



TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

October 2020



*Happy 75th
Anniversary of the TC*

This is TC 0252, the very first TC out the factory production track on Sept 17, 1945, 75 years ago. So we are celebrating 75 years of TCs. TC 0251 was the prototype and we only have 1945 listed as when it was built. The factory cranked out 15 TCs that first day and then set aside production for 10 days possibly to work out any kinks in the assembly line they found. That or there was a parts supply problem. Not sure.

Pete deBruyn of the TCMG and in New York, owns TC 0252 which is pictured above.

When this was brought up on the TABC List, it started a discussion on exactly what the build date is. Is it when the car started down the production track or when it came off the track at the end? Tom Wilson said he recently came across a clue and will pursue it. Pete deBruyn shared a photo of TC 0257 still on the line on Sept 20th, (see page 3) so if date is accurate that then it must mean build date is at the start of the track since TCs 0252-0266 are listed with a build date of Sept 17.



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GoF West 2020+1
has been rescheduled to
July 26 - July 30, 2021

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Oregon**



All 2020 Registrations will be honored
and transferred to the "2020+1" event
unless you specify otherwise.

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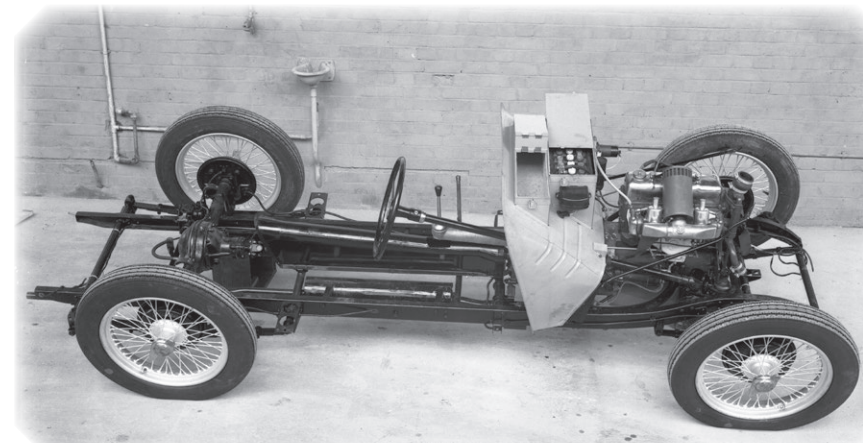
It has been 96 years since the first M.G.s were born, and 40 years since Abingdon shuttered its doors. 84 years ago the first T-Type was built. 65 years ago the T-Types were retired, making way for new streamlined models. And one year prior to that, in 1954, TC Motoring Guild was formed. This month we celebrate another notable number, the 75th anniversary of the first TC to leave the production line. Who knew what revolutions the new, already outdated design would start

as it began rolling out of the factory doors. And who at Abingdon could have dreamed that thousands of them would still be driving the open road so many years later?

Officially it was September 17, 1945 when a new, shiny black sports car caught its first glimmer of sunlight. TC0252 was the first production TC built, the only other being TC0251 which was the prototype, created from a modified TB chassis. So what is the oldest surviving production

TC? Believe it or not, it's TC0252 which is currently owned by TCMG member Pete deBruyn in New York. And the youngest surviving car of the 10,001 (including the prototype) made? That would be TC10251, the very last one off the line, and at the ripe young age of 71 is now reported to be living in Northern Ireland. I wonder if the two will ever meet?

Steve Simmons



This photo was supplied to us by Pete deBruyn. Pete describes it as of TC 0257 on Sept 20th, 1945. This TC is listed as being built on the first day of production on Sept 17, 1945. This confirms the build date must be when it started down the chassis assembly track. From the chassis track it then goes to the body track.

TCMG / ARR 2020 Conclave



**October 3-5
Saturday - Monday**

**Apple Farm Inn
in San Luis Obispo
(site of our first conclave)**

Conclave is in a few weeks. For everyone anticipating this annual event, Howard Shempp, ARR, has planned a great getaway. The north and south contingents will meet in SLO on Saturday and after getting settled in will gather for happy hour with dinner to follow at any of a number of SLO restaurants with outdoor seating. The next morning will be a group tour to Cambria with lunch being pre-ordered at a deli. In the evening, the "banquet" will follow social distancing guidelines, but include all the other fun we have come to expect. Monday morning we will say our goodbyes till next year.

After you make your hotel reservation, please contact Richard Loe for the deli menu so your lunch can be pre-ordered.

Any questions please contact:

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or 530-758-9713

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or 818-790-2332

Room rates are for two nights (Saturday Oct 3rd & Sunday Oct 4th).

The reservation is under #957685 - MG Conclave.

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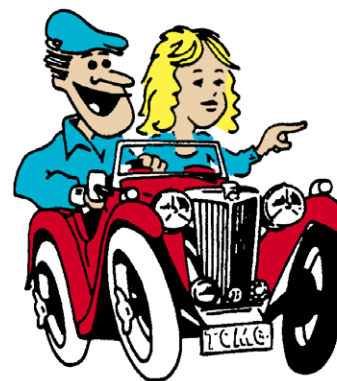
3 rooms reserved – Queen (single queen) at the rate of \$301.25 for 2 nights

This is a special group rate for the "MG Group" offered by James Leigh, Sales Director. These prices are inclusive of all service fees, etc. We understand room reservations can be cancelled up to 7 days before date of arrival, but better to confirm when you make your reservation.

Parts Scam - Beware

If anyone is contacted by Kelvin Max, email address maxkelvin901(at)gmail.com, do not respond. He is a known scammer, out to steal your money. Steve was recently contacted

by him through the club about MG TC parts, but some detective work revealed that he has scammed people in every corner of the car and motorcycle hobby.



Come watch the fun slide show with TCMG members having fun.

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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Sept 22nd TCMG Meeting

6:00 PM*

**Fun Times
With an MG TC**



* Pacific Daylight Savings Time

September Self Drive Event

Due to the Queen's English being postponed until April 2021, the TCMG September official event will be a self guided tour. In your neighborhood find a sign (one sign) that includes the four letters "MG TC" in any order. An example might be "Chicago Malt Shop" or "Merge into Traffic". Then take a picture of your car with the sign and

submit to David Edgar to be included in next month's newsletter. Please complete this activity between now and the end of September. If you are interested in earning Sargent points, drive your TC at least 10 miles.

Richard Loe - Events Chair

Sorry, no Photoshop photos will count toward Sargent Points but you can always submit any photos for fun even if TC is not in the photo. Be creative



Here is a sample sign. Now just need to include a TC in the photo.

**Queen's English Show
cancelled again.
Now scheduled for
April 2021**



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Can You Identify Owner of this Hat?

Thank you to all who participated in our hat owner contest. It was Gene Roth who sported the hat. We did a blind drawing to determine the winner and Steve Simmons won the \$25 gift certificate to **From the Frame Up**. Here are a few photos of Gene wearing the hat.



TC Activity in Colorado

In addition to the TC Motoring Guild, Daveen and I are members of the British Motoring Club of Northern Colorado. Like all clubs, due to Covid19, our events have been curtailed this year. However, we have developed a safe event. We do a car parade for birthdays. We have had events for ages 6 (our granddaughter) to 100. We line our cars up and do one or two parade laps in front of the birthday house. The birthday person is out front and the street is lined with neighbors in front of their houses. Last Saturday we drove by a Marine who was celebrating his 100th birthday.



A float with re-enactment of the Iwo Jima flag raising by some of the local young people



Sherman & Daveen Kaplan

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Sept 16, 1948	TC 6550	Kay & Larry Einhorn
Sept 16, 1948	TC 6551	David & Bobbi Spiegel
Sept 16, 1948	TC 6558	Bob & Kelly Wimer
Sept 17, 1945	TC 0252	Pete DeBruyn
Oct 3, 1949	TC 9849EXU	Mike & Sherri Simmons
Oct 3, 1949	TC 9853	Pete & Lisa Gannon
Oct 7, 1947	TC 3737	Roger Morse & Lynn Arnold
Oct 7, 1947	TC3738	Roger Morse & Lynn Arnold
Oct 8, 1947	TC 3742	Michael & Pam Tooke
Oct 8, 1948	TC 6776	Richard & Judy Storms
Oct 10, 1947	TC 3779	Kregg Hunsberger
Oct 13, 1948	TC 6802	Richard & Sandra Loe
Oct 14, 1948	TC 6811	Charlie Ockwell
Oct 14, 1948	TC 6827	Gorden Bundy & June Wennkamp
Oct 15, 1947	TC 3820	David & Susie Coleman



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

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

MGTC Sign Tour Event

As described earlier on page five, our September Self Drive event is 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 have until the end of September to turn them in, but a few

people were on the ball and got their photos in early so four are included here.

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

We are glad members are having fun.



Jim says we can decide on our own if he drove his TC to Madison Wisconsin for this photo at the University of Wisconsin ballfield. Note the letters M, T, C and G highlighted on the back fence. Guessing

that they would not allow an oil leaking TC onto their beautiful Badgers ballfield even if he did drive there.

* *Jim & Norma Crandal*



We also went to a place of higher learning, but within 10 miles of our home - Grossmont College. And while driving there to get the photo we noticed a freeway sign - THRU TRAFFIC MERGE LEFT. Not having the camera out for that we



the photo as it was on a freeway offramp. Note letters are in order of appearance for TCMG.

David & Joyce Edgar

Larry did some Photoshop work on this to get a MGTC lettered sign. Looks good and thanks for being creative.

* *Kay & Larry Einhorn*



Dave & Bobbi went to the Huntington Library/Art Museum/Botanical Gardens with Public Hours of . . .

Enough Ms, Gs, Ts and Cs for two complete sets of letters on one sign.

Dave & Bobbi Spiegel

Santa Claus in His TC Sleigh



Allan Chalmers sent the photo on the left in to us. He wrote "1980 GoF West at Lake Tahoe. Here's a guy who looks for all the world like Santa Claus - in a TC! It's Gene Wescott, who, I believe, drove the car down from Fairbanks for the event."

Brian did confirm Gene drove the TC down the Alcan Hwy for that GoF. Later drove it down a second time for Mike Goodman to restore. Brian still has this TC in Alaska.



To the right is another photo of Gene sporting a Santa look with the TC in Alaska as a parade participant.



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Biscuit	=	Cookie
Hoover	=	Vacuum

What Are Earl Sargent Points?



*The Earl Sargent
"Use it or Lose it" Award*

Earl Sargent was a devoted TCMG member who drove his TC whenever possible, showed his TC (Even winning at Pebble Beach Concours), and raced his TC. What more could you do with a TC?

After his passing, our club established a perpetual award in 1991 in his name, and awards it to a member each year that participated the most in TCMG activities with their TC.

Various methods were used over the years to determine the winner, but we now employ the following points system.



*Earl at the races and
at Pebble Beach*



The Earl Sargent Memorial Trophy is awarded to the TCMG member who accumulates the most points for driving their TC to various TCMG club activities. Points are accumulated each year starting the day after our Annual Holiday Party until the next year's Holiday Party. Points for the trophy are awarded to TCMG members in the following manner:

- Two points are awarded for attending TCMG driving events, including long distance events such as Annual Conclaves and GoF West, with an MG TC. (One point if TC is housed at event location and not driven, but it must be displayed)
- One point is awarded for attending TCMG club meetings with an MG TC. (TC must be parked at meeting, not on trailer)
- Driving a TC to and from an event or meeting will yield a 25% bonus for distances over 100 miles each way, or 50% for more than 500 miles each way. Mileage is calculated by actual distance driven to event, not by shortest possible route.
- Attending an event spanning three or more days will award a half point bonus (must attend entire event or all major activities with TC to qualify). This bonus is a fixed amount, not increased by distance bonus.
- One point is awarded for attending Tech Sessions (those which are listed officially in the TCMG calendar) with your TC.
- The memorial service for any TCMG member is considered a club affair, therefore one point is awarded for attending in a TC, so long as the service is announced to the club by print or email beforehand.
- At the discretion of the TCMG council, partial points may be awarded for failed attempts (i.e. break downs), to bring a TC to any of the aforementioned activities.

Ties are broken by total number of driving events and meetings attended with a TC. In the event there is still a tie, driving events shall weigh more heavily than meetings. If the parties tied have each achieved 100% attendance at all official TCMG activities for the year, then all tie breaker rules are disregarded and a tie is announced.

For a list of past winners and more: tcmotoringguild.org/history/sargentaward/

TCMG Zoom Meeting Minutes - Aug 25, 2020

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

The August Meeting of the TC Motoring Guild was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by the President, Steve Simmons. The earlier-than-usual start time was again arranged to accommodate those members who joined the meeting from earlier time zones.

Meeting attendance was taken by Joyce Edgar from the ZOOM visual display showing attendance of 21 memberships represented with 31 attendees. Three members joined the TCMG meeting from out of state (Maryland, New Hampshire, and Washington State); with Jim Sullivan attending for the first time. Five members were credited with driving their "simulated journey" to the virtual meeting to qualify for Sargent points. Joyce will forward the attendance sheet to Don McLish via email.

Reports

Minutes - Secretary Cliff Lemieux reported that the minutes of July 28th meeting were published in the September newsletter, and asked if there were any additions or corrections. None were recommended. Hence, the July minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report - Joyce Edgar reported that expenditures for August were minimal: only an \$8 expense for the month, and the \$100 rent credit for the church meeting facility still remains. The TCMG Financial Membership Report of 8/24/20 was previously submitted to board members for review, and is available to all via email upon request.

Programs - Joyce announced that the post-meeting program is a slide show that she prepared using photos sent in by a few members, and old photos that she already has. Other programs that she

has available involve video presentations, but owing to the limitations of the current ZOOM format we may be limited to slide presentations for the time being. However, she has more photos that may be presented in the same format during the September meeting.

Joyce solicited alternate program ideas from the membership. Mike Simmons volunteered to explore the possibility of setting up video for presentations during future meetings.

The program for the October meeting at the Simon Car Museum is still pending due to uncertainty in meeting in-person in the future.

Events. Richard Loe updated the status of events which are planned for the near-term:

The Queens English event this year is still tentatively scheduled for September 27th. If Woodley Park is to be opened, it will be known after September 1st. If the event is changed, Richard indicated that an alternate activity will be planned.

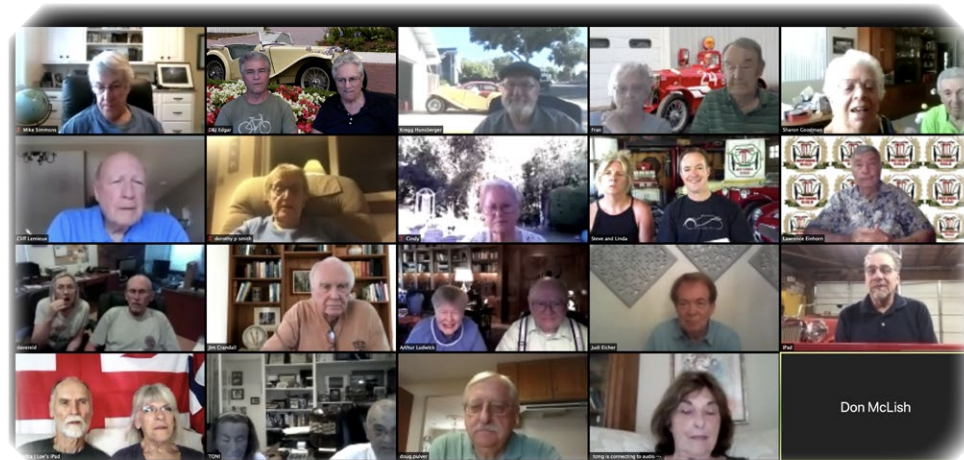
The Conclave for October 3-5 is still scheduled as planned.

Old Business - None

New Business

Holiday Party - Linda Simmons reported that tentative reservations have been arranged at the Tam O'Shanter for lunch on Sunday, December 6th from 11am to 3pm (with the possibility to extend to no later than 3:30). It was mutually agreed that time and place were acceptable. Prices and meal offerings will be determined later, however, for a large party, only plated dinners (salad/entrée/dessert) will be offered - no sandwiches.

Future In-Person Meetings - Church services are not yet being held, but they just opened the meeting room with COVID restrictions: separated seating, but no cleaning crew available, so



meeting participants will be responsible disinfecting surfaces, etc. Under those conditions, and the lack of adequate ventilation, Steve considers it too soon to resume meeting at the church facility now.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm for the follow-on program.

The follow-on program was a slide presentation of photos and of members sharing stories of "Memories New & Old".

Respectfully Submitted,

Cliff Lemieux
2020 Secretary

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

Top row - Mike Simmons (Zoom Master), David & Joyce Edgar, Kregg Hunsberger, Pete & Fran Thelander, Mike & Sharon Goodman.

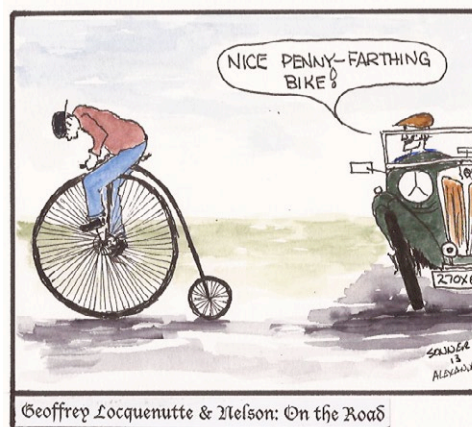
2nd row - Cliff Lemieux, Dottie Smith (New Hampshire), Cindy Henkels, Steve & Linda Simmons, Larry Einhorn (Kay was off screen at the time).

3rd row - David Reid & Terry Schuller, Jim Crandall, Art & Sarah Ludwick, Bob Eicher (Maryland), Rob Zucca.

Bottom row - Richard & Sandra Loe, Mel & Toni Appell, Doug Pulver (Colorado), Bobbie Simon and Don McLish (no video).

Not shown in this was Dave & Bobbie Spiegel who may have left already

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



Geoffroy Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road



Elizabeth Page with their Penny-Farthing 13

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

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\$15.00 each, plus postage



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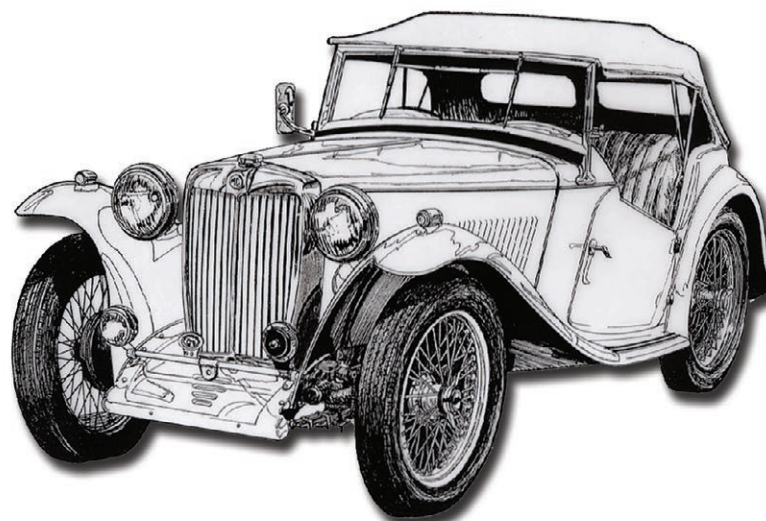
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