



# TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

**August 2022**

Five of the 13 TCs in this year's GoF West car display. These 5 TCs happened to be together and are all TCMG.

r-l: Schrippa, Taylor, Loe, Simmons, Lemieux



Three more of the TC class  
l-r: Thelander, Edgar, Appell



We were not able to get all our TCMG members that were present into this photo (we tried) as some left the car display early, but did get 20 of us in.

l-r: Alan & Victoria Campbell, Steve & Linda Simmons, Cliff Lemieux, Cristina &

Scott St. Clair, Joel & Sylvia Taylor, Fran & Pete Thelander, Richard & Sandra Loe, Doug & Laura Schrippa, David Reid (red hat), Kregg Hunsberger, Terry Schuller, Joyce & David Edgar. Missing are Mel Appell, Larry Long, Doug Pelton, Walt Prowell, Bill Traill, and Charley Williams. TCMG won the Monterey Cup for the most club members at GoF West this year.



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## GoF West



GoF West website is undergoing some changes.  
It is out of date and needs fixing so please be  
patient while it gets revamped.

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# Steve's Thoughts



**B**y now everyone has returned safely from GoF West, where we had a great showing of TCMG members. Of the 13 TCs on the field, 11 were Motoring Guild cars. The sole TA in the pre-war class was also one of ours. We also did very well in the various competitions, taking home 12 honors including the Monterey Cup, which is awarded to the club with the most members in attendance. This is the first time TCMG has won this award, and one of the rare times someone beat Vintage MG of So Cal in total members. Congratulations to everyone!

Linda and I were surprised to place third in the car display, just behind Walt Prowell with the ex-Joe Marcotte TC, with first place going to the ex-Terry Sanders TC that was recently purchased by its new owner from the Rough Riders group. I think we can also count that as a win for Terry, who not

only built a striking car but kept it in show condition despite all the miles accumulated from driving to long distance events. He must have shared car care tips with the late Gene Roth, who also had a pristine black TC that won everything it entered despite the many miles he and Deana drove it.

In the old days it seemed that the “driven cars” got the most attention at GoF West events. Just look at the pile of awards the Thelander car has accumulated over the years. Back then people would count bugs in the radiator and vote for the one with the most. Or sometimes give

votes to the car that covered the most miles driving to the event. These days things appear to have shifted more to restored cars, perhaps because the cars and owners have grown older so they aren’t driven as much. I guess our beloved TC has managed to uphold the older tradition for one more year, getting recognition from

its peers despite all the hard miles behind her.

Keep ‘em on the road!

*Steve Simmons*

Steve Simmons  
TCMG President 2022



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meeting on July 26th*

[zoom.us/j/88150211827](https://zoom.us/j/88150211827)

**\*** Pacific Daylight Time - Zoom to start at 5:45pm to gather together before our business meeting.



## Don McLish - R.I.P.

Don and his wife Jan, who we lost in 2016, were long time members of TCMG.

Since he joined in 1970, Don served two terms as President as well as club historian and several other positions within the club council. Don's love of TCs began in November 1965 when he saw a TC at a gas station in Duluth, Minnesota with the temperature near zero and snow on the ground. By February, the temperature was at minus 26, when he found and

purchased his TC. The price only \$595. It had been more expensive, but the demand for classic MG roadsters without a heater in Minnesota in February, was not in hot demand. His passion for these cars would continue, taking him and Jan on many adventures over the next several decades. We will miss them both.





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## Welcome to Our Newest Member

### Caroline & Jakob Cassini

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1948 TC 6982 XPAG (not given) Green / Green

5-speed trans, supercharged, dual spare carrier, oil cooler. Husband Jakob still has the MGA he bought at age 13.

# Welcome



Caroline drove this TC with friend Whitney in the Copperstate 1000 this last April, a 1000 mile 5 day tour in Arizona.



Last month we welcomed Robert & Susan Doudrick with TC 8583 but did not have a photo yet. Robert was able to share this one with us. Very Beautiful TC.

They live in North Carolina but we hope they will participate on some of the DIY bonus tours and Zoom meetings that we announce on our group emails.



**Happy Birthday  
Joe Douglass  
103 years young  
July 14**

## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

July 15, 1947	TC 3185	Pete & Lisa Gannon
July 15, 1948	TC 6067	Paul & Elizabeth Schmidt
July 16, 1948	TC 6073	Roger Morse & Lynn Arnold
July 20, 1948	TC 6085	Beau & Annie Sicotte
July 21, 1948	TC 6101	Patrick & Laura Mauch
July 21, 1948	TC 6110	Mike & Sherri Simmons
July 22, 1948	TC 6126	Charley Williams



**Happy 73rd &  
74th Birthdays**

Build dates listed are when the TCs were assigned a number and started down the assembly line. **7**

## ***John Bowyer's TC 7499EXU***

Before we get into TC 7499, John Bowyer, a Texas TCMG member, was working on TC 1733 which needed a tub. In his search for looking for parts he came across a parts car (TC 7499) and bought it. The body came off it and after lots of work it went onto TC 1733 and John then finished up that TC (which looks great now), it is now parked next to his first TC (#7474) as well as his running TD. Both TCs are great running but what will he do with the parts car now? He bounced ideas around and

then Georgia, his wife, thought they ought to get it running too (smart wife to keep him busy in the garage so he does not get into other trouble).

So TC 7499 went from a parts car to a project car lacking many parts, including the body. John located a tub in California and made a bonzai solo drive out and back with minimal stops. He did swing by the Edgar's place to pick up a TC gearbox though. Photos here show you some of his progress on 7499.



**Bare frame of  
TC 7499**



TC tub bought in California with TC 1733 and his TD behind it. Note that his TC 7474 is just out of the photo but 7474 and 7499 were one day apart on the assembly line so were on the line at same time at some point.



Tub needed some wood replaced so off came the metal skin and then covered back up.



**Rebuilt tub  
being lifted to  
place on frame.**



← Tub is now closer to position but at some point had to be taken off again to reposition





TC 7499 is slowly being fitted together. However this is an initial fitting and all will be disassembled again to paint.

Note the bumpers as 7499 is actually an EXU model. But some of the brackets are misaligned so needs more work.



#### Parts wanted for TC 7499 EXU:

**Bell housing** complete with the clutch throw out bearing linkages or the linkages. I have a TC bare bell housing. TD parts will not work

**Drive shaft** (43" long)

**Drive shaft tunnel cover**

**Metal center dash panel** for an EXU TC

#### EXU Tail lights

#### EXU bumper parts

Please let me know what you have and the prices.

John Bowyer  
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In an effort to get parts to complete TC 7499, John bought TC 9362, another parts car. He is now already finding body panels

to finish this up although it sits on pretty much a bare frame (no engine, trans or rear end. Can we see where this is headed?



TC 9362



TC 9362

## 50th GoF West Fun

The 50th GoF West, that was held June 27-July 1, was lots of fun for all and a big success. Officially location was the Santa Ynez Valley but hotel was in Buellton, CA (next to Solvang), but the rallye took us all around. The TCMG and its members came away with a nice assortment of awards and should be very proud.



TCMGer, Doug Pelton, gave a tech session on modern solutions to our old cars.



First timers at GoF, Joel & Silvia Taylor placed 4th in the Rallye (TC & Earlier class) although only 3 awards were given out, so TCMG swept the four top places here



Richard & Sandra Loe placed 1st in the Carless Funkhana (Couple's class) and 3rd in the Rallye (TC class).



Walt Prowell won 2nd Place in Car Display (TC class)



David & Joyce placed 1st in the Funkhana (above) and 1st in the Rallye (TC & Earlier Classes). This earned them the points to win the Al Moss Memorial High Point Trophy



Linda lassos cattle as Steve drives around them in the funkhana

Sandra Loe's Arts & Crafts entry. A very creative piece representing the Sanya Ynez Valley and MGs.

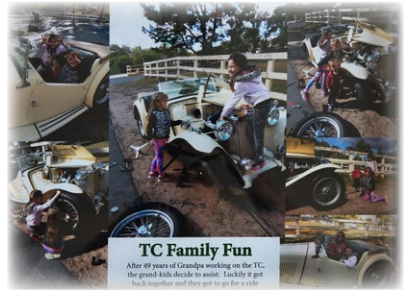




Three more TCMG TCs in the TC class: right - Prowell and Williams and then Hunsberger below.



First Place,  
Photos  
(Humorous)  
submitted by  
the Edgars



Alan & Victoria Campbell in their superb MGTA. Should have won an award as it looks in mint condition, but GoF West judging is by the people which is fickle and not always goes by perfection. Fantastic TA though.



Pete & Fran Thelander before entering the car display field. They also placed 2nd in the Funkhana (TC & Earlier class). They have attended each and every GoF West in the last 50 years (having co-founded the first one in 1973). Remarkable TCers.



David & Joyce are legally cheating in the funkhana. Joyce counterbalances David so he can reach closer to the bucket **11**



## More GoF West



Steve & Linda Simmons along with Gregg Hunsberger. Steve & Linda place 3rd in the car display (TCs) and 2nd place in the Rallye (TCs). Steve also won 1st place in the Carless Funkhana (Guys class)

Doug & Laura Schrippa in their TC waiting to go onto the car display field.



All the GoF West photos in this issue were taken by Mel Appell, David Edgar, Gregg Hunsberger and Doug Schirripa



Mel Appell, Cliff Lemieux, Walt Prowell and Gregg Hunsberger decided to tour Mendenhall's Museum of Gasoline Pumps & Petroliana in Buellton instead of going on the rallye. They drove in and were invited to park their TCs in one of the exhibits, so they did.



Thank you to David Reid and Terry Schuller for taking all the "official" GoF West car display entry photos

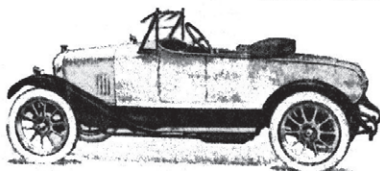
# 100 years of MG - But When?

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Octagon car badge was used starting around 1927

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There has been a lot of talk lately on the MG 100th anniversary. But when is the date or year of the 100th? Here are some events that are significant. Cecil Kimber came to Morris Garages in 1921 and started modifying Morris Cowley cars in 1923. MG designation was also introduced at that time. The ad above seems to be the first use of the MG octagon logo, but cars were still a sideline of Morris. In 1925 Old Number One was built, and used the round badge. 1927 was when the octagon badge went on the cars and in 1928, the sideline had become large enough to

warrant an identity separate from the original Morris Garages. But it wasn't until July 1930 when a separate M.G. Car Company Limited was incorporated.

No wonder TCs are known to wander about on the road when the history is so loose.

The MG Car Club has a pretty good story on MG if you want to read more.

[mgcc.co.uk/articles/mg-early-days/](http://mgcc.co.uk/articles/mg-early-days/)

It appears MG Car Club has officially decided to celebrate the 100th anniversary as 1923-2023.

## Run vs Own

There is nothing more interesting than finding out what other cars someone owns. It tells a lot about their diversity of interests or compulsive nature for having only a few exquisite marques. Often in these discussions, or subtly listed as their signature at the end of an internet thread, the number of vehicles owned presents itself.

These lists are often impressive and inversely correlated with the amount of space one has to store them. There are always more vehicles than space allotted. We have become experts at fitting ten

pounds in a five pound bag! Further, someone recently suggested to me that British cars are like wire hangers in a closet. You swear you only put one or two in there, but the next time you

look, the rack is full of them. Some of this is the result of orphan syndrome. I have been offered many a derelict, and the soft side of me seems to prefer that it suffers a slow demise in my possession, rather than letting it languish under the old oak tree.

But I often wonder, is the list a truthful representation of one's fleet.

If I look at my own hoarding (I refrain from calling it a collection), I can say that most of BMC's offerings are well represented, as well as most of the alphabet of MGs. The list (20 something) would look impressive, but in actuality, the brood runs the gamut from rust buckets and parts cars, to projects, to works in progress, to almost show quality. And the once daily driver – which horror of horrors – was recently sold because someone just had to have it. I call them an excellent candidate for future membership in the club!

Therefore, in the spirit of the truth in lending laws, I propose that anyone listing their vehicles should also include an index

**14** to better represent their holdings. For

instance, a measure equated as the ratio of number of vehicles that one owns (all nationalities) that are fully functional and running – although not necessarily licensed for street operation - divided by the number of vehicles owned (all inclusive) – running or not, hence forth be referred to as the run to own ratio (R/O), and would be an equalizer for comparing each represented stash. A ratio equating to a measure of 1 would be a perfect score – herein to be referred to as the Jay Leno value. Inclusion of motorcycles is at your discretion.



Doug's TC and a couple of the MGBs

To further refine this measure, I also suggest that the nomenclature – RWP – also be used to describe those vehicles that Ran When Parked, with the additional provision that they have not been substantially

disassembled, as it should be obvious that everything we own ran at one time before it was parked. So, each of those RWP vehicles count as one half when figuring the ratio, but RWP must be included after each vehicle in such a listing.

In perspective, my list of 22 vehicles (initially impressive, one would think) would yield a ratio of 13/22 or .59, which clearly indicates that I need to either liquidate, or get my butt in gear and get more of these back 'on the road'. Interested parties for the projects, please inquire within!

Further, using this as an example to your wife as "see honey, I'm not as bad as he is" really is frowned upon.

All the best.

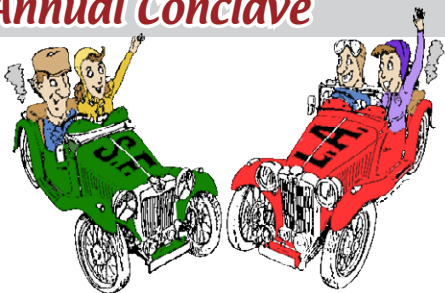
*Doug Schirripa*

*MG TC, Lester/MG, MGC-GT, MGB & GT (numerous and both street and race), Austin-Healey 100-4, 3000, E-Type, TR-6, Norton 850 Commando . . . just to name a few*



## TCMG / ARR Annual Conclave

### Cambria & Hearst Castle October 8-10



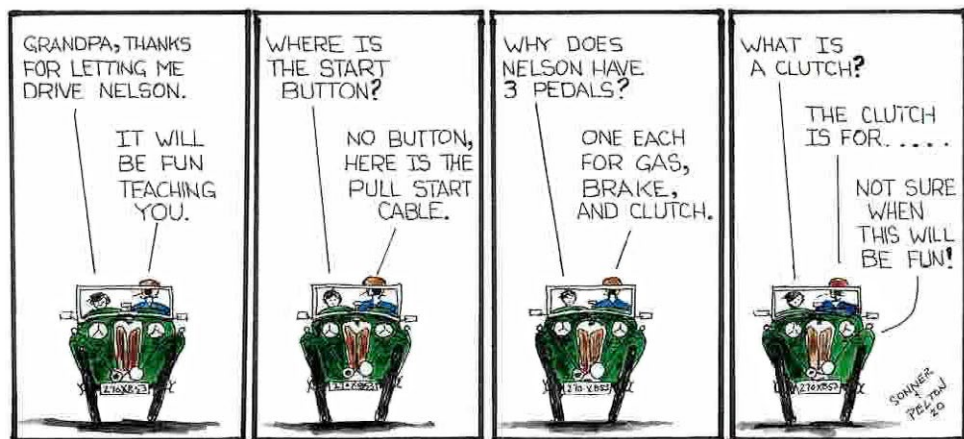
And we're back! The conclave this year is returning to Cambria with a visit to Hearst Castle. We will have our welcome back libations of choice and treats on the patio the evening of the 8th. Sunday we will drive 10 miles along the coast to Hearst Castle for a group tour and return to Cambria. There may be time for a side trip to Nitt Witt Ridge (look it up, it's a caution.) There is also a nice drive up Santa Rosa Creek road out of Cambria to Linn's Farm Store. It's 6 miles of winding (slow going) road through the hills and have lots of goodies to look at. Sunday night there will be a banquet, details to follow. Monday return home. Line up will

be Sunday at the Castle so people are free to return home early Monday morning.

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Howard Shempp  
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Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: Along the Way



This Lester/MG was mentioned on the previous page as part of his stable of cars. Here is Doug Schirripa in it at Lime Rock.

Lester built a lightweight race car around MG components.

## *June 21st, 2022 TCMG Meeting Minutes & Picnic*

After some socializing and tire kicking in Cindy's driveway (7 TC's present, nice! David & Joyce Edgar, Gregg Hunsberger, Cliff Lemieux, Richard & Sandra Loe, Gus Ramos, Steve & Linda Simmons, and Dave & Bobbi Spiegel), **President Steve Simmons** gaveled the meeting to order.... with a real gavel....at 8:12 pm. Steve first thanked Cindy for the hospitality and that there was dessert to consume. (A tough job, but someone's gotta do it) There were no new members or guests present, but a few faces finally seen in person after two years of virtual meetings. Steve introduced Doug Schirripa to his first in person meeting as well as reminding all that this was also your humble secretary's first in person meeting after joining the club over two years prior. Total attendance was 26 with 18 memberships represented.

**Secretary**, yours truly had no formal report and moved to accept last month's minutes as published in the newsletter and was approved.

**Treasurer Joyce Edgar** had posted the monthly report and reminded all that the former Einhorn TC had gone to Europe.

**Programs:** Steve reminded all that the next Zoom meeting event would be a video tour of Secretary Rob Zucca's US Militaria (Civil War stuff).

**Events:** GOF West is the next event and that it's not too late to attend.

**Old business:** It was reported that the golf course near the old meeting site may be available for the annual Christmas party.

**New business:** The program this evening was a contest testing the



oil leakage of the TC's driven and a target sheet of paper was placed under each car. The twist was which leaked the least! Dave and Bobbi Spiegel's TC won hands down. How'd they do that? Cliff Lemieux's car marked its territory the most.

Steve gaveled the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.....so we could have dessert!

Respectfully submitted,

*Rob Zucca*

**Rob Zucca**  
2022 Secretary



Was nice to have our annual picnic meeting again. Everyone really seemed to enjoy visiting and of course the great dessert Cindy made up. Doug Schirripa also brought a cheese cake he baked himself using his grandmothers recipe. Yum, yum.



Thank you to Cindy Henkels for making her home, backyard and driveway available to us. Thanks also to Richard & Sandra Loe, Malcolm & Joy Buckeridge, Gorden Bundy & June, and Karen Olson helping in various capacities.



Cliff's oil drippings was declared the worst of the competition. Winner of the contest was Dave Spiegel with not a drop of oil under the TC (and yes there was oil in the sump).



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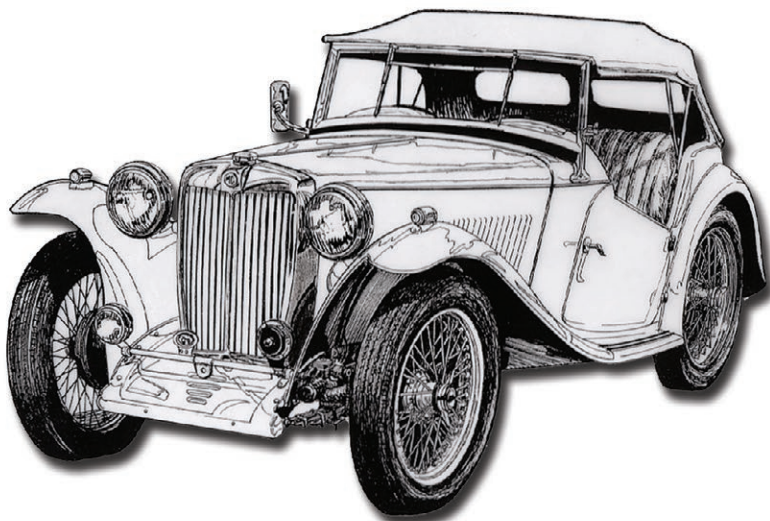


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