



TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

April 2020



A couple months ago we showed five TC transmissions being rebuilt by TCMG member, Tom Wilson. Now he is building up the two TC tubs shown here. Note the two frames on the left background as well as many shelves of parts to be fitted. He wants to finish the two TCs first but also has 12 other MGs he is working on including an L1, 4 J2s, 4 PAs, 2 PBs and a VA Saloon.





CLASSIC CHASSIS April 2020

Published in
Southern California by the
TC Motoring Guild
PO Box Number 263
Montrose, CA 91021
www.tcmotoringguild.org

The Classic Chassis is
published eleven times a year,

All contributions: articles,
letters, advertisements, and
captioned photos for the next
issue should be sent to:

The Classic Chassis
c/o David Edgar,
1454 Chase Terrace
El Cajon, CA 92020
djedgar1970@gmail.com

LUCAS CLASSIC TIRES
Lester, Firestone, Denman, Lucas.
Custom Classic, Goodyear, Dunlop & more.
We can save you money!
www.LucasClassicTires.com
2850 Temple Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806
800-952-4333



TCMG Officers and Chairs for 2020

President/Website	Steve Simmons	(see directory)	mail@mgnuts.com
Vice Pres.	Curt Sorensen	818-991-6152	curtwlv@aol.com
Secretary	Cliff Lemieux	805-984-5678	lemieux237@aol.com
Treas/Memb	Joyce Edgar	619-593-8255	djedgar1970@gmail.com
Director	Larry Einhorn	818-883-9999	goodeats@usa.net
Director	Toni Appell	818-648-9995	tjappell@aol.com
Ex Officio	Sandra Loe	818-790-2332	fordydelux@yahoo.com
Events	Richard Loe	818-790-2332	fordydelux@yahoo.com
Programs	Joyce Edgar	619-593-8255	djedgar1970@gmail.com
Editor	David Edgar	619-593-8255	djedgar1970@gmail.com
Historian	Don McLish	818-352-3741	dmclish1@hotmail.com
Regalia	Linda Simmons	(see directory)	linda@mgnuts.com
Sunshine	Bobbie Simon	818-708-2033	simonbobbie@yahoo.com
Hospitality	Jan Sorensen	818-991-6152	janwlv@aol.com
	Karen Olson	805-522-8052	karenolson@gmail.com

Steve's Thoughts



The new year is off to a great start. Our outing to Lanterman House in March was enjoyed by all who attended, from the house tour to the driving tour, and of course our lunch at a 105 year old soda fountain. A few hearty souls even had room for dessert, which was a show in itself!

Regarding our upcoming events and meetings, note that some may be postponed or canceled depending on what happens with the unprecedented "flu season"

we're experiencing. But at least we can continue to enjoy our TCs by driving and maintaining them as usual. Check our website for the latest updates on club activities by visiting www.tcmotoringguild.org

If you're in the middle of an interesting project or simply take a nice Spring drive, why not share it by sending photos to our newsletter editor? Your fellow TCMG'ers would love to see what you and your TC are up to. The beauty of the electronic age is that we can still keep in touch and share experiences even when we aren't meeting in person.

Keep 'em on the road!

Steve Simmons
TCMG President 2020

2020 TCMG Directory

The 2020 TCMG Directory is in the process of being updated. Still have your TC or bought a another one? Have you moved, changed telephone numbers or email? If anything has changed since the 2019 directory and you have not already let us know, please do so by March 24.

Send updated information to David & Joyce Edgar at:
djedgar1970@gmail.com



TC Motoring Guild
2020 Directory

FROM THE FRAME UP

Specializing in MG hard to find parts.

"I started my business 10 years ago with the specific intent to improve quality and availability of parts for the TABC enthusiast. Today, FTFU offers an unequalled collection of parts and services. FTFU is working hard to help you keep your car on the road!"

Doug Pelton



Here is what we can do for you!

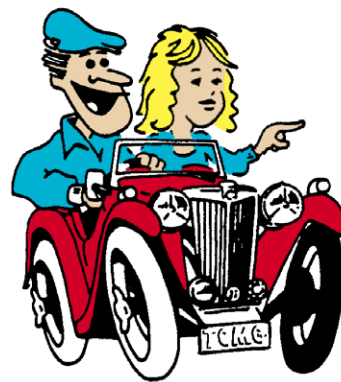
- **Catalog - 140 pages:** FTFU has most every part for TABC's. Quality items many not available elsewhere.
- **Full restoration service:** We take it to the frame and rebuild each component to "like new" condition. Call to reserve a spot.
- **Tub rebuild:** We can build a new body for you and/or supply wood, components and technical help for you to do the same.
- **Component Repair:** FTFU can rebuild any major component that may require special tools or expertise. Instruments, dash board, shocks, stub axles & bushings, wiper motors, horns, headlamps; engines, oil pump, rocker arms, gearbox, differential, steering box, ID plates, and more.

Give us a call, we do it all!

Visit our web for valuable tech tips and videos.

www.FromTheFrameUp.com

480-588-8185



**Tuesday,
March 24th**

**Meeting Cancelled
due to COVID-19 Situation**

We decided better to be safe. Go clean, drive or work on your TC instead and then share the experience in the next newsletter.

Queen's English Car Show

~~Sunday, April 5th~~

~~Woodley Park, Van Nuys~~

**Rescheduled for
September 27, 2020
due to COVID19 situation**

Come join your friends and neighbors for a car show. Bring your TC if you have one. TCMG will be in the MG display area (bring a lunch or visit vendors).

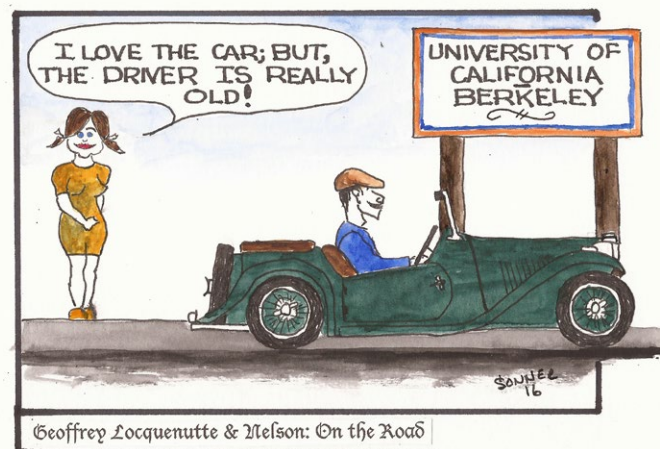
In addition to the car show, there is an Auto Jumble if you are looking for parts or want to sell parts.

Check Queen's English website for more show information and latest news especially with latest health care precautions going on. queens-english.org



BRITISH SLANG LESSONS by Curt

British		English
Bog Roll	=	Toilet Paper
One Off	=	One Time Only



Lanterman House Tour

Our mid week tour of the Lanterman House was enjoyed by 17 members and guests. Three TCs were present, driven by Lemieux, Simmons and Loe. The weather was perfect for a TC event and the program informative. It was fascinating to hear and see what was important to the Lanterman family when building and outfitting their house in 1915, like the impressive foyer and ballroom that were included in the design to help entice Mrs. Lanterman away from her social life on the west side of L.A. It may have gotten her to the then rural La Cañada, but it appears her wishes were overruled, the foyer was used as a billiards room and they never hosted a ball!

The home was a time capsule largely due to the property remaining in the family from the time of construction until it was donated to the City of La Cañada in 1987. Properties may stay in a family for generations on the east coast, but not so much in Southern California. As time passed and the decades of stuff increased, the afore mentioned ballroom ended up being used for storage by the bachelor sons.

After touring the Lanterman House, we took a scenic route to South Pasadena for lunch at the Fair Oaks Pharmacy & Soda Fountain. We toured through residential neighborhoods of Flintridge, Linda Vista, under the Colorado Street Bridge (a local landmark), and along the west side of the Arroyo Seco. Upon arrival, we found the menu offered a variety of yummy choices with fountain desserts being their specialty. Larry Einhorn, an ice cream connoisseur, devoured his decadent mountain of good stuff. Several of us indulged in gooey desserts topped with a cherry, however Jan Sorensen found a good balance of a half sandwich, onion rings, and a single scoop ice cream cone. So smart. Go Jan!

Sandra Loe



TCs l-r: Loe, Simmons, Lemieux.
Shapiro had the Studebaker in the back



Kay Einhorn



Toshimi Shapiro

Photos by Steve
Simmons,
Sandra Loe and
Larry Einhorn



Fair Oaks Pharmacy & Soda
Fountain in Pasadena was a
definite hit with our group



In TCs were: Cliff Lemieux with Bob Brown, Steve & Linda Simmons, & Richard & Sandra Loe. In non TCs were: Joy & Malcolm Buckridge, Kay, Jill, & Larry Einhorn, Cindy Henkels, Don McLish, Joel & Toshimi Shapiro, and Jan & Curt Sorensen.



May 1st-3rd

Fallbrook Double Day

Fallbrook is known as "the friendly village" offering a beautiful view and a beautiful climate from San Diego to the east of the U.S. Marine Corps Camp Pendleton and once was a stagecoach stop for the stage that ran from Temecula to San Diego.

Fallbrook is a center for the arts. In the 1940s and 1950s it was the home of film director Frank Capra, who raised olives on his Red Mountain Ranch. He served on the Board of the local water district and produced a short subject film about a water rights controversy with the federal government titled "The Fallbrook Story." Among those that have had homes in Fallbrook are: Martin Milner, Howard Keel, and Tom Selleck.

We will kick off our weekend in the Fallbrook/Temecula area with lunch in Bonsall at Gorden and June's "Rancho del Lago". Mid afternoon we will caravan to Fallbrook for the night. On Saturday we will explore the De Luz Road and stop for lunch in Temecula at a British themed café. The afternoon will be "free time" to explore Old Town Temecula, antique shops or many wineries. Back in Fallbrook for dinner we will gather at one of Gorden's favorite restaurants for dinner and entertainment by a saxophone player. Sunday morning we will finish up our activities with a group photo before heading home.



Rodeway Inn – 760/728-6174
or 760/728-6161

Rooms rates are \$99/night + taxes

The Inn has set aside 12 rooms for us which are reserved under the name Richard Loe.

**Please make Roadway
Reservations by April 15**

After making a reservation, please contact Gorden or Richard so meal reservations can be made accordingly.

Questions?

Contact: Richard or Sandra Loe,
fordydelux@yahoo.com

Gorden Bundy or June Wennekamp
gdbundy@gmail.com

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

April 8, 1948	TC 5221	Bill Traill
April 12, 1949	TC 8441 EXU	Ernie & Elizabeth Page
April 14, 1947	TC 2556	John & Phylis Williams
April 14, 1948	TC 5230	Ed & Dee Koskie
April 14, 1948	TC 5238	Jim & Kim Ellis



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

Welcome to Our Newest TCMG Members

Welcome

Pete & Lisa Gannon
11 E. Papago Drive
Tempe, AZ 85281
phone: 480-946-6075

pandl@cox.net
1949 TC 9853 EXU XPAG 10512 Black / Red
1947 TC 3195 XPAG 3195 Black / Red



TC 3195 is a pure, unrestored TC with original paint and equipment and has won awards as most pure car.

TC 9853 is a second TC build up from parts in the same color scheme as the original (pictured here). Won 1st Place in TC division at 2018 GoF West at Lake Tahoe.

Second photo is of Pete with his first car (MG TD) when he was 13 years old in 1969. Also owns a MG YT and a 1979 MGB.



TCMG Gallery page
tcmotoringguild.org/members/gannon/



Rob Zucca

2373 Parkway Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010
phone: 805-285-8956 (c)
805-577-4005
cavaddict@hotmail.com
1948 TC5464 XPAG 6199 Red / Biscuit

Over the years, Rob has had three MGAs as well as an MGB, '63 Morris Cooper S, and four Morris Minors. Still has one MGA and now a TC.



Rob was checking the master brake cylinder fluid and found this Best Foods mayonnaise cap. Must have same threads.



TCMG Gallery page
tcmotoringguild.org/members/zucca

The Restoration of TC9849/EXU

New member Mike Simmons along with son, Steve, picked up a pile of TC parts to restore. Here is the second part of many as they go through the process.

Part Two: Lets ruin some clothes.

With the frame repaired and prepped for paint, it was time to get a rust-preventative coating on it. There are several good methods for painting a frame including powder coat, automotive spray and my choice, POR15. This paint can be brushed on, yet it will dry completely smooth and hard as a rock. If you do manage to scratch it somehow, any rust that forms on the metal will be unable to migrate underneath, unlike paint or powder finishes. That makes it ideal as a permanent coating for surfaces that will be abused and difficult to inspect or re-finish. The downside is that it requires more manual labor than the other two options. Two coats were applied, followed by a top coat in a period-appropriate semi-gloss black. Also coated were two T-shirts, a sweater and a pair of pants.

While the frame was curing, the front axle was measured for proper alignment. This is a surprisingly simple process that can be done with common tools. All you need is a flat, level surface and a way to measure angle. The angle can be measured off the king pins for both camber and castor. The axle should also sit flat and not rock back and forth. Much harder to measure is overall straightness from left to right, but if camber and castor are perfect on both ends then in all likelihood it is straight.



Once proper axle alignment was confirmed, more suspension and brake parts



Frame painted and awaiting parts

were scrubbed and sand blasted clean. The brake drums were painted with a high temperature spray, after measuring to make



sure they were good (they measured brand new). Everything else was then coated in the same manner as the frame.

Included in the painting was a pair of remanufactured steering knuckles. Since TC front spindles have a history of cracking after long-term or hard use, and because we had no idea what these spindles had been through in the past, it seemed prudent to rebuild the knuckles with modern and stronger oversized spindles. This is accomplished by boring out the old spindles and pressing new ones in. It's a very tight fit and is a job best left to a machinist unless you're properly equipped for such a job.



While waiting for paint to cure, I decided to inspect the engine. It was reportedly rebuilt 40 years ago. I don't know who did

the work but there was a Mike Goodman business card in a bag with a rebuilt water pump, so I'll have to test Mike's memory to see if he can confirm that he did the engine work. I spotted a TF1500 exhaust manifold, a later model oil pump/filter combo and some parts that I wish hadn't been chromed (like the front plate) because they were now rusty. The engine turned without much effort, and a boroscope inspection showed brand new pistons and a nice cross hatch pattern on the cylinder

Piston and cylinder wall



walls. It was rebuilt indeed! We will only need to open it up to inspect the work and then seal it back up with fresh gaskets. Hurrah!

The next thing I was curious about was the condition of the wheels. It took a lot of scrubbing to get the old, hard grease out of the splines so I could mount them

to a truing stand. Most were badly out of true. I put one of the best into the blasting cabinet and stripped it to bare metal so the rim could be examined. Unfortunately there were some cracks around the spoke holes so it may end up costing more to rebuild and repair these wheels than buying new ones. Further inspection will be required.



To be continued...

Steve

GoF West 2020

June 28-July 3, 2020

WELCHES, OREGON

\$45.00 USD before April 16, 2020
\$55.00 USD after April 15, 2020
In Spirit \$25.00

More information and registration forms can be found at: GoFWest.org
Registration payments and forms go to:
Marian Downs
2123 18th Street
West Linn, OR 97068



Mt Hood Oregon Resort
68010 E. Fairway Avenue
Welches, Oregon 97067
1-800-733-0800 or mthood-resort.com
\$139 per night plus taxes
(use code GoF West 2020)

Arthur Lloyd's Travels

TCMG member Arthur Lloyd made a trip to Abindon a couple years ago and shares these photos with us. Art lives in New Jersey and still drives his TC almost every day sun or snow.

Cecil Kimber's home, and now home to the MG Car Club. Cecil was the founder of the MG marque.



This shows the receptionist hard at work and a view of merchandise for sale.



The MG Museum in downtown Abingdon, England along with some interior shots



One of the original MG manufacturing buildings of which our TCs rolled through.



Same building from the factory heydays.

If you enjoyed looking at these photos, then you might be interested in a Facebook page on the MG Factory. Many photos of the interior of the MG factory over the years and quips from people who worked in the factory. Most fascinating. A quick look gave me these photos.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/811392982324589>
 Or go to Facebook and search for MG Factory Abingdon Remembered



MG factory in 1934



Cecil Kimber in his office



Old No 1, the first MG built by Cecil Kimber



THIS IS WHO WE ARE



DELIVERING THE BEST SERVICE SINCE 1948

Leif Jacobsen

Sales Representative

Moss employee since 2008

Compared to some on our sales staff, Leif is fairly young, but don't let that fool you—British sports cars are in his DNA. Leif maintains and races the same 1934 MG NA Magette that his father and grandfather once campaigned. Our sales team really knows British cars and that's why we are the best in the business.

SAME DAY SHIPPING

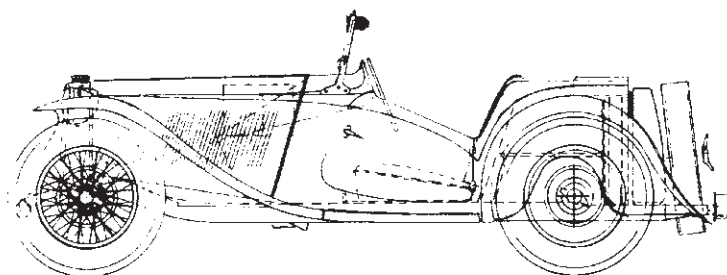
FREE CATALOGS

TECH SUPPORT

EAST & WEST COAST WAREHOUSES



800-667-7872
MossMotors.com



TC 9006 Lives On

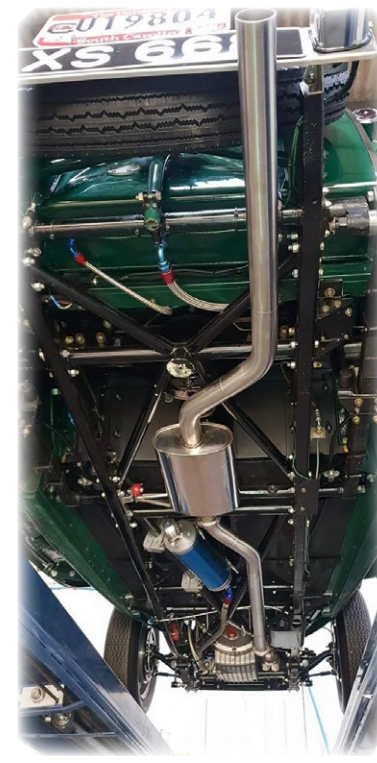
Some of you may remember TCMG member Bob Koons out of South Carolina and his 4 TCs plus a multitude of other very classic British cars. Unfortunately Bob passed away a few years back and Chris Bone (pictured here) was lucky enough to purchase the TC racer Bob had, known as "Updraught Special" which we featured here in 2010. It now resides in England and getting nice workouts on the roads there. It was great to hear from Chris and that TC 9006 is providing loads of fun for him. Since it was fully prepped for racing, Chris had to add a muffler to make it road legal.



Chris Bone



Bob Koons by his two race prepped TCs.



February 25th Meeting Minutes

The February meeting of the TC Motoring Guild was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by the president, Steve Simmons. He opened with a recap of last month's closing poem from "Road & Track," followed by a poem of a delusional Volkswagen driver.

Steve requested that the meeting attendance sheet be circulated, and noted one guest, Bob Brown, present. Fifteen members were in attendance with three TC's driven.

Treasurer's Report. Joyce Edgar submitted the Financial Membership Report as of 2/25/20 in absentia. Copy of the report was made available to members during the meeting, she indicated that she would be available after 8 p.m. by telephone if there were any questions or comments.

Membership.

Steve reported that the TCMG has two new members.

1. Pete and Lisa Gannon of Tempe, AZ, who have two TC's, both Black & Red, one of which, TC 9853, was originally just four cars apart on the assembly line with the TC that Steve is currently restoring.
2. Rob Zucca of Camarillo, who just signed up, is looking to be an active member of the club. The TC that he just purchased a couple weeks ago already has a history with the club.

Also, Joyce had reported that all but 9 members have responded to renewal notices. Notes have been sent to the non-respondents with a deadline of March 24th to renew.

Next month's program will be Hobby Night, a topic that has not been done in the last 6 – 7 years. All members are invited to share their interests; additional information will be in the next newsletter and on the website.



Some of the members present



Three TCs made it to the meeting, driven by: Lemieux, Simmons and Loe (same as previous month)

Secretary Cliff Lemieux reported that the minutes of previous meetings were published in the March newsletter, and asked if there were any additions or corrections. None were offered. By vote of the members present the minutes for the January meeting were accepted as written.

Programs. Events Chairman Richard Loe reported on upcoming club events.

1. March 4 – Lanterman House Tour. Richard suggested that participants dress warmly because on cool days the temperature inside house will also be cool. Following the house tour, lunch will be in South Pasadena at the historic Fair Oaks Pharmacy and Soda Fountain – be sure to "leave room for an incredible dessert." Joel Shapiro indicated that the location is near an old building that housed a Hudson dealership which may also be of interest. Please RSVP to Richard.

2. April 5 – Queen's English British Car Show and Auto Jumble. This will be an official TCMG event; attendees may either walk or drive your car in. Pre-registration for drive-in is \$20, and \$25 registration on the day of the event. Pre-registration information will be on the website.

3. May 1-3 – Double Day in Fallbrook and Temecula. A block of 12 rooms has been set

aside at \$99 plus tax per night at the Rodeway Inn in Fallbrook, so anyone planning to go may make reservations. The block of rooms is identified under "Richard Loe," "TCMG," or "TC Motoring Guild." See the TCMG website for additional information about this event.

4. May 30 – Autry Museum. Museum tour is planned to include a program on "Dress Code," presumably Western.

5. June 29 through July 3 – GoF Oregon. Those planning to attend should consider making reservations; more information will be forthcoming.

Old Business.

Holiday Party. Members have been encouraged to suggest other locations for the annual holiday party, and to volunteer to coordinate the arrangements upon deciding on a location.

Joel Shapiro made recommendations for two possible restaurants: The Smoke House in Burbank and The Tam O'Shanter Inn. Dinner prices for both restaurants are in the \$40-50 range which is comparable to prices members have been paying. Steve indicated flexibility in cost since the TCMG picked up part of the costs of previous dinners. Problem with the Tam O'Shanter is that they cannot accommodate a dinner party during



Viewing Evolution of the Auto

the usual time of year for the holiday party, but would be available for lunch.

Members discussed the consideration of lunch instead of dinner; dinner was unanimously preferred, so the Smoke House is tentatively agreed so far. Steve invited consideration of other locations.

Don McLish recommended also the Angeles National Golf Club on Foothill Blvd., in Sunland.

No New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. for a short refreshment break, followed by a video presentation on the "Evolution of the Auto."

Respectfully Submitted,

Cliff

Cliff Lemieux

TC for Sale



1946 California rear license plate



About as perfect as a TC can be. Restored and maintained by Martin Hveem (martinhveem@earthlink.net) at considerable expense, it is a fabulous car. A comfortable, quiet drive – without squeaks or rattles. Very dark green, licensed with a Year-of-Manufacturer black license plate.

For more pictures and information, contact Pat Marcotte, marcottetmg@sbcglobal.net, 408-340-0345.

Alternate contact: Allan Chalmers, allanchalmers@yahoo.com

Club Regalia

TCMG Car Badge	\$25 (\$30 if mailed) members only
TCMG Cloth Patch	\$8 (\$9.50 if mailed) members only
TCMG Lapel Pin	\$3 (\$5 if mailed)
TCMG Lapel Vintage Pin	\$3 (\$5 if mailed)
MG TC Pin & MG Car Club Pin	(inquire)
MG TC Color Specs	\$2 members, \$3 non-members, Postage \$2
TCMG Photo Puzzles	\$15 plus postage (contact Linda for postage cost, design and availability)
Vintage TCMG T-shirts	\$15 for short sleeve, \$18 for long + postage
Modern TCMG T-shirts	\$15 for short sleeve, \$18 for long + postage
TCMG Hoodies	\$30 + postage
TCMG Spark Plug Holder	\$40 + postage

Ball Caps

\$15.00 each, plus postage



TCMG embroidered ball caps are available in two styles – Flex Fit with modern style TCMG logo, and Traditional with Vintage TCMG logo.

Modern Cap Features:

Flex Fit cap with spandex rim band
Modern style TCMG logo on front with our web address on rear
Charcoal Grey with white logo, sizes SM/M or L/XL

Vintage Cap Features:

Vintage 1950's TCMG logo on front and "Est. 1954" on rear
Available in tan with green brim or solid black. (gold color on logos varies slightly between hat colors for best visibility)

Please specify style and color (where applicable) when ordering. Alternate colors may be available upon request. Inquire **18** for details.

See our website for other items
tcmotoringguild.org

REGALIA CHAIR

Linda Simmons linda@mnuts.com

Prices beyond our control
subject to change
International postage is extra



High quality cloth patch



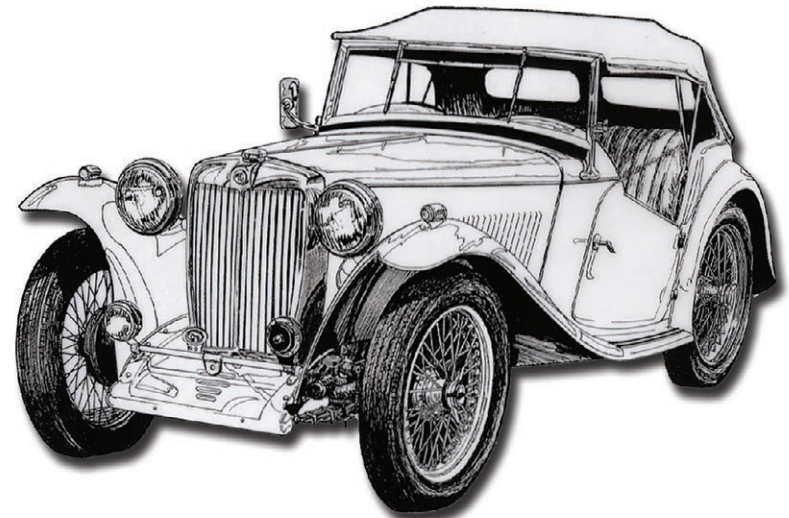
TCMG Spark Plug Holders



J. C. TAYLOR ANTIQUE AUTO INSURANCE

J.C. Taylor has been protecting prized possessions since 1929. We know the industry and the cars. And best of all, we know you. This is not just a car to you, it's your time machine, your memory scrapbook. It's your passion, and *ours*.

Insure with J.C. Taylor, and you can drive through time with peace of mind.



JCTAYLOR.COM

1-888-ANTIQUE



facebook.com/jctaylorinsurance

J.C. Taylor Antique Automobile Insurance
320 South 69th Street
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania