



TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

December 2020

... and how much if
we trade in the
stationwagon?



**On the lure
of a TC!**

Yes, totally unrealistic for a family like this but funny just the same. However I know there were times when families with kids had a TC for the daily driver and mom would do the grocery shopping in it. Those were the days. Dug this up from something I found back in the 1980s I think.



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Steve's Thoughts



It has been an interesting year to say the least. We had only two driving events and meetings before the Covid pandemic reared its ugly head. Who would have thought that we would see the holidays approach without an end in sight? With all of our remaining meetings cancelled for the year, and all further events scrapped, the outlook for enjoying our TCs seemed bleak. Yet it wasn't long before we began to see a few silver linings.

In May we enjoyed a new type of "do it yourself" event which allowed us to enjoy our cars safely, and share our adventures with other members. This idea continued for the rest of the year, with different themes each month.

Our first online "remote meeting" was held in June and allowed everyone to catch up, once we all got on board with the new technology. We figured out how to incorporate slide shows of event photos and other entertainment. And best of all, several of our distant members were able to participate for the first time.

Conclave was held, continuing a 65-year tradition in October. It was a very different event of course, but all who attended had a great time thanks to careful planning by the event organizers.

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but after all this I tend to disagree. TC Motoring Guild marches on in the face of these new challenges, thanks in no small part to all the people who volunteer their time to keep things running smoothly. Most of them are listed in the "Officers and Chairs" section on the adjoining page.

Before I end my final message as TCMG president for 2020, I'd like to thank just a few of this year's key players. David & Joyce Edgar, along with Mike Simmons for making our Zoom meetings happen and running the slide shows. Richard Loe for his efforts in adapting our driving events to the current state of affairs. Howard Shempp and his Rough Riders for keeping our Conclave tradition alive for another year. Plus all the unsung heroes who work behind the scenes to keep the club running. And last but not least, our wonderful members who keep the spirit of this fine organization going after so many years.

Keep 'em on the road!

Steve Simmons

TCMG President 2020

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Nov 17th TCMG Meeting

6:00 PM* 

Touring Alaska

David Reid and Terry Schuller recently traveled to Alaska. Saw Denali, buffalo, bears, moose, wide open spaces, pot holes, unpaved roads, and much, much more. They are also wonderful photographers, so expect some dazzling photos. Business meeting starts at 6pm Pacific time, but join 15 minutes early to meet fellow TCMG members.

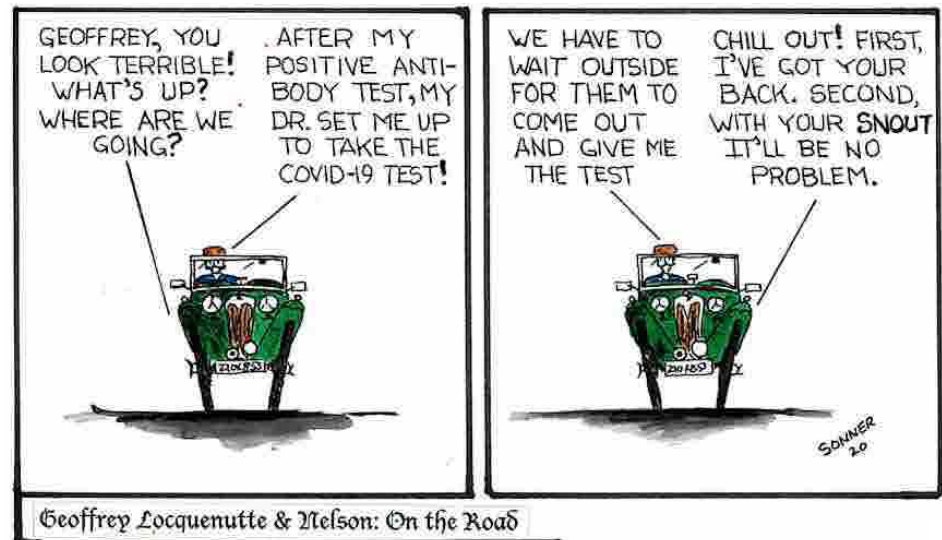
Watch for TCMG group email with link to join the Zoom meeting.

* Pacific Time

Note that this meeting is the THIRD Tuesday instead of the 4th to not lose Thanksgiving travelers.

If you are not on our TCMG group email and want to be notified, let us know and we can notify you too.

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November Thankful Tour Event

In November we had a Thankful Virtual Tour event. Drive your TC at least 10 miles and get a photo of something you are thankful for. We had seven members this month who participated. Glad they had fun.

I'm thankful for having the TC and the memories of growing up with the car. My dad bought the TC in 1948 and I spent my childhood sitting in the space behind the seat over the rear axle. He had modified the space (lengthened the tunnel and shortened the box over the axle) to give me and my sister space for our feet. I learned to drive in the TC when I was 12. That is about the same time I grew out of being able to squeeze into the space behind the seats.



As a side note, I'm thankful for the first rain of the season. I was able to take the TC for a drive today in what would be equivalent of a spring day in England, 50 degrees F and rain. The car has spent all of its life in southern California, so it is a rare occurrence to see rain. Hardly any rain got into the cab even though the side curtains were not installed.

Kregg Hunsberger

Tough one. Drive to a place your thankful for. Well.....it's right here! I'm thankful for Carol, my other half and our home so I did a nice 20 mile pleasure drive and drove to the place I'm thankful for..... home!

Rob Zucca & Carol



I am very thankful for mountains. I enjoy hiking and driving out there. I admire the beauty and serenity of the area. This picture was taken at Clear Creek in Angeles National Forest.

Richard Loe



We are thankful for our local firefighters, who saved so many homes around us in the Woolsey fire two years ago. "The fire was burning toward the ridge above our neighborhood, being fueled by 60 MPH winds blowing straight at us. The fire crews cleared a long line of brush along the hillside and then back burned the down-slope just in time to meet the approaching flames, which diverted the fire away from our area."

We took our TC to the site of the Old Mill in San Marino. 300 year old mill powered by water and used to grind grain. The mill has been preserved and is now an art gallery. It has withstood 300 years on a spot that could easily been developed for a mansion or something else and thus are thankful for this history preserved.

David & Bobbie Spiegel



Steve & Linda Simmons

It was tough to think about what single thing to be thankful for. Thought about "good driving roads," or the TC itself, but those seemed too easy. TCMG would also be too easy. Good weather might be too much teasing our eastern folk. So then we thought about firefighters and what a great job they did here a couple years ago. They are possibly why we still have a home.



Most thankful for my daughter's home in SLO, where I usually get TC6373 repaired. I used it most recently as a staging place for a couple of days to test drive the car for oil leaks before heading home to Ventura County.



No oil leaking on the ground now. (must be out of oil)



Cliff Lemieux

One More Thankful Tour Entry

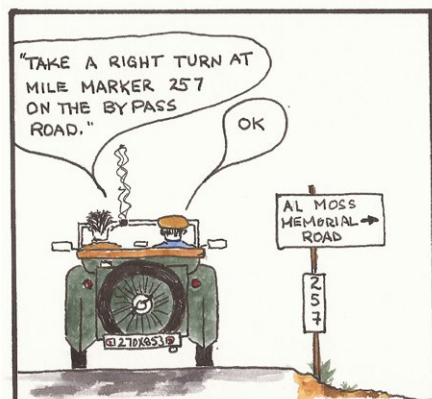
We have so many things to be thankful for. Family is one so we took the TC over to our granddaughter's swim lesson and got a shot of her behind the wheel. Then we went up the local major hill and viewed out towards the surrounding landscape, which

included all our daughters homes plus we could see the islands off San Diego (which actually are in Mexico). So much to be thankful for.

David & Joyce Edgar



Remembering Al Moss



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

Al Moss and Mike Goodman at the shop on Venice Blvd in the 1950s



TCMG Holiday Party / Annual Meeting

This important meeting is **TENTATIVELY** on hold as we decide what to do. May turn out to be a Zoom socializing meeting now. Stay tuned and notice will be sent out through our group email.

Because we must be flexible, standard components like the auction and toy drive are being eliminated. What we do want to do is continue to support the good work of the Assistance League of Los Angeles and their volunteer run Foster Children's Resource Center with cash donations instead of toys.



Many children entering the foster care system, come to foster families with only the clothes on their backs, and due to COVID will not be allowed to enter the FCRC building to "shop" for clothes and a toy. Instead, they submit sizes, needs & likes, so packages of clothing and a special toy can be prepared for them individually. The Hilltoppers Auxiliary volunteers are still filling all the orders they can. We can help by sending them money to purchase needed items (this group provides these kids with all new items, which has been reported as giving them a boost to their self esteem).

Last year TCMG members donated a car load of toys as well as \$460 in cash. While we will not be collecting toys this year, we would like to **EXCEED THE MONETARY DONATION.**

Checks can be written with the Payee: Assistance League of Los Angeles, Foster Children's Resource Center project (a 501(c)(3) organization) or to TC Motoring Guild. Please send donations in the method of your choice to the TCMG Treasurer, Joyce Edgar. She will aggregate the funds from all sources (Paypal payments & Zelle transfers are also accepted). We can do credit cards too, but those will require a coordinated call to Joyce.

Please check our club website for more information and donation links.
tcmotoringguild.org/holiday/

Note: One family offered to match donations to the toy drive up to \$500 total. So be generous and make your donation count double.



\$10 grows to \$20



\$20 grows to \$40

\$100 grows to \$200



Rebuilding My XPAG

The first part of this series was in the September issue and finally getting to the next step.

I finally received a replacement piston ring for the one broke and was able to install the last piston. Moving on I wanted to set up the cam. I installed the adjustable timing gear and checked at least fifty times that there were 15 chain links on the bottom run to the crank gear. I borrowed a degree wheel from Dr. Simmons and made a pointer. It looks a bit like a church key so I've dubbed it the "Churchill key".

First finding true top dead center with a dial gauge and setting the wheel to zero, I lubed up a tappet, dropped it in the bore and set another upside down atop it for easy reach with the dial gauge. Then I spent the rest of the day pulling my hair out as none of the degrees matched the cam. Starting fresh the next day I found the issue immediately. Lesson learned. When frustrated.....sleep on it.... Each time I'd



turn the engine with a wrench, the plastic degree wheel would slightly slip and throw the degree wheel about 50 degrees out. Which had the number one intake 10 starting to open at about 60 degrees as

opposed to 11. While the dial gauge was out I also checked where the stock pointer was while the engine was at true TDC. It shows just a smidgeon of advance which I'll compensate for when I set the timing.

I have also received my freshly rebuilt oil pump, carburetor bodies and distributor. But decided to replace the driven gear shaft on the pump. While waiting for that, I started assembling the carburetors. I had the bodies re-bushed for the shafts and the bores sleeved as there was so much



warpage you could throw a cat through the gaps when the throttle discs were closed. Since I have the old brass carb to carb linkage that's so pretty, I wanted to retain it and needed the brass lever that connects to the pedal throttle. No US vendor had it, but Burlen in the UK did. This and the front carb idle lever needed to be drilled and pinned to the new shafts. I cut the new shafts by screwing the old ones to them for position. Then drilled and pinned on the levers. While assembling, I realized I'd cut one shaft backwards and had to drill out the roll pin I'd installed to save the part I'd waited a month to come from the UK. Ever tried to drill out a hardened roll pin? Not fun. Thinking I could re use the shaft and just turn it around, I found that the new throttle shafts only allow the disc to be inserted from one direction. The old ones can be used either way.....I just ordered a new shaft.....well....there's always next weekend.....

Rob Zucca

Dues Time

Per our TCMG By-Laws, dues for the following year are due by our Annual Meeting in December. Dues are \$26 for local members* and \$22 for non local (unless you want all local event mailings and then it is \$26).

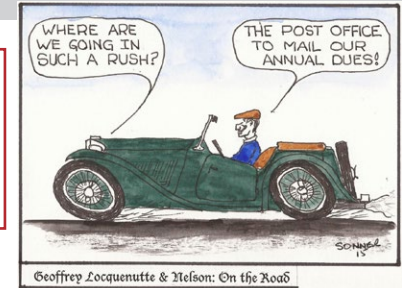
The Motoring Guild has made it easier by making PayPal available. Just go to:
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Or do a Zelle transfer to: TCMG@TCMotoringGuild.org through most major banks.

Checks payable to TCMG work too.

* Local is zip code 90000 to 93300

While cash was accepted when we were meeting in person, please do not mail cash. For your convenience, donations to FCRC (see pg 9) can be included in a single payment.



If using USPS, send to:
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TCMG Treasurer
1454 Chase Terrace
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Get Your Ballots In

The TCMG ballots to elect next year's Executive Board as well as vote on several of our awards will be arriving soon if not already. Regular memberships can vote for Executive board while Associate Memberships (those who do not own a TC) can vote for the awards. Self Addressed Stamped Envelopes are provided, so please vote.

Warnings

If you think you are smarter than the previous generation...50 years ago the owners manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.

Two warnings found on the internet. One is for today's youth and one for many of our older members.

Also it is interesting how many people, old and young, who don't know how to drive a stick shift vehicle.





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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 20, 1946	TC 2026	Hema & Janakie Ratnayke
Dec 23, 1948	TC 7474EXU	John & Georgia Bowyer
Dec 24, 1948	TC 7499	John & Georgia Bowyer
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 72nd, 73rd & 74th Birthdays

TCMG Zoom Meeting Minutes - Oct 27, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and state-wide restrictions on social gatherings TCMG members agreed to conduct the October meeting via ZOOM. The meeting was initiated and proficiently hosted by member Mike Simmons.

The October Meeting of the TC Motoring Guild was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by the President, Steve Simmons.

Meeting attendance was taken by Joyce Edgar from the ZOOM visual display showing attendance of 15 memberships represented with 23 attendees. Member Steve Burton from Carlsbad joined for the first time with audio only, and John Bowyer again joined from Texas as the lone non-California member. Three members were credited with driving to the virtual meeting to qualify for Sargent points. Joyce will forward the attendance sheet to Don McLish via email.

Reports.

Mailbox - Richard Loe reported that a couple items were received and will be forwarded to the Treasurer. Also received was an announcement of the upcoming parts exchange which will be held at The Olde Ship from 8am until noon on November 22nd.

Minutes - Secretary Cliff Lemieux reported that the minutes of September 22nd meeting were published in the November "Classic Chassis" newsletter, and requested additions and corrections, if any. None were proposed; the motion was made to approve as written, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote of members present.

Treasurer Report - The TCMG Financial Membership Report of 10/24/20 was previously submitted to board members for review, and is available to all via email upon request. The MG Car Club membership dues were paid.

Programs - Joyce Edgar announced programs planned for this, and the 14 November meeting.

Programs - The post-meeting program will feature past Halloween pictures and others that also feature members in costumes.

The November meeting program will present photos taken by Dave Reid and Terry Schuller who recently returned from a trip to Alaska last month. Their trip included travel on their own in a motor home and with a tour group.

Events. Richard Loe updated events that are currently planned:

The VMG Parts Exchange that was previously mentioned will be held on November 22nd. Admission price is \$5; Vendors \$20.

The November event will be to drive your TC to someplace that you are thankful for and to take a photo. Additional details will be sent out separately in a couple days.

Old Business. None

New Business.

Holiday Party - Steve Simmons reported that the holiday party situation is still uncertain due to continuing pandemic restrictions. Linda Simmons recently checked with the restaurant, and they also are uncertain. They currently are able to serve customers outside, and don't foresee the ability to move restaurant service indoors in the near future. Steve opined that this would not work well for the holiday party. Conditions are that customers are restricted to their tables, and cannot mingle; the maximum number of people per table is six. Furthermore, weather conditions will most likely be cold. Therefore, it is probable that the party cannot be held – at least not in the traditional way – and not in a restaurant.

Considering what has gone on with the pandemic restrictions, Steve asked members present if we should continue moving forward with the party plans, or cancel the restaurant and come up with an alternative Christmas party. A vote was taken and the consensus was to cancel the



plan to hold the party at the restaurant. Mike Simmons indicated that there are ways to get together on-line as an alternative. By unanimous vote – without objection – the Christmas party to be held at the Tam O'Shanter restaurant will be cancelled.

Joyce announced that we will not be collecting toys, but instead will be collecting money donations for the Foster Children's Resource Center. Members may send checks via the TCMG which will be forwarded, or make cash donations which will be aggregated into a single donation to the Center. Individual donations by check will be acknowledged, but cash donations sent through the club will be acknowledged as a club donation.

Nominations for Executive Board members for 2021 were accepted as follows:

Mike Simmons
Rob Zucca
Joyce Edgar
Sandra Loe
Cliff Lemieux
Curt Sorensen

Richard Loe was nominated but declined indicating that he would like to continue serving as Events Chairman.

Shown here as we saw on the Edgar's computer screen:

Top row - Mike Simmons, David & Joyce Edgar, Cliff Lemieux, Pete & Fran Thelander

2nd row - Kay Einhorn (Larry was off screen at the time), Kregg Hunsberger (video issues), Rob Zucca, Steve & Linda Simmons

3rd row - Curt & Jan Sorensen, John Bowyer (Texas), Stan & Esther Belland, Richard & Sandra Loe

4th row - Bobbie Simon, Cindy Henkels, Steve Burton (video issues)

*Those that also drove at least 10 miles in their TC the day of the meeting were: Richard & Sandra Loe, Steve & Linda Simmons, and Rob Zucca
Each earned one more Sargent Point.*

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm for the follow-on program.

The follow-on program was a slide presentation of additional photos of the "TCMG" Event, and "Halloween and More" photos of past costumed events and meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cliff Lemieux

2020 Secretary

The Passenger's Side

Much has been written in this and kindred publications concerning the problems of operating a "TC." Owners have been briefed on various types of maintenance ranging from carburetors, fuel pumps and electrical systems to setting up the springs properly and how to make a fuel gauge. But how many articles have there been dealing with the problems of the girls who act as companions, navigators, parts and light holder, coffee and cigarette getters, soothers of the frayed tempers, and general ego boosters? You think, perhaps that they have no problems? Well, they do!

In return for the incomparable delight of whizzing along a beautiful road on a gorgeous day beside the guy she loves, in a sweet tiny car they both love, the "TC" wife and/or girlfriend must face and solve a few little problem of her own.

No matter where a gal goes, she must always decide what to wear, so this really is not a TC-related problem. All she has to do is remember that with the top down, the temperature decreases as the speed increases, except on very hot days in, say, the San Joaquin or western San Fernando Valleys. So taking the mean temperature for a given month and considering the locale, multiply the square root of the top expected speed – oh heck, put on another sweater and peel down to your blouse as needed.

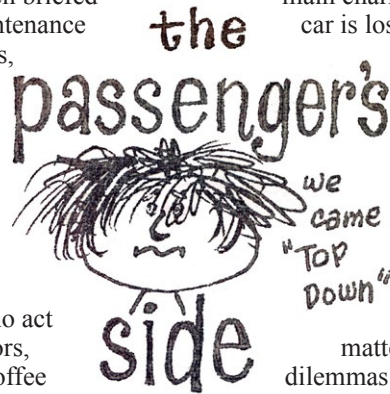
Now about hair. Unless a girl does not mind arriving at her destination looking as if she were wearing a "fright wig," she must keep her hair from blowing somehow. This in, of course, unless the master decrees that both top and side curtains are going on. This really is the least

enjoyable way of driving a TC except in a very heavy rain or snow storm. It is like going through a continuous tunnel and the main charm of traveling in the little car is lost. But back to the head gear. Ever since sports cars first became popular, sportswear manufacturers have been ready with all sorts of hats, scarves, hoods, snoods, and combinations of these. To each her own, in this matter. However, these are relatively minor matters compared to the possible dilemmas which arise when an overnight trip is planned.

First, the destination and activities there must be considered. Are we going to be very informal—capris and sport shirts the whole time, or are we going to dress up somewhat with heels and good dresses and suits and ties? Having decided this, a gal mentally runs through her wardrobe and tentatively settles on what clothes she wants to take. Her calculations are helped along by whatever firm decision the driver can give her as to which of the following three categories he intends to adhere on this particular expedition.

First, there are those comfort-loving creatures who have a luggage rack on the back of their TCs and who go "top up." This gives them loads of room—a couple of suitcases or one of those wicker baskets on the back plus all that space behind the seat, clear up on either side of the rear window. They can take all sorts of things like extra shoes, a couple more jackets or sweaters, snacks, and so on. They even have room for gifts and souvenirs from wherever they visit.

First cousin to them is the couple who have no rack, but always put the top up. They can take a suitcase and make-up case and assorted goodies that will fit around



TC Parts Wanted

I am looking for a seat or seat parts (hopefully enough parts to make a seat) for TC 1733.

I am looking for a transmission and a the metal drive shaft tunnel cover for TC 7499 EXU.

Although I live in Texas, I will be driving a truck to California on vacation, and will be attending the VMG Club Parts Exchange in Santa Ana on Nov 22. I have a lot of MG TD body parts, brake drums, transmission housings, etc.. that I can bring and sell (cheap to members) or trade if anyone is interested.

John Bowyer
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TC 1733
TC 7474 EXU
TC 7499 EXU

TC Art Project - Parts Wanted

Ed. Note - Grill was obtained thanks to Gordon Bundy, but still needs the rest.

I am working on an art project that needs a TC or TD front grill. A ruff one is preferred due to cost. I have the slats. I also need the Headlight brackets between the fenders and the grill tie

bar. Tie bar also needed. If anyone can help please call me or email 480-946-6075 pandl@cox.net.

Thanks, Pete Gannon
Tempe, AZ

these in the "well" behind the seat. Unless, of course, the gent is a left-over Boy Scout and is "prepared." This means that space will be taken up with spare parts—fuel pump, water pump, axle, points, and the tools to install same. So any extras must go around the feet of the gal, unless the camera is there already.

Now we come to the hardest of the "TCers," the "top down" drivers. These boys usually decide that no matter how cold it is when starting out, the day will warm up, so why bother with putting the top and curtains up? They are often right. But it might rain, so the top is there, folded in the precious luggage space, just in case. If a rack has been installed, the problem of where to put everything is not too acute. But if no rack is there, the rest of the space behind the seat must hold everything. And everything is one Pullman size suitcase, and in special cases, a suit bag folder over and pressed down, so the tonneau cover

will fit over it (it looks so much better, you know). Extra shoes and sweaters must go in the suitcase or around the feet of the long-suffering gal, and throughout the trip she wonders whether her clothes will be full of wrinkles and if her guy's suit will be wearable.

Well, the variations to this problem are as many as the people who participate in our little outings. Some have their own special things to cope with like sunburn, constant hunger, cold feet or motion sickness. But would we give up going on these safaris in our beloved TCs because of these puny problems? No, of course not! We don't mind the same old wrinkled clothes or not enough sweaters if we can have fun with the congenial, convivial TCMG.

by Catherine Sargent, wife of Earl Sargent as published in our 1963 Fall Quarterly newsletter.

Club Regalia

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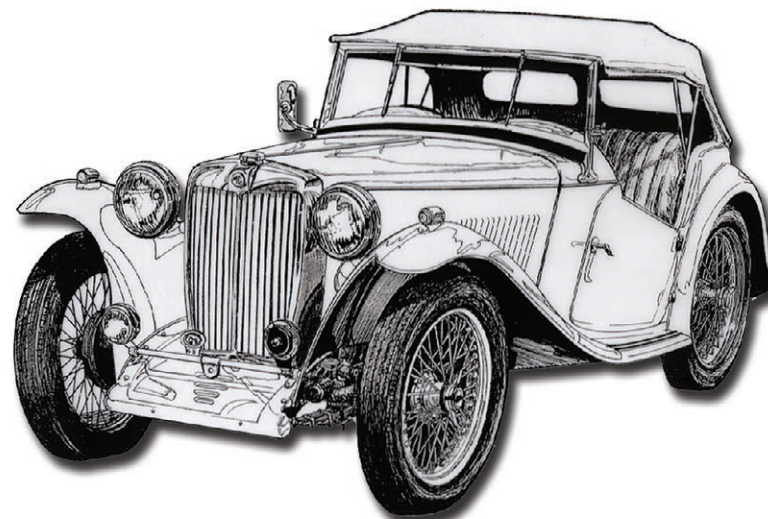
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