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## Steve's Thoughts



In 1952, a small group of TC enthusiasts was assembled to share resources and tour together. Then in 1954, some of these owners met in the Glendale offices of Road & Track to make the club official. Shortly after, the club was named and a council elected. On July 27, 1955 TC Motoring Guild was incorporated. And this all started because Mr. Bond bought his wife a 1949 MG TC. What an effect these cars have on our lives!

Now in 2020 we start the year with a new council and the same undying affection for these great old machines. To the many people who help to keep the club running smoothly, I offer my gratitude. Without them we could not exist. But the general membership is just as crucial to the club's success. By

participating in tours, hosting tech sessions and submitting newsletter articles, you ensure we will be around for decades to come. So as you read this, I hope you consider contributing a story or article for the newsletter, or offer ideas for tours and meeting programs. The more people who get involved, the better the club will be!

*Steve Simmons*  
TCMG President 2020



We're now in TC Motoring Guild's 66th year as the only TC-specific club in the world. In fact, we are the oldest independent M.G. car club in North America. Very few clubs have survived so long, and many who have suffered through periods of total inactivity. TC Motoring Guild however, has been a continuously active organization for all those years. Several of our earliest members are still with us, one still owning the TC he bought brand new. Most of us know that our club was officially formed in 1954. But you may not know that its history goes further back. It was 1950 when the MG TD replaced the TC. That year, John Bond (owner of Road & Track Magazine) had the idea that a group should be established to honor and preserve the car that had done more than any other to start the sports car boom in America.

## 2020 DUES

Julian Carter  
Roy Jones  
Edward Kansriddle  
Warren & Deborah Kusters  
Don McLish  
Leo & Martha Pedersen

Howard & Carolyn Shempp  
Ron & Diane Spindler  
John Uniack  
John & DonnaVisconsi  
Ron Wong  
John & Nancy Youens

These are the members who have not renewed their TCMG membership yet (as of Feb 17). Hope all is well.

See facing page for ways to pay the dues.





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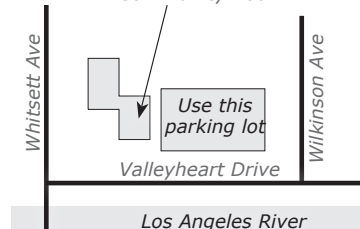
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and two blocks north of Ventura Blvd

**Tuesday,  
Feb 25th**  
**8:00 PM**  
**Evolution of the Auto**

Program for the evening will consist of a documentary on the evolution of the automobile. See how technologies spanning 9,000 years led to what we have today, from the invention of the wheel to the Model T, to self driving vehicles.

36th Church of Christ Scientist  
Community Room



## Welcome to Our Newest TCMG Member

*Welcome*

**Mike & Sherri Simmons**

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1949 TC 9849 EXU XPAG 0507 no paint / Black

Mike and Steve dreaming of when the TC is together and drivable. For more info of the TC see the progress report on page 10





## Lame Duk Golf

Under sunny skies on January 39th, 13 members and guests completed 18 holes of miniature golf at Castle Park in Sherman Oaks. The Spindlers, the Simmons, the Loes, and Gregg Hunsberger drove their TCs. Other participants included Pete and Fran Thelander, Anita Roman and friend Toni, and Cliff Lemieux and friend Bob Brown. For lunch the group caravanned a short distance to the Robin Hood British Pub. Steve had invited a friend (who is interested in acquiring a TC) to join us. He arrived in his MGA. As we finished eating, the DUK was awarded to Cliff Lemieux (for the second year in a row). The winner was determined by a coin toss between Anita, who had the lowest number of strokes and Cliff who had the highest.

*Richard Loe*



*TC ladies ready to play golf*



*Cliff Lemieux wins the Duk Kup again (second year in a row)*



*TCs l-r: Spindler, Simmons, Loe, & Hunsberger*



*Kregg Hunsberger's flathead V-8 in his TC*



## Lanterman House Tour

We will meet at and tour the Lanterman House in La Cañada Flintridge on Wednesday, March 4th at 9:45 AM (group tours are only during the week). This craftsman home was designed by Arthur Haley in 1915 for Dr. Roy Lanterman and his wife Emily. The property stayed in the Lanterman family until the two bachelor sons, who had continued to live in the house, died in the 1980s. At that point the home was given to the City of La Cañada Flintridge. Therefore, the original amenities, furniture and decor remain. Dr. Lanterman was interested in the latest technology and the home has many period examples that reflect this, for instance this is the first residence west of the Mississippi built of reinforced concrete. One Lanterman son was a State Assemblyman and the other was an inventor who designed custom components for high performance vehicles. Fee for the tour is \$3 for seniors or students and \$5 for adults.



**Wednesday, March 4th  
9:45 am  
(RSVP below)**

After the tour we will caravan to the historic Fair Oaks Pharmacy and Soda Fountain in South Pasadena for lunch. A woman entrepreneur had the building constructed and started the business in 1915. The menu is diverse with extravagant fountain desserts.

Lanterman House  
4420 Encinas Drive  
La Cañada Flintridge

Please RSVP Richard Loe at:  
[fordydelux@yahoo.com](mailto:fordydelux@yahoo.com)

## Steve Burton and TC 4490

Steve Burton out of Carlsbad, CA has deep into a frame off restoration of his TC. He is working on the electrics right now if anyone has any advice for him,



*Before*



*To date*





May 1st-3rd

## Fallbrook Double Day

Fallbrook is known as “the friendly village” offering a country lifestyle a short distance from San Diego. It is situated immediately 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.



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

Questions?

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## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Feb 16, 1949	TC 7930	Jim & Norma Crandall
Mar 21, 1949	TC 8230	Richard & Judy Storms
Mar 24, 1948	TC 5108	David & Joyce Edgar

Happy 71st and 72nd Birthdays



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

## TCMG Member Arthur Lloyd

TCMG member, Arthur Lloyd, resides in New Jersey and tells us about winters there with TC ownership. As far as keeping the TC winterized, nothing special, just plenty of anti-freeze. He does drive her almost daily to make sure everything stays lubricated. In all the years he has owned MGs he never put a top up in winter and even the neighborhood kids get a big kick out of cold weather rides, although he’s sure some of my neighbors think he’s a little nuts sometimes (but so far nobody has thrown stones at him).

He mentioned snow was on it’s way recently and was hoping one of his kids could come and do some shoveling.

He likes the 4 seasons and will take the cold weather and snow over the desert any day. He recalls working in New Mexico during the ‘50s while in the Army when stationed in the desert of New Mexico for about a year and a half. They were firing and testing guided missiles and remembers seeing 140° quite often, and in Army uniforms that’s HOT.... Also recalls the sand storms.



*His basset hound in the TC on a Fall day*

He travels and remembers seeing an MG at LeMans a couple years ago like this one. We will feature his trip to Abandon next issue.



## Two of Our TCMG TCs for Sale



About as perfect as a TC can be. Restored and maintained by Martin Hveem ([martinhveem@earthlink.net](mailto: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](mailto:marcottetmg@sbcglobal.net), 408-340-0345.

Alternate contact: Allan Chalmers,  
[allanchalmers@yahoo.com](mailto:allanchalmers@yahoo.com)



Willie Williams has parted with his MGs including this TC. He no longer can drive so the MGs are being auctioned off and proceeds are going to charity.

See more on this TC plus a J2 and a TA at: [mecum.com/auctions/glendale-2020/lots/collector-cars/03/11/page/2/](http://mecum.com/auctions/glendale-2020/lots/collector-cars/03/11/page/2/)

Auction is on March 11th in Glendale, AZ



# 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 first part of many that will go through the process.

Part One: What have we gotten ourselves into?

TC9849/EXU rolled off the production line in October 1949. It's earliest history is unknown, but the car was purchased by TCMG member Robert Beck sometime in the 1960's. At some point in its life either before or during his ownership, the car was completely disassembled. Mr. Beck sold it to Roger Morey, also a TCMG member, in 1977. So the car has been in the club for over 50 years but no one has ever seen it!

Some work was performed during Roger's early years with the car, including painting the frame, axles and springs and putting them all together. The engine was also rebuilt. But that's as far as it went before the car went into a storage locker for the next 40 years. The original color is unknown, but it shows signs of Regent Red, British Racing Green, Bright Red, Aqua, Clipper Blue, Sequoia Cream and Black.

A bit of recent detective work located Mr. Beck who owned the car in the 1960's.

He had moved from the LA area to Cambria, but unfortunately he passed away less than three weeks before we bought the TC from Roger. So its early history is now lost to time. To quote Maxwell Smart, "Missed it by that much".

Enter the father and son team of Mike and Steve Simmons. Mike also rolled off the assembly line in October 1949. And it was October of 2019 when we discovered the pile of parts and decided it was a good way to lose a bunch of time and money, so we made the purchase and dove right in.

10 The first task was getting it all into a



Filling up the U-Haul

U-Haul truck for the journey home. That took a whole day. Then two more days were spent sorting nuts and bolts to get it all organized, plus a lot of time cleaning things. Every part of the car other than the engine had been taken apart down to the smallest screws, so it was a challenge figuring out where everything went. Eventually it was all organized and work began.

Even though the frame and axles had been painted, 40 years of storage and being moved around hadn't been kind to them. So it was decided to start over. Everything was sand blasted, and once the paint was off we discovered a bunch of filler on the front axle. Under the filler was missing metal. Further inspection will be needed to determine if the axle can be used. Lesson learned: Paint hides things... like filler.

The rear axle looked perfect while painted, but with paint removed it showed a big crack on one of the towers, which is the first step toward the axle breaking loose from the leaf spring. This will need to be repaired before the axle can be used. Lesson learned: Check your axle for cracks hidden beneath the paint!

The frame also showed some damage so measurements were made to determine if it

was straight. The string method showed that it was close but not quite perfect, and when the front cross tube was removed, the frame rails sprung out at an angle. So



Laying out and sorting all the pieces



Some parts after sand blasting



off to the alignment shop it went. What we learned there was that the frame was bent and twisted in so many directions that the string measurements showed it wasn't too bad when in reality it was. The frame was twisted, bowed in on the right, pushed into a diamond, plus the aforementioned front end issue. So it seems the car may have been disassembled all those years ago because of a significant collision. Lesson learned: Don't trust the string.

The frame shop ground off the front spring washer tabs without asking, so I had to weld new tabs on, and a small crack at the rear tip was also repaired. It was now ready for paint.

To be continued...

Steve



Large divot in front axle eye



Crack in rear spring tower



Front tip misalignment



Performing repair welding



# January 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes



Three TCs made it to the meeting, driven by: Lemieux, Simmons and Loe

The January meeting of the TC Motoring Guild was called to order by the newly elected president, Steve Simmons. He presented last year's president, Sandra Loe, a token of appreciation for her pioneering Guild leadership – a historical book of other pioneering women.

The attendance sheet was circulated and guests at tonight's meeting were introduced.

Fifteen members were in attendance, with three TC's driven. Guests were Bob Brown and DeWayne Forster. DeWayne is a long-time owner of a 1949 MCTC which has been handed down from father to son. The car is not now drivable, and his initial attendance at this meeting is prompted by his interest in getting his car back on the road. DeWayne was given a membership application and was unanimously encouraged to join the club.



DeWayne Forster

Joyce Edgar reported that the proposed budget for 2020 was approved by the Executive Council and is available to members at this meeting.

Steve also reported that the Executive Council discussed possible presentations for future club meetings. Topics for the near future were planned and Steve encouraged everyone to propose future presentation topics.

12 Events Chairperson for this year is



Sandra passes the gavel to new president, Steve

Richard Loe. He announced the following:

Feb 8: Lame Duck Kup – Miniature Golf at Castle Park; followed by lunch at Robin Hood British Pub

Apr 5: Queen's English British Car Show

1st Weekend in May (tentative): Double Day in the Temecula Area

Jun 29 – Jul 3: GoF West in Oregon

Oct 3-5: 64th Annual Conclave hosted by the ARR, location pending.

Other events are still in the planning stages; possible activities and events were suggested:

- Hobby Night – members sharing items of interest
- Your Other Car – bring in your car for display and discussion. Times, dates and meeting logistics were considered to maximize the use of the daylight to display cars in the parking lot.
- Central Coast British Car Club show.

New Business.

Steve read a letter from Sheryl Lautenschlager of the Foster Children's Resource Center thanking the TCMG members for the generous donations of toys and cash that were made in conjunction with the annual party/meeting. Joyce reported that \$460 in cash was contributed to the charity.

The 2020 November meeting will be two days before Thanksgiving, so it was agreed to move the meeting one week earlier; arrangements to change the meeting date will be made.

Discussion was opened concerning the accommodations at the Sportsmen's Lodge last December and members proposed alternative venues. Steve invited members to suggest other possible locations that would accommodate the number of people, price, adequate parking, etc. For planning purposes estimate about 50 people paying \$40-45 per entree. Discussions on suggestions will be continued during subsequent meetings.

Also discussed was to consider an alternative to the auction, which, according to Joyce, has brought in funds to the club. Larry Einhorn indicated that not enough items of sufficient value are offered to sustain active bidding: last auction had only 14 bidders out of 45 attendees. Notwithstanding, consensus was that the auction should continue. Also, members not attending the dinner, contributed to the auction, thereby raising additional funds.

Joyce requested volunteers to make presentations of topics of personal interest.



Cliff wanted personalize plates on his TC and was able to obtain ABNGDN (for Abingdon)



Some of the members present

She is willing to assist in preparing photos, etc. for any such presentation.

Secretary Cliff Lemieux reported that the minutes of previous meetings were published in the most recent newsletter, and asked if there

were any additions or corrections. None were suggested. By vote of the members present the minutes for the November and December meetings were accepted as written.

Steve concluded the meeting with a short poem taken from Road & Track titled "Mini-Minor."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm for a short refreshment break, followed by "Gene's Game Night" program led by Gene Olson.

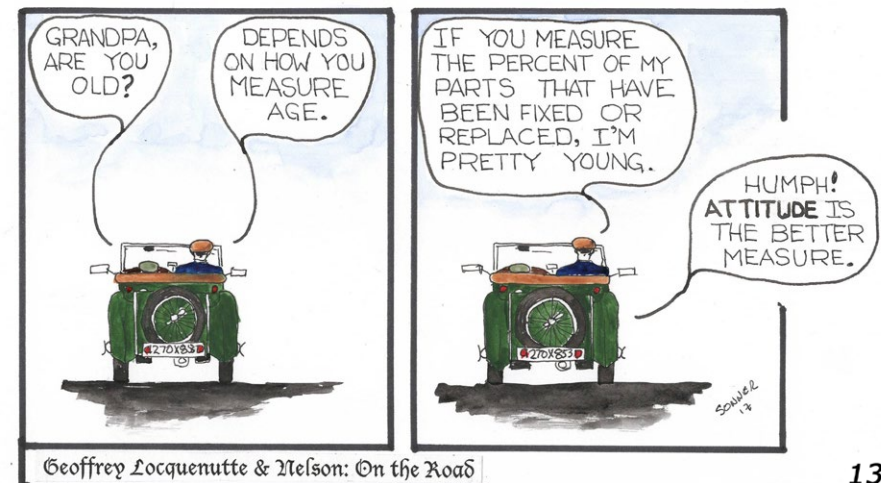
Respectfully Submitted,

Cliff

Cliff Lemieux



Game emcee, Gene Olson, and some of the ladies team trying to identify a TC part





## Pete Thelander's TF



Last year Pete Thelander gave a presentation at one of our meetings on his MG collection. At the end he shared a TF he was working on with some modifications. He was putting in a Corvair IRS transaxle with coil suspension. Power comes from a Chevy II Nova SuperThrift 4 cylinder, 153 cu. in (that is about 2500 ccs). with a pair of 1 3/4 inch SUs. That should move quite quickly I would think. He talks about putting a PowerPoint presentation about it so maybe he can show us that when project is done.

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