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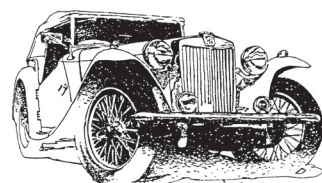
*TC 1675 scores the blue ribbon as top MG at the prestigious, La Jolla Concours d'Elegance. (Story on Page 8-9)*

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## *Curt's Comments*



As a youngster, living in the mid-west, my family practiced an annual ritual called “Spring Cleaning”. Without a specific schedule, that process took place around the vernal equinox (i.e., the First Day of Spring) and included such things as replacement of storm windows (with screens), transplanting geranium flower plants (that had survived the cold winter in our basement), cleaning/painting rusty iron railing, etc. As I recall, my Mother was very adamant that all Spring Cleaning be completed no later than the First Day of Spring.

Now, as an adult living in California, I don’t give much thought to “Spring Cleaning”. Recently, however, a funny thing happened to me on my way to resolving a front brake problem on our TC. The car was placed on a jack-stand and the left-front wheel had been removed. As I gazed at this situation (and pondered the question of which tool to pick up next) my eyes became fixed on the leaf spring shackle and its dried, and worn, rubber bushings. In an instant, and for reasons that I cannot explain, I decided to replace those bushings, and worry about the front brake problem later. That decision immediately answered the question about the next tool requirement and, before too long, the shackle had been disassembled! This disassembly process required that I get pretty “close and personal” with a very rusty (and partly undercoated) leaf spring. With very little encouragement, but with some childhood training, I immediately decided that the dirty old leaf spring needed a thorough cleaning. You know, a “Spring Cleaning”!

Now, since a leaf spring cannot be properly cleaned (and painted) unless removed from the car, and since both right and left springs required the same reconditioning, both were removed and subjected to the same “Spring Cleaning”. This difficult part of the project (i.e., removal, cleaning and painting) required over a week to complete. Re-installation of the refurbished springs (the fun part of the project) required only one day to complete. Although not specifically scheduled for a particular date, that reinstallation happened to fall on March 20, the First Day of Spring. My Mother would have been proud!

I hope that you are all doing some kind of “Spring Cleaning” too. Even though you may have missed the First Day of Spring, it is never too late to keep your TCs clean and ready for the road!

Cheers, *Curt Sorensen*  
 TCMG President 2018



# March Meeting Minutes

by Sandra Loe, TCMG Secretary

TCMG General Meeting - March 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Curt Sorensen at 8:10 PM. The attendance sheet was circulated and guest Bob Brown welcomed. Curt extended special thanks to Steve and Linda Simmons for leading the March event including lunch at the Bear Pit BBQ and tour of Andres Pico Adobe, to Don McLish for tonight's program, and to Joel Shapiro for tonight's refreshments.

Joyce Buckeridge and Lucy McCanne had March birthdays. Five members have cars that came off the assembly line in March including the Edgars and Storms.

Things of note on the table were the Financial Report, Hospitality sign up sheet, "All Things New" sign up sheet, AV equipment list, West Lake Village Street Fair and Car Show flyer, program schedule, contact information for member Joe Douglass, and a conversation piece binder. The WLV fair is scheduled for April 22 as is the Queen's English Car Show. Joe Douglass is in rehab due to a broken hip as a result of a fall.

The minutes were submitted as printed in the newsletter. They were accepted as written. The Treasurer's Report was posted. The membership report indicated five 2017 members have not renewed their membership for 2018. There are no new members since last month. The newsletter editor is looking for a volunteer to put the May Midget Chassis together. The editor is only sending hardcopies of the newsletter on request. It continues to be posted on the website. The website is updated regularly.

Steve reminded us of coming events including:

Julian Double Day - May 31-June 1

Conclave in Fish Camp - October 12-14

A survey indicated those currently planning to attend the Julian Double Day are the Buckeridges, the McCannes, the Simmons, the Edgars, the Loes, Gorden Bundy, and June Wennekamp.

Curt reviewed coming programs:

March - Mike Goodman video

April - Repurposing T shirts

May - All Things New

June - Henkels Picnic

July - MG video

August - Celebrity Cars at the Simon Museum

September - Great Race video

October - Halloween Party

November - Loe's car collection

December - Holiday Party/ Annual Meeting

Regalia chairs Linda and Steve reported that they will be ordering a new run of shirts and should be contacted by those wishing to place an order.

Sunshine Chair Bobbie Simon has sent well wishes to Mel Appell who had been in the hospital with the flu and to Joe who is in rehab as noted above. Joe will be 99 on July 14!



## ....and Photos by Steve Simmons

The old business portion of the meeting continued with a report from Lucy McCanne on the Holiday Party. She has scheduled it for December 9th at the Sportsman's Lodge. Last year we needed to have 50 in attendance according to our contract with the Lodge. We expect it will be similar this year, so please put this on your calendar and plan on joining the fun.

The new group email is in effect. If you were missed in the initial invite, Contact David Edgar.

Richard Loe gave an update on the outreach program to contact sellers of TCs who have ads found on the Internet. The hope is they will pass the TCMG information onto their buyers and they will come visit our group and join the club. Steve is helping by drafting the document and Richard will contact the sellers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM for a break before we viewed the Mike Goodman video on T-Series Fuel Systems.



A healthy number of twenty two members and one guest attended the March meeting. The usual TCs (Simmons and Loe) were also present.







**Tuesday,  
April 24th**

**8:00 PM**

**"Re-Purposing  
Old Tee Shirts"**

TCMG Meeting Spot  
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 Canon exits off the 101.  
Use the parking lot on the corner of Wilkinson and Valleheart.  
Meet in the Community Room (Labeled "School")

**TC  
Birthdays**



Car birthdays below\* are from mid-April thru mid-May and owned by TCMG members:

April 21, 1949	TC8507	James Marsala
April 26, 1949	TC 8533	Larry Pate
April 28, 1949	TC 8567exu	Doug & Marilyn Smith
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	Jon & Nancy Youens
May 12, 1948	TC 5464	Ron & Bobbie Simon
May 12, 1948	TC 5476	Arthur Lloyd
May 12, 1949	TC 8686	Mike & Sharon Bailey
May 13, 1948	TC 5494	Garret & Ambre Hanes

\* Dates listed are when a chassis was assigned a number near the beginning of the assembly line.

## *a Note from the Editor*

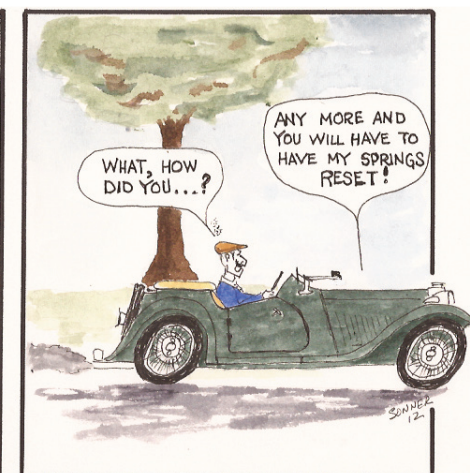
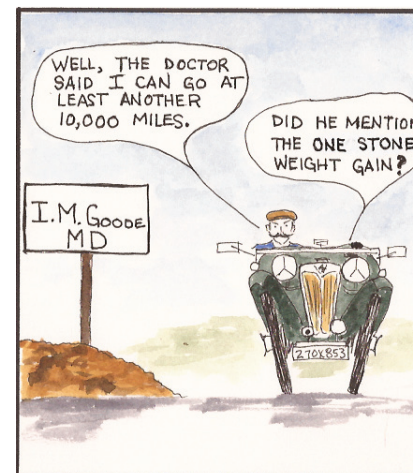
### **ABOUT THE 2018 TCMG DIRECTORY**

This year's member directory is just about done, however I am in Virginia at the moment and so will not be printing and mailing them until I return about May 1st. But a PDF copy is available now and can be sent to you for proofing if you wish.

I will NOT post our directory on the web since there is private information on it, but if you wish an advanced copy email me and I will email it back. You will still get the mailed version later unless someone specifically asks not to receive theirs.

*David Edgar*

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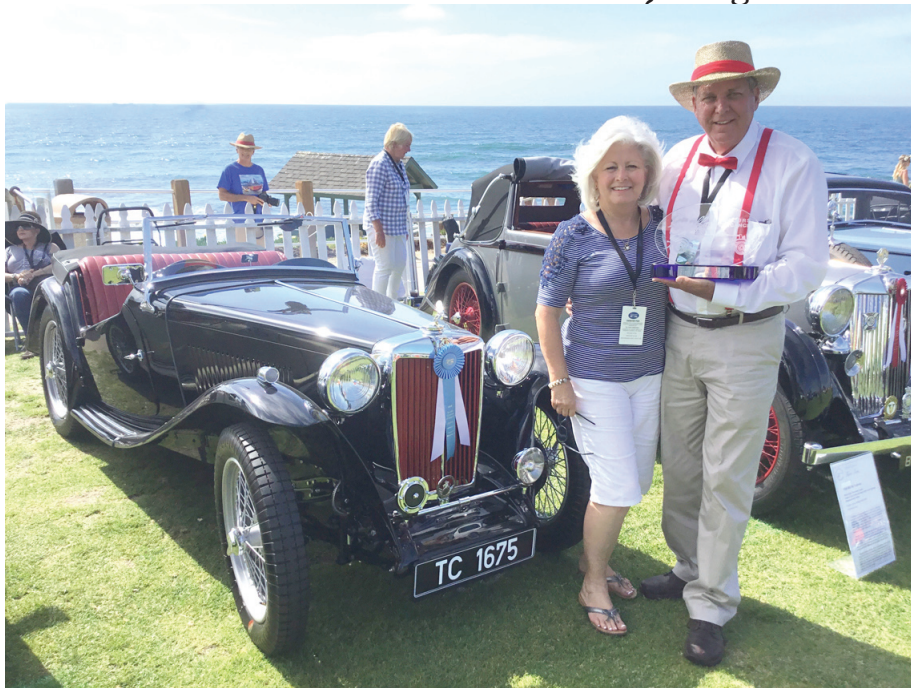
Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: At The Doctor's



# La Jolla Concours d'Elegance

by Doug Pelton

La Jolla, California Spring 2018



Doug Pelton and TC #1675 win over top MG competition including a VA Tickford, Arnolt, SA Saloon and J2.



April 8, 2018 was just a superb day with the perfect setting for the 2018 Concours. The sky was cloudless and the back drop for the car show was the calm and blue ocean at La Jolla, CA. This year the concours included a class specific for the MG's. The MG community was well represented with a J2, TA, SA Saloon, VA Tickford, TC, TD, Arnolt, & TF. All were decked out and polished for the scrutinization of the judging staff. Judging started at 9am with about 20 minutes per car. There were 5 categories looked at: coachwork, interior, engine, chassis, & operations. Each category was worth 20 points for overall possible 100 points. Specific questions were asked of each owner to give the judges an insight to the car they were scrutinizing. Everything had to be functional or point were deducted. Originality was of the utmost importance. Early afternoon the judges returned to hang ribbons for public viewing on the cars. The blue 1st place was hung on TC1675, owned by Doug Pelton and restored by his company, *From The Frame Up*. Remaining placing awards were VA Tickford, SA Saloon, & J2 in order. The formal award presentation was conducted late afternoon with the winning car for each class being brought forward to drive across the red carpet to receive a coveted trophy. It was certainly a proud moment for the TC and Doug Pelton.





## Halfway House Brunch

**April 21st**

Our driving event for April takes us through some of the less populated areas of Northern Los Angeles County. Explore lesser-used back roads for a taste of the way it used to be when our cars (and their owners) were much newer!

Our driving route will take us along the now quiet two-lane highways through the Santa Clarita Valley countryside that were once primary routes north, before the interstates came along.



A stop for brunch is planned at Halfway House Cafe, an old style diner established in 1931 whose old world charm has attracted many film and television shoots over the years. Their breakfast dishes are a local favorite, but don't ask for pie because the sign advertising them has been there for 50 years and the pies are long gone! Total distance is around 70 miles.

NOTE: If you plan to attend brunch, please let Steve Simmons know so we can alert the café. email: mail@mgnuts.com | phone: (805) 497-1911

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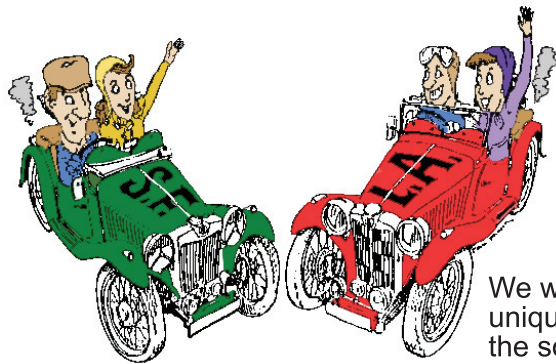
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## Annual TCMG/ARR Conclave



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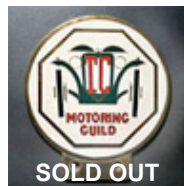
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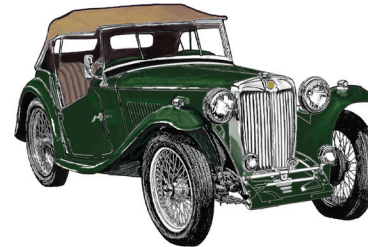


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