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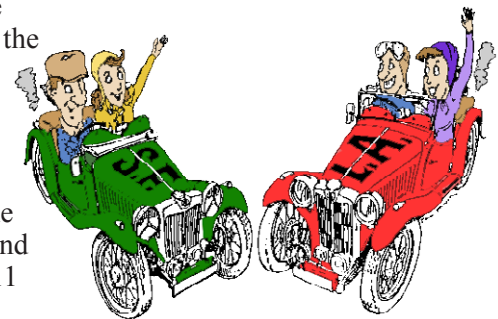


64th Annual TCMG / ARR Conclave



October 3-5 was the 64th Annual TCMG/ARR Conclave. It was held at the Apple Farm Inn in San Luis Obispo, the site of the very first Conclave.

Due to COVID-19, this year, it was structured a little different. Fewer people and TCs attended for one, and there was an outdoor picnic instead of the banquet. But all who attended had fun and enjoyed the get together. See pages 10-11 for more photos and descriptions.





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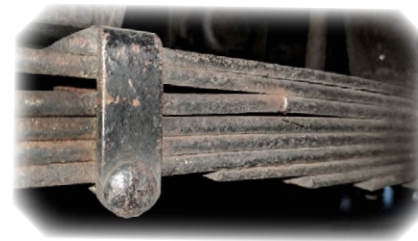
Steve's Thoughts



It's hard to complain about the weather here in Southern California. We enjoy top down driving year-round, and unless you live in the mountains, there is rarely any snow to deal with. But it does have some unexpected downsides. Those living in colder places have what they call "Winter maintenance". It's that time of year when the salt trucks begin covering the ground in metal consuming minerals, and car enthusiasts everywhere lock the garage for fear their prized possession might escape and rust itself to bits. Here we have no such problems, but that also means we don't have anything to encourage us to do those larger maintenance tasks. The kind that keeps the car off the road for a month or more. We want to continue driving, so we do just what we need to in order to keep the car running.

That attitude can get you into trouble, and I will readily admit I'm not immune. The other day while working on the restoration of TC9849, I crawled under 8975 to get some measurements (it sure is handy having a running TC as a reference). As I slid under, I noticed something wasn't right with the leaf spring. Turns out the main leaf had

broken in two, and the car was now riding on a secondary leaf. This was fairly recent judging by the clean metal in the break, but it happened long enough ago that a shackle bolt had worn halfway through a bottom leaf from the pressure and



friction. Fortunately no harm was done other than to the spring itself, but considering we just returned from a 400-mile drive the weekend before, this could have become a show stopper had it come loose, and finally given us a use for that 200 mile tow we've been paying AAA for all these years.



Note the rearmost shackle (left in photo) is half buried in the leaf.

So at the risk of suggesting to "do as I say, not as I do", may I suggest to those reading... please remember to perform your annual TC checkups!

Steve Simmons

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Oct 27th TCMG Meeting

6:00 PM* 

Halloween Fun

Over the years we have had Halloween costume contests at our meetings where we have dressed as a TC dipstick, TC master cylinder, a 6 person TC, as well as many other creative ideas and costumes. Come be amazed at all our inventiveness in our slide show.

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

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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* Pacific Daylight Savings Time

TC Build Dates

With our article last month of what constitutes a build date we list of a TC, John Boyer gives us a bit more to confirm what the MGCC provides from the MG factory records is when the TCs began near the start of the production track.

TCMG member John Bowyer toured the MG factory in 1979 and asked for info on his TC 7474. He was given a letter which indicates his TC was FINISHED on January 10, 1949. However the MGCC records show the build date of December 23, 1948. He can imagine it being started on Dec 23 and then taking until January to be completed especially with the holidays in there.

So while you may want to count the finished date as your TC's birthdate, unless you have a letter showing that date, all most of us have to go on is the factory records (which the MGCC now has) of when the TCs began on the production track.

John Bowyer



TCMG member John Bowyer from Spring, Texas

MGTC Sign Tour Event

In September we had our Self Drive event to get a photo of your TC by a sign that has the letters "M", "G", "T" and "C" in it (in any order). We had until the end of September to turn them in, but a few people were on the ball and got their

photos in early so their photos were in the October issue.

Those that got creative and not asking for Sargent points are marked with *

We are glad members are having fun.



It took a bit of research to find a sign with MGTC in it. What I found was School of **CosMeTology** in Simi Valley. I did find another on my drive back home, **Green aCres MarkeT**. Although I stuck with the first. The Green Acres Market photo would have required a U turn across substantial traffic.

Kregg Hunsberger

Kregg was the only one to find the four letters in just one word.

Rob found this street sign just blocks from his home however drove to work to get 35 miles for work that day. Corte Amigos has all the T, C, M & G letters.

Rob Zucca



Got all four letters on the sign and had it had a second G, could have spelled out TC Motoring Guild

Richard & Sandra Loe



Steve & Linda Simmons

The photo on the left has all the T, C, M & G letters in it, but can't resist submitting this other one with just MG in it as well.



Charlie Ockwell was in England during our September tour and his TC was in California. But he wanted to participate even though he only had his Bentley to use. T, C, M & G are on the lower left sign, but he says you can spell out Bentley using all three larger signs.

Charlie challenges us to find other British makes as well. Seems to be at least seven more. Examine and then check page 9 for what has been found so far.

If you count the small yellow sign on the pole, one can even spell out TC Motoring Guild.

** Charlie Ockwell*

Photo submissions from Crandall, Edgar, Einhorn, Spiegel were in October issue

These two photos are from two of the five who "drove to our September meeting." David Edgar took a spin up a local mountain and Rob Zucca took a tour and got his shot at a field of squash.



For a list of others that drove, see our meeting report on page 12



Rebuilding My XPAG

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

I was finally able to get the engine back from the machine shop. It's been decked, line bored, sleeved and bored to sixty over and the rods resized. So now what? Start building it I guess. I stopped by Dr Simmons office to press in the front cam bearing before it got too heavy to lift. After cleaning and the iron was clean and dry so I wanted to get some paint on the thing as soon as possible so I first installed the core plugs, adding some JB Weld for good measure. After that I masked and painted the block. Then it was crankshaft time. I'd read an article about using JBWeld on the rear cap and oil slinger to help with oil leaking. This was to set the rear slinger snugly with minimal clearance. I wrapped two layers of Teflon tape around the scroll seal, then smeared some JBWeld on both pieces. Next I set the crank in the bearings, bolted up and torqued the center and rear caps tapping the slinger tight to the cap. Followed that by giving the crank two revolutions and disassembled. The next day after the JB Weld was set I did the same again. This fills in any excess clearance around the scroll seal. I went the extra step of bluing the surfaces, reassembling, spinning crank, and seeing where the scroll may be rubbing. Wherever there was contact

I scraped the surfaces until there was clearance all around. We'll see how well this works. I must have had the crank in and out ten times at least.

I wound up going with a mild road cam and have now installed that along with other small bits and bobs. Dr. Simmons made a house call with his factory cam bearing reamer. It looks like a set of barbells without the weights and needs to poke out the rear of the block....oops.....I'd already installed the cam plug there. After trying to figure out how to make it work, we measured the cam and bearing and taa-daa.....it didn't need reaming. So I've now installed the cam, pistons and rods. I broke a piston ring and am now awaiting a replacement. The head is now at the machine shop getting guides, seats and a couple valves.

It's way over budget, taking way too long and I'm loving every minute of it.



Pressing in the cam bearing

Rob Zucca



Core plugs installed on the left and painted all nice and pretty on the right.



TCMG Holiday Party / Annual Meeting



**Sunday Afternoon
December 6 (maybe)**



This important meeting is **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for a holiday lunch. The date of Sunday, Dec 6th is reserved with the understanding that it will depend on the Covid related restrictions in place at the time.

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.



Due to Covid, many children entering the foster care system, come to foster families with only the clothes on their backs, and 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 all 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.

As things get finalized we will post updates on our website as well as our newsletter. Steve will be setting up a webpage with donation links to help.



Assembling the rods and pistons on the left and checking the bearing clearance with plastigauge.

**Ockwell
Photo
Answer**

In addition to the British manufacturer Bentley you can also find in the letters on the three signs: Austin, Hillman, Morris, Rolls Royce, Triumph, Rover and Wolseley. If you found another, then please let us know. 9

TCMG / ARR 2020 Conclave



You learn to park on a slope if your starter is giving you problems



Members and guests in attendance
 Bundy, Gordon & June W. - TCMG
 Chalmers, Allan & Linda - ARR/TCMG
 Lemieux, Cliff & daughter Jill - TCMG *
 Loe, Richard and Sandra - TCMG *
 Palmer, Ken & Carolynne - ARR
 Shempp, Howard & Carolyn - ARR/TCMG *
 Shockey, Dan & Thuy (MG PA) - ARR
 Simmons, Steve & Linda - TCMG *
 Traill, Bill - ARR/TCMG
 Weiss, Cindy - ARR
 Those in TCs are marked with *



More picnic photos



Can't be a Conclave without a bonnet or two (or three) going up



(above) Headed home in the TCs

Thanks to all who participated to keep the Annual Conclave alive.

(right) The PA fits in the bed of a pick-up and Thuy poses in it (but didn't ride home that way)



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TC Birthdays (Build Dates)



Oct 16, 1945	TC 0273	Tom & Emily Wilson
Oct 16, 1945	TC 0279	Tom & Emily Wilson
Oct 16, 1947	TC 3830	Bill & Suzanne Young
Oct 18, 1949	TC 9972EXU	Charles & Susan Roehrl
Oct 20, 1947	TC 3844	Gus Ramos
Oct 27, 1948	TC 6945	Sherman & Daveen Kaplan
Nov 2, 1949	TC 10087EXU	Doug Pulver
Nov 5, 1946	TC 1733	John & Georgia Bowyer
Nov 5, 1947	TC 3976	Tony & Eniko Santarelli
Nov 5, 1948	TC 7042	Mel & Toni Appell
Nov 7, 1949	TC 10119EXU	Joel & Toshimi Shapiro
Nov 11, 1948	TC 7075	Roy Jones
Nov 11, 1948	TC 7090	Leo & Christine Rocca
Nov 12, 1948	TC 7091	Richard Hall

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

Happy 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th & 75th Birthdays

TCMG Zoom Meeting Minutes - Sept 22, 2020

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

The September Meeting of the TC Motoring Guild was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by the President, Steve Simmons.

Meeting attendance was taken by Joyce Edgar from the ZOOM visual display showing attendance of 21 memberships represented with 31 attendees. Three members joined this TCMG meeting from out of state with John Bowyer from Texas attending for the first time. Other non-California members were Dottie Smith (member since 1962) from New Hampshire, and Bob Eicher from Maryland. Five 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 and Sandra Loe reported that the Guild mailbox rental was renewed and the recent issue of "Safety Fast" magazine was received. Magazine deliveries have continued throughout the past few months and the accumulated mail will be available to members at the earliest, in-person meeting.

Minutes - Secretary Cliff Lemieux reported that the minutes of August 25th meeting were published in the October "Classic Chassis" newsletter, and requested additions and corrections, if any. None were proposed. Hence, the August meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report - Joyce Edgar reported one new membership, Jim and Chris Antis from Pennsylvania with a 1948 TC that he's had for 8 years. The TCMG Financial Membership Report of 9/19/20 14 was previously submitted to board

members for review, and is available to all via email upon request.

Programs - In lieu of meeting at the Simon Car Museum, which remains doubtful for in-person participation, Joyce announced that the post-meeting program for October will be a slide show that will focus on costumes and Halloween. She requested any additional Halloween-theme photos, photos of kids, and old photos of members with their early cars. Deadline for submissions to be included in the revised October program is October 15th.

Events - Richard Loe updated events that are currently planned:

Since the Queen's English event has been cancelled, the event for September has been an individual driving event to find and photograph a sign, having the letters

"M", "G", "T", and "C" in any order, along with your TC. Photos must be submitted by September 30th.

TCMG/ARR Conclave is still planned for 3-5 October in San Luis Obispo at the Apple Farm. Members will travel to SLO separately, however, Richard Loe tentatively plans to leave for SLO from the La Cañada/Pasadena area at about 9 am on the 3rd, and members who are interested in joining him on the trip north are invited to call him to make arrangements to meet along the way. No lunch stop is planned, however, Ellen's coffee shop in Buellton, across from Anderson's restaurant, was suggested as a convenient stop for lunch. Restaurants in SLO will be opened for out-door dining.

Only two TC's from TCMG are anticipated. Allan Chalmers provided an update on ARR attendance, and indicated that overall attendance at this conclave is expected "to be pretty light."

Old Business - None

New Business

Future Events - Steve Simmons sent an



e-mail survey to determine if and when to resume normal, in-person events, meetings, etc. Replies have been compiled and will be reviewed by council members. For the most part, the survey showed that members are reluctant to meet in person to attend events. Information from the survey will be used to determine planning over the next few months.

Holiday Party - There has been no change in plans, but the restaurant situation in L.A. County is presently very uncertain.

Yearly Dues - Joyce Edgar questioned as to whether members are satisfied with the TCMG yearly dues amount. Steve commented that dues have remained very low, but the TCMG does not need more money. In fact, due to curtailed activities during this year the amount of funds in the bank is very high.

A motion was made and seconded to keep the yearly membership dues amount unchanged. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm for the follow-on program.

The follow-on program was a slide presentation of photos of members sharing

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

Top row - Steve & Linda Simmons, David & Joyce Edgar, Cliff Lemieux, Dottie Smith (New Hampshire), Richard & Sandra Loe

2nd row - Joe Douglass, Pete & Fran Thelander, Kay Einhorn (Larry was off screen at the time), Jim Crandall, John Bowyer (Texas)

3rd row - Allan & Linda Chalmers, Bob Eicher (Maryland), Curt & Jan Sorensen, Stan & Esther Belland, Don McLish

Fourth row - Gregg Hunsberger, Bobbie Simon, Cindy Henkels, Mike Simmons (our Zoom Master), Rob Zucca

Bottom row - Ron Spindler (Diane off camera at the time)

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

stories of "Fun Times with an MGTC". Some of the photos featured cars that participated earlier in the September "M,G,T,C" Event.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cliff Lemieux

2020 Secretary

TC Wiring Loom and 5 Tyres For Sale

Main Wiring Harness for 1946 through 1948 MG TC using early color coding with braided wire and braided wrap, no turn signals. Fits chassis numbers 0251 through 6639. Metal Bulkhead Conduits installed. This is a "new" harness

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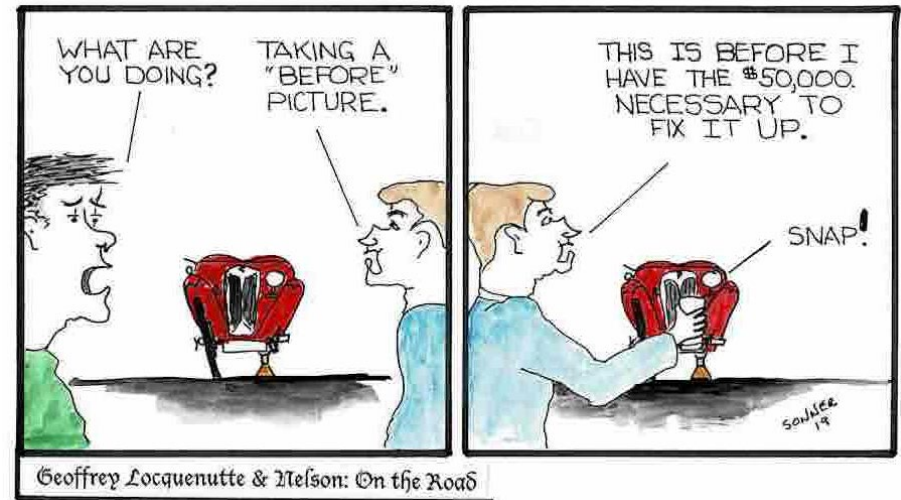


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Alternate contact: Allan Chalmers, allanchalmers@yahoo.com



1946 CAL YOM rear license plate



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

Transporting Your TC

Bob Eicher figured out how to transport a TC in a cargo van. These photos are from August 2012. He writes: My son wanted the TC at his wedding in a Boston suburb because it had been at Judi and my wedding in 1973 as well as our daughter's wedding in 2004. I used a van rather than a trailer because I wanted the overnight protection for the TC while in Boston. There were no garages readily available and I felt uncomfortable leaving it in an unguarded parking lot overnight. I



measured a Ford and Dodge cargo van but they were too narrow. The Chevy van we rented was barely wide enough – only an inch or less on either side of the front fenders as they passed through the van's back doors. The length was almost as critical, with the front fenders touching the back of the seats and the rear of the TC almost touching the back doors of the van. The TC sat on boards so the body did not hit the wheel wells. When it was backed out, it kind of looked like the van was giving birth to the TC.

Bob Eicher

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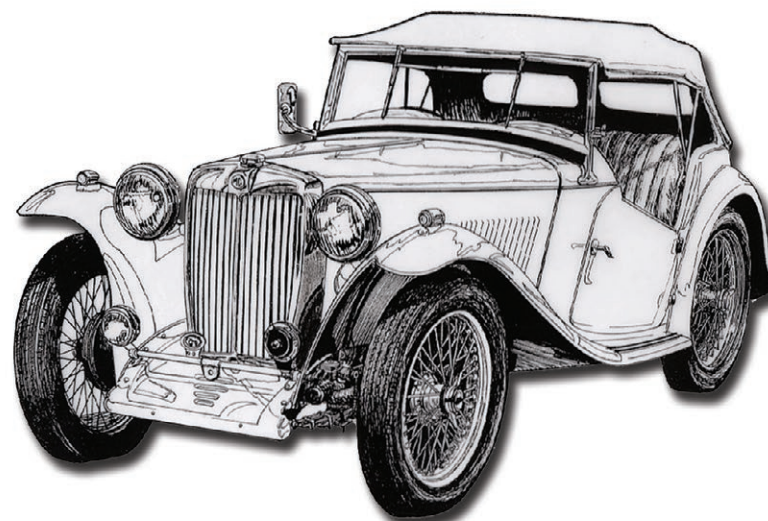
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