

TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

December 2019



We often feature stunning TCs, recently restored TCs, or running TCs on the cover, but it is always fun to look at projects too. This one has been in this condition for 40 some years and recently aquired by the father/son team of Mike and Steve Simmons. Will it continue in it's present state or get some loving attention and start to go back together?

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is moving from the 4th
Tuesday (Nov 26) to the
3rd Tuesday Nov. 19th

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Sandra Says



As the year
comes to a close
I'm thinking
about Christmas
and specifically
Christmas in
England. My

first trip to Europe was Christmas in
1967. We (my twin sister and I) were in
our junior year of college and she was
studying abroad. Patricia was at the
Stanford campus in Tours, France and
my parents said "we will never feel we
can afford a trip to Europe, let's go for
Christmas". My reaction was "do I have
to go?" Richard and I had been dating for
years and it seemed a proposal was in the
near future! Add to that we had tickets for
the Rose Bowl Game on January 1st, USC
vs Indiana, and Richard's 21st birthday
was on the 28th of December. Our older
sister was married and expecting their first
child and said "we never did anything like
this when I was at home"! Hard to satisfy
everyone!

With that said our first stop was meeting
Patricia in London. What comes to
mind is the cold and seeing a time &
temperature sign flashing "0". Remember
this was 1967 and the style was short
short skirts (Twiggy like), females didn't
typically wear slacks. I will never forget
seeing the sophisticated girl wearing white
leather thigh high boots.

Obviously there is more to being overseas
for the holidays than the observations
of a 20 year old. So what are some
UK Christmas traditions? There is the
Royal Christmas Broadcast, Boxing
Day, crackers, mince pies, wassail, and
Christmas pudding. My take would be
that the "broadcast" is like our State
of Union, but given by the monarch.
Research shows Boxing Day is a public

holiday on December 26th that kicks
off the post Christmas sales, but is
historically about giving to the poor and
service people (maybe like tipping?).
"Crackers" are foiled covered cardboard
tubes with prizes inside that are pulled
during the Christmas meal. Another
tradition is every year Norway gives the
English a huge Christmas tree to be put in
Trafalgar Square in thanks for their efforts
during WWII.

The food traditions date back centuries
when new spices came from the orient:
cloves, nutmeg, and cinnamon. My
mother always made a plum pudding for
Christmas dinner which was a rich boiled
fruit cake (in a special mold) doused
with brandy, presented flaming, and
served with hard sauce. "Wassail" means
"be well" and is spiced wine or cider.
"Wassailing" is similar to going door to
door caroling.

Jump ahead 34 years and again I was in
Europe in December. This time it was our
third child (Valerie) spending her junior
year in Florence, Italy studying art history
and Italian. It is a great time to travel,
learn how other cultures celebrate, and a
bonus is there are fewer tourists. Keeping
up with the TC Motoring Guild tradition
is our holiday party at the Sportsmen's
Lodge December 8th. Hopefully many of
you are planning to be there. Joyce Edgar
will be accepting reservation at the next
meeting, November 19th.

As we wrap up the year I want to give
a special thanks to the 2019 executive
council, to everyone that helped with a
program or an event or brought goodies to
share. You made my year memorable and
a breeze.

Sandra Loe
TCMG President 2019

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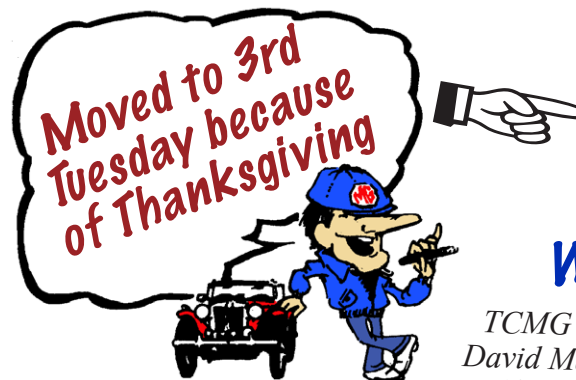
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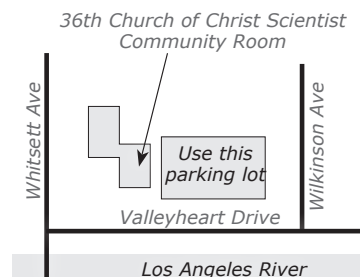


Tuesday, Nov 19th

8:00 PM

Working in Africa

TCMG member, College Professor
David Mathison will be sharing some
of his experiences about living and
working in Africa



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BRITISH SLANG LESSONS by Curt

British		English
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Lay-by	=	Breakdown Lane

TC Chrome Plating Project

My 1947 MG TC is an older restoration that has held up well over the years, but there were some chrome pieces which weren't up to the level of the rest of the car that bugged me. Never having had any chrome plating done before, I was apprehensive about taking on this task. It was only a handful of parts: the gas cap, radiator cap, a mirror assembly, plus a headlamp and driving light bezels, but how should I go about finding the right shop to do the work and what would it cost? Lacking recommendations from friends I turned to the internet and discovered Verne's Chrome Plating in El Segundo. Their website explained the process and the shop had excellent reviews. I emailed photos of the items on my list and got back a quote of \$426.

I actually started on this journey about a year ago, but some health issues put everything on hold until just recently. Finally, I packed up my goodies and headed for the bowels of Los Angeles. I could have mailed the parts, but I wanted to check out the place and see who I was dealing with. I was also concerned about the mounting clips on the bezels and whether or not the plating process would damage them. Ron, the owner, reviewed the parts, said the clips should be okay, but was a bit concerned about prepping the area around them for final plating. The revised quote...a year later...was \$428 (I had added a rusty bolt from the mirror assembly). Ron said it would be about

two weeks and he needed a \$200 deposit because he no longer financed customer's projects.

A week later I got a call that my parts were done, so it was off to El Segundo again. I must say that I was delighted with the results. Ron also appeared to be pleased with the outcome, explaining that he was initially concerned because his customers demand absolute perfection. The final cost? \$428, just as quoted.

Mike Tooke



Before

After



Before

After

Vernes Chrome Plating
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Welcome to Our Newest TCMG Member

Welcome

Beau & Annie Sicotte

181 Franklin Avenue
Fortuna, CA 95540

phone: 707-601-7149

rustedgold12@gmail.com

1949 TC 7781 XPAG 1569 Black / Fawn



Beau writes: On my wedding day, my wife asked me what else I wanted from life. Without hesitating I said an MGTC. Thirty-five years later I bought one in just the condition I was looking for. At one time it was a car, but now it is reduced to a collection of parts. On the bright side, the P.O's (multiple) collected the best parts available. Many NOS parts and I have approx. 70% of the parts to complete the rebuild. I have all new hand-rolled fenders, a new body (needs assembly), a very early XPAG engine #1569. For this reason, I want to use as many original parts as is possible. Rebuild and re-chrome as necessary. What I'm missing are small chassis brackets and motor accessories. It will get done!

I will be an active participant in the Guild and look forward to many years of motoring in my TC.

Beau

TCMG Dues for 2020

TCMG dues are officially due by our Annual Meeting/Party on Dec 8th this year. Dues remain at \$26 for local members who live in zips 90000-93300 and receive all our local event mailings. Those who live outside those zips pay \$22, unless you want all our local event mailings.

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May also remit thru **Paypal** to above email address

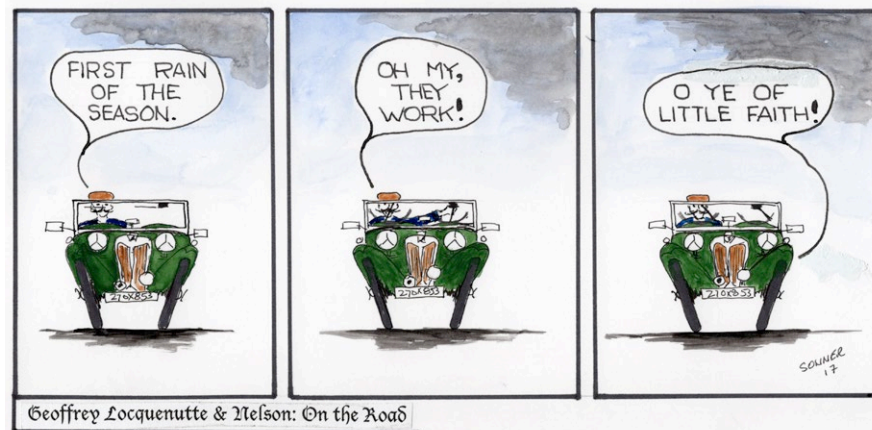
or **mail checks** made out to TCMG or

TC Motoring Guild to:

Joyce Edgar

1454 Chase Terrace

El Cajon CA 92020-8368



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road



1948 MG TC #4

Bill Young has owned four different TCs over the years. This is the story of his 4th one. Stories of the first three were in previous issues.

I still own this car and the only car I've ever owned twice. I am the fourth and seventh owner. It was advertised in the LA Times for \$1800 (in 1970). A very decent car. If I recall, I purchased it from a fellow who worked for Lucas Electric (The Prince of Darkness). A couple of years went by, I was selling cars at Bob Smith Porsche/Audi in Hollywood. One day, a nice lady came in to make arrangements for a European Delivery of a new Porsche. She saw my TC parked outside the showroom and inquired if it was for sale. I told her it was mine and that I hadn't really thought about selling it. Well, we agreed to a price (she never drove it or even sat in it!). She wanted to pay for it with a personal check from a bank in Tennessee. I said I couldn't accept an out of state check. She gave me the phone number of the Manager of the Tennessee Bank. She asked me to call him to verify that the check was good. I called. The manager laughed a little and then told me there was plenty of money in this lady's checking account. And by the way, her family OWNED the bank! Her name was Ann Prothro Wilson. She was the daughter of Tommy Prothro - the famous UCLA and LA Rams football coach. The Prothro family was a very prominent (and wealthy) family in Tennessee. I accepted the check and sold the car.

Unknown to me - she sold the car a few years later to a member of Johnny Carson's 'Tonight Show' band. Fast forward another few years to 1987. I stopped by Mike Goodman's Garage in Van Nuys to say hello. He tells me my old TC is for sale. I drive out to see it and it looks pretty good. But it was a week

before my 10th wedding anniversary and I had just purchased a pair of diamond earrings for my wife and I didn't have a lot of money. I did what any real "car guy" would do in this situation, and got a cash advance on my credit card and bought the car. It's been in my garage ever since! I did another restoration in 1987 (Acura NSX red, black interior) and a rebuilt engine was necessary a couple years later. I also added a dashboard made out of Hawaiian Koa wood. This car has been driven all over California and has been entered in many car shows and parades.

But this car has a possible link to a famous gangster. When I first bought the car, two members of the TC Motoring Guild, Harvey Schnaer and Bob Goldstein, told me this car was once owned by Virginia Hill. She was Bugsy Siegel's girlfriend. Bugsy Siegel was a famous gangster who built the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. Virginia Hill was nicknamed "Flamingo" because of her long beautiful legs. Did Bugsy name his fancy Flamingo Hotel after her legs?

This car almost had a tragic ending. I live in "Wine Contry" - about an hour north of San Francisco. In October 2017, my TC was in a repair shop in Sonoma getting its yearly check-up when the worst fire in California history came raging through the area. The area all around the repair shop was destroyed, but the MG and the repair shop were saved. The fire roared through on the actual 70th birthday of my car.

What a birthday present! It's now safe and sound back in my garage.

Bill



Bill with the TC in this story.



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Bill is selling some of his collection. Had the TC for sale too, but then had second thoughts and decided to keep it. Then again, based on his stories, everything is for sale at the right price.

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documented
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miles Black
This is a very
tight well sorted
car I have complete history Always
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Bill Young Phone 707 939-8173 The cars are here in Sonoma---about an hour from San Francisco

An ad from January 25, 1946 issue of Autocar.

Thank you to Tom Wilson for sharing it.

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Nov 18, 1948	TC 7149	Allan & Linda Chalmers
Nov 19, 1947	TC 4103	Stan & Esther Belland
Nov 23, 1948	TC 7175	David Mathison
Nov 25, 1948	TC 7220	David & June Simon
Nov 28, 1946	TC 1877	Don McLish
Nov 29, 1946	TC 1882	Ron Wong
Dec 1, 1948	TC 7255	James Ogden
Dec 15, 1948	TC 7383EXU	Joe Douglass
Dec 16, 1948	TC 7409EXU	Jon & Susan Hermance
Dec 16, 1948	TC 7410EXU	Doug & Carol Pelton
Dec 17, 1947	TC 4314	Ernie & Elizabeth Page
Dec 19, 1946	TC 2014	Ed & Dee Koskie
Dec 23, 1948	TC 7474EXU	John & Georgia Bowyer
Dec 23, 1948	TC 7481	John & Donna Visconsi
Dec 30, 1946	TC 2040	Tom & Emily Wilson



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

Happy 71st, 72nd, and 73rd Birthdays



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TCMG Annual Meeting, Party, Toy Drive

Sunday Evening
December 8, 6pm

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Dinner is \$40 each if reserved by Nov 15th.
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SPECIFY your menu choices.

Menu Choices

- Atlantic roasted salmon with dill sauce
- Sliced tri-tip with a mushroom ragout
- Mushroom Ravioli

Meals include salad, dessert, coffee & tea service,
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No Host cash bar will be available.



TCMG Auction with Larry Einhorn as Auctioneer

Please donate something
you think your TCMG
friends would want to bid on.
The auction proceeds help
subsidize the dinner

Reserve by Nov 15th and Save Money

Toy Drive recipient is FCRC, Foster Children's Resource Center.

Toy suggestions
- infant/toddler toys,
Legos, Multicultural
Barbies, Sprouts Balls
(soccer, football,
basketballs)

The TCMG is collecting
funds for FCRC as well.

TOY DRIVE - FCRC is
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a big occasion in a life without many big



occasions.

But the best
moment for these,
often lonely and
buffeted kids is
when they are

allowed to pick out a toy for
their very own!

I guess that's why it has become a Guild
tradition to bring toys to our holiday party
for FCRC's kids. What could be a better
time to provide joy to those with very
little?"

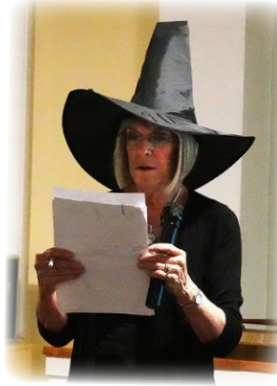


October 22nd Meeting Minutes



Are the Loes going for the Iron Butt Award again?

Sandra starts the meeting with a poem



President Sandra Loe called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Nineteen members were present.

Sandra read a poem, "Haunted House", by Jack Prelutsky.

There was one guest at the meeting, Bob Brown. There were no new members present.

Sandra thanked Mel Appell and Malcolm Buckeridge for last month's program. She expressed appreciation to Mel and Toni Appell for conducting last month's raffle which earned \$72 which will be donated to Foster Children's Resource Center. She thanked Steve and Linda Simmons for making the arrangements for this year's Conclave at Morro Bay and also thanked them for putting together tonight's program.

Two members attending tonight's meeting have October birthdays. Bobbie Simon's birthday is October 19. She was born in Brooklyn, NY. Mel Appell's birthday is October 29 and was born in Los Angeles. The TCs belonging to members Ramos, Kupferman, Santarelli, Appell, Jones, Young, and Marcotte were produced in the month of October.

Sandra reviewed events of interest which occurred in October in the years 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, and 1949.

Secretary Richard Loe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September meeting which were

published in the newsletter. There were none and the members present voted to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer Joyce Edgar reported the month's financial statements are available for review. She reports we have money in the bank. She has paid dues for the MG Car Club and has paid for the Post Office Box for the next 12 months. She told us 38 people paid for dinners at Conclave and we about broke even.

Events Chairman Steve Simmons asked if anyone had a suggestion for a November event.

Sandra told the members next month's program, "Working in Africa", will be presented by David Mathison. She also reminded everyone the next meeting will be a week early.

Karen Olson reported on the Holiday Party arrangements and that Joyce is taking payment for dinners.

Editor David Edgar encourages submissions for the newsletter and noted the deadline for next month's newsletter will be earlier than usual.

Regalia Chairperson Linda Simmons states all regalia items are in stock and that soon an order will be placed for hoodies.

Webmaster Steve Simmons asked for submissions to add to the website. He reports the website has been updated six times this month.



Lounging around before our meeting started



A slide show from our Conclave running as the meeting was conducted



Sunshine Chair Bobbie Simon has sent cards to Martha Pederson and Stan Belland.

Under New Business, Sandra suggested we consider handling monthly events more like the method used by the Abingdon Rough Riders. ARR events are organized by a different member every month rather than the TCMG method of having an event chairman who is responsible for all events during the year.

Sandra then opened nominations for candidates for the 2020 Executive Council. The members nominated and accepting the nomination are Cliff Lemieux, Joyce Edgar, Steve Simmons, Curt Sorensen, Larry Einhorn, and Toni Appell.

It was decided David Edgar will mail the ballots and Linda Simmons will receive the ballots.

Sandra reminded the members the next meeting will be November 19 rather than November 26, the VMG Parts Exchange will be November 24, the Holiday Party will be December 8th at the Sportsmen's Lodge, and GoF will be June 28-July 3, 2020 at Welches, Oregon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary,

Richard



Club Regalia

TCMG Car Badge	\$25 (\$30 if mailed) members only
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Future TCMG meeting programs

November 19 - Working in Africa by David Mathison

December 8 - Annual Meeting & Holiday Party