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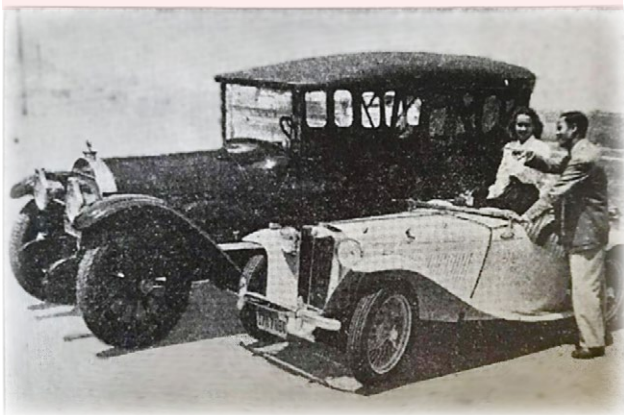


Introducing three new TCMG members. More details on pages 8 & 9, but above we show Paul Schmidt's 110 year old redwood burl veneer facia on his TC, above right is a view of Joel Taylor's fun driving compartment and a sharp looking interior of Fred Weisberger's TC to the right



San Francisco Chronicle June 12, 1949

"MOST UNUSUAL trade-in of the year" might well be the title awarded David Belasco's 1917 Locomobile, a seven-passenger, 90-horsepower monster that goes 80 miles an hour, gets 12 miles per gallon and has 35x5 tires using 85 pounds pressure. Belasco, branch manager of the Walker Beverage Company in Redwood City, turned the Locomobile in to the British Motor Car Company on Market Street for another unusual vehicle — a 1949 two passenger, 55 horsepower, 90-mile-an-hour MG sports



car. Belasco, a distant relative of the famed theatrical producer, points out the contrasts between the two to Jerry Kinny in the picture above.

Ed. Note - 90 miles per hour in a stock TC? I'm afraid the front wings would be lightening the load on the front tires. Thank you to Steve Simmons for sharing this.



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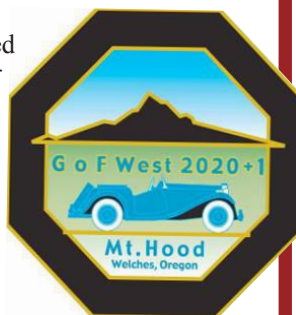
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Bill Bitters Remembered

My introduction to the TCMG came by way
of an early club member -- Bill Bitters. He
pulled me over one day in his black TC
with a honk and a wave, introduced himself,
and enthusiastically invited me to the next
TCMG monthly meeting.



Bill Bitters [left] with Erwin Ashenfelter
during the 1965 Conclave at Huntington Lake.

Bill was a reporter for the local newspaper,
the old Oxnard Press-Courier. He had
recently driven his car out from North
Dakota, and he was an active member of
the TC Motoring Guild. He had joined in
the early days of our organization and was
an enthusiastic player, not only attending
meetings, but also participating in club
events, conclaves, and contests. That
enthusiasm spilled out onto the pages
of his newspaper when he wrote about
a weekend trip to Big Bear when the
snow was still on the ground in 1959. It
was a piece that introduced the paper's
readership to the Guild, the cars, and the
"owners who consider the TC the only
'real' sports car ever built."

Cliff Notes

I remember that first TCMG meeting that
Bill invited me to -- just a novice driver
not knowing what to expect. I met Bill
somewhere in LA behind a building with
more TC's than I had ever seen. I joined
that night; I think the dues were \$10, and
I got a badge in the bargain. When the
meeting was over, they announced that we
would reconvene at a local restaurant via
a Hare & Hounds event. I guess I looked
a bit perplexed because Bill came over,
explained how it was run, recommended
that I not leave first or last, and then gave
me a slip of paper with the name and
address of the restaurant.

I dropped out of the Guild after a year or
so to continue my schooling. During the
summer of '64 I took a job at the Point
Mugu Navy Base working for a company
that processed missile test data. One day
while working at my desk, I looked up and
was surprised to see Bitters walk into the
room. I said, "Bill, what the hell are you
doing here?" He said that the paper didn't
offer medical insurance, so he had to quit
and work for a company that did. I didn't
think much about it at the time, but I later
found out that had died a few years later, in
his early 40's. Too young.

Bill & Arlene
Bitters at the 1961
Wildflower Tour



Bill at the Willow
Springs Hill Climb
in 1960. Note
the TC has many
differences than
Wildflower Tour
TC so he may
have borrowed it.

Cliff Lemieux
2021 TCMG President

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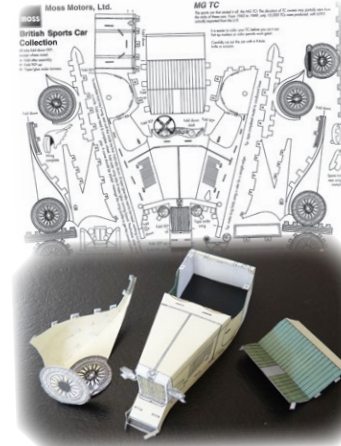
FROM THE FRAME UP

SPECIALIZING IN TABC HARD TO FIND PARTS

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Make a simulated journey to the meeting in your TC (minimum of 10 miles) on the day of the meeting and receive Sargent points

March 23rd TCMG Meeting

6:00 PM* 

Paper TC Model Contest

Program will be a model TC contest. Make one of the Moss Motors paper models and have it ready to display at the meeting, or send Joyce photos of it at least two days prior to the meeting. The model is available for download (print it at home)
tcmotoringguild.org/MG-TC-Cut-out-Car.pdf

Link above is also on our TCMG website home page.

Link below is for the Zoom meeting on March 23rd
<https://zoom.us/j/95436347475>

* Pacific Daylight Time



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

Wildflower Tour (or a Wild Goose Chase?)

DESERT
WILDFLOWERS



Saturday
March
20th

All indications are that we will see very few wildflowers this year due to so little rain, however hopefully it will be a nice day to drive to Arthur B. Ripley Desert Woodland State Park in the Antelope Valley for lunch. Sandra and I

drove the route in early March and it was great to be out. The Ripley Park was as nice as ever with two self guided walks highlighting plants of the area. We chose the one mile "Rare Juniper Trail" and observed many berries and tiny cones on the junipers. Additionally, there is a quarter mile walk.

We will meet Saturday March 20th at 9:30 AM at McDonald's in Castaic at the Lake Hughes exit of the 5 Freeway. Please bring your lunch and a folding chair. There are four picnic tables, however we may want to socially distance more than the tables will allow.

Richard Loe



Couple weeks ago



From several years ago

Queen's English British Car Show

April 25th

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy one of the better British car shows in the area. It is a non-judged show and includes an

auto jumble. The show is held at Woodley Park in Van Nuys and runs from 9 AM to 4 PM. Club members are encouraged to gather in the MG-T series section at 11 AM for a picnic among the TCs. Bring a folding chair and your lunch or you may be able to buy food from food truck vendors on site (have been at event in previous years).

For more information and pre registration see: queens-English.org

Richard Loe



Several shows ago

Leaking Radiator and More



I hadn't driven my 48 TC much during Covid and 3 weeks ago noticed a

small leak in the radiator near the overflow tube. It was determined that the radiator was original so instead of replacing the core, I opted to purchase a new one. I located an aluminum radiator but unfortunately it was in rural China. I ordered it Sunday afternoon and could not believe when it was at my house the next Friday morning. Unbelievable



service. After fitting the radiator with the help of my friend an opera singer GINO LONDI, we noticed that the water pump started leaking. I've owned a car seven years and the water pump has never leaked. So we had to take everything apart and I purchased a new water pump. While checking to see that the new water pump was fine, the fuel pump started acting like a coronavirus victim. The moral of the story, you've got to drive these cars more for them to break down less.



Tony Santarelli

Welcome to Our Newest TCMG Members

Joel Taylor

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1948 TC 7243 XPAG 8076 BRG / Black

*Joined us
in March*

My father purchased the TC in 1954, drove it until around 1969 when it was garaged. He



worked with me off and on to restore it to running condition starting in 1998. I worked with my uncle after my dad's passing and finally got it running in 2/2021. Looking forward to finishing touches and proudly showing off on day rides.

Fred & Karen Weisberger

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1948 TC 6954 XPAG 7669 Regency Red / Biscuit

*Joined us in
December*

One could say I was raised to love the MG TC. My father's best friend in High School had a MG TC and my father always wanted a TC, but ended up buying a nearly new TD instead.

I drove a MGA in high school and in graduate school I bought my first TC---my father couldn't have been more pleased.

I have owned a good number of antique cars over the years, but the charming little

MG TC has always held a special place in my heart. There are certainly many old sports cars out there which are faster and handle better, but none have the overall charm and history of the MG TC. I have owned four TCs in the past 30+ years, but this one is the best---the "keeper."

I am originally from Hawaii so knew Willie Williams (former TCMG member). Bought our first TCs the same year. Willie has been my "MG Dad" and I was his "Car Son" for 30 years. My other play cars are a 1930 Ford Model A Standard Phaeton, a 1953 Ford Country Squire wagon and a 1930 Cadillac Town Sedan. And I just bought Willie's MGTF recently.

I look forward to meeting you and the rest of the TCMG members.



Paul & Elizabeth Schmidt

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1948 TC 6067 XPAG 6721 BRG / Honey Tan

*Joined us
in March*

TC has been in my family since 1963 when my brother Weller (Lee) bought it to use for college in San Luis Obispo. He drove the heck out of it during college and subsequently. While Lee kept up the mechanicals, the cosmetics deteriorated.

In 1978, he totally dismantled the car in hopes of restoring it. Stuff happened and it wasn't until 2016 that he took the project up again. I joined the effort and eventually bought the car from him, and finished the restoration in 2020.

Dashboard is 110 year old redwood burl veneer. Rear end ratio is 4.125:1 (MG Midget). Body paint and upholstery are newer versions of original colors. Chrome wire wheels. Additional D-lamp and turn brake/signal lights magnet-mounted on sides of gas tank.



Terry & Georgia Young

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1949 TC 7623EXU XPAG 8365 Green / Brown

*Joined us in
November*

Third Party Purchase who obtained from an estate in the southeast Philadelphia area. There are extensive service records that ended in late 1950s early 1960s. These records indicated one owner. The records Still being researched and organized. TC undergoing restoration. Terry did restore a 1980 MGB that he still owns.



Joseph & Jeanne Nofil

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1947 TC 2849 XPAG 3591 Green & Cream / Green

*Joined us in
November*



Joseph writes that he understands that this TC was restored by Mike Goodman. Joseph also owns a 1983 Morgan and 1986 Panther





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BRITISH SLANG LESSONS by Curt

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Wee	=	Small
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Racing a TC in Hawaii



Handicap Race starting grid (slow cars in front, fast cars rear) shows a highly modified MGTC front and center

I was going over some of my scans of old photographs when I found these images of the 1956 or 1957 SCCA Sports Car races at the old Kahuku Airfield on the Northshore of Oahu, Hawaii.

The Kahuku Airfield was one of several WW2 military runways on Oahu that were used for sports car racing in the 1950s. The local MG Car Club started casual racing in Hawaii in the early 1950s, with mostly MGs participating. Within a few years the Hawaii SCCA racing scene had become much more competitive, in addition to the MGs, there were sports cars from: Triumph, Austin-Healey, Corvette, AC Bristol, Jaguar, Porsche and even a few Ferraris and Maseratis.

At first I thought that one car was a “cut-fender TD”, but upon a closer inspection,



Same modified TC is parked behind a Porsche 356 Speedster

it appears to be a highly modified TC. The front suspension looks like a TC solid axle, with the associated positive camber angle; the front splash apron has the louvers of a TC; it has a TC badge bar with crank hole and the front wheels are tall and narrow knock-offs. The photos also show that the fenders are “cut” short, with no running boards. The TC appears to have side exhaust and other racing modifications. (note: the TC is also missing a rear fender, presumably a casualty of racing).

These photos were taken by my old friend Glen Clark and his wife. Glen raced an Austin-Healey 100M in the Handicap Race. Another friend, Roy King, was there in one of the Triumph TR2s. And my father is on the side of the racetrack with his MG TD.

Sadly there is no known record of how that modified TC performed in the Handicap Race at Kahuku in 1956 or 57. And no one I know remembers who was the driver or what eventually happened to the TC after its racing career ended. After such a hard-fought racing life, that poor TC likely did not survive long enough to become a cherished collectable.



Rear view of the Handicap Race starting grid



Fred Weisberger

Feb 23, 2021 TCMG Meeting Minutes

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Cliff Lemieux at 6:08 PM. There were 30 in attendance with six members having driven their TCs.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer Joyce Edgar reported she had emailed the Treasurer's Report to the board members, submitted the 2020 tax forms, sent the biannual information required by the state of California, and reviewed membership dues that has been received. Bobbie Simon and Jan Sorensen offered to contact some of the 2020 members that have not sent dues for 2021.

Secretary Sandra Loe submitted the January general meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. They were accepted as written. She also reported there was no mail in the PO Box this month.

Events chair Richard Loe announced that we had our first out of state member to be the Lane Duk winner, John Bowyer from Springs, TX. Tentative plans subject to COVID restrictions, future events include a wildflower tour in March, Queen's English car show in April, tour of the Autry Museum and lunch at the Tam O'Shanter in May, drive up Angeles Crest Highway to Monte Cristo Campground for a picnic

lunch in June, GoF in Welches, OR in July, the Einhorn Chicago Hot Dog Party in August and Conclave in late September or early October.

Programs - Cliff and Joyce reviewed the schedule of programs for the year:

February - Steve Simmons on TV filming and COVID

March - build a TC model

April - Thelanders on something MG

May - Cliff on his TC restoration

June - Henkels picnic

July - GoF

August - John Bowyer on TBD

September - Mike Simmons

probably on some astronomy

October - the Loes on TBD

November - Gregg Huntsberger on his TC

December - the Holiday Party.

Completing the old business was Cliff and Richard agreeing to get the trophies together to have them engraved.

New business was a short discussion concerning having old club films digitized.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Loe

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Feb 16, 1949	TC 7930	Jim & Norma Crandall
March 2, 1948	TC 4922	Jim & Chris Antis
March 17, 1948	TC 5058	Michael & Jody Whalen
Mar 21, 1949	TC 8230	Richard & Judy Storms
Mar 24, 1948	TC 5108	David & Joyce Edgar

Happy 72nd & 73rd Birthdays



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

Modern Power Ports for Your TC



Here's something I added recently. Now we can keep electronics charged on those long road trips with dual USB ports. Available at your local auto parts supplier (may have to [order on line](#)). About \$15 for this one but many different styles out there.



Pete Thelander

2021 TCMG Directory

The TCMG Directory is in the process of being updated for 2021. Still have your TC or bought a another one? Have you moved, changed telephone numbers or email? If anything has changed since the

2020 directory and you have not already let us know, please do so by March 23.

Send updated information to David & Joyce Edgar at: djedgar1970@gmail.com



Those in attendance at our March meeting.

- Top row - Mike Simmons, David & Joyce Edgar, Cliff Lemieux, Gregg Huntsberger, Dottie Smith (NH)
- 2nd row - Allan & Linda Chalmers, Steve & Linda Simmons, Curt & Jan Sorensen, Richard & Sandra Loe, Jim Crandall
- 3rd row - Roy Jones, David Reid & Terry Schuller, Ron & Diane Spindler, Kay & Larry Einhorn, John Bowyer (TX)
- 4th row - Joe Douglass, Rob Zucca, Pete & Fran Thelander, Bobbie Simon, Cindy Henkels
- No video shown - Don McLish

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

Parts and Info Wanted

I am looking for some 48 spoke 16 inch wire wheels for a TC.



Jim Sullivan
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I am thinking about putting a Datsun steering box in my TC (not the VW) and was wondering if anyone had the parts available that are willing to sell or know a source. Would also appreciate comments from anyone with this box on the handling and or installation.

Thank you in advance,
Jim Sullivan
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I know this is not TC related and also very obscure question, but I am assisting a friend that is searching for information on sports car racer Ted Peterson during the late 50s to early 60s. Ted reportedly owned a restaurant La Miranda Inn located in the Costa Mesa Newport Beach area. He raced and wrecked a Jaguar Special during practice at a Riverside race, the 1962 LA Times GP. We are trying to determine if the Special and Ted did race or even show up at the May 25-26 1963 Santa Barbara Road Race where some results show he was a DNA (Did Not Arrive). And did the car have a new body, possibly a Kellison Astra J series body.

Anyone who can shed some light, no matter how trivial to any of this, I would love to hear from you.

Many thanks,
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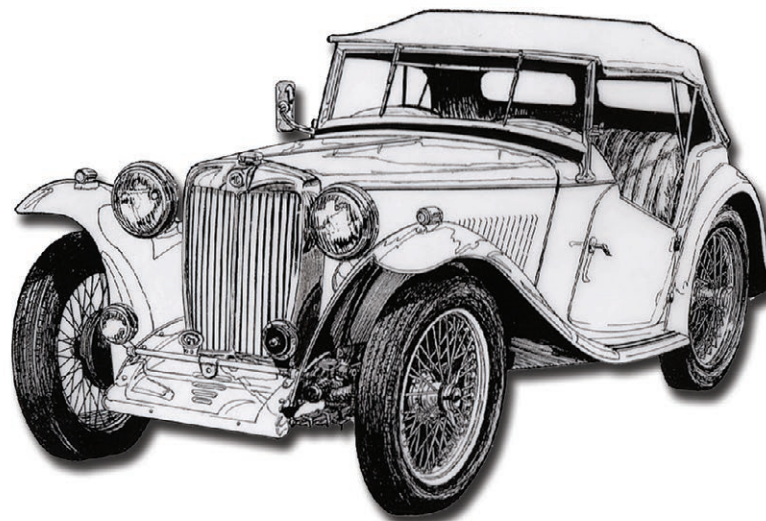
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