

# TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

*June 2020*

For our official May TCMG event, and in line with social distancing, we had a **Drive Your Own Event Tour**. Our members got creative. Here are a couple examples of what we did. More reports and photos on page 8-12





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## Steve's Thoughts



As we settle into a "new normal", the TCMG council is hard at work keeping the books balanced, newsletters published and finding creative ways to keep activities going. Our members are doing their part too, submitting photos, stories and articles to share with others. It's no substitute for a groups of TCs motoring down a country lane, but it will do for now!

While there are no general meetings currently being held, the council is meeting behind the scenes via email to ensure everything continues to run

smoothly. The minutes of these meetings are being kept and will be published in the monthly newsletters as usual.

In this issue you will also see photos of our very first "do it yourself" driving event. Unless things change soon in regards to this virus situation, we may see these type of events happening again. I hope you had the chance to get your TC out and enjoy some fresh air, or at least spent some time cleaning and tuning in preparation for your next drive. Here in Southern California the weather couldn't be better. For our East Coast friends enduring rainstorms one after another, hang in there! TC weather is right around the corner.

Keep 'em on the road!

*Steve Simmons*  
TCMG President 2020

## How Many Masks Can You Count?



In our May issue I had added masks to many people in the photos. If you spotted 15, then good for you. If you spotted 20 then you have super eyes as there were 5 very, very small ones in Doug Peltons ad on the people in the background. Those 5 and a few others are in this issue too. So how many do you count this issue? Yes, the ones on the TCs and cartoons count too.



## Events to Enjoy your TC

### GET OUT AND DRIVE

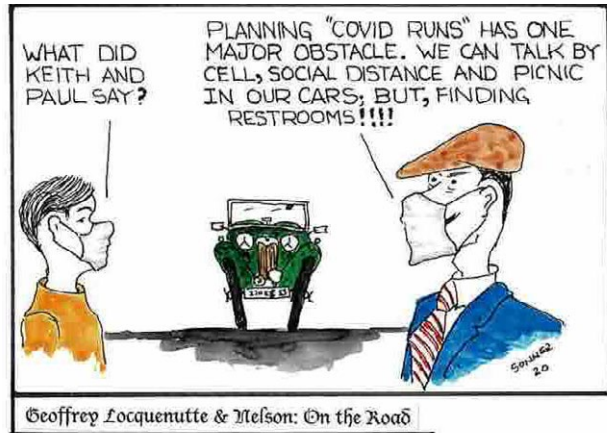
Time to think about a June TCMG event. Currently, gatherings are frowned upon and likely a tour of the Autry Museum will not happen soon. However, the weather is perfect for a drive. If it is determined that we cannot get together, we will have another self guided tour with a scavenger hunt theme. A group email will be sent with details and will be on our TCMG website as well. Keep checking.

As with our self tours in May, please send a description of your June adventure along with photo(s). Please include miles driven and any interesting tidbits. Send details and photos to David Edgar at: [djedgar1970@gmail.com](mailto:djedgar1970@gmail.com)

*Richard Loe*



GoF West 2020  
has been rescheduled to  
July 25 - July 30, 2021  
at Mt. Hood Resort in Oregon



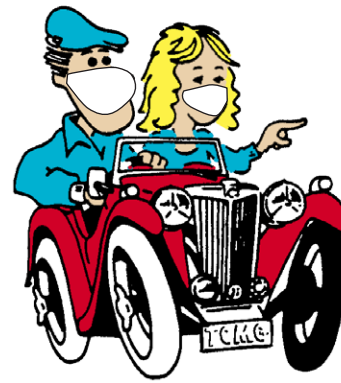
## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

May 16, 1947	TC 2798	David & Suzie Coleman
May 18, 1949	TC 8734 EXU	Edward Kansriddle
May 19, 1948	TC 5515	Jim & Jan Sullivan
June 4, 1947	TC2903	Pete DeBruyn
June 10, 1948	TC 5700	Gordon & Mimi Glass
June 10, 1949	TC 8931	William & Jen Kennard
June 15, 1949	TC 8975	Steve & Linda Simmons



*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



# May General Meeting

## Meeting Cancelled due to COVID-19 situation



*We decided better to be safe again. However, there is talk of maybe doing a virtual meeting for May 26th via Zoom. Watch in our TCMG Group mail system for late breaking news to see if this happens*

## Executive Council Virtual Meeting Minutes

No April meeting minutes to post since we had to cancel that meeting, but here are excerpts from emails during the period 3/18/2020 – 5/12/2020

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and state-wide restrictions on social gatherings TCMG board members agreed to conduct meetings and discussions via internet communications.

### Monthly Meetings.

By unanimous consent by the Executive Council members the TCMG meeting that was scheduled for March 24th be cancelled because of state-wide health and safety restrictions. Notification of cancellation was made, and church representative Mather indicated that the meeting room rental will carry over.

By subsequent discussions by the Executive Council the April and May meeting dates were also cancelled. President Simmons will confer with Cindy Henkels about holding the June Picnic Meeting.

### Events.

Events Chairman Loe indicated that all sponsored events through the summer have been cancelled. Several alternative events were suggested by members, and all agreed to a "Drive Your TC" event where members participate separately while following "social distancing" practices.

### Treasurers Report.

Treasurer Joyce Edgar submitted Financial Membership Reports for 3/24/20 and 4/28/20 by email to Executive Board members. Three new members were added to the TCMG.

### Internet Security.

Editor David Edgar warned the TCMG membership that several members have received bogus emails, and he recommended precautions when opening any such emails from TCMG members.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cliff Lemieux*

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## Welcome to Our Newest TCMG Member

*Welcome*

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1948 TC 5058 XPAG 5755 Green / Green

Sorry, no photos to share at this time.

## Tribute to the TCMG Great Gene Roth



Gene Roth was a true MGer and was one of our all time great members of 37 years. He restored one of the greatest TCs ever seen. It was driven everywhere and always looked spotless. This is a great loss to the MG community as well as TCMG. Most were immediately impressed with him as a gentleman and avid TC enthusiast. He was a wealth of information and a talented mechanic, who was always happy to share his wisdom. Not only did he restore his TC to show-winning condition with one arm, he could out-drive most people on mountain roads. He once said he was "lucky" that he lost his right arm instead of his left because had he lost the other, it would be very difficult to both steer and shift a right hand drive car (as if doing it with only a left arm wasn't difficult). How he could drive that car 500 miles

across the desert year after year, and still win every car show he entered, was a mystery for the ages. We will greatly miss both Gene and his lovely wife Deana.

At one event, his car was clean as a whistle (it was always so). Somebody took the little paper wrap from the toilet in their room, that the hotel would put on to indicate it was clean, and wrapped it on the steering wheel.

At another event, peacocks ran around amock. One female with chicks saw her reflection in Gene's door and attacked. The beautiful paint dinged nicely. Gene took a look and without the slightest look of anguish, says, "well I'll just have to repaint it". Most would have strangled the bird.

Thanks to Steve Simmons and Allan Chalmers for these words about Gene.

Gene passed away April 20th at 98 year old



For more on Gene Roth, read about him featured in the Sept 2018 issue of our newsletter (available on our website)



## May Event Tours

### GET OUT AND DRIVE

In response to our May Drive Your Own Event, we received these reports on what our members did. Something similar will happen in June so watch for our TCMG Group Emails.

Chantry Flat is the stepping off point for a 1.5 mile hike to our cabin and a 4 mile hike to our daughter's cabin. Chantry Flat is located in the San Gabriel Mountains above Arcadia in the Angeles National Forest and is the home of the Adam's Pack Station. The pack station is unique in that it is one of the last pack stations in the United States and delivers supplies year round by donkey to a permanent community of 81 historic recreational cabins and Sturtevant Camp established in 1893. The area is only accessible



by footpath. (Note their mask photo on the cover too)

*Richard & Sandra Loe*



We drove down to Huntington State Beach. Felt good to be on the road again.

*Pete & Fran Thelander*

A couple of us had a great run on around Thousand Oaks. Here we are in Hidden Valley. Rob Zucca is in front and Steve Simmons next. The MGA belongs to a friend of Steve's who hopes to own a TC someday.



*Rob Zucca - Steve Simmons*

Took the TC out to the Huntington Library but it is still closed. The weather here has been spectacular. Perfect for top down TC driving. So on the next Saturday we took the TC to Descanso Gardens. It was the first weekend that it has been open post virus. The roses and poppies were spectacular and the whole garden is beautiful. Big groves of native oaks and lots of camellias. Great place to go for a peaceful walk. Then went by the Gamble House in Pasadena (see cover). It's the most famous of the Greene and Greene homes built for the heir of Proctor and Gamble soap fortune. Great place to do a tour when things open up.

Perfect weather to have the TC out and about. We have driven the TC about 50 miles since Richard Loe urged us to get them out and about. The weather has been great for top down driving. A great idea.

*Dave & Bobbi Spiegel*



We drove from Crenshaw to near Paradise Cove. The car got up to 70 mph for a bit on the freeway, but was tired when we got home.

*Bruce & Marlene Larson*



We decided to take the covers off the TC and take the 101 freeway west to Lake Calabazas offramp in order to visit the Lamborghini dealer. We had a beautiful day temperatures in the mid-70s and the car ran flawlessly for a round-trip distance of approximately 45 miles. When we got there they really didn't have many Lamborghinis that we could park by and take a picture with. However they did have a beautiful 911 Porsche parked near. We couldn't have asked for a better day to take the car out. It was really a lot of fun.

*Mel & Toni Appell*



My One-Day Driving Event was a short trip down Memory Lane. I live now not far from where I resided in the late 50's/early 60's, and it was a time when I had just bought the TC, which was my only ride to school and work.



There once were farms

I just landed a job at Point Mugu Navy Base on the midnight shift, so every night around 11:30 I'd hop in my car – always parked at the curb – and take off through the night.

My route was pretty much the same each night through residential streets to Pleasant Valley Road, turn left, and head out into the night. Pleasant Valley was just a two-lane farm road then, and when you crossed the railroad tracks you passed into complete darkness. No residential lights, no street lights – just two little headlights out front driving past invisible farm fields. With the top down, driving through the cold air, however, you could figure out what was growing in each field simply by passing through the different smells – lima beans, onions, celery.

At the old Japanese cemetery Pleasant Valley forks to the right onto Etting Road which was a more direct trip to Mugu because at the time it connected onto Highway 1. With the completion of the highway interchange at Pleasant Valley, the exit from Etting is now cut off.



Chinese Elms once grew in the yard, and somebody's in my parking space.

So, back to reality, I continued to the left on P.V. past the cemetery, and just before getting onto Highway 1, I heard over my right shoulder, "Flop-Flop-Flop-Flop ..." Flat tire! And had a short interruption to change the tire.



Etting Rd behind the Cemetery



1 Point Extra Credit Breakdown Award

Back on the road again, south on Highway 1 to Wood Road and my destination – the Missile Park at Point Mugu, and remembrance of old programs that I had worked on so many years ago. I continued on a short trip farther down to the main gate that I had entered through each night for about three years, then I turned around and headed back.



I stopped only to pick up lunch at my favorite eatery, since dining in is restricted in this time of COVID. And enjoyed that lunch overlooking the Channel Islands Harbor in the only parking lot that is still open on the California coast.

Round Trip:  
32.8 kilometers

Cliff Lemieux



Question - How many miles is 32.8 kilometers?  
(Answer on pg 14)



Our '49 TC in front of the Sawmill Restaurant, on Mt. Lemmon. At 9,000 ft., it's a 65 mile round trip from our winter home in Tucson, AZ.

We recently received the car back from Doug Pelton after a meticulous refurbishing. 5-speed Cortina



transmission, TF intake and exhaust manifolds, TF carbs. Total engine overhaul, over bored with Crane cam and Alfin aluminum brake drums. Doug did a fabulous job. What a difference.

Leo & Chris Rocca

Took the TC for a tour of Golden Gate Park (Ed. Note - right across the street from his home). About five miles total. Car ran perfectly. But there are too many bicycles in the park. They are taking over. Also there is a speed bump every few yards. On the other hand, parks really aren't for cars. I did wear my correct attire (note TCMG jacket).



Allan Chalmers



TC 9972EXU



Despite the pandemic, spring has finally arrived in NW-Pennsylvania! My little toy is up & running, I putter in the neighborhood and cannot bear to part with her!

Charles & Susan Roehrl





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## BRITISH SLANG LESSONS by Curt

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We took our TC over to our daughter's house to celebratd our SIL's birthday. Beautiful clear and mild, perfect for taking the TC out day. Our 7 year granddaughter rode in the boot and loved it. TC ran great, but we developed a squeak in the LF brake that I need to check out now. What is the rule of thumb for TCs? Work on it two hours for every hour you drive it?



*David & Joyce Edgar*

## Nature Calls



Kay, Jill and I drove out to see the California poppies (but not in our TC).

All we could think about was the many many times we made the same trip with Joe Douglass leading all those funny little cars up the canyons to see this spectacular sight. We sure did miss being with all of you and especially being led by Joe.

Because of the earlier rains it was an excellent bloom with really great vistas.

We got there about 11 AM and there was virtually no one there even though it was a weekend. I know things are upside down with the stay at home edicts but we went up thinking we would not leave our car as it probably will be crowded because there was a front page picture story in the LA Times on Thursday.

Then on May 10th we three set out again to see one of Mother Nature's phenomenons, the bioluminescent waves.

We had our masks on and parked the car and walked on the sand to the Pacific



Ocean's water's edge a couple hours after sunset staying at least 25 yards away from anyone else.

Bioluminescent waves come every few years on the Southern California coast and this year's seem to be an extraordinary example of what they look like. In total darkness and with no artificial light the waves become an iridescent bright blue in both color and luminance.

*Kay & Larry Einhorn*





## TCMG Member Adventures



Steve & Linda Simmons went to the poppy fields (alas but not in the TC). See their reflections in the hubcap.



While the McCanne's did not make a May Tour they did send an old picture at one of the TC trips to Griffith park. Nostalgic for them.



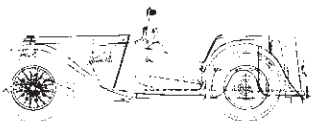
## 2020 TCMG Directory

The 2020 TCMG Membership Directory was emailed out on April 29th as a PDF. It was not printed in hard copy due to COVID stay at home orders. However, once safe to do so, it will be printed and mailed. If for some reason you did not get the email with the Directory, I can resend it. Just let me know.

David - [djedgar1970@gmail.com](mailto:djedgar1970@gmail.com)

## How Many Miles?

Cliff traveled 32.8 kilometers and that converts to 20.38 miles



## How Many Masks?

Mask count is 27 in this issue (or at least what I counted).

5 each on front cover and page 13  
2 each on pages 3, 4, 5 & 12  
9 on page 6

(remember the ones on Doug Pelton's ad are very small so zoom in as much as you can)

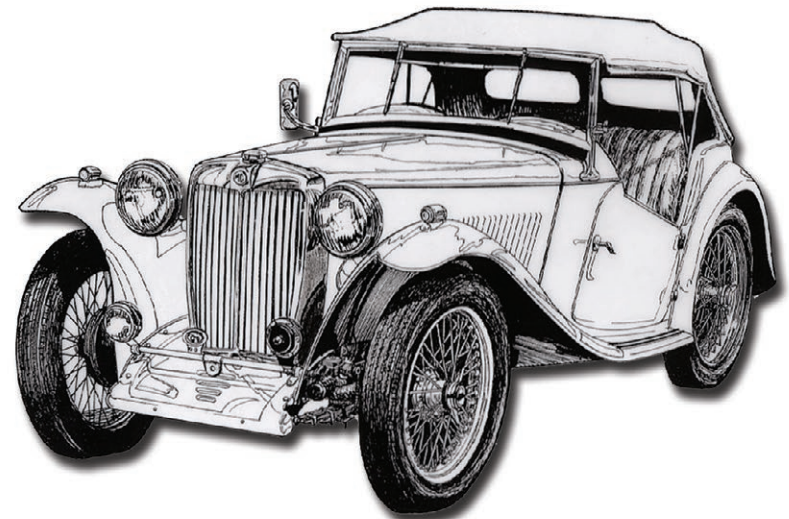


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