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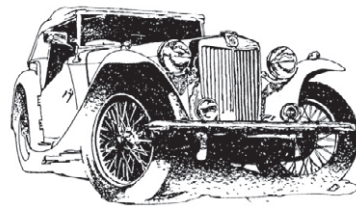
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Curt's Comments



In my youth, I was told that there are three kinds of people. As described, there are; (a) those who make things happen, (b) those who watch things happen and (c) those who wonder what is happening. When applied to current driving practices, I suppose that the person in the driver's seat would be the one who is making things happen, the person in the passenger's seat would be the one who is watching things happen and the person in the back seat (on a cell phone) would be the one who is wondering what is happening! During this past year, I have read a number of articles about "driverless cars", and their future use on our highways and streets.



According to those articles, such cars will use a combination of sensors and electronic controls to enable their safe and efficient movement through traffic. In their nascent configuration, on-board systems will simply assist a human driver and, in their mature configuration, will completely replace the human driver. So, with the introduction of driverless cars, I suppose that there will be no one making things happen, except maybe requesting a specific destination and then assuming an inferior role of one who watches things happen (or, perhaps even one who wonders what is happening). Even though it would

seem to be boring, the added comfort and safety will probably be a good thing.

But wait, there is more to this story! According to my dictionary, the word "driverless" simply means "without a driver". Strictly speaking, then, a driverless car is simply one that is not occupied by a driver. That certainly describes my TC which is currently absent a left-front wheel, brake drum, spring and assorted fasteners. It also

describes roadworthy TCs that are just sitting in our garages and are not, in some cases, being driven on a regular basis. That seems like a very bad thing! So, in keeping with the TCMG creed, let's complete the repairs (which will make them roadworthy) and, to the extent possible, put a driver in the seat of each, and every one, of our beloved TCs.

So, in summary, watching things happen in a futuristic driverless car may seem to be a good thing. Having a roadworthy TC (with a driver making things happen) is really a much-much-better thing. After all, that's where the fun is!

Cheers,

Curt Sorensen

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Tuesday, Feb. 27th

8:00 PM

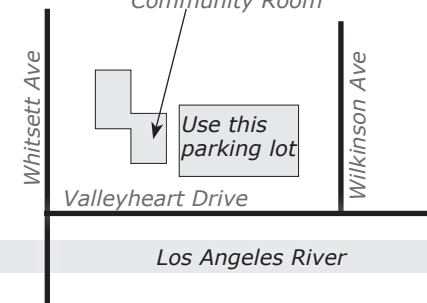
Ocean Power Cruising

Our speaker is TCMG member
Mel Appell, who along with his
wife Toni will be giving a special
multimedia presentation about
their power cruising adventures
across the ocean.



- See exciting destinations including Alaska and the Gallepagos Islands!
- Watch Mel squeeze himself into areas of the boat smaller than his waistline!
- Learn what it takes to endure these adventures, and why it's a bad idea to leave unprepared!

36th Church of Christ, Scientist
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New TCMG Member

Welcome

Please welcome our newest TCMG members

Arthur E. Lloyd III

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Union, NJ 07083
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ArtLloydIII@aol.com
1948 TC 5416 XPAG 6181 Black / Red

No photos available.



Bob & Kelly Wilmer

1673 Buena Vista Street
Ventura, CA 93001-2214
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bobwilmer@sbcglobal.net
1948 TC 6558 XPAG7219 Red / Biscuit



Parents, Bob & Charlotte,
very active TCMG members
in the past. R.I.P.

Bob now has the TC his parents
had and intends to bring it back to
life after years of sitting. We look
forward to seeing them and the TC
on the road again.

March 11 Tour to Andres Pico Adobe

On Sunday, March 11 we visit Andres Pico Adobe, named for Pio Pico (Pico Blvd) built in 1834 and one of the oldest adobe structures in Los Angeles. For those who come hungry, we start our day with lunch at a nearby restaurant before caravanning to the Adobe. Once there, we'll enjoy a private guided tour of the various structures on the grounds.

In addition to the adobe, we will see an original 1904 redwood structure from Isaac Lankershim's (Lankershim Blvd) ranch, which used to cover half of the San Fernando Valley. Some of the original furnishings from the Lankershim Ranch offices are displayed, including an ornately-carved desk and a scale used to weigh the output from the Lankershim gold mine in California.



We will also explore a 1914 Southern Pacific Railroad flagman's shanty which was used at the intersection of Maclay Street and the tracks in San Fernando until 1948. Today it showcases railroad memorabilia.

March 11

Meet at 11:30 AM for lunch at
Bear Pit BBQ in Mission Hills
(in business since the 1940's).

10825 Sepulveda Blvd
Mission Hills, CA

Note: restaurant opens at 11:30

We depart for the Adobe, which is
located just down the street, at 12:45
for our 1PM tour.

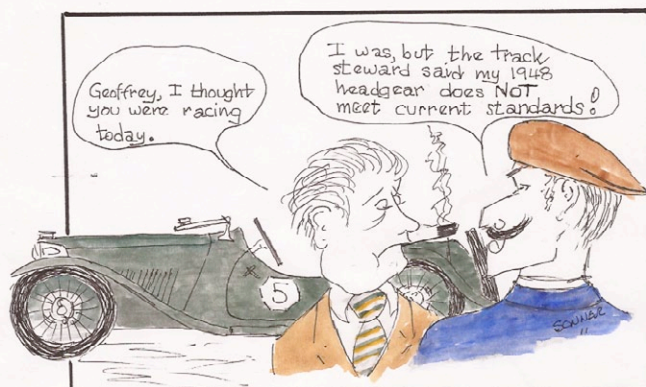


TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Happy 69th, 70th and 71st Birthdays

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| Jan 30, 1949 | TC7773 | Moose Stovall |
| Feb 2, 1948 | TC4681 | David Reid & Terry Schuller |
| Feb 2, 1948 | TC4694 | Curt & Jan Sorensen |
| Feb 3, 1947 | TC2289 | Michael & Jody Jones |
| Feb 16, 1949 | TC7930 | Jim & Norma Crandall |
| Mar 2, 1949 | TC8085EXU | Robert & Nancy Koons |
| Mar 3, 1948 | TC4936 | Kevin & Julie Brinkerhoff |

Build dates listed are when the TCs began
near the beginning of the assembly line
and assigned a number.



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: At the Races

2018 TCMG Lame Duk Kup

Six members and two TCs gathered for the 2018 Lame Duk Kup on a brisk February morning. Things quickly heated up (the competition, not the weather) as a furious round of miniature golf commenced, with couples teaming up to achieve the best combined score. The next 90 minutes saw both heartache and glory, as no less than four hole-in-one shots were made, two of them (in a row!) by Linda Simmons and the others by Richard and Sandra Loe. An honorable mention for the most near misses goes to Curt Sorensen.



After the event, the group gathered at a nearby British pub where the cars garnered lots of attention. In an awards ceremony to rival the Oscars, the Lame Duk trophy was presented by last year's winners, the Loes, to Steve and Linda Simmons. Good food and drink was enjoyed all around, and after everyone had their fill reminiscing about the many years of fond memories they had with TCMG, the herd returned to their cars. The modern iron pulled away first, and after fiddling with a loose battery cable on the Loe's car, the TCs departed for home.

Photos and story by Steve Simmons

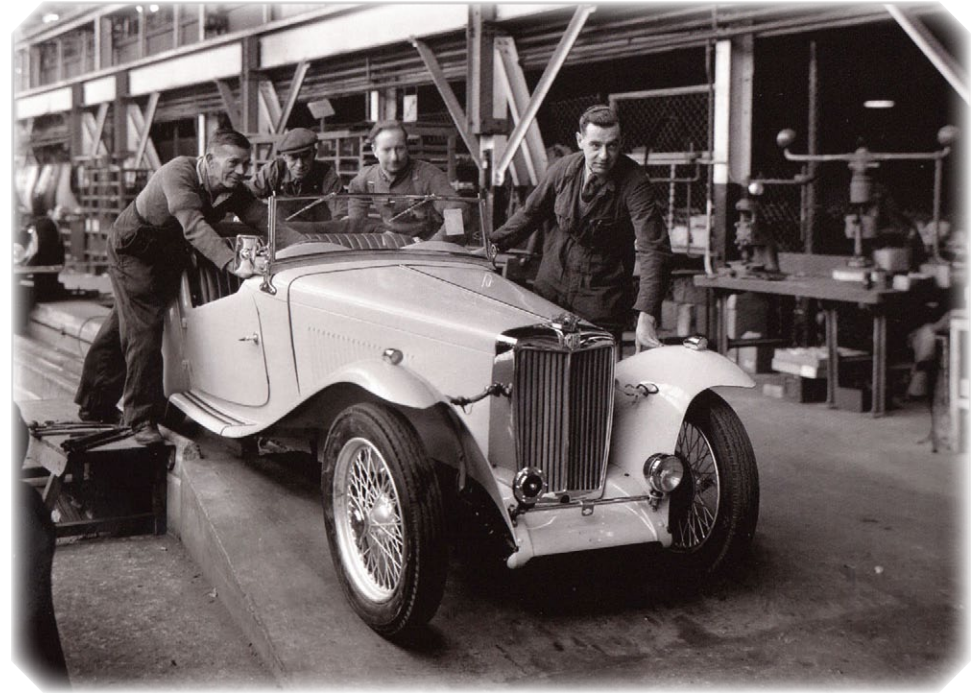


Some of you may wonder what the Lame Duk Kup event is. It is the first TCMG event of the year and was named because the gavel was not passed onto the new president until our January meeting and thus past board and events chair would plan it. Great thought although many board members run consecutive years now. And in typical TCMG late fashion, the event usually did not take place until February (and why



we would usually list it as January 42nd or whatever). The actual trophy of the brass duck was something the Bellands found at a swap meet. Basket cradle was added. Past Duk Kup winners are engraved on the duck starting in 1982 and now are on tags hung on the neck since we ran out of room on the duck years ago. As for the spelling, of Duk Kup rather than Duck Cup, let's just say it is a TCMG thing. Why be normal if you are driving around in funny old cars?

TC 10251 - the Last TC



Another photo from Tom Wilson's calendar. This one is of chassis TC 10251 the last TC produced, and leaving the body track the first week of December 1949. TD production has started about 2 weeks earlier, only a handful being made by the time his picture was taken. This is a Sequoia Cream TC with Apple Green Interior. Left to right are Sailor Berry, Maggie

Buckle, Alf Knight and Cyril Polley. During the TC era, Sailor worked at the front of the body line, installing the tubs onto the chassis at the first station. Maggie and Cyril fitted the bonnets, and Alf Knight attached the front wings.

Tom has done extensive research on the MG factory and talked to previous assembly line workers or their relatives to get insights.



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A few of our members have been so eager to renew dues that they have paid twice. They had forgot they had already paid. But we are doing great this year and down to 12 not renewed yet (listed below).

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:

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).

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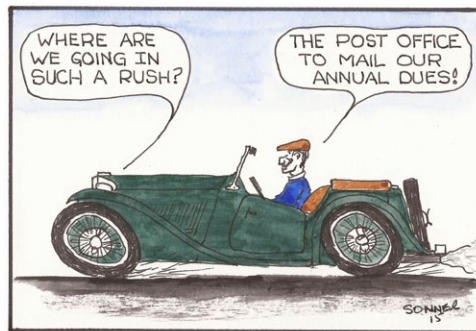
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Those that have not renewed as of press time:

Brinkerhoff, Kevin & Julie
Dickinson, Reed & Phyllis
Fuller, Edwin
Gardner, Jan
Kershaw, George & Kevin
Lucas, Stan
Marsala, James
Maxwell, Marilyn
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Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

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Annabel Goldstein - R.I.P.

Long time TCMG member Annabel Goldstein passed away on Sunday, Feb 18, 2018 after health issues that increasingly mounted up for months. She is now with Bob and God in the next life. Arrangements have not been established as of press time. Our condolences to her children.

Rest in Peace, Annabel



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Digital Midget Chassis Newsletter

As mentioned here in earlier issues, I am now switching over to digital issues of the newsletter as of this issue.

However, I have received requests to keep the printed version from a few members. Some of these members do not seem to use computers, and others just prefer the feel of paper in their hand and have the issue near their chair. So I have resigned to printing out and mailing about a dozen copies. Do note that rather than preparing two separate newsletters (one printed and one full color PDF) I am doing the printed ones from the color copy so images may not be as clear as before. We will see.

The PDF version is always available on our club site: tcmotoringguild.org

HOWEVER, there was overwhelming response to NOT doing the TCMG directory in only PDF. So I will continue to print and mail that out. But I will make available upon request a PDF copy should you want a second copy or have on your electronic device. It will not be posted on our website because of personal information though. The 2018 Directory should be coming out in April.

And as the year goes on, I may do updates to the directory like with new members and such, but only do that as PDF upon request.

David at djedgar@pacbell.net
Editor

January 23rd Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by 2017 President Richard Loe. He thanked the 2017 Executive Council and everyone that made for a successful year. Richard turned the meeting over to the 2018 president, Curt Sorensen. Curt confirmed the attendance sheet was being circulated and noted there were no guests or new members present. He expressed thanks to the outgoing Executive Council, to the incoming Executive Council, committee heads, Lucy McCanne and Joyce Edgar for planning the Holiday Party, and Gene Olson for leading the evening's game, Wheel of Misfortune.

There were no January birthdays, however eight member owned cars came off the production line in January. Curt had a table of documents for our review that included: 2018 Budget, Hospitality sign up list, "All Things New" sign up list, thank you letter from the Foster Children's Resource Center, list of audio/visual equipment, Hagarty Insurance brochure, Westlake Village car show application, and current 2018 program list.

General announcements were: 2018 budget has been approved, we have three new members, and the 2018 Conclave is scheduled for October 12-14 at the Narrow Gauge Inn in Fishcamp.

The Treasurer's Report shows 57 of 100 members have paid their dues. David



Edgar will take any dues checks to Joyce. The Secretary presented the November general meeting minutes and the Annual Meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. Editor David indicated 1/3 of the members

switched to only receiving the newsletter on line while most voted to continue to have the Roster printed for easier use throughout the year.

Steve Simmons made reports on regalia and the website. New higher quality jacket patches and shirt orders are going to be made. The website is updated twice a month.

Sunshine Bobbie Simon thought everyone was doing well until she noted two members attending the meeting with one arm each in a sling! Best wishes were extended for quick recoveries.

Historian Don McLish shared that among the TCMG memorabilia were many boxes of corespondance. He wonders if some could be eliminated. It was suggested that some could be converted to electronic files. David suggested that Don bring a box of old club stuff to a meeting so we could see what we have. Don and Curt reminded us that Don was the Holiday Party auction winner of 7 auto related video tapes. Curt is having one converted to a DVD to use as a program.

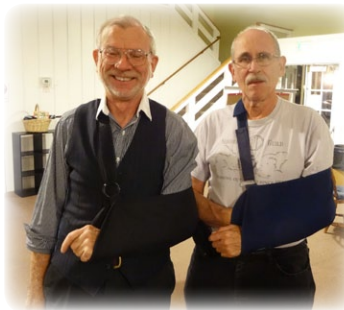


Hospitality chairs Jan Sorensen and Bobbie circulated a signup sheet for refreshments for the 2018 meetings.

Steve provided details for the Lame Duk Kup scheduled for Saturday February 10th at 9:00AM. We will meet at Castle Park miniature golf in Sherman Oaks and then move on to Robin Hood English Pub for lunch and awards. Coming programs include: "Long Distance Cruising" by Mel and Toni Appell in February, one of Don's videos of member Mike Goodman in March, Cindy Henkels' picnic in June, a visit to the Simon Museum in August, the Halloween Party in October, and the Holiday Party/Annual Meeting in December.

There was no "old business". In the "new business" portion of the meeting it was suggested we postpone discussion of the Holiday Party until Lucy is present.

Curt reminded us of upcoming events including: 2/10 - Lame Duk, 2/27 - next general meeting, 9/10-9/14 - GoF West in South Lake Tahoe, and 10/12-10/14 - Conclave.



TC members undergoing restoration. Gene was hit by a car while he was bike riding and David underwent rotator cuff surgery.



Two TCs at the meeting, belonging to Loe and Simmons

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 for a refreshment break before Gene started the Wheel of Misfortune game.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Loe
Secretary



Yummy refreshments brought by Karen Olson



Thank you to Gene for hosting our Game Night. We all had great fun and laughs. Linda tries to get the ladies team to guess her mime clues. Ladies won again.



Club Regalia - Jig Saw Puzzles

Each puzzle is 12" x 16" in size and about 285 pieces.



2013 TCMG / ARR Conclave Lineup

This is the puzzle featured in our first annual Puzzle Night monthly meeting in 2014. The puzzle is 12" x 16" in size with 285 pieces. It comes in a high quality cardboard box with a photo of the puzzle on the front. Note that these puzzles have each been used once in our competition.

Price: \$10.00 plus shipping

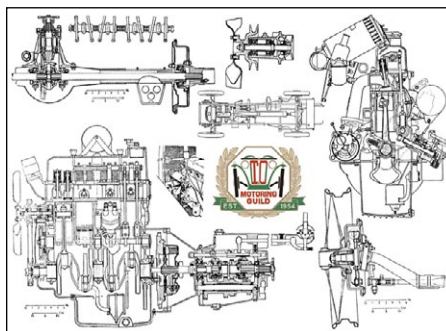


2014 TCMG / ARR Conclave Lineup

This puzzle is from our second annual Puzzle Night monthly meeting in 2015. The puzzle is 12" x 16" in size with 285 pieces. It comes in a small cardboard box with a photo of the puzzle on the front. Choose between new, sealed puzzles and those used once in our competition.

New, sealed puzzles: \$15.00 plus shipping

Lightly used puzzles: \$10.00 plus shipping



MG TC Technical Drawings

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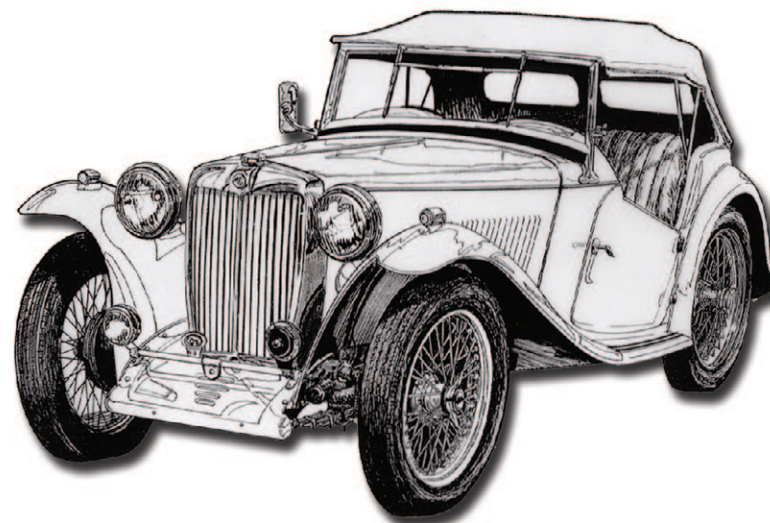


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