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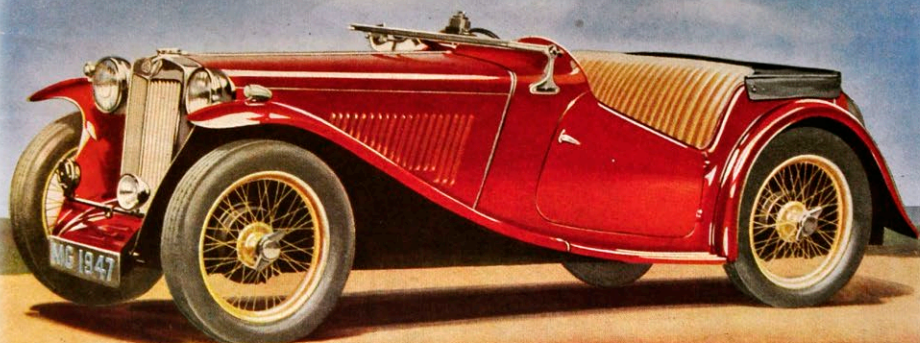
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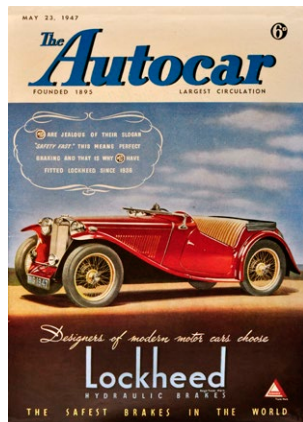
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## Sandra Says



Summer has arrived and TCMG has started off with a big bang: the Henkels 21st annual picnic and Joe Douglass' 100th birthday celebration. Looking ahead we have more fun coming. Among other events is the Einhorn's Chicago Hot Dog Party. Additionally some of us are planning a trip to Prescott, Arizona for this year's GoF West, the premier regional MG activity of the year. For some that means checking the car for a long road trip, but for me that means starting a project to enter in the craft show.

Last summer as we were heading home on Highway 395 from GoF in South Lake Tahoe an idea was formulating for my 2019 gourd. The time has come to finalize that design. I started by researching the Prescott area, the Prescott Resort, and regional Native American designs. Next was digging through my stash of gourds to

find one that would enhance octagon medallions and flags. Then came the hardest part, committing myself to a plan and making the first cut. No turning back now. Any flubs get incorporated into the design and I pretend it was part of the original plan. All is good. Richard smells burning gourd and knows I have made the leap. To finish, a little color needs to be added.

This is my third GoF gourd project. The first design showed MGs heading to Santa Maria in 2017. The second was in 2018 and included MGs along the shores of Lake Tahoe under pine trees that reached skyward.



Gourd  
for 2017



Gourd  
for 2018

2019 gourd  
waiting  
for paint



Hopefully we will cross paths this summer at one or another of the MG activities listed on the calendar. Drive safely.

*Sandra Loe*

TCMG President 2019

*Ed. Note: Sandra's gourds won 1st place at GoF West 2017 & 2018*



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More information and registration forms can be found at: [GoFWest.org](http://GoFWest.org)



Cliff at the Channel Island British Car Show on July 14th. He won 1st in class. Congratatoins

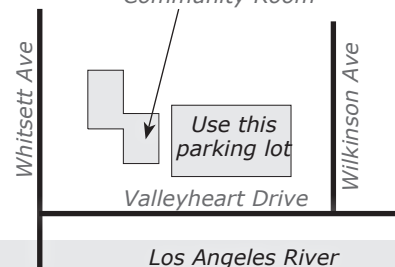
**Tuesday, July 23rd**

**7:00 PM**

**Cliff Lemieux on his TC Restoration**

*Cliff will go over his agony, joys, mistakes, and triumphs in the recent restoration of his TC. Yes he questioned his sanity at times in the process, but the TC is a beauty and he will have many happy miles with it. Come and hear the stories.*

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## Commemorative Air Force Museum Tour



**July 18**

*Local members should have gotten a flyer on this already as this newsletter would not give much notice*

Our day starts at the Crandall home in Malibu where Jim and Norma will have a light continental breakfast available. The drive out of Malibu should offer the coolest weather possible as we travel along the coast to the town of Camarillo where we visit the Commemorative Air Force Museum. Docents will guide us through the museum, which houses many aircraft from the WWII era as well as artifacts and displays. See aircraft from all corners of the globe including Mustang, Spitfire and Zero! Also others including Hellcat and

Bearcat, and larger aircraft like B-25 and C-46. Lunch will follow at a restaurant located along the runway of the airport.

If you plan to attend this event, please let Steve Simmons know so we can tell the docents how many people to expect.

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8:30am start at Crandall's Residence  
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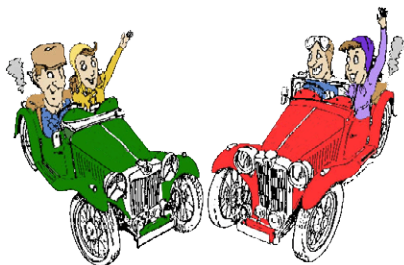
## Einhorn Hot Dog Party

**Save the Date**  
**August 24th**

More details to be announced as things get firmed up



## 63rd TCMG / ARR Annual Conclave



**October 12-14**  
**Saturday - Monday**

Hotel Information Inn at Morro Bay

Check in Saturday, October 12

Check out Monday, October 14

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*Note to Gordon: From the Frame Up list these all restored, so check with them.*

## Memories from Allan Chalmers

The Conclave for 1959 – the third Annual- was in Carmel. In the good old days, folks didn't think so much about driving 300+ miles. And we usually did it in Saturday, home Sunday!

It was a memorable event in many ways on my first conclave - there was hanky panky (we were young, remember?) - and a harrowing drive Saturday night.

Joe and Jeanne Douglass, Lucien Remy and fiancée Linda Bannister, in TCs and me in my 1955 MG Magnette (TC apart) set off, after the dinner Saturday, for the Nepenthe restaurant 30 miles south. It was dark, it was very foggy. I took Lucien's dog Duchess – who usually sat on the tonneau cover.

It was a very, very fast drive. As I would corner, the dog would fly from one side of the car to the other. If you have driven Hwy 1 in that section, you know what I mean.

When we got there the fog was even thicker. Free spirits of the area were doing dances for our entertainment. Actor Anthony Quinn came in with a babe on each arm (he was shorter than them).

OK, we whistled back thru the same fog and the next day, Lucien counted 18 broken spokes.

Linda was heard to say, "Don't you EVER do that again!!".

The marriage didn't last.



*Line-up along the 17 Mile Drive in Carmel*



*On the way home – Lucien and Linda in TC, Pat Sweeny of ARR behind, middle gal is Von Schnaer. If memory serves (and it has been 60 years), the other two women are, on the left, ARR's Marv Gidley's daughter, and on the right of Von, Bill Fulton's date/ girl friend.*





## Dave Coleman's Profile

*Originally printed in the Jan/Feb 1990 issue of the Classic Chassis and happy to reprint again here.*

Like many of you, I seem to have been born with a love of all things mechanical. Indeed my parents tell me that I could rattle off the names of passing automobiles before being able to name the members of my family. I loved to take things apart to see how they worked and to help fix cars. One notable example, at about four years of age, I inserted the garden hose into the "dirty" exhaust pipe of the Packard our neighbor was working on.

My first exposure to T-Series MG's came, as for many of us, from reading "The Red Car" when I was ten or eleven years old. It must have been subliminal at that point however, as I had no exposure to or knowledge of sports cars. My auto-related activities as a teenager were limited to helping others with their cars and magazine reading. My parents didn't believe that I could have a car and keep up with school work, to say nothing of the expense. As a result, my auto interests were somewhat eclectic, running mainly to hot rods and drag racing.

It wasn't until I was in my third year of college that I first became a car owner. Shortly after relating the story of a near serious bicycle mishap while riding to class, my parents purchased a 1954 Ford convertible for me. I loved that car and polished and massaged it endlessly. About the only thing I hadn't fixed was the canvas top which was old and had a few tears. When a major portion of the top ripped away and blew over the

rail as I was driving across the Golden State Bridge in a downpour, I began to doubt the advisability of having a convertible in San Francisco when one doesn't have a garage. I sold that car not long thereafter. If this sounds like strange reasoning from a developing TC'er, stay tuned.

It was about this time that I had my first TC experience. One of my medical school classmates was getting married and invited several of us to accompany him from San Francisco to the ceremony in Eugene, Oregon. We took two cars, a Ford and his MGTC. Guess who volunteered to ride with him? It was a most memorable trip. It took twelve hours, from noon to midnight, about half in a driving rain and was wonderful. The things I remember: being almost one with a mechanical device (e.g. when the windscreen wiper motor packed it in, I worked the little crank), the sounds and smells of the car hurrying along the winding roads through the trees, the people waving as we passed. In short, I was hooked. On the trip back, I reluctantly gave up my seat to his new bride and rode back in the Ford, an altogether boring journey.

I wanted a TC, but it was financially out of the question. However, two things happened. I received a small sum of money from a settlement as a result of an accident several years earlier, AND my friend mentioned that he was selling his TC. He needed a family oriented car and anyway the TC wasn't working - he said the clutch had gone out. A deal was struck and I became the proud owner of a non-running MGTC, convinced that this was the perfect car for a med student in San Francisco.

I rented a small garage and armed with an owner's manual, proceeded to take the car apart "to fix the clutch," taking

## Swapping TCs

Leo Rocca is thinking of selling his TC and buying another that has a blower and a 5 speed in it. Needs to sell this one first for the room and cash.

Leo Rocca  
ljrocca@gmail.com  
301-401-4222 (c)

If you are interested or have leads on a TC with blower and 5-speed, please contact Leo.



1949 TC 7090 XPAG 7978 Green/Tan



## BRITISH SLANG LESSONS by Curt

British		English
Roundabout	=	Rotary
Car Park	=	Parking Lot

the transmission out the back way, since I had no way to remove the engine. It was only when I had things torn apart that I discovered the real problem was not the clutch at all, but a broken axle. This was replaced and things were reassembled. By now it was near the end of the term and I packed all my books and belongings in the TC and headed down Highway 1, arriving home on 2-3 cylinders (fouled plugs), low battery, etc. That summer vacation I enjoyed driving my TC, cleaned it up, made a new dash panel and floorboards, and re-wired it - using wire I found in the garage (one yellow, one pink).

Upon returning to San Francisco, I joined the ARR and enjoyed my brief membership. However, after about six months, the realities of having a TC as one's sole transportation in San Francisco set in, and an additional car was purchased. One evening, bored

with studying, the TC's distributor was removed "for cleaning." Since it was early, the fuel pump was next, etc., etc. The car has not run since.

Shortly after this I met Suzie and we later married. Our earliest TC trips were taken in an assortment of vehicles with the TC on a tow bar behind as we moved around and a family was started. We joined the TC Motoring Guild and enjoyed the association, but there never seemed to be any time to start a full restoration project, so we went on tour at the back of the line in our non-English cars. About six years ago, a second TC was purchased when a car restored by Phil Marino became available. This has meant that now we can double our enjoyment of club events, i.e., "TC" touring as well as the association with fellow club members.

Dave



## Joe Douglass' 100th Birthday Party



Four TCs came to the party (l-r: Loe, Simmons, Ramos, Hanes)



Joe's 100th Birthday party was spectacular. Unfortunately Joe was in the hospital at the time but the party went on and the singing of Happy Birthday was videoed and Joe saw it. Here is a link to the video.

YouTube.com/watch?v=2BXqNQ\_UbLQ or search Happy Birthday Joe on YouTube



Happy Birthday from **TODAY**  
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## Dual Purpose Shock Cord

Last month we showed Richard Loe's shock cord idea for keeping the gearbox from popping out of gear. What is interesting is that the tension is adjusted so it keeps the TC in 2nd and 4th gears but is weak enough not to pull it out of 1st or 3rd. So you don't have to remove it when shifting through the gears.

But you can also loop it around the parking brake lever and keeps the brake on if the lever pawl is worn. So it is a dual purpose cord.



## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

July 17, 1948	TC 6073	Roger Morse & Lynn Arnold
July 21, 1948	TC 6101	Patrick & Laura Mauch
July 22, 1948	TC 6126	Charley Williams

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

Happy 71st Birthdays



## June 25<sup>th</sup> Picnic/Meeting Minutes



*Gathering in the driveway before the picnic*



President Sandra Loe called the meeting to order at 8:12 PM.

Sandra read a poem "Who Is Driving This Car?" She then confirmed the attendance sheet was circulating.

Guests present were Cindy Henkels' granddaughter Meghan and Bob Brown. There were no new members at the meeting.

Sandra thanked Cindy Henkels for hosting this year's picnic meeting, noting this is the 21st consecutive year the picnic has been at Cindy's house. Sandra also thanked Joel Shapiro for presenting last month's program on his car collection.

Members present having birthdays this month were Steve Simmons, Toshimi Shapiro, and Gordon Glass. Local members Larson, Loe, and Thelander have TCs which were manufactured in the month of June.

Secretary Richard Loe stated the minutes for the May meeting had been published in the newsletter. He asked for additions or corrections. None were offered. It was moved and seconded that the May minutes be accepted as written. By vote of the members present, the May minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer Joyce Edgar announced this month's financial statements were posted and available for review by the members.

Steve Simmons talked about the plans for Conclave which will be held October 12-14 at Morro Bay. He passed out Conclave 12 information sheets.

Larry Einhorn discussed Joe Douglass' 100th Birthday Celebration which will be June 28. He told us Joe will likely not feel up to attending, but that Joe and his family want the celebration to go ahead. Larry told us a video will be made of the event for Joe and everyone in attendance agreed the party should happen as planned.

Curt Sorensen and Sandra reviewed the schedule of upcoming programs. We still have no program scheduled for September.

Editor David Edgar encouraged submissions for the newsletter.

Regalia Chair Linda Simmons told us she brought club clothing items to the meeting. Steve talked about the progress on the club logo spark plug holders and that about 10 members have signed up for the holders.

Webmaster Steve Simmons reminded us the website is updated at least twice a month and he welcomes any submissions for the website.

Sunshine Chair Bobbie Simon had nothing new to report.

Historian Don McLish is still working on scanning the photos obtained from former member Barney Jackson. Don says about 1000 photos have already been scanned.

Hospitality Chair Jan Sorensen says there are still 3 months which need volunteers to bring refreshments. She has the signup sheet.

Karen Olson reported on arrangements being made for the Holiday Party. The party will



*Perfect picnic - food, friends and TCs.*



*Thank you to Cindy for hosting and providing the GREAT desserts.*

be on Sunday, December 8 at 6 PM. Due to changes being made at the Sportsmen's Lodge, the party will not be in the same room we have used in recent years. Larry Einhorn told us he had recently been at the Sportsmen's Lodge and has seen the room where the party will be. He reports it is on the second floor, has ample seating for our group, and overlooks the swimming pool.

Under new business, it was announced that Garret Hanes has won this picnic's TC Oil Drip Target Contest by scoring a bullseye. In an oil related story, Cliff Lemieux told us how his TC disposed of 2 quarts of oil

during his 50 mile drive home from last month's meeting.

Sandra reminded us of the Joe Douglass 100th Birthday Celebration on June 28, the next meeting will be July 23, the Central Coast British Car Show will be July 14, the Commemorative Air Force Museum tour is tentatively scheduled for August 11, and GoF West will be August 12-16.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, *Richard Loe*

*And you can't have a gathering of TCs without popping the bonnet up on at least one of them.*





## Club Regalia

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## Join Us

Future TCMG meeting programs

August 27 - David Spiegel on his New Zealand, MG trip

October 22 - Our Halloween Meeting