

TC Motoring Guild MIDGET CHASSIS

November 2017



61st Annual Conclave

The TC Motoring Guild and the Abingdon Rough Riders meeting for TC fun and memories once again. This year's meet was in Morro Bay



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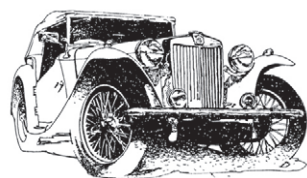
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Presidential Remembrances



Richard Loe

As you may know, I'm always on the lookout for interesting books on MG. Recently, I ran across a book which, while it is not devoted to MG, I have found interesting on several levels.

The title of the book is "Flywheel". It is a compilation of monthly magazines of the same name which were produced by the Muhlberg Motor Club from May, 1944 to March, 1945.

You're not familiar with the Muhlberg Motor Club? I'm not surprised. It was a club formed during World War II by Allied P.O.W.s held in Stalag IVb which was located near Muhlberg-on-Elbe, Germany. It was about 80 miles south of Berlin.

Apparently one of the greatest threats to life in P.O.W. camps was a sort of lethargy which would develop when men had nothing to do and nowhere to go. Several P.O.W.s who had been sports car and motorcycle enthusiasts before the war, formed the MMC to bring other enthusiasts together and to find work for idle hands and minds.

The MMC was a success, growing to over 200 members shortly after its inception. Almost immediately the members started producing their monthly magazine, a true challenge in a P.O.W. camp where getting the basic necessities to continue life was difficult. The members had to be creative to get the materials needed for their magazines. For instance, quinine tablets stolen from

the German sick bay were used for color and fermented millet soup was used for glue.

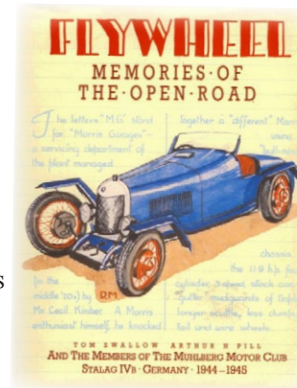
The magazine articles, written primarily from memory, feature road tests of cars and motorcycles, motoring adventures members had before the war, and

details of the club designed "ideal" British and U.S. postwar motor cars. One issue has a very credible article describing prewar MG sports cars. Color graphics are abundant and surprising well executed, especially considering the hardships surrounding their production.

In spite of the chaos surrounding the overrunning of Stalag IVb

by the Russians in April, 1944 and the ensuing six weeks of confusion before the P.O.W.s. were finally turned over to the U.S. Army, a set of the magazines survived. The magazines were discovered in Canada in the 1970s and compiled into the book in 1987.

The monthly Flywheel magazines provided the men who produced them and the men who read them an escape from their depressing surroundings and literally gave some of them the will to live. It is evident from the articles the P.O.W.s were looking forward to the time they could again enjoy motoring, whether by sports car or motorcycle. I haven't a doubt that many of the MMC members were enthusiastic postwar



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Fun and Games**

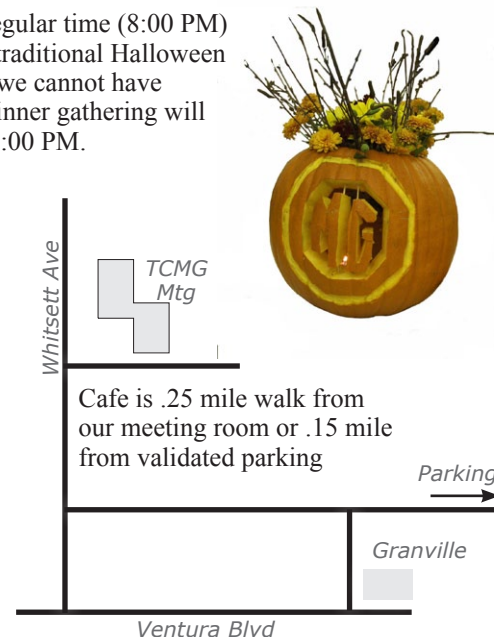
The October meeting is scheduled at the regular time (8:00 PM) and location. This meeting will include a traditional Halloween themed program and refreshments. Since we cannot have dinner in our meeting room, an informal dinner gathering will be arranged at the Granville restaurant at 6:00 PM.

Granville
12345 Ventura Blvd.
Studio City, CA 91604
(818) 506-7050

In order to assure the availability of group seating at the **Granville**, please **RSVP to Jan Sorensen by Monday evening (10/23).**

Jan Sorensen
(818) 991-6152
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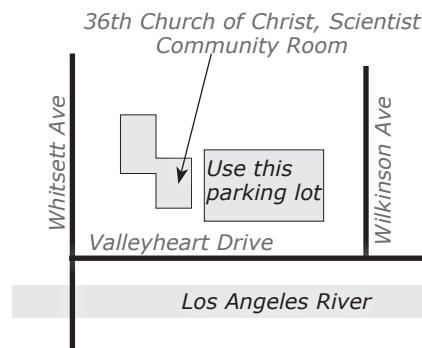
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TCMG Meeting Spot
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Studio City, CA 91604

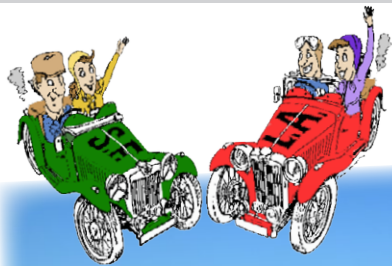
About a mile south of the 101 Freeway and two blocks north of Ventura Blvd Take the Coldwater Canyon or Laurel Canyon exits off the 101.

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



61st Annual TCMG/ARR Conclave

Oct 7-9, 2017
Morro Bay



Sunset from dining room Sunday evening



Linda Chalmers, Jan Sorensen, Carolynne Palmer, Mimi Glass

Another GREAT Conclave between two GREAT TC clubs and their GREAT members. Was hosted this year by the TCMG.

The seven TCs for the Monday lineup were driven by: Allan & Linda Chalmers, Kay & Larry Einhorn, Richard & Sandra Loe, Joe & Pat Marcotte, Leo & Martha Pedersen, Pete & Fran Thelander, and Bill Traill.

Also attending in other iron were, Mel & Toni Appell, Gorden Bundy & June Wennekamp, Jim & Norma Crandall, Gordon & Mimi Glass, Ken & Carolynne Palmer (in a TA), Gene Roth, Curt & Jan Sorensen, Ron & Diane Spindler.

Only reported TC issues were Einhorns experienced some overheating (but made it both ways) and Thelanders had brake issues heading back about 40 miles from home so called AAA (groan, had to wait 5 1/2 hours for truck to get to them).

Conclave photos by Pat Marcotte, Sandra Loe, Curt Sorensen and Pete Thelander

Thank You, Thank you



Tour to Montana de Oro State Park



Gene and Bill



Banquet Sunday evening



Allan Chalmers



TCMG President, Richard Loe

And then I found if I wore a large orange traffic cone on my head while driving the TC, people would think I was crazy and steer clear.

Welcome to new TCMG Members

Welcome

We welcomed Douglas & Marilyn Smith plus Cliff Lemieux in last month's newsletter but we now have some photos to share.



Douglas Smith with his grey/red TC in September. Pete Thelander stands by in the black shirt.

Two beautiful TCs owned by TCMG members who recently joined.



Cliff's TC on the right here and still being assembled. Was nice to see Cliff at our September meeting.



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TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

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

Oct 16, 1945	TC0273	Tom & Emily Wilson
Oct 16, 1945	TC0279	Tom & Emily Wilson
Oct 16, 1947	TC3830	Bill & Suzanne Young
Oct 18, 1948	TC9972EXU	Charles & Susan Roehrl
Oct 20, 1947	TC3844	Gus Ramos
Oct 27, 1948	TC6945	Sherman & Daveen Kaplan
Oct 30, 1946	TC1697	Joe & Pat Marcotte
Nov 2, 1949	TC10087	Doug Pulver
Nov 5, 1948	TC7042	Mel & Toni Appell
Nov 7, 1949	TC10119EXU	Joel & Tashimi Shapiro
Nov 11, 1948	TC7075	Roy Jones
Nov 11, 1948	TC 7090	Leo & Christine Rocca
Nov 12, 1948	TC7091	Richard Hall



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

TCMG Annual Meeting and Party

 **Sunday Evening**
December 3, 6pm

TCMG Auction with Energetic Auctioneer

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

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 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
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92020-8368 and specify your menu choices.

OR we accept Paypal or bank transfers
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Note that PayPal charges a fee while bank transfers
do not.

Three door prizes (one
\$50 and two \$25 cash
prizes) will be given
out at the party. Must be
present to win.

**Reserve Early to
Guarantee You a Place
and Save too**

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.

10 Bring toys for the drive and auction items for the auction

TCMG Dues for 2018 are Due by Annual Mtg

Per our by-laws, our dues are set forth by
our Executive Council and are to be paid
annually. Such dues are due by the annual
meeting (our December party and Dec 3
this year). Memberships not renewed by
our March meeting will be dropped. The Motoring
Guild has a PayPal link on their website. Just go to:
tcmotoringguild.org/membership/renewal

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

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have changed addresses, phones, emails, or
bought or sold a TC, please inform us so we can
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Dues Time

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Couple pages from Flywheel book

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purchasers of the MG TC. It was their kind of car!
The book is now out of print. Copies can be found
through internet sellers. If you have an interest
in early sports cars and motorcycles and you are
moved by what people can achieve under adverse
conditions, you will surely find "Flywheel" a gem.

Continue to wear out the roads!

Richard Loe

TCMG President 2017

Sept 26th Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Richard Loe. New member Cliff Lemieux and his friend Bob were introduced. Cliff was a member of TCMG over 50 years ago and still has the same TC, however it has been taken apart. His goal is to have the car reassembled by August, 2018, which will be the 70th anniversary of its production.



Richard thanked June, David, Bobbie, and Ron Simon for hosting tonight's meeting at the Simon Museum. He also thanked Steve Simmons for organizing the event to the Old Town Theater.

Richard listed the TCs produced in September that include cars owned by Pete deBruyn (the first TC off the assembly line), the Pedersens, the Shempps, the Spindlers, the Einhorns, David Spiegel, and the Ratnayakes. Pete Thelander celebrated his birthday on September 17th.

The 61st Conclave is scheduled for October 7 - 9 at the Inn in Morro Bay. Curt Sorensen is organizing the banquet and requests that reservations and food selections be made in the next few days. The event will kick off with a continental breakfast at the Sorensen's home in Westlake Village. Pete and Fran Thelander will lead the drive north on Highway 101 with a stop at the Far Western Tavern in Orcutt for lunch. We are planning to arrive in Morro Bay around 4:00 PM with an informal happy hour with ARR at

5:00 PM hosted by the Sorensens and Loes. Activities will continue Sunday morning with a tour lead by the Loes. Sunday evening there will be a no host happy hour and a banquet. Monday morning will be the group photo before everyone heads for home.

Sandra Loe, Secretary, submitted the August General Meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. The minutes were accepted as written.

Joyce Edgar, Treasurer, reported on several issues. New member Cliff is our 100th member. There are two remaining Mike Sherrell books available for \$80 each. She also updated us on the Holiday Party arrangements. It is scheduled for December 3rd at the Sportman's Lodge and will include an auction and toy drive. The club will be subsidizing the dinner fee. Joyce posted the Treasurer's report and offered to send a PDF file report to anyone who asks.

Steve Simmons updated us on upcoming events as follows: Conclave in October and the November event is in the planning stages.



Curt revealed that programs in the coming months include: Halloween Party in October, the November meeting will be the 14th (note date change) when we will see the second half of the video on local racetracks, and the December meeting is the Holiday Party on Sunday, December 3rd.



Three TCs present at the meeting.



Other reports were as follows: Editor David Edgar requested stories be submitted for the newsletter, Webmaster Steve says the website is updated twice a month, Sunshine Chair Bobbie sent cards to Ed & Karen Pohle, Mimi Glass, and Sarah Ludwick wishing them all well.

A portable PA system was purchased on behalf of the club by Curt for \$150. The

system includes 2 microphones.

During the new business portion of the meeting David mentioned the Release of Liability that had been suggested earlier in the year. Richard responded that was an issue the Executive Council is going to address.

Before adjourning the meeting Richard reminded everyone to RSVP for the Conclave dinner, note the November meeting date has been changed to earlier in the month so as not to conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday, and nominations for the 2018 Executive Council will be held at the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Loe
Secretary

Digital Midget Chassis Newsletter

I have wondered some time about making the Midget Chassis available only in digital form (PDF). Almost everyone uses computers, pads and smartphones now and it just seems a waste of paper to keep printing out hard copy to be tossed out later. I find it easier to look in our website archives to find past issues than to search through printed copy. The digital copy is in full color, much more alive looking, and many of the items in the newsletter now are hyperlinked so it is just a click of the mouse to go to other sites. Have a look at: tcmotoringguild.org/newsletter/

Nothing is set in stone yet but it sure would make my life easier plus eliminate printing and postage costs for the club. Maybe start the digital only as of the first of the year.

One fourth of our members already receive only digital copy. I do realize there are a couple of our members who do not have modern devices to view so I could print out a couple copies on my home printer. Think about it.

David at djedgar@pacbell.net

Club Regalia

TCMG Car Badge	\$25 (\$30 if mailed) members only
TCMG Cloth Patch	\$5 (\$6.50 if mailed) members only
TCMG Lapel Pin	\$3 (\$5 if mailed)
TCMG Lapel Vintage Pin	\$3 (\$5 if mailed)
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MG TC Color Specs	\$2 members, \$3 non-members, Postage \$2
TCMG Photo Puzzles	\$15 plus postage (contact Linda for postage cost, design and availability)
Vintage TCMG T-shirts	\$15 for short sleeve, \$18 for long + postage
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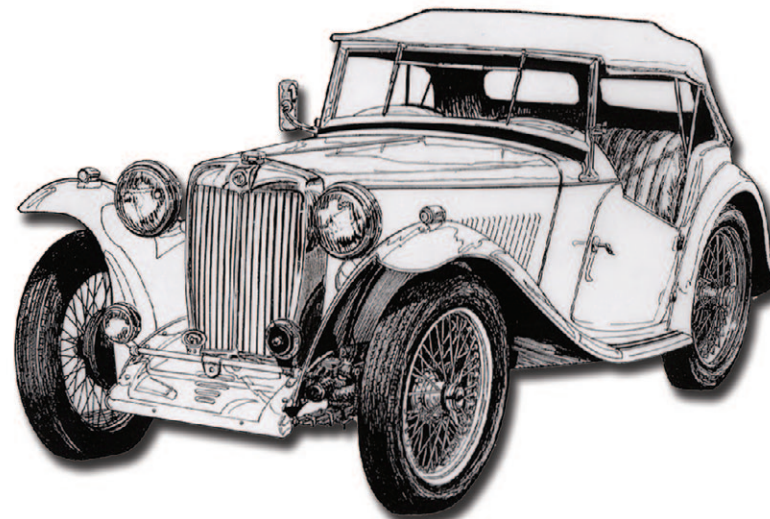


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