

TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

*June
2019*



Seven TCs out on the Stagecoach tour in May. Great to see a nice turnout. And there were 23 members and guests in attendance as well. More photos plus a report on pages six and seven.

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Sandra Says



We love our
 little cars so it
 is icing on the
 cake when we
 sit down to
 watch a movie
 and up pops

a TC on the screen. The cute factor
 of a TC has made it perfect for films.
 After doing a little detective work, I
 found a list of movies organized by cars
 featured. This site lists 98 movies
 that include a TC. There are
 several that were filmed
 in English, the car
 was driven by a lead
 character, and the TCs
 are seen many times
 throughout the movie.

One is *Love Story*. It is
 a 1970 romantic film written
 by Erich Segal, produced by Howard
 G. Minsky, and directed by Arthur
 Hiller. Oliver Barrett IV (Ryan O'Neal)
 comes from a family of rich Harvard
 graduates. He meets Jennifer Cavalleri
 (Ali MacGraw), a student at Radcliffe
 College and from a more modest
 upbringing. The two quickly fall in
 love.

Another is *Oliver's Story*, a 1978
 American romantic drama and sequel
 to *Love Story*. The film is based on a
 novel by Erich Segal published the year
 before. It was directed by John Korty
 and again starred Ryan O'Neal, but this
 time with Candice Bergen. In this film
 Oliver Barrett (O'Neal) is an emotional
 wreck after the death of his wife Jenny
 and tries to lose himself in his work as
 a lawyer. Eventually, he falls in love
 with Marcie Bonwit (Candice Bergen),

the heir to the Bonwit-Teller fortune.

Then there is a 1973 Disney movie
 for TV *Diamonds on Wheels*. It is a
 British comedy directed by Jerome
 Courtland and starring Patrick Allen,
 George Sewell, Derek Newark and
 Barry Jackson. After a diamond heist
 in London, one of the criminals double-
 crosses the rest of the gang and steals
 the diamonds. He hides the stones in
 a car seat. The other gang members
 find out and he is in a race for his life.

Three kids driving a TC get mixed
 up with the thieves in a 24-
 hour road rally.



Eye of the Needle is a
 1981 British spy film
 directed by Richard
 Marquand and starring
 Donald Sutherland
 and Kate Nelligan. It

was written by Stanley Mann
 and based on the novel by Ken Follett.
 The film closely parallels historical
 facts: the allies fool the Germans
 into thinking that the D-Day invasion
 would take place at Calais rather than
 Normandy by building a dummy
 military base in Kent.

Lastly, *Back to School* is a 1986
 American comedy starring Rodney
 Dangerfield and directed by Alan
 Metter. To help his discouraged son get
 through college, a goofy and obnoxious
 businessman decides to enroll at the
 school as a student himself.

So when you need a TC fix, try a
 movie. For a list of possibilities, look
 at Internet Movie Cars Database.
 Enjoy!

Sandra Loe
 TCMG President 2019

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Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: Long Day at the Car Show

Tues, May 28th

8:00 PM

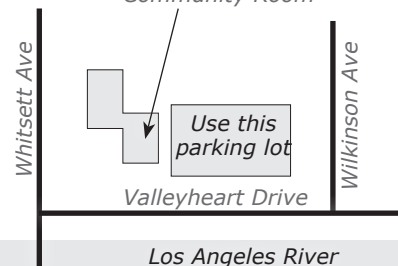
Joel Shapiro's Collection



TCMG member Joel Shapiro will be giving a talk about his vintage and collectable car collection. There are very interesting examples and some are one of a kind. There are stories on how he found them and what makes them different. Come and see some unique vehicles.



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Stagecoach Inn Tour



Our May event brought out 23 members and guests, with 7 TCs, one MGA and a smattering of moderns. We met for a light breakfast in Westlake Village before departing on what promised to be the most beautiful short tour one could imagine. Unfortunately just a few miles into our route, we found a truck overturned and blocking the road so were forced to backtrack through city streets to reach our first destination at Stagecoach Inn. We split up into several groups and toured the hotel, schoolhouse, rose gardens, primitive dwellings, coach house, working blacksmith shop and garage. Some members entertained the group on a 150-year-old piano in the hotel, while others took in the relaxing view from the front porch.



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Up next was a short drive to the Simmons' residence where we enjoyed a garden picnic. Linda Simmons had all kinds of goodies for drink and dessert, and it was devoured in no time. Afterward, the ladies toured the garden and Linda's studio while the guys took some time to perform a bit of maintenance on the cars. Jim Crandall's car was pulled into the garage for steering adjustments and Mel Appell was busy diagnosing a non-honking horn. The weather was perfect and the company as great as always. See you next month!

Steve Simmons



Photos by Steve Simmons



In TCs were: Garrett Hanes, Mel & Toni Appell, Jim & Norma Crandall, Kay & Larry Einhorn, Charlie Ockwell, Steve & Linda Simmons and Richard & Sandra Loe. In other iron were: Ron & Bobbie Simon, Pete & Fran Thelander, David & Suzie Coleman, Steve's parents Mike and Sherri plus Linda's parents George and JoAnn.



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Allan Chalmers' Profile

Originally printed in the Winter 1992 issue of the Classic Chassis and happy to reprint again here.

My automotive history goes back to practically my first step. I was certainly smitten with cars from an early age. I dreamed about them, lusted after them, couldn't wait to get my own - any kind, any shape. I practiced by building models, riding my bike erratically, building soapbox racers with ball bearing wheels, sitting for hours on end on the edge of Highway 101 three blocks from home, identifying cars.

When I finally reached the minimum age, I anticlimactically managed to wait a year before getting my first car, a 1936 Chevy business coupe whose mechanical condition convinced me that I didn't want to pursue a career of laying under automobiles with oil dripping in my eyes. I graduated from that car to a 1937 Buick Roadmaster that I proceeded to snazz up with a new paint job, white walls, a '41 Buick Century dual intake and exhaust manifold and more engine chrome that you could shake a stick at. A 4500 pound behemoth! And the torque! That was sold sold after I joined the Air Force in '54.

I had remembered TCs in Kjell Qvales's Van Ness Avenue lot in the late 40's and thinking that they were the most wonderful and exotic looking motorcars imaginable, but good grief, only 54 horses! I really needed to massage my ego by driving big powerful, American cars, not something that wouldn't get out of its own way. My ideal changed over a two year period in Alaska with the aforementioned Air Force, I decided an XK120 would meet all my macho needs, and I dreamed about my own 120 roadster. That never came about, probably for the best, because I was going 8 to be driving it to the East Coast to

complete my hitch. I bought a Pontiac. However, on returning to civilian life in '58, I finally picked up a TC. It was a bedraggled wreck, cost me \$500 and had to be towed home. I spent the next four years restoring it, and it is still my very favorite non-human thing. (Linda proof-reads this; I have to be careful.)

I've owned: 1-TD, 2-TFs, 1-ZA Magnette, 1-YT Tourer, 1-TC parts assemblage, and just last year a second TC on which I am completing a restoration. Among other cars passing through the garage were a TR-3, a '55 Morris Minor Convert and a Nash Healey. There is also a 356 Porsche in my small collection. It's been there since '65.

There may be a real "small world" story about the latest TC: My first ride in a TC was in a neighbors's car in '49 or '50. It was modified considerably, although practically new, with louvered hood, bobbed front fenders, missing running boards, had 16" wheels and a snarly exhaust. Same as the newest car. Could it be the same one?

Linda and I wish we could see you folks more often. She, and for a longer time, I have felt a very special bond with you all. See you at the Christmas Party?!!



Allan



TC Adventure, plucked from the MGOC

The editor of the national NAMGAR newsletter, MGA!, had a TC club encounter that he reported in the Nov/Dec issue, as follows:

I recently had an experience that is all too familiar to NAMGAR members everywhere. Call it a "failure to proceed," "roadside breakdown," or any number of terms; it's when you're standing next to a sick MG somewhere along a highway.



I was on my way to the Central Coast British Car Club's annual show at Channel Islands Marina in Ventura, California, in my 1947 MG TC when the car shut down completely. Not a miss, not a cough, not a sputter. It was deader than a raccoon frisbee in the fast lane of the Interstate. I coasted to the side of the road as cars buzzed by me, climbed out, opened the bonnet, and wiggled some wires looking for a loose connection. Nothing. I decided that rather than crawl over, under, and around the car, I would just call Triple A and suffer the ride of humiliation home on a flatbed truck.

I was in mid-conversation making arrangements with AAA when not one, but four vintage British cars pulled up behind me; another TC, a TF, an MGA, and a vintage Mini. They became known as the "Dream Team" and set about uncovering the cause of my TC's demise. Equipped with a multimeter, they were able to determine that the culprit was the voltage regulator, a part that has given me problems in the past. Better yet, they discovered by moving the 'A' wire to the 'A1' terminal, the circuit was completed and the car would run. There was no immediate sign of smoke or flames from the regulator, generator, or associated wiring and the Dream Team believed that it was "okay" to continue on.

The owner of the TC, Steve Simmons, was the lead trouble-shooter in this exercise and is now my "best friend forever." Not just because he got me going again, but because he has a six car garage with two lifts (which makes it an eight car garage), owns four other MGs and is quite knowledgeable. This is another example of what great people owners of vintage British cars are. It points out that one of the benefits membership in clubs, both local and national, can be. I've since joined the TC Motoring Guild and attended my first tech session. Oh, and I took Second Place in the T-Class at the car show. Steve got First Place.

Michael Tooke, Editor

(Mike & Pam Tooke joined TCMG in August 2018)



BRITISH SLANG LESSONS by Curt

British		English
Tube (underground)	=	Subway
Saloon	=	Sedan

Celebrating 100 Years

I don't know where you were on September 17, 1945 and how old you were then. I was 9 years old. Some of our older members were in their early teens. Some of our members had yet to be born.

However, on that date one of our members had been born and he was no longer a teen. His teen years had come and gone. He was now a fully matured 26 years old. He had

served his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

That date in history, September 17, 1945, marked the commencement of production of an MG model that would be called the TC. It all started with a car numbered TC 0252. So guess they were like WD 38 or WD39. Or 6 UP. Or 21 Skidoo.

We should give this guy a party

Not only let's do it. It will be done.

Wow

A Century Celebration



**June 28 at 12:30 PM
Viva Rancho Cantina
900 West Riverside Drive
Burbank, CA**

**Advanced payment required.
\$30 if paid by June 10th.
(see page 2)**

You won't want to miss this one. It might be a while before this gets repeated. Don't know how old you are but let's just call this a once in a lifetime event.

Oh, I forgot to mention. His name is Joe Douglass and we all love him.

This will be a great party for a great guy.

You 50 who have signed up know where to go and you will be reminded again and we thank you for your RSVP and your 10 payment.

Do your math and subtract 26 from 1945 you will see that this member was born in 1919. And if you continue to do your math you will see that since this year is 2019 and you subtract 1919 what do you get?

It looks like that would be 100

Over 50 have already signed up and will be there

**Did I say 100?
That's a C Note. 10 Squared. 200 rolls of pennies. 400 quarters.**



From 1962

There will be lots of food and drinks, a Big Band performance, and a cake.

If you are reading this and have not signed up you are in for a real nice surprise. Yes, you can still come and be a part of this never before in the history of the club event.

If you have any questions, contact me at goodeats@usa.net or call me at (818) 883-9999.

Or you can wait until 2119 and see if this is going to be repeated.

Larry Einhorn

More Interesting Facts on Our Members

The program at our March meeting was reading interesting facts about our members that they wrote out and we had to guess who it was. We have a diverse membership for sure. We ran 18 facts in the last issue, and the final 12 here. Each fact is tied to just one listed member here.

1. I married my girl friend's twin sister.
2. Chopped off end of my finger when I was 5 years old.
3. Built a "1965" Lotus 7 from scratch and sold it for \$32,000.
4. I bought my first car for \$70, but not in cash. Paid the \$70 by mowing the guy's lawn at \$2 per mow.
5. Have been to all the Disneylands on the planet.
6. My partner in marriage never wears a wedding ring.
7. I was three miles from Ground Zero "A" Bomb blast.
8. I have seen Bruce Springsteen in seven countries.
9. My great grandmother was kidnapped by indians in 1851 when she was 5 years old.
10. I have done CPR on more than one person (not at the same time).
11. I have a vehicle that according to 1930's advertising has exclusive "exceptional riding comfort."
12. I started school in a French village school.

Match these 12 members (in alphabetical order) to the facts on the left.

David Edgar
Joyce Edgar
Jill Einhorn
Larry Einhorn
Cliff Lemieux
Richard Loe
Sandra Loe
David Mathison
Don McLish
Karen Olson
Linda Simmons
Bob Brown (guest)

Answers on page 15.



1954 Singer Roadster similar to this one was bought for \$70 (#4).

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

May 5, 1947	TC 2798	David & Suzie Coleman
May 19, 1948	TC 5515	Jim & Jan Sullivan
June 4, 1947	TC 2903	Pete DeBruyn
June 10, 1948	TC 5700	Gordon & Mimi Glass
June 15, 1949	TC 8975	Steve & Linda Simmons

Happy 70th, 71st and 72nd Birthdays



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

March 26th Meeting Minutes

President Sandra Loe called the meeting to order at 7:59 PM.

Initially, 18 members were present. 3 more members arrived during the meeting.

Sandra read the poem "A Car is a Car". She then confirmed the attendance sheet was being circulated and determined there were no guests or new members at the meeting. The club had received a note of thanks from Pat Marcotte which Sandra read to the members. Sandra also announced the passing of a former member, Peter Henderson.



Sandra thanked

Steve Simmons and Curt Sorensen for organizing last month's program and Karen Olson for bringing this month's refreshments. Sandra gave a brief summary of the Wildflower Tour and thanked Steve for putting together a route which took us to beautiful wildflowers but avoided the crowds. She expressed the club's appreciation to Fran and Pete Thelander for agreeing to present the program for tonight's meeting.

Two members present have April birthdays. Curt Sorensen's birthday is April 4 and he was born in Nebraska. Fran Thelander's birthday is May 14 and she was born in Berwyn, Illinois. Joyce Edgar said she was also born in Berwyn, Illinois. Quite a coincidence! There are 8 cars belonging to members who live in California which were produced in the month of April. They are the TCs belonging to Marsala, Pate, Sonner, Uniack, Loe, Simon, Hanes, and Wescott.

12 Sandra related significant events which



occurred during April of 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, and 1949.

Secretary Richard Loe announced the minutes for the last meeting had been published in the newsletter. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as written. By vote of the members present the minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer Joyce Edgar announced a copy of this month's Financial Statement is available at the meeting for review. She also announced that she has filed all required State of California and Federal Government tax and information returns for 2018.

Since Steve Simmons had not yet arrived at the meeting (he was delayed because his TC was being used in a movie photo shoot), Sandra outlined the upcoming event, a May 3 tour of the Stagecoach Inn to be followed by a picnic at Steve and Linda's featuring desserts prepared by Linda.

Curt reviewed the programs scheduled for the coming months. At this point, September is the only month which does not have a program.

Committee member reports were postponed briefly for a discussion about the Holiday Party. It was suggested we consider holding the party on a Saturday and possibly starting the party in the afternoon rather than the evening. Karen Olson volunteered to contact the Sportsmen's Lodge regarding date and time availability.

Moving back to committee reports, Editor David Edgar encouraged the members submit material for the upcoming issue of Classic Chassis.



Just some of those present at the meeting that night.

Sunshine Chair Bobbie Simon had nothing new to report. Fran Thelander informed us that both George and Kevin Kershaw have contracted pneumonia. Bobbie indicated she would contact them.

Historian Don McLish reported that boxes of slides which were donated by Barney Jackson have been turned over to David Edgar for scanning. Don suggested some of the photos could be the basis of a future meeting program.

Refreshment Chair Jan Sorensen noted there are still months for which no one has volunteered to bring refreshments. She announced the sign up sheet is on the table next to the refreshment table.

Regalia Chair Linda Simmons was absent, therefore no report.

Web Master Steve Simmons had not yet arrived at meeting, therefore no report.

Sandra opened the meeting for old business. Larry Einhorn discussed plans for the celebration of Joe Douglass' 100th birthday. He suggested the celebration be held at the Viva Rancho Cantina restaurant. Possible dates for the party were discussed. Costs of meals were reviewed and a meal option was selected. The club authorized up to \$250 from the treasury to be made available to cover various expenses associated with the celebration. Larry suggested that once the details were finalized an announcement of Joe's birthday celebration be sent out to the membership on our TCMG group email.

Steve Simmons, having now arrived at the meeting, reminded the group to please RSVP to him for the Stagecoach Inn Tour.



Sandra listed several dates to remember. They are May 3 for the Stagecoach Inn Tour, May 28 for the next monthly meeting, and August 12-16 for GoF West to be held in Prescott, AZ.

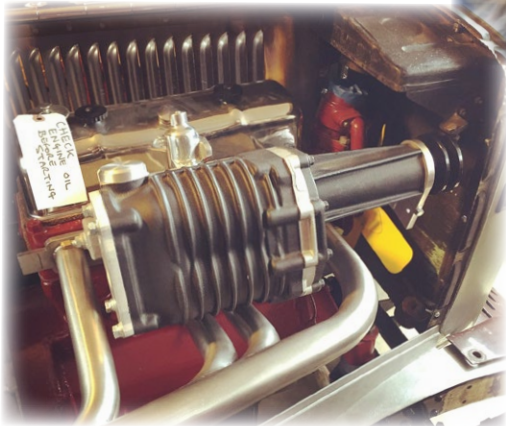
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, *Richard Loe*



Project Report

TCMG member John Uniack sent these photos to show what he is up to with his TC 8580. TC frame but a QT Special body from Steve Baker in England. Power is a fresh XPAG with Eaton blower. John said he is having a blast building it.



Steve Baker also provided the body for Robert Ford's Special shown here in black.

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| 2. Cliff Lemieux | 6. Linda Simmons | 10. Joyce Edgar |
| 3. David Mathison | 7. Bob Brown | 11. Don McLish |
| 4. David Edgar | 8. Jill Einhorn | 12. Karen Olson |