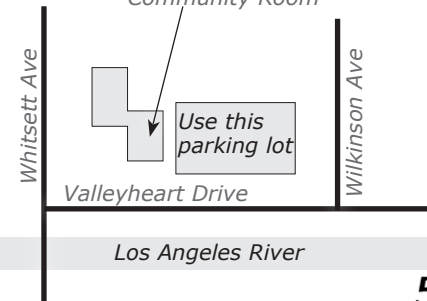
### ALL THINGS NEW:

For our main program, members are encouraged to bring stories, items for show and tell or anything "new". This can include projects on your TC or other items of interest but they do not have to be car-related. Vacation stories, birthdays or your fancy new hat would also suffice! See what your fellow club members are up to with their TCs, and lives in general. This is a great chance to learn something new and catch up with old friends!



Check out Steve's new seats

36th Church of Christ, Scientist  
Community Room





## New TC Book is Ready to Hit the Road

THE SEQUEL to Mike Sherrell's "TCs Forever" will be released on May 7, 2017. It has been 27 years since the first printing of what is considered "the bible for TC owners" and the equally commanding sequel is now on the threshold of release. It is appropriately titled, "TCs Forever MORE!"

"While 'TCs Forever' is an appreciation and reference of the factory spec. car, this new book is again an appreciation, but also an expansion into owning, enjoying, and operating the wonderful, time-defying chariots into the 21st Century."

FTFU is currently taking orders for "More". However, the 1st printing is limited. As a bonus, the first batch offered by FTFU will be signed by Mike. Copies can be reserved by using FTFU's online order form. Item code for the new book is BK801 (\$99) The original book is also available, BK800 (\$149) Purchase both as a set and save \$20.

Mike did it again, providing the TC owners with an everlasting treasure. Great Job Mike!

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*Doug*

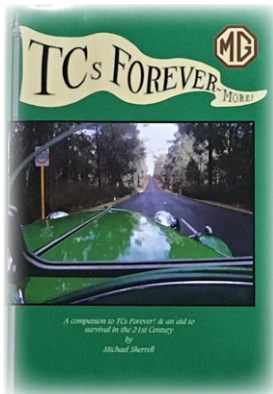
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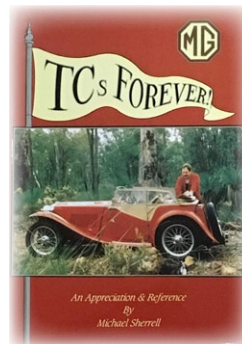


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## TCMG Big Bear Weekend

**May 26-28, 2017**

58 Years ago the TCMG went to Big Bear and we are returning to this beautiful lake for a fun-filled 3-day adventure (May 26-28)! For the adventurous, a tour is being planned through the San Gabriel Mountains to reach Big Bear, with a lunch stop in Wrightwood. Friday night is an "on your own" dinner as you explore Big Bear Village's shops and restaurants. Saturday includes a driving tour of the area followed by a group dinner. After a lineup photo on Sunday morning we depart for home. Don't miss this event!

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. 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.



*The Lodge at Big Bear Lake*

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, find the link on our TCMG website and select your dates. Check in May 26 / Check out May 28

Or if reading this with a PDF copy, use this [HYPERLINK](#). Selecting More Options should give you a Group Code with TMG



*Photos from the Guild's visit 58 years ago.*



# DESERT WILDFLOWERS



## April 1 TCMG Event Report



The fields were blessed with rain and created a spectacular show of flowers on this fine Spring day. So the TCMG Wildflower tour was on and everyone had a spectacular time. Four TCs brought out Steve Simmons and Conner Matlosz (nephew), Richard & Sandra Loe, Garret & Briana (daughter) Hanes and Jim & Kim Ellis.

David Reid & Terry Schuller, decided to bring their Jaguar XK-150, while in other iron were: Joe Douglass & Eleanor, Linda Simmons and George Prueher (father), Ron & Diane Spindler, Jim & Norma Crandall, Don McLish, Ron & Bobbie Simon, Anita Roman and Doris, plus Curt & Jan Sorensen.

The day started at Starbucks in Granada Hills, went out to the poppy fields followed by a picnic lunch or a trip to the diner as word did not get out to everyone to bring a lunch.

All in all, a very fun day of TCs and nature. Thanks to Steve and Joe for working out the details so we could enjoy the day.

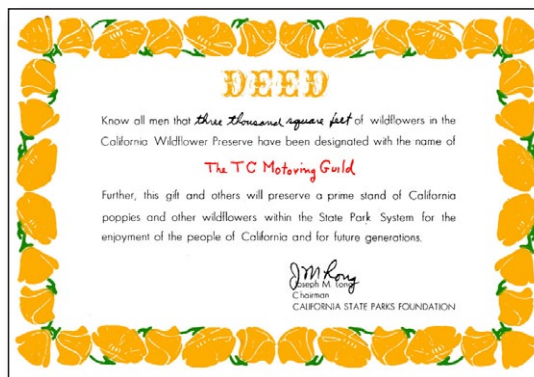


*The Wildflower master,  
Joe Douglass, with Eleanor*

Photos by  
Steve Simmons and  
Jim Crandall



*Jim & Norma in the fields this year  
(above) to reenact the pose from  
a previous TCMG Wildflower tour  
about 20 years ago (below)*



*The TC Motoring Guild donated to the preservation  
of the poppy fields and thus has 3000 s/f  
designated in the name of the TCMG*



*Some brought lunches to picnic near the  
poppies while others visited a local diner*



## TCMG Members on YouTube

We have had several TC Motoring Guild members create YouTube videos with their TCs. And in viewing those I found other videos from or about our members as well. So I made up a list of just the tip of the iceberg here. View these and that will lead you to other TC videos as well. You literally can spend hours looking at them all.

Note that typing in these links can get complicated so if you can view them on a

PDF copy, I made hyperlinks, so you only have to click on the links to view them. And while I am mentioning PDF copies of our newsletters, if you rather get those than printed copy, in addition to saving the club printing and postage costs, you will view the newsletters in full color. Let me know if you at least want to try getting the newsletters that way. If you don't like it, then you can switch back.

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Ride with Me in my MG TC - by Charley Williams  
[youtube.com/watch?v=rK4KOP8Mkio&feature=youtu.be](https://youtube.com/watch?v=rK4KOP8Mkio&feature=youtu.be)



TCMG Videos - by Jim Crandall  
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Driving Al Moss' TC - by Moss Motors  
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**GoF West 2017**

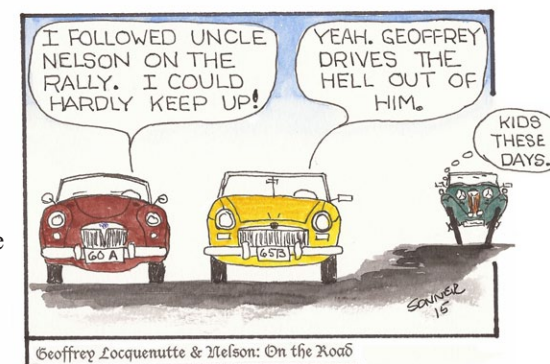
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**Santa Maria, CA**

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or contact David or Joyce, 619-593-8255  
or [gofwest2017@gmail.com](mailto:gofwest2017@gmail.com)

What is your favorite kind of MG? Silly question, probably TC is the answer and so far we have 19 TC's registered to come to Santa Maria. We might even be blessed with Allan Chalmers bringing his newly (almost) assembled TA for an outing. An MG of the same vintage as Allan's TC is a VA Tickford which is sure to be a crowd pleaser. The club's donation to help GoF West is going to help keep the cost of the first night's dinner. A Santa Maria BBQ for only \$15 and a really nice "Fun Tote" to carry your goodies including a mesh side pocket for a water bottle will tell everyone that it was compliments of the TC Motoring Guild. We so appreciate

Terry Schuller for her Internet shopping skills to get these purchased at a great price. It won't be as great a "Gathering" without you, so please come!



## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

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

April 21, 1949	TC 8507	James Marsala
April 26, 1949	TC 8533	Larry Pate
April 29, 1948	TC 5371	Hema & Janakie Ratnayake
April 29, 1948	TC 5381	Brian & Jane Sonner
May 2, 1949	TC 8580	John Uniack
May 8, 1947	TC 2735	Richard & Sandra Loe
May 9, 1947	TC 2742	John & Nancy Youens
May 12, 1948	TC 5464	Ron & Bobbie Simon
May 12, 1949	TC 8686	Mike & Sharon Bailey
May 13, 1948	TC 5494	Garret & Ambre Hanes
May 14, 1948	TC 5503	Brian Wescott





## March 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes



*Our president brings us to order for our last meeting in this memorable meeting room*



*Two TCs (Loe's and Simmons') came to say farewell to our meeting room*

The final Montrose meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by President Richard Loe. Don McLish started the circulation of the attendance sheet. There were no new members or guests in attendance. Thanks were given to Curt Sorenson and Steve Simmons for the enjoyable program at last month's meeting, to Steve Simmons for organizing the Leonis Adobe tour, and to Sandra Loe for tonight's refreshments. A very special thanks was given to Don McLish and Joe Douglass for years of picking up the key for the bank community room.

Lucy McCanne had her birthday in March and we wished her best wishes.

Richard reported that he has new catalogs from Doug Pelton available for anyone interested.

Doug also informed Richard that Mike Sherrill has a new book coming out in May: TC'S Forever More.

The February 2017 minutes were submitted and approved as printed in the newsletter.

**12** Joyce Edgar posted the Treasurer's Report. There are 96 members,

two members have not responded for renewal of their membership, and five have dropped their membership. Joyce reported that all tax reports have been submitted to appropriate entities.

The events report was presented by Steve: April 4<sup>th</sup> – Wildflower Tour with a picnic lunch at Ripley State Park, May 26-28 – Big Bear Lake Weekend being organized by Steve and Malcolm Buckridge, June – Somis Safari, and July – GoF West in Santa Maria.

Curt introduced tonight's program "Four Banks, One Club, 59 Years". We will be looking back at our years in Montrose and forward to our new location in Studio City.

David Edgar, Editor, reported that Jim Crandall will be editor for the June issue of the Midget Chassis.

Steve assured us there is a full stock of regalia and the website is updated at least twice a month. He is regularly adding history and photos.

Curt completed the old business portion of the meeting with a report that the By-Law committee is continuing to meet



and hopes to have any changes ready to be voted on at the June meeting – Cindy Henkels picnic.

New business included: liability insurance has been applied for and a thank you card for the bank is circulating. Richard wrapped up the meeting with reminders of the April 1 tour and April 23 Queen's English, and asking everyone that is interested to make reservations for the Big Bear Lake weekend and GoF West.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 for refreshments before our program.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Loe*  
Secretary

Does anyone realize that there are 11 current and past TCMG presidents in the photo on the cover? Simon, Douglass, Crandall, Coleman, Belland, Thelander, Edgar, Simmons, McLish, Sorensen and Loe.

*TASTY refreshments provided by first lady (and secretary) Sandra Loe*



*A TCMG theme Monopoly board from the past and below we enjoy photos from earlier meetings in this room*



*The door to our room closes*



Photos  
by Steve  
Simmons  
and  
David  
Edgar

## Club Regalia

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<b>TCMG Cloth Patch</b> .....	\$5 (\$6.50 if mailed) members only
<b>TCMG Lapel Pin</b> .....	\$3 (\$5 if mailed)
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<b>MG TC Pin &amp; MG Car Club Pin</b> .....	(inquire)
<b>MG TC Color Specs</b> .....	\$2 members, \$3 non-members, Postage \$2
<b>TCMG Photo Puzzles</b> ....	\$15 plus postage (contact Linda for postage cost, design and availability)
<b>Vintage TCMG T-shirts</b> .....	\$15 for short sleeve, \$18 for long + postage
<b>Modern TCMG T-shirts</b> .....	\$15 for short sleeve, \$18 for long + postage
<b>TCMG Hoodies</b> .....	\$30 + postage

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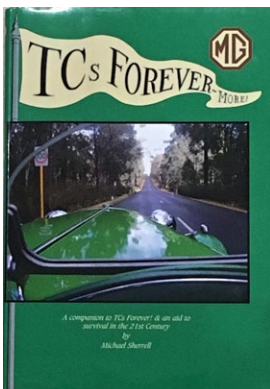
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We have arranged for a special group purchase of Mike Sherrell's new book TC's Forever More. This offer is available only to TCMG members.

"TCs Forever More!" is the follow-up companion to Mike's first book, "TCs Forever!"

Focusing on modern day ownership of the MG TC, Mike discusses modifications and performance improvements using today's technology and experience. There are also stories of his travels around the world meeting numerous TC owners, including mention of his travels down the California coast with TC Motoring Guild. Technical subjects cover the whole gamut from oil leaks to body tub construction. If you drive and enjoy your TC, you need this book!



The special prerelease price of each book is \$70 including shipping from Australia. This is a once only offering, good only until May 7th (book's official release date) and will not repeat. After May 7th the book will be available at various US suppliers at the regular price (See page 6).

TCMG members may pre-order their copy through the club and pick up at any monthly meeting. For distant members, we can ship your copy to you, but there will be additional shipping charges.

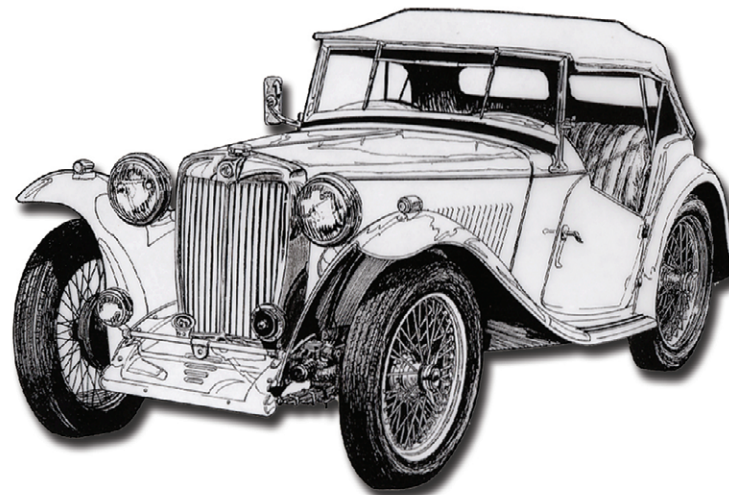
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