



TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

September 2022



Both Mel Appell and Gregg Hunsberger sent in photos from their trip to Mendenhall's Museum of Gasoline Pumps. Walt Prowell and Cliff Lemieux also were there and all were invited to park in the garage display.
- Gregg Hunsberger

Other Bonus Tour photos are on pages 8 - 11



As American as Apple Pie goes the saying
- Steve & Linda Simmons

July Bonus Tour theme was All-American

What's with all the tea spilling out of the British car? Was this another Tea Party protest? And while a flintlock pistol is present, not a single shot was fired at the 1st Tea Party. In fact the rebels were so polite back then, that they replaced the lock they broke on the ship.
- Rob Zucca



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It is out of date and needs fixing so please be
patient while it gets revamped.

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Steve's Thoughts



You could probably count the number of factory original TCs in the club on one hand. Modifications were practically required 60 years ago if you wanted to hang out with the cool kids, and that tradition has survived in different guises to this day. It perhaps started with the badge bar, where you could announce to the world that you belonged to a club, lived in a certain place or that your car was indeed British. Finned alloy engine parts let everyone know that your car was faster than theirs, and a visit to MG Mitten or Vilem Haan would yield a car-full of goodies to set you apart visually from the next guy. At one time, chrome was king and you'd find it on everything from generators to grill slats. Then there were the engine turned dashboards, whitewall tires, CB antennas and all manner of things that could be screwed onto a TC.

These days you see less of the bling and more of the practical mods. Components that are known to be

problematic like axle shafts and felt seals are replaced by those made with modern materials. In some ways, originality has become what is different from one car to the next. We still have the badges of course, and many of the other interesting items that owners from decades past thought were the bees knees.

If this sort of thing interests you, our meeting in September will feature a TC that until this year was owned and driven by the same person for 73 years. Barney Jackson made plenty of modifications to his TC to make it a better driver as well as to help



it stand out in a crowd. I was tasked with refurbishing this car several months ago for its new owner, and during

that refurbishment some mods were reversed and others were implemented, in hopes of making it even better. As this will be an in-person meeting (with Zoom simulcast), the TC will be on display while we talk about all the interesting features it has, both old and new. We hope you can make it, and better yet to have your TC on display as well!

Keep 'em on the road!

Steve Simmons

Steve Simmons
TCMG President 2022

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Tuesday, August 23rd

6:00pm Zoom*

1965 European Car Scene



Program (after the business part of the meeting) is by TCMG member Allan Chalmers. Allan will give a presentation on the six months he spend in Europe in 1965, with a heavy emphasis on car content.

Drive your TC at least 10 miles on August 23rd and earn a Sargent point for a simulated drive to the meeting. Report your travel at the Zoom meeting to get credit.

Link below is for the Zoom meeting on August 23rd

zoom.us/j/86380417291

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

August Tour Event

August 20th



A private guided tour of the historic Ventura Dudley House, circa 1892 will be given so we need an **RSVP** count so there are enough docents available.

Picnic on the grounds for lunch so bring your goodies. Several tables available.

Meet: 9:15am at Whole Foods parking lot, 23401 Civic Center Way, Malibu.

Depart: 9:45am for a 47 mile coastal drive to Ventura.

Private Tour: 11:00am at the home

Lunch: 12:15pm Picnic

RSVP to Steve if you plan to attend
mail@mgnuts.com or call (number in the TCMG Directory)

Can't make the tour? Do a Bonus Tour of your own and get a photo of your TC at a historic building near you. Drive

at least 5 miles to get Sargent Points. Send photo to Joyce Edgar by August 20th. djedgar1970@gmail.com



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Long Time

The TC Legend

Having returned from GRAB '98, 24 years ago and having had such a fabulous time (if I had the opportunity to go again and was physically able to, I would jump at the chance) I sat down to contemplate the little cars that had brought us all together on this wonderful adventure.

Labeled as the car which started the sports car revolution in the United States, when analyzed closely, one must wonder if the MGTC was ever really a true sports car. One which could perform; speed, steering and braking ability? The MG Car Club proclaims "Safety Fast." The TC could never fit that description.

Before accusing me of heresy and arranging for a public flogging for daring to defile the sacred octagon, consider the following —The TCs performance by any standard must be considered poor.

It might get to 80 mph going downhill with a strong wind behind it, and it might get through the 1/4 mile if you gave it enough time. Its handling characteristics leave a great deal to be desired also. Its steering is so notoriously fickle, going where it wants, that many owners have given up attempting to modify it, and are now just replacing the steering with one of Japanese or German origin. The brakes also are sometimes inadequate and can't stop the car when needed. Owners have had to resort to replacing the brake drums with those of overseas manufacturer such as finned Datsun or Alfin.

With all of these, I hate to say faults for fear of reprisal (maybe shortcomings is the better choice of words), what makes the

MGTC so popular, not only when it was first introduced, but still today? How did it gain such enthusiastic support and why is it held in such revered esteem?

Whenever one goes with a TC, they are met by people who tell of their experience or that of a relative or friend. It seems that everyone either had the car or knew of someone who did and they all love the car.

Perhaps the answer to the question lies in the true definition of the term "sports car." After all who needs a 150 mph car when there is no place to drive it at that speed and who would want to? To those who love and cherish the MGTC, the term sports car might mean fun and there is probably no car in the world which is as much fun to drive as the TC.

Well I could go on forever, but it is a gorgeous day and I am going to enjoy it by going on a nice drive in the country. As I walk past my red Ferrari, I remember I forgot the key to the TC and I can't start a TC without one.

Mel Appell



Ed Note - As a little back history, TC Motoring Guild members had organized two trips where they shipped their TCs to England (and back again).

Labeled as G.R.A.B. (Grand Rallye Around Britain), the first one was in 1992 with 15 members in 8 TCs and was such a success that a second one was made in 1998 with 12 TCs and 22 members.

Each was about a month long and included touring and joint events with the MG clubs of Great Britain. Each was climaxed with a pilgrimage to the old factory in Abingdon and a ceremonial visit to the "Vatican" of the MG Car Club on Cemetery Road.

The TCs were loaded into ocean freight containers at Long Beach, then sealed before being loaded onto ships.

June TCMG Bonus Tour Fun

June theme was Wine or "50"

Missed doing this Bonus Tour?
See page 3 on how to do the next one.



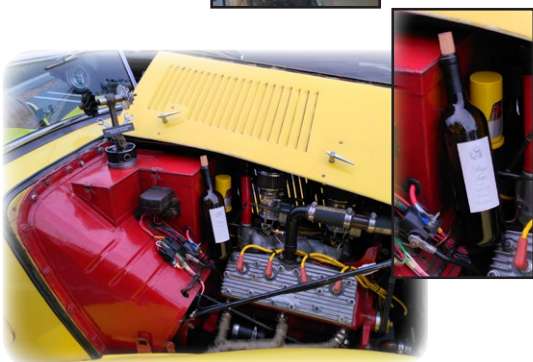
Mark Acosta in front of
Schmidt Family Vineyards
Tasting Room in Oregon



Malcolm asks if 129
miles on a trailer
counts for mileage?
Note cork screw on
the wing.
Malcolm Buckeridge



50 Years TCMG artwork
- Richard & Sandra Loe



Heard a whine in the engine compartment,
but it just turned out to be wine.
- Gregg Hunsberger

To qualify for a Sargent Point you had
to submit a photo of your TC with the
theme of either Wine or 50 (or both).
Photo, trip and submission had to be
sometime between June 1 to 25.

Parked in front of La
Mesa WINEWORKS.
Whined earlier
when filling up with
gas at \$5.89/gal
- David Edgar





As if the 50 MPH sign was not enough, note Steve's T-shirt which reads "Vintage 1972" because he is 50 years old.
- Steve & Linda Simmons



50 wine corks on the bonnet.
Note the Roman Numeral L as well for "50"
- Doug Schrippa



"Whiner at the Winery" - 9 year old Ashley (granddaughter) in the TC in front of the Cornell Winery and Tasting Room
- Mike Simmons



Vineyard Avenue is the last vestige of viniculture on the Oxnard Plain.
- Cliff Lemieux



Creative Ron Zucca turned his TC grille into a wine bottle (Nuffield Cabernet, 1948) complete with cork and cork screw.

July Bonus Tour

**July's Bonus Tour theme
was All-American**

Six entries (7 photos) included American flags. Can you find them all?



Scott & Cristina St. Clair found a huge flag displayed near them. Also brought out their MGA



United States Postal Office with flag out front. And drive up mail box is perfect for right hand drive cars.

- Doug & Laura Schirripa



Photo of two of Edgar's grands in TC with red, white, & blue items. Tried, but could not get both kids to face camera at the same time.

- David & Joyce Edgar

Kregg participated in the National Collector Car Appreciation Day Show and added a flag for good measure

- Kregg Hunsberger





Nothing more American than a car show dedicated to cars of another country. Original British Car Day in Maryland. Grandson Patrick stands behind the TC. Great photo but show was out of date of our tour time frame for points.
- Bob Eicher

TC parked in front of an Independence Day celebration at Lacy Park in San Marino. Happy Fourth
- Dave & Bobbi Spiegel

Second photo to go with what is on the cover. American flag and apple pie.
- Steve & Linda Simmons



To qualify for a Sargent Point you had to submit a photo of your TC with the theme of All-American. Photo, trip and submission had to be sometime between July 1 to 21.

Red, White & Blue MGs make for a patriotic display
- Mike Simmons



More of the museum as described on cover. Gregg sent in the photo above and Mel Appell sent in the one below



Meeting An Old Friend

I know many will certainly remember Gene Roth and his beautiful TC. The car was the show piece of many GoF's. It was smartly detailed with mirror black paint, "purple/burgundy" interior, dash, and matching steering wheel and also the glitzy chrome wheels. What ever happened to the car and where is it now?



The car was sold to Stephen Golde, Prescott Valley, AZ. Stephen was born in England and was a top mechanic for all things British. He had a deep appreciation for the car as it was not only a great looking car but a top performer. Underneath the bonnet, it had a modified high compression engine and super-charger and a 5-speed gearbox. Unfortunately, Stephen died from covid. As an equal admirer of the car, Stephen's wife, Vicki has now taken the reins to make sure the car is maintained to preserve the legacy of both Gene and Stephen.



Vicki contacted "From The Frame Up" to check on the car and to make sure it is
12 in top working order. FTFU picked

up the car and gave it a full-service safety check. All was in good order with minor corrections. As we know both Gene and Stephen took good care of the car. Upon delivery back to Vicki, there was one minor remaining task at hand: TC driving lessons. Although Vicki had ridden in the car, she had never actually driven it. So, it was my honor and pleasure to teach Vicki about the car's operation, general servicing and then off to a practice drive.

It was early Sunday morning, in the cooler higher elevation of Arizona. The 5-speed shift pattern is a little different so we started off practicing stop and go and shifting in the local shopping parking lot. Once, we established a mix of confidence and proficiency, we were off to explore the side streets. Then we transitioned to the main highway where we could let the TC release and motor along with great power and acceleration getting into 5th gear.

The personal joy for me was seeing the excitement and pleasure of Vicki driving this fun little car. As I left, she commented, "I won't put it away because I want to drive again this afternoon."



And oh, by the way, Gene's MG hat remains with the car and is tucked away behind the seat.

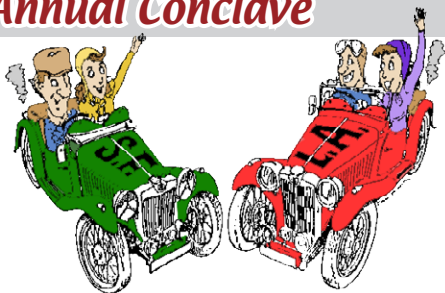
Doug Pelton

Doug Pelton, From The Frame Up

More photos of Gene and TC on following page

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. The rooms reservations include: 6 queen rooms (\$291.70 for both nights including taxes); 8 king rooms (\$347.80 for both nights including taxes); and 2 king deluxe (\$448.78 for both nights including taxes). Call the Bluebird Inn (805-927-4634) for details and to make reservations. Mention the MG Car Club for these rates. See you there.

Howard Shempp
hshempp@gmail.com



L to R: Willie Williams, Gene Roth, (both former TCMG members) and Graham Aldous at Carefree GoF West 2013



Interesting the TC still sports the California license plate (on the front anyway). Arizona only issues one plate for the back.

1948 MGTC For Sale

Just received word of
Spindler's TC for sale.

1948 TC 6439 XPAG 4395
Cream / Red

Selling due to Ron's health
(would love to keep it, but
just being realistic).

818-523-3788 (Diane's cell)
Call or text

If interested, make contact
ASAP as someone in
Wyoming sounded interested
but are giving TCMG.
members first chance.



Malcolm Buckeridge said he drove it about 9 months ago
and it was a solid driver and in nice condition at that time.

*TCs have to be one of
the best dollar to fun
ratio values around.*

Comments found on
another TC for sale on
Bring-a-Trailer

*The joy of driving a
TC is priceless.*

1948 MGTC For Sale by ARR Member

1948 MGTC Roadster, right-hand drive.
Rare Almond Green color, biscuit grill
& interior. TC named Froggy. New
leather interior, new canvas top, tonneau
cover. New Excelsior tires. Purchased
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my knowledge. All work is regularly
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Must run pretty good as Allan Chalmers said
14 she was clocked driving it 80 MPH once



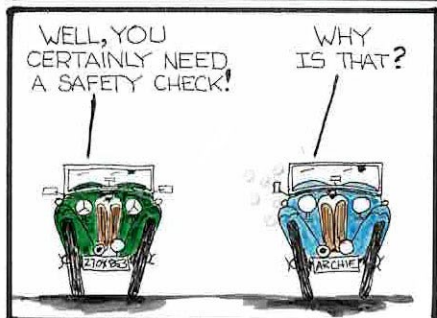
TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

August 19, 1947	TC 3353	Gene Olson
August 19, 1948	TC 6265	David & Lucy McCanne
August 22, 1947	TC 3387	Brian Wescott
August 25, 1947	TC 3399	John & Linda Wright
August 25, 1948	TC 6319	Daniel Harrison
August 31, 1948	TC 6373	Clifford Lemieux
September 3, 1948	TC 6422	Joe McCammon & Joani Walsh
September 3, 1948	TC 6424	Howard & Carolyn Shempp
September 7, 1948	TC 6439	Ron & Diane Spinder
September 15, 1948	TC 6519	Richard & Nancy Gehweiler



Happy 73rd & 74th Birthdays

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



Geoffrey Loquennutte & Nelson: Along the Way

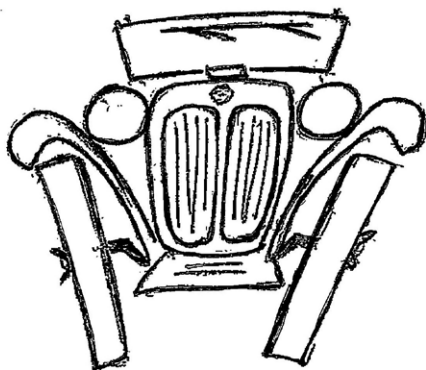
TCs on the Move

New owners of TC 4681

David Reid & Terry Schuller sold their red TC to Gorden Bundy

New owners of TC 6827

Gorden Bundy sold his green TC to Malcolm & Joy Buckeridge



July 26th, TCMG Meeting Minutes

Six of our members simulated a drive to the meeting in their TCs to earn Sargent points. There were 18 total attendees with 13 memberships represented.

President Steve Simmons cleverly gavel'ed the meeting to order at 6:18pm with his shoe....we need to get that guy a hammer... There were no new members present or guests. The count was taken for who drove to the meeting. There was a total of 6.

The **Loe's**, who were out of town, had checked the mail at the PO box in July. Just a magazine.

Secretary's report. I had nothing new to report....other than my meeting note taking is becoming more legible.... I motioned that the prior meeting notes be accepted as published in the newsletter. This was approved. Yay.... no pesky corrections.

Treasurer Joyce Edgar who had sent the spread sheet to the board members previously (thank you Joyce!) reported we had money in the bank and all was well.

Program coordinator Curt Sorensen reminded all that the best place for program information is our website. Curt also reminded us that the next program will be Allan Chalmers "six months in Europe, 1965" That should be fun! The September meeting may be a Zoom/live meeting at "Abingdon West," Steve and Linda Simmons home in Thousand Oaks. The program will be the resurrection of the Barney Jackson car now owned by Mike Simmons. Possible change of that meeting date to be confirmed and announced later. See newsletter and website. October and November

programs are still open with December being the annual Christmas party. There's no new information on the Christmas party as yet. Fran Thelander mentioned how good last years location was and Joyce Edgar, who has been looking at possibilities for next years GOF, said prices are up for event venues. David Edgar suggested perhaps a member's home. Steve has a couple of ideas.

Events. Steve let us know the next event will be a visit to Ventura's historic Dudley house with a drive from Malibu to the location. Rally point to be announced. Joyce ran the slide show for the last two bonus tours. Some pretty creative stuff. The September event may be a trip to El Segundo to the Driving Museum with October event being the Conclave.

Old Business. The attendance of three TC's at long time member Ron Simons funeral was mentioned. The cars included the Simon TC. Also, the Edgar's accepted the Monterey Cup for TCMG at GOF and TC Motoring Guild members won 13 individual awards.

There was **no new business.**

Steve gavel'ed the meeting to a close at 6:55pm..... I don't remember if he used his shoe again.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Zucca

Rob Zucca
2022 Secretary



Zoom meeting participants as shown on next page: * indicates drove at least 5 miles in TC that day to earn a Sargent Award point.

Top row: Joyce Edgar, David Edgar*, Rob Zucca

2nd row: Richard & Sandra Loe (MO), Pete & Fran Thelander, Allan Chalmers

3rd row: Kregg Hunsberger*, Roy Jones, Mike Simmons*,

4th row: Cliff Lemieux*, Dottie Smith (NH), Curt & Jan Sorensen,

5th row: Doug Schrippa*, Steve & Linda Simmons*



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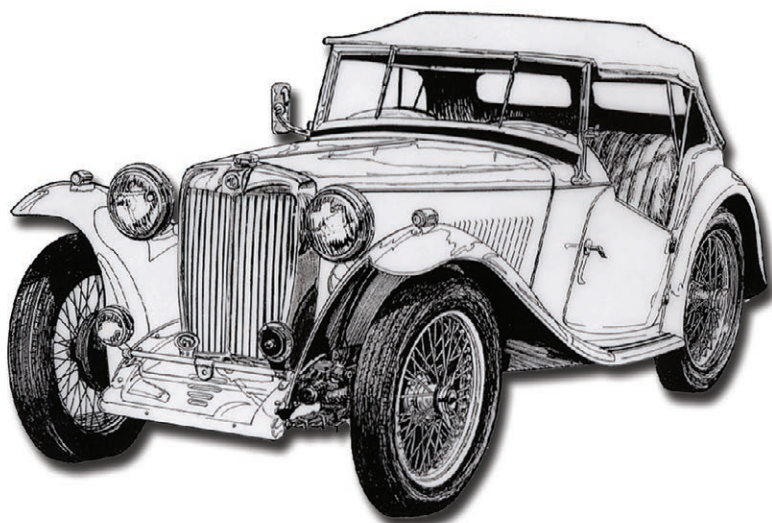


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