



# TC Motoring Guild MIDGET CHASSIS

**Jan/Feb  
2018**



*MGs rapidly became popular with many movie stars - at least those that could comfortably fit in them. This photo shows June Allyson, with Patrice Wymore in the dark TC in front and then Charles Farrell (although it could possibly be Dick Powell) and Dorothy Lamour in the lighter TC behind. This came from one of the many photos Tom Wilson has on file and used in a MG History Calendar he made up. Tom is a TCMG member and owns Kimber Creek Ltd., a bespoke interior & weather equipment shop for MG T and MMMs.*

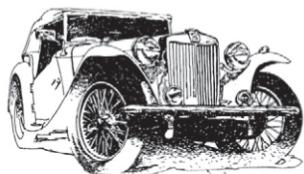
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# Curt's Comments




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**F**irst, and foremost, I want  
to wish each of you (and  
your families) a "Healthy  
and Happy New Year"!

Even though I don't ordinarily  
make New Year's Resolutions,  
I do identify New Year's  
Objectives (or perhaps, more  
accurately, New Year's Good  
Intentions)! In that general  
context, I couldn't help but  
note that the 2018 Rose Parade  
theme was "Make a Difference".  
I particularly like this phrase  
because it suggests that one  
should make a personal effort  
to achieve their Resolutions,  
Objectives or Intentions.

In the same way that Michael  
Sherrell coined the title of  
his book "TCs Forever", I  
believe that we (collectively)

have an unstated objective  
of "TC Motoring Guild Now  
and Forever". If that is the  
case, the organic viability (i.e.,  
health) of our Guild depends  
on us (collectively) "Making a  
Difference". So, let's all "Suit-  
Up and Get Into the Game!"

I look forward to seeing you  
all down the road a piece  
and, in the meantime, let's all  
keep thinking about ways in  
which we can each "Make a  
Difference" and achieve our  
"TC Motoring Guild Now and  
Forever" objective!

Cheers,

*Curt Sorensen*

TCMG President 2018

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## TCMG Lame Duk Kup Event

**Feb 10th**



Start off the new year with a thrilling, no holds barred TC Motoring  
Guild miniature golf competition! The winner takes home our  
coveted Lame Duk Kup Trophy, to be treasured for one whole year.  
Lunch and awards will follow at the nearby Robin Hood British Pub

Meet on Saturday, January 41 (aka February 10) at Castle Park in  
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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, Jan. 23rd

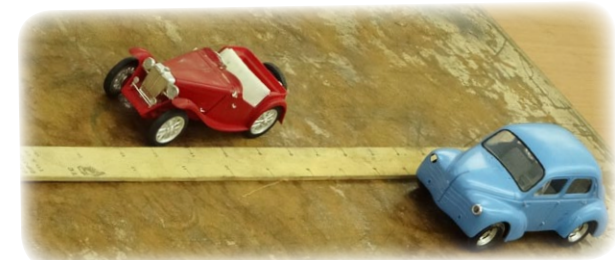
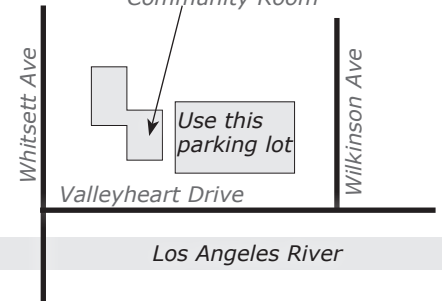
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## Game Night with Gene

Gene Olson is back with the ever popular TCMG Game Night. Everyone enjoyed it the last times we have held it, so here we go again. Do not miss the laughs and thrills while you learn interesting facts about TCs and our club.

Photo shows the Wheel of Misfortune game (with an actual TC wire wheel), and he has had a Jeopardy game as well. Wonder what the game it will be this time?

36th Church of Christ, Scientist  
Community Room



These are the game pieces to keep track of the score (men vs women). Wonder who will win this year?

## New TCMG Member

# Welcome

### John & Georgia Bowyer

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john@bowyer.com

1946 TC 1733 Gold Seal Black/ Green

1948 TC 7474EXU XPAG 8186 Yellow / Red

Please welcome our newest TCMG members



See next page for interesting history on TC7474 (the yellow TC). John has owned it since 1974. The black TC will be undergoing a



restoration soon. They also have a green 1952 TD. Guess they are hooked good on MGs. Even toured the factory back in 1979 and 1980.

### Michael & Jody Jones

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1947 TC ??? XPAG 3021 Red / Red



Michael said he would get us the chassis number as soon as the temperatures rise some. Was near zero, and he did not feel inclined to hop out to his garage to inspect. Very beautiful TC for sure.

## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Happy Build Dates to the following TCs

Jan 5, 1949	TC7514EXU	Robert & Nancy Koons
Jan 5, 1949	TC7517	Jim & Jan Sullivan
Jan 5, 1949	TC7537	Richard Messer
Jan 6, 1948	TC4438	John & Nancy Youens
Jan 12, 1948	TC4103	Steve Burton
Jan 12, 1949	TC7581EXU	Bunker & Kathy Hill
Jan 13, 1949	TC7612EXU	Stan Lucas
Jan 21, 1949	TC7679EXU	Doug & Carol Pelton



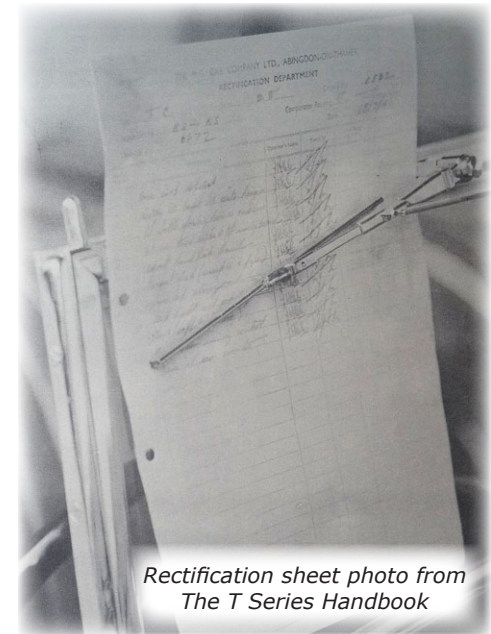
Happy 69th and 70th Birthdays

TC7474 should be added to this list as well. New member John Bowyer has a letter from the MG Plant stating that his TC came off the end of the production line on Jan 10, 1949. However, production dates show this TC built on Dec 23, 1948. This leads to wondering about the relation of the recording of the build date vs. when it came off the line. TCs probably began life near the start of the production line and given a chassis number and could be the production date. Tom Wilson, one of our TCMG members, and who has done quite a bit of research on this wrote,

*"If the 'build date' is the date the chassis first started on the production line (Fred 'Soapy' Saunders and Arthur Razel were on this first station), then a production log of some sort would've been kept there, or perhaps at stores (aka inventory) when chassis were taken to the production floor.*

*If the 'build date' is when the car was completed and ready for despatch, Jack Sparrow's department (despatch) would probably have recorded the chassis number and date as part of their paperwork process.*

*I have a factory photo many of you have seen in MG books of a list of items needing attention in the Rectification Department for TC0532. The build date of TC0532 is March 12, 1946 - Tuesday. The date on this form stuck under the wiper on the windscreen is March 15, 1946 -*



Rectification sheet photo from The T Series Handbook

*Friday. MG built 30 cars that week. So rectification happened AFTER the build date, and a car wasn't considered finished until it passed Finishing and Rectification."*

A list of rectifications came from a driver who give a TC a quick drive after it came off the production line to determine if adjustments were needed. If needed, the TC would then go to the Rectification Department to be sorted out later. TCs bound for other countries would be driven to a port to be loaded.

## TCMG Holiday Party Photos



Another successful completion to our TCMG year ended with our Holiday Party. Our 45 attendees had a fantastic time. One lone TC driven by our President, earned him another Iron Bottom Award for driving the TC to every function this year. A remarkable feat and a fourth time in a row. WOW!!!



The Einhorns won the Breakdown Award for their broken crank, Richard Low earned the Earl Sargent Award and Steve Simmons was honored with the Frank Mason Award. A special award was given to Ron Simon for 31 years of service to the TC Motoring Guild.

The Toy Drive recipient this year was the Foster Children's Resource Center. Esther Belland has been a long time volunteer with the group. Lots of great toys were collected.

HUGE THANKS to Larry Einhorn for being our auctioneer, and great appreciation to all who participated with auction donations and bids. We raised \$1100.



## TCMG Annual Meeting - Dec 3 Minutes

After happy hour and dinner the Annual Meeting was called to order by President Richard Loe at 8:00PM. A special welcome was extended to new members Bob and Kelly Wilmer and guest Jill Einhorn. The Treasurer's Report was posted but the approval of the November General Meeting's minutes were postponed until the January meeting.

Steve Simmons presented some of the annual awards. First was the Breakdown Award. There were five nominations including: Kay and Larry Einhorn who suffered a broken crankshaft, Diane and Ron Spindler who sustained a broken rear spring perch and damaged differential, Fran and Pete Thelander and the Edgars who experienced brake problems returning from club events, and Judy and Rick Storm who had car problems (BMW) for the second year in a row on the way to Conclave. By popular vote the Einhorns received the 2017 award. The second award for the evening was the Earl Sargent Memorial Trophy awarded to Richard and Sandra Loe for accumulating the most points driving their TC (4th year of perfect attendance at all meetings and club events).

As last year's recipients, Joyce and David Edgar presented the Mason Award. Past recipients that were present were Ron Simon, Mike Goodman, David and Joyce Edgar, Steve Simmons, Don McLish, Pete Thelander, and (Tony &) Cindy Henkels. Bob Wilmer also received the award and had family members present. The 2018 winner by popular vote was Steve Simmons.

The Edgars presented a Service Recognition Award for 31 years on the Executive Council to Ron Simon. The award was designed by David Edgar with the frame being made by Gorden Bundy.

The Edgars also presented a special photo memento to Bob Wilmer, Jr. recognizing his father's service to TCMG.

The Secretary read the Executive Council election results as reported by Linda. Members elected to the 2018 Executive Council are Steve Simmons, Sandra Loe, Joyce Edgar, Curt Sorensen, Lucy McCanne, and Mel Appell (announced in no specific order).

Richard asked for volunteers to help the Simons load their car with the toy donations. Mimi Glass had information on how to make donations for fire victims of the fires surrounding Santa Rosa during the fall.

Thanks were extended to Lucy and Joyce for organizing a very special evening and Angelo and Sportsmens Lodge staff for great service. Additionally thanks to Steve for the slide show, Curt for setting up the new PA system, David for providing needed equipment, Linda and Sandra for acting as the teller committee, Ron and Bobbie Simon for transporting and delivering the toys, Larry for being the auctioneer, and to everyone for bringing toy and auction donations.

Richard asked the new Executive Council stay after the party for a short meeting. Two reminders were: 2018 dues are payable and the next General Meeting is January 23, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned for a bar break before the auction that was scheduled to start at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Loe*  
Secretary

## TCMG Dues for 2018 were Due by Annual Mtg

59 members (59%) of our members have already renewed their TCMG dues for 2018 at this point. Dues were 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.

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## Dues Time

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\* Local is zip code 90000 to 93300

## 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 smart phones 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/](http://tcmotoringguild.org/newsletter/)

A fourth of our members already receive only digital copy. One of our newest members wrote and said, "We'd prefer the color version. The PDF format makes it easy to read & easy to save for future reference." And if saved on

your computer, you can use a search to find all instances of a certain word on your computer such as Conclave or Lame Duk Kup, to find issues with those terms.

We can discuss this at our January meeting and decide on it there. If you are sure you rather have the printed version, then please let me know as I could print out a few copies on my home printer. Think about it.

And the same goes for the TCMG directory. Could do a mid year update at no cost. I would not post this online due to personal info some members do not want on the web, but would send it out directly via email.

David at [djedgar@pacbell.net](mailto:djedgar@pacbell.net)  
Editor

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## Bobbie'dine Rodda - R.I.P.

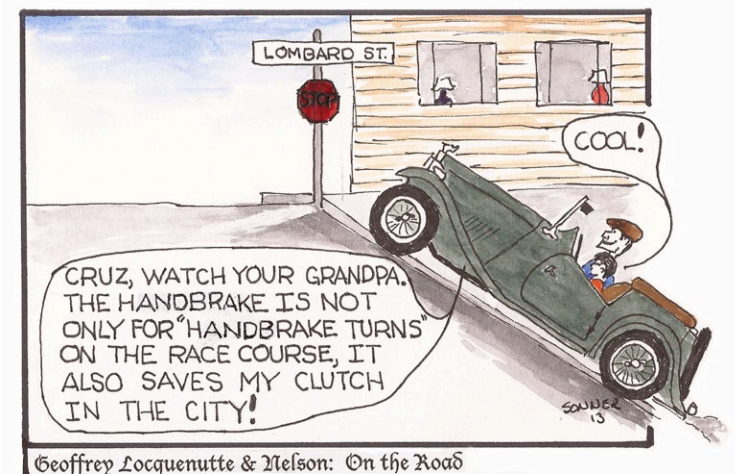
Bobbie'dine Rodda was the daughter of Frank Mason who was a founding TCMG member. Bobbie'dine must have participated in some TCMG activities with Frank when younger.

Bobbie'dine Rodda died peacefully October 27, 2017 in Burbank, California. December 11, 2017 would have been her 96th birthday. At one time she owned a collection of MGs probably the ones she inherited from her father, Frank Mason. Bobbie'dine's passion was the big Classics of the '30s, not that she was large enough to ever drive one of them. Her 1930 Franklin was the exception. Its easy steering and solid brakes were most appreciated. She attended hundreds of



car shows each year in California. She photographed everything she could.

Additional photos on pages 4-10 at: [horseless.com/#issue/index/landscape/1](http://horseless.com/#issue/index/landscape/1)  
(link was good at time of printing)



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

## November 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

President Richard Loe called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM using the new audio system. The attendance sheet was circulated. There were no new members or guests present. Richard extended thanks to the Simons for providing coffee for the evening, Sandra Loe for bringing refreshments, Linda Simmons for supplying the Halloween games at the October meeting, and Steve Simmons for organizing the Rancho Los Encinos tour.

Announcements included the club owned cars that were manufactured in November and December and that 2018 membership dues are payable.

Secretary Sandra Loe submitted the minutes as printed in the newsletter. No corrections or additions were made and the minutes were accepted as written.



The Treasurer's Report was posted. A PDF file of the report is available if requested.

Steve reported that the event schedule is complete for 2017 with the first 2018 activity being the Lame Duk Kup in January.

Programs chair Curt Sorensen thanked Steve for providing the evening's entertainment. There were no



new announcements regarding the newsletter, regalia, website, or historical data. Sunshine Chair Bobbie Simon noted she had sent well wishes to Sarah Ludwig for a quick recovery. Mel Appell talked to Malcolm Buckeridge who is vacationing and found Malcolm and Joy were having to delay their return home to give Malcolm time to recuperate. We look forward to seeing them at the Holiday Party.

Lucy McCanne reviewed the Holiday Party details.

Linda reminded us that the Loes had mailed the election ballots and the ballots needed to be returned to her by November 27th.

There was no new business. Richard listed dates to remember: November 15th - deadline for Holiday Party reservation at the discounted rate of \$35 ( then \$45), November 19th - VMG swap meet, November 27th - return ballots to Linda Simmons, December 3rd - Holiday Party, and January 23, 2018 - next general meeting.

The new audio system worked well and will be used at the Holiday Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Loe*  
Secretary

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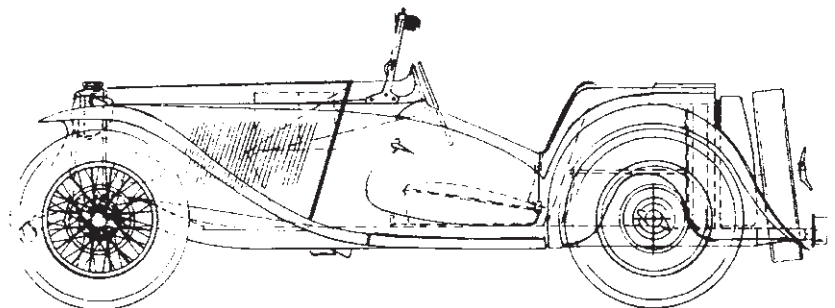
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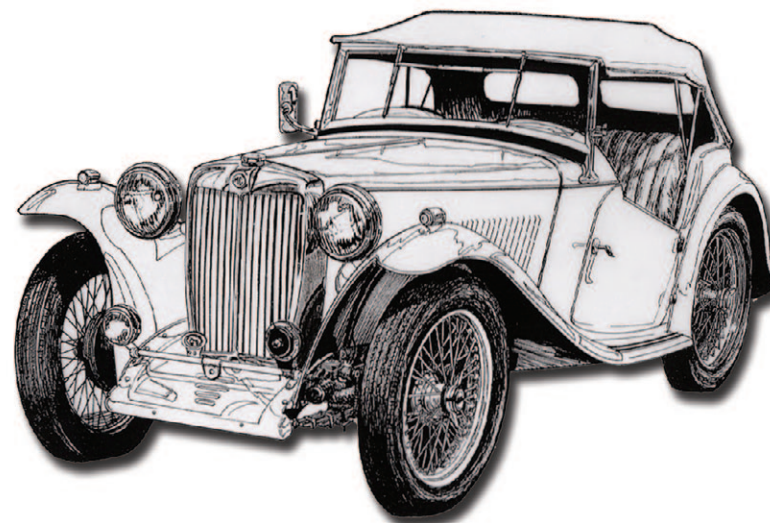


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