

# TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

*Sept  
2019*



Car display at GoF West in Prescott, AZ.  
Seven TCs were present, and these two  
represented TCMG (Edgar and Loe)



14 year old Tate helping his  
grandfather, Richard, work on the TC.  
See Sandra's column on page 3.

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*Harvey Schnaer and Tony Henkels*

*Two of our TCMG members who were very  
active but have passed on and we miss them*

*Harvey passed 11/9/08  
and Tony passed 9/12/15*

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## Sandra Says



It finally happened, we have a grandson interested in cars, is mechanically inclined, and quick to visualize and solve problems. Tate is 14, our fourth and youngest grandchild. He and his family lived a block away until a year ago when they relocated to Milton, Georgia north of Atlanta. Daughter Emily and son-in-law Marc kept their La Cañada house and visit as their schedule allows. Tate and his older brother Aaron (16) are avid soccer players. Unfortunately many

athletes are occasionally injured. Tate tore his ACL in May and had surgery in California as soon as school was out for the summer. He is back on his feet without crutches, the brace is off, he continues with physical therapy, and is healing well. Until Tate returns to Georgia for school in mid August, he and Richard are working on MGs.

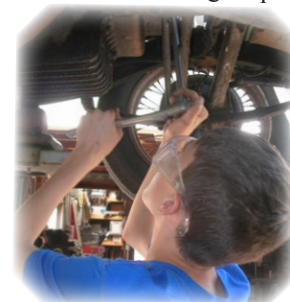
They started by finishing the front end rebuild of TC 5970 so it would be ready to take to GoF in Prescott. Then they tackled TC 6885 which had been owned by Jay Reichwein who was a TCMG member in the 1950's and 1960's. The car was last driven in 1964 and when we purchased it in 2016 the engine was stuck. Tate and Richard removed the

head and as they expected found the head gasket was damaged and coolant had leaked into one cylinder. They cleaned the cylinder wall and soaked the cylinder with penetrating oil for a few days. Then they put the car in fourth gear and rocked the car about 20 times before the piston broke loose. Next came removing the stuck piston after taking the engine pan off. I see the direction of this project: engine parts being removed and put

into boxes and orders sent off to *From the Frame Up*. Richard assures me this is not the beginning of a restoration project. Rather, he says, it is an educational exercise with the goal being to do the mechanical repairs needed to get the TC back on the road.

We're enjoying our time with Tate, however I have been reminded of the food consumption of a growing boy and have turned into a short order cook. We all hope Tate is ready to play high school soccer in early 2020. There is a chance Tate (a sophomore)

and his brother (a senior) might play together for the first time since it is possible they could both qualify for the varsity team. Time will tell.



*Sandra Loe*  
TCMG President 2019



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## Einhorn Chicago Hot Dog Party

**August 24th**

Flyer with details was mailed out to our local So. Calif membs, plus a group email sent out with RSVP deadline of Aug 17th. Hope you sent in your RSVP to Larry.

Report and photos next issue.



**Tuesday,  
August 27th**

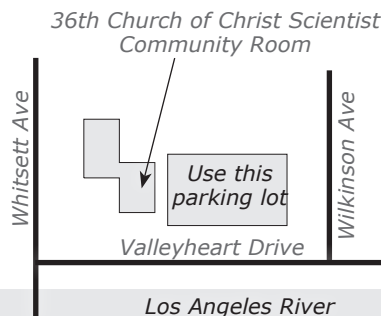
**8:00 PM**

**New Zealand  
MG Adventure**

*Dave & Bobbi Spiegel went on a MG New Zealand adventure in an MGSA recently. Learn all about this fabulous trip from video, slides and discussion with Dave.*



These prewar TAs and SVW MGs are just some of Gary Wall's collection. He invited 10 prewar MG owners from all over the world to use them to participate in the New Zealand pre-56 Rally, which is a 1400 mile long, 9 day event.



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## 1947 MGTC #1

*Bill Young has owned four different TCs. This is the story of his 1st one. Stories of the others to come in future issues.*

A person walks down the street, sees a MGTC, is struck by the absolute “rightness” of the design. This person is utterly unable to go on with the business of life until he (or she) buys one. It happened to Phil Hill, the famous race car driver. He was a mechanic at a Packard dealership in Los Angeles, California. One day, he spotted a new MGTC parked in front of a restaurant and waited to talk to the owner. He never went back to the Packard dealership. The next day he went to the MG dealer (International Motors) and got a job as a mechanic – and bought a new MGTC. Denise McCluggage, a famous automotive journalist was walking down the street of San Francisco and passed Kjell Qvale’s MG Dealership in late 1948. She spotted a new MGTC on the showroom floor and “had to have it.” She bought it on the spot. This “gotta have one” also happened to singer Mel Torme, Buddy Rich and countless others – including me.

I was about 14 or 15 when I saw my first MGTC. It was at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California - next to Pasadena. Across from the main entrance to the Huntington Library was a beautiful

home that was used to film the popular “Bob Cummings” TV show. I had bicycled from my house to watch the film crew. However, in the parking lot of the Huntington Library was this absolutely stunning black TC. I just stood there and stared at it for a long time. I learned later that this was the famous “Square TC” owned by Frank Mason. Years later I became good friends with Bobbie ‘dine Rodda -a well-known automotive journalist and photographer. Frank Mason was her father.

My first MGTC (I’ve had 4) belonged to my brother’s father-in-law. It had been sitting sideways in the back of the garage of his Balboa Island (Newport Beach) home. It probably hadn’t run in 10-15 years. It had cut down 16” wheels, wrong taillights, ratty upholstery and no top or side curtains. But I loved it. I think I paid \$350 (this was in 1963). We towed the car to Mike Goodman (a well-known MG mechanic) to help sort the car out. Several hundred dollars later, the car was better, but still not very good. I sold the car to a member of the TC Motoring Guild - the local TC club.

*Bill*



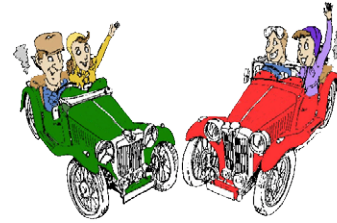
(above)  
Bill with  
his 4th and  
current TC



Two photos  
to the left -  
Frank Mason  
and his TC



## 63rd TCMG / ARR Annual Conclave



**October 12-14**

**Saturday - Monday**

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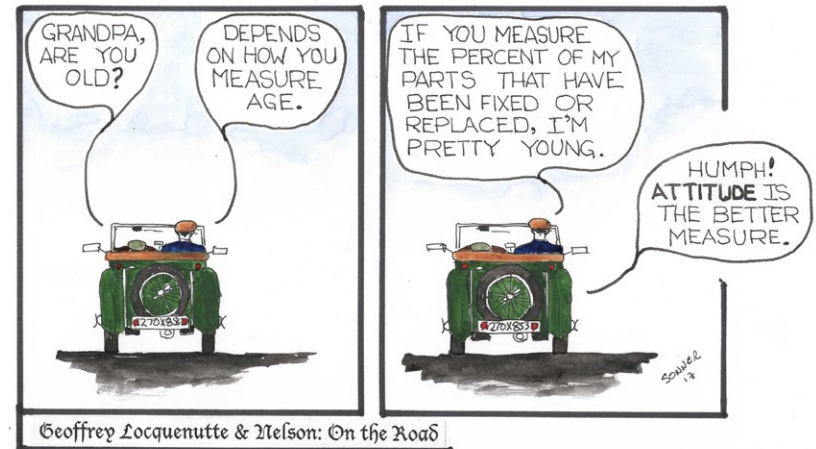
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Reserve under group name “TC Motoring Guild”

Room prices: Saturday night: \$169 + tax

Sunday night: \$129 + tax



## More from Allan Chalmers

Allan Chalmers shared these three old photos that he got from Barry Swackhammer. We have no information on the TCs or what event or events these came from. However the TC to the right here sports a TCMG badge.

Thanks for passing them on Allan.





# GoF West 2019

August 12-16, 2019

Prescott, AZ

While the heat of Arizona in the summer probably scared off a few MGers, the town of Prescott is a mile high and daytime temps were not bad at around 93° (compared to down the hill in Phoenix at 115° or more). There were 70 registered plus another 11 In-Spirit.

Car show (with 7 TCs) was in the beautiful historic downtown where they closed off a street just for us. Rallye around Prescott showed off the splendor and beauty of the area.

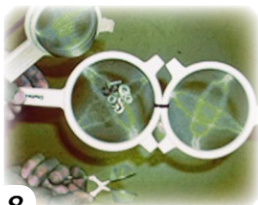
TCMG members who attended were Richard & Sandra Loe and David & Joyce Edgar with TCs, plus Pete & Fran Thelander, Larry & Barbara Long, Doug Pelton and Willie Williams.

Regarding the heat, ask Joyce how hot it was in the TC through the desert. She received a 2nd degree burn on her leg when it rested on the chrome gear shift lever.

Many thanks to TCMG member, Larry Long who co-hosted the GoF West event this year.



First Timer display on resort patio



Doug Pelton's tech session with lots of helpful restoration tips. One tip when sandblasting small parts is to put them in a strainer sandwich. What a great idea.



Start of the Rallye. David & Joyce were first out.



Larry Long always had a camera shooting photos of the event and he was co-chair for running the GoF this year.



Car display in downtown historic Prescott



Richard Loe and Doug Pelton at the car display where Doug helped out parking cars



Pete & Fran Thelander running the funkhana in a borrowed TD



Sandra guiding blindfolded Richard through a funkhana maze



The Loe's TC veered from the course and ran over an orange. No damage and they backed up to continue on.

## Awards to TCMG members

Richard & Sandra Loe - 1st Place - Rally (Pre-'56)  
2nd Place - Carless Funkhana (Couple)  
3rd Place Funkhana (TC and Earlier)

Sandra Loe - 1st Place MG Crafts

David & Joyce Edgar - 1st Place Funkhana (TC & Earlier)  
1st Place Carless Funkhana (Couples)

Doug Pelton 1st Place - Valve Cover Racer  
1st Place - Valve Cover Race (unlimited)





## 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

## Wanted: Original Factory Steering Wheel

Presentable condition that could be repaired.

Replaced your original wheel with a Brooklands? Want to sell the original one?

Gordon Glass. ghgmlg@yahoo.com

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



## BRITISH SLANG LESSONS by Curt

British		English
Sump	=	Oil pan
Flyover	=	Overpass
Power Point	=	Electrical Outlet



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

## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Aug 19, 1947	TC 3353	Gene Olson
Aug 19, 1948	TC 6265	David & Lucy McCanne
Aug 22, 1947	TC 3387	Brian Wescott
Aug 24, 1948	TC 6288	Leverne & Ruthann Norton
Aug 25, 1947	TC 3399	John & Linda Wright
Aug 31, 1948	TC 6373	Cliff Lemieux
Sept 3, 1948	TC 6422	Leo & Martha Pedersen
Sept 4, 1948	TC 6424	Howard & Carolyn Shempp
Sept 7, 1948	TC 6439	Ron & Diane Spindler

Happy 71st & 72nd Birthdays

## Commemorative Air Force Museum Tour



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Four TCs at the start (Loe, Reid, and Simmons) plus Crandall's in the garage. Cliff joined in his TC at the museum. Breakfast at the Crandall's home along with a garden tour was a great start to the event.

Many aircraft and memorabilia were at the Camarillo Commemorative Aviation Museum.



Climbing inside a military transport plane

Those members on the tour were: Steve & Linda Simmons, Richard & Sandra Loe, Jim & Norma Crandall, David Reid, Mel & Toni Appell, Pete & Fran Thelander, Bob & Kelly Wilmer, Cliff Lemieux with friend Bob Brown



Photos by Steve Simmons



Linda at the controls of a helicopter



Perfect TC event - start with breakfast and end with lunch





## July 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes



Two TCs at the meeting

President Sandra Loe called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM.



Sandra read the poem "Car of Life" by Seema Chowdbury. She then confirmed the Attendance Sheet was being circulated.

Guests at the meeting were Bob Brown and Cliff Lemieux's son-in-law Ritchie Leroy. There were no new members present.

Sandra thanked Cindy Henkels for providing the venue for the annual picnic and for preparing the delicious appetizers and cakes which she served. She thanked the Einhorn's for all the work they did for Joe Douglass' 100th Birthday Party. She also recognized the Crandalls for providing breakfast at their home before our outing to the Commemorative Air Force Museum and she thanked Steve for organizing the event.

Sandra expressed appreciation to Cliff for agreeing to provide this evening's program, and she thanked Jan Sorensen for bringing the refreshments and the Simons for continuing to bring coffee to the meetings month after month.

None of the members present have birthdays in July and no local TCs were produced in the month of July.

Sandra related world events of interest which occurred during the month of July in 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, and 1949.

Secretary Richard Loe asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to the June minutes as printed in the newsletter. Don McLish suggested the June minutes should be changed to clarify David Edgar, rather than Don, was doing the scanning of photos obtained from past member Barney Jackson.



Treasurer Joyce Edgar reported our bank balance is good, the current financial statements are available for review, and we currently have 94 members. She also reported the cost of Joe Douglass' Birthday Party was \$234 paid by the club and \$500 donated by a club member.

Event Chair Steve Simmons told us the Einhorn Chicago Hot Dog Party will be August 24 and reminded us that Conclave will be October 12-14. The Inn at Morro Bay still has rooms available.

Curt Sorensen told us about upcoming programs, indicating the only month still open is September. Malcolm Buckeridge offered to do the September program.

Newsletter Editor David Edgar encouraged submissions for the newsletter.

Linda Simmons said all regalia is available including a few TC Motoring Guild specific spark plug holders priced at \$40 each.



Webmaster Steve Simmons reminded us the website is updated at least twice monthly and he will add any submissions.

Sunshine Chair Bobbie Simon had nothing new to report.

Historian Don McLish deferred to David Edgar who gave a progress report on scanning the Jackson photos.

Hospitality Chair Jan Sorensen reminded the members there are still months with no volunteers to bring refreshments and she has the sign up sheet.

Holiday Party Chair Karen Olson was absent, therefore no report.



Refreshments enjoyed by all

Sandra asked if there was any new business and there was none.

Sandra reminded the members the Chicago Hot Dog Party will be at the Einhorn's on August 24, the next club meeting will be August 27, GoF West will be August 12-16 in Prescott, AZ, and Conclave will be in Morro Bay October 12-14.

Sandra adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

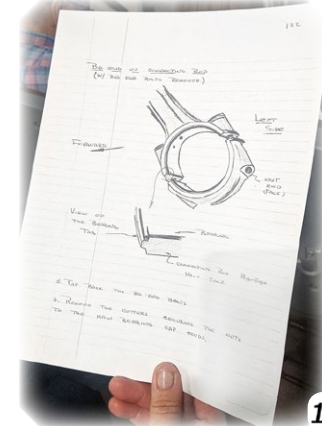
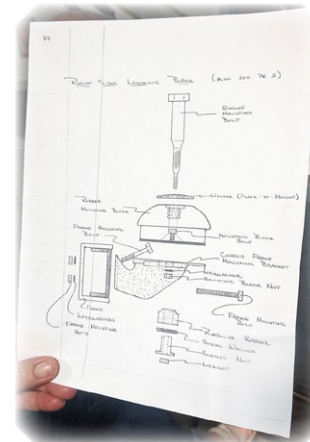
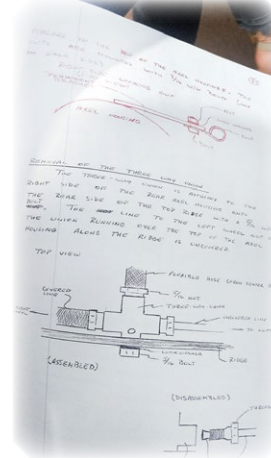
Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, *Richard Loe*

Photos by Steve Simmons & David Edgar



Cliff's restoration talk was very interesting. He shared some of his notes and technical drawings with us. He also showed us a NOS fan belt. Never mounted but 20 years old. Aged rubber does not keep and shredded when used.





## Club Regalia

<b>TCMG Car Badge</b>	\$25 (\$30 if mailed) members only
<b>TCMG Cloth Patch</b>	\$8 (\$9.50 if mailed) members only
<b>TCMG Lapel Pin</b>	\$3 (\$5 if mailed)
<b>TCMG Lapel Vintage Pin</b>	\$3 (\$5 if mailed)
<b>MG TC Pin &amp; MG Car Club Pin</b>	(inquire)
<b>MG TC Color Specs</b>	\$2 members, \$3 non-members, Postage \$2
<b>TCMG Photo Puzzles</b>	\$15 plus postage (contact Linda for postage cost, design and availability)
<b>Vintage TCMG T-shirts</b>	\$15 for short sleeve, \$18 for long + postage
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**October 22 - Our Halloween Meeting**

**November 26 - Africa Travels by David Mathison**

**December 8 - Annual Meeting & Holiday Party**