



TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

August 2023



Many, many, many a thank you to Steve & Linda for hosting our annual picnic this year (and many thanks to Cindy for prior years). Seven TCs were present along with a Jaguar and a Shelby GT-350. Lots to see when one was not visiting with our TC friends. More on the picnic inside this issue.





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Rob's Ramblings



Hagerty insurance sends me a newsletter daily. Most of the time the articles don't interest me as they're mostly muscle car oriented...I guess that's their biggest clientele.

A recent one piqued my interest. The problem with parts supply. Mostly it was about German stuff. Porsche and Mercedes, but the problem runs to our little cars as well. Between the pandemic, supply chain problems and the big push toward electrification, manufacturers have turned toward demand. Make ten thousand parts that are in demand instead of 1000 for some other car. This may be why Crane cams sold out. This in turn has sparked manufacturing of sub standard parts for the smaller markets by less talented manufacturers. We've battled this for years dealing with poorly made offshore components. This kind of brings me back to my

thoughts a few months ago regarding our MG vendors. They're not getting rich and hopefully are in the business of supporting our hobby as a labor of love. It is a two way street though. We need them and they need us. There are an awful lot of bad parts that have been sold for years with problems that never seem to get solved. Cast master cylinders so porous they leak. Parts that require modifying another mating part to work. Mismatched threads etc, and let's not forget rubber parts that crack and split before the restoration is complete. Always let the vendor know if you receive a bad part instead of tossing it in a box and finding a serviceable one on eBay. Metal parts are the toughest and hopefully advances in 3D printing will help keep our cars on the road. I'm hopeful the next caretakers will be able to fix and enjoy our cars as much as we do. Just please.....no electric motors!

Rob Zucca

Rob Zucca
TCMG President 2023

July DIY Tour

With the warmer weather (OK, hot and sweltering) your task is to photograph your TC with something HOT related. Don't assume hot has to deal with temperature. Be creative (go steal something).

Send your photo(s) to Joyce Edgar: djedgar1970@gmail.com by July 22nd, and be sure to drive at least 5 miles during your journey to receive a point toward the Sargent Award!

No Photoshopping allowed even though sample here is

Time is running out, so get out there and do it



TC doing a hot lap with hot radiator

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Tuesday, July 25th



6:00 pm*

Update and Progress on Kregg's TC

The program for the evening will be a presentation by Kregg Hunsberger on the repair of his wrecked TC Special. Will it be back on the road or almost there come July 25? Be at the meeting to find out.



*Link below is for the Zoom
meeting on July 25th*

zoom.us/j/6234447498

Drive your TC at least 10 miles on July 25th and earn a Sargent point for a simulated drive to the meeting. Report your drive at the meeting to get credit.

***** *Pacific Daylight Time - Meeting to start at 6pm but Zoom should open up about 5:45pm to visit.*

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

July 15, 1948	TC 6067	Paul & Elizabeth Schmidt
July 16, 1948	TC 6073	Roger Morse & Lynn Arnold
July 21, 1948	TC 6101	Patrick & Laura Mauch
July 21, 1948	TC 6110	Mike & Sherri Simmons
July 22, 1948	TC 6126	Charley Williams
Aug 11, 1949	TC 9362	John & Georgia Bowyer



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

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Welcome to Our Newest Member

Welcome

Jonathan Lane & Val Shockley
Greenwood Village, CO

1948 TC 7159 XPAG ---- Blue / Biscuit



Was built into a race car back in the early '90s and campaigned all over the east coast. Sold about 10 years ago and only raced a couple times by the new owner. I bought it in 2017 and have been fixing stuff and racing it ever since. Has 16" wheels with Dunlop R5 racing tires, Cycle fenders. Engine is an XPAG that has been bored and sleeved to 1466cc. Has a Lucas Laystall aluminum cylinder head and about 12:1 compression. 1.5" SU H4 carbs, racing camshaft, flat tappets, billet crank and custom Saenz connecting rods and forged JE Pistons. Goldstar racing clutch and flywheel that weighs 10lbs.

I also have a 1966 MGB that is also a race car as well as a 1971 MGB-GT that is a road



Racing at Monterey in 2018

car that I've had since 1985. I've got my eye on a '49 EXU TC that belongs to a friend's father. He bought it as a project about 40+ years ago and has done nothing to it. Trying to figure out how to get it without ending up divorced.

Note that we are not including phone number, address and email info to prevent internet mining of information.

67th Annual TCMG / ARR Conclave

**Paso Robles
October 1-3**

Our Annual TCMG/ARR Conclave is set for Sunday thru Tuesday this year to get better room rates.

Still negotiating with the one facility on rates so stay tuned for exact location and prices.

Banquet and other details also still being worked out so hang loose and stay tuned for updates in next newsletters and our Group email.

Thank you to Steve & Linda for working this all out.



Sunday arrive, happy hour
and on your own dinner.

Monday Driving Tour and banquet dinner.

Tuesday TC line-up photo and departure.

If you are unsure what the Conclave is, visit:
tcmotoringguild.org/history/conclave/

Annual Summer TCMG Picnic

Again, many, many, many thanks to Steve & Linda for hosting our annual TCMG picnic this year. 34 members and guests driving seven TCs (plus a Jaguar XK150 and a Shelby GT-350) attended. TCs were driven by Edgar, Lemieux, Loe, S. Simmons, Zucca, M. Simmons and Mathison.



We all brought our own lunches and enjoyed eating among our friends.



We usually hold a short business meeting as part of the picnic but this year it was picnic only.





While we each brought our own lunch, Linda went wild on giving us dessert choices to pick from. Quite the variety and each was delicious of course.



The yard was picture perfect (another of Linda's talents) and the garage was equally spectacular to peruse around (Steve's talent).

Photos by Steve Simmons
and David Edgar

Our TCMG August Event

August 26

We will start with a one-hour scenic driving tour through the Santa Monica Mountains above Malibu. Our destination is Point Dume and the home of TCMG member David Mathison. An all you can eat taco bar will be on site to provide free lunch and drinks to attendees, and David's pair of award-winning vintage motorcycles will be on display along with his other vehicles.

Bound to be a popular event
with free lunch provided, but
PLEASE RSVP

Please **RSVP** so we can get a head count for the caterer! RSVP by August 20th to Joyce Edgar at:

djedgar1970@gmail.com

Driveway parking at our destination is limited and is reserved for TCs only please. Others use street parking. More event details will be provided, like meeting time/location as they become available via next newsletter and our group email. Stay tuned.



Historian's Report - Putting It All Together

This is part two of the story of our club formation. The first part was in last month's issue and focused on idea and initial 1952 to mid 1954 activity.

It was August 1954, and the newly formed TC group had a plan. The meeting held two months prior at the Glendale offices of Road & Track Magazine had gone well, with much accomplished by the time they adjourned. The group had agreed to locate a permanent meeting hall and meet there on one Friday night each month. The location they found was East Glenoaks Manor, located at 2534 Hollister Terrace in Glendale, just a few miles up the hill from R&T.



2534 Hollister Ter and what seems to be a community center at Glenoaks Park

The second meeting was held there on August 27th with 12 members and several guests present. Several topics of discussion were planned including various TC technical matters. It was hoped this could be a permanent meeting location but the slow growth of the club presented financial issues and only one meeting was held there that year. Once they could increase the number of regular attendees, or if guest speakers were invited, the Manor could again be rented. The idea of incorporation was also put on hold until the treasury was more stable.

The third meeting was planned to be held in September at the La Crescenta home of Bill and Wilma McGuire (3813 Pennsylvania Ave), but for one reason or

another that meeting didn't happen until October. Held on Thursday the 7th, the most important order of business was establishing a working council. George Krull had been instrumental in arranging the two previous meetings, and he was appointed as the first president of



Steve Simmons



3813 Pennsylvania Ave (Google view)

the club. Whether this was an election or a volunteer process is not clear. The full list of officers for 1954 was as follows:

President: George Krull
Vice President: Bill McGuire
Secretary: Inez Whitney
Treasurer: Les Weber
Programmer: Earl Sargent

There was plenty of tech talk, with mention in the minutes of Howard Lyon's "ingenious method for preventing rear wheels from throwing out grease".

The gatherings would remain at the McGuire home for some time. A 4th club meeting was held there on November 23rd with 14 members present. This meeting is the first known use of a sign-in register, which still exists in our archives. The sheet is titled "TCOC" which is undoubtedly short for TC Owner's Club.

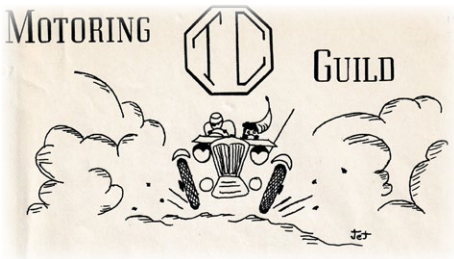
Most importantly, it is also believed that this was the meeting where the name TC Motoring Guild was adopted, as the first known use of the name was on **10**

the mailer announcing the next meeting scheduled for January 27th, 1955.

At that meeting, discussions were held regarding club badges and artwork design. Members were encouraged to bring their artwork samples to the next meeting. One idea was sketched on the sign-in roster by an unknown person, but it was not chosen.



Clarke Whitney led a discussion on SU carburetors, and Gaynor Peet showed slides from his travels. Bill Harps gave the club new stationary with a letterhead designed around a TC (artist unknown). This artwork was rediscovered a few years ago and has since been featured on some of our club T-shirts.



Still at the McGuire home, a discussion on Rally Navigation was held at the meeting on February 24th with the hopes of putting together some TCMG team entries in upcoming events. Subsequent topics of discussion included how to install the new 1500cc blocks in your TC as well as further discussion on club badges. Three badge designs were chosen to get costs for. One new member

of note at this meeting was famed automotive photographer and journalist Bobbie'dine Rodda.

More importantly, it was at this meeting that the first official TCMG group tour was planned. It was held on Sunday, March 20, 1955 starting at the McGuire home with a destination of Apple Valley for breakfast (and possibly a picnic lunch), then home again.



Six TCs at Apple Valley and it appears they drove up a hill on a dirt road. Note that of the six TCs, four have their tops up probably for warmth. Many of the people are wearing coats.

At the March 24th meeting it was agreed to finally proceed with writing articles of incorporation, with the help of one Arthur T Jones who also notarized the application. Interestingly, a couple planned topic of conversation were "Tach Conversions" and "Steering Conversions" which included Bob Howlett offering ways to improve TC steering. Apparently some people weren't happy with the TC's steering even when they were new!

A Treasurer's report, now considered standard agenda, was given and the night would conclude with "A Solex Monologue by Four Cylinder John", meaning John MacNamara of Four

Cylinder Service who would discuss the merits of the Solex carburetor (and would be happy to sell you one).

The club also voted to help the Glendale Jr. Chamber of Commerce put on their annual gymkhana on Oct. 23 (Les Weber competed and won the TC division), and a petition was made to join the Southern California Council of Sports Car Clubs (SCCSCC). Further discussion was also held on badge production.

At the next meeting on April 28th, a badge design was selected and approved for production, with a cost of \$3 each to members. More council chairs were



This was the intended 1st badge design but due to an error the first batch was printed wrong. More on that in a future issue.

assigned, including Harvey Schnaer as “Membership” and Jim Bradeson as “Technical Historian and Parts Chairman”. A second official TCMG group tour was also formalized – A TC parade in the Corona Road Race Celebration set for May 28th. No minutes exist for the next meeting on May 19th.



Photo of 2nd TCMG group tour

As our meeting on June 23rd approached it was discovered that Bill McGuire, whose home had served as our meeting place for the past ten months, had traded in his TC for a VW Kombi Bus! His

home would remain available to us for the meeting, but a new place would need to be found. At this meeting, Earl Sargent presented some films, likely of his TC racing exploits, and Bill had the audacity to sign the attendance sheet as “Bill ‘Kombi’ McGuire”.

The meeting held on July 28, now back at Glenoaks Manor, was an important moment for the club. It was announced that just a few days before, on July 22, 1955, TC Motoring Guild was incorporated. The application had been submitted on the 17th with George Krull and Bill Harps signing. We received our official certificate on the 27th, the day before the meeting.

The last surviving minutes for 1955 were from the meeting of October 27. Having trouble wrestling enough money from the Treasurer to pay the Glenoaks Manor rental fee, our old friend Bill McGuire once again offered his home. The club bylaws were mentioned as being “still in their rough state” and were to be addressed. Earl Sargent showed LeMans movies and photos of John Cobb racing there. Nominations for 1956 officers were also held, possibly beginning the first actual elections for a TCMG council.

We had a name, we had a council, we had a regular (sort of) meeting schedule, we had a badge, we were incorporated and we had a successful driving event behind us. And to think this all started because a few years earlier, Mr. Bond bought his wife a 1949 MG TC. What an effect these cars have on our lives!

Steve Simmons

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA]
2] ss
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES]

4 On this 17 day of June, 1955, before me Arthur T. Jones
5 a notary public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of
6 California, personally appeared GEORGE E. KRULL and WILLIAM HARPS,
7 known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to this fore-
8 going Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledges to me that they
9 executed the same.

10 WITNESS my hand and official seal.

11 Arthur T. Jones
12 NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said County
13 and State. My Commission expires

14 STATE OF CALIFORNIA]
15] SS
16 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES]

A F F I D A V I T

17 GEORGE E. KRULL and WILLIAM HARPS, being first duly sworn,
18 depose and say:

19 That they are, respectively, the President and the Secretary of
20 the "TC MOTORING GUILD", as unincorporated association; that they
21 are familiar with the affairs, records, and acts of said association:
22 that said association has duly authorized its incorporation, and
23 that affiants, as such officers, have duly executed the foregoing
24 Articles of Incorporation by authority of the said association.

25 DATED: This 17 day of June, 1955.

26 George E. Krull
27 GEORGE E. KRULL - President

28 William Harps
29 WILLIAM HARPS - Secretary

30 Subscribed and sworn to before me
31 this 17 day of June, 1955

32 Arthur T. Jones
33 NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said
34 County and State. Commission
35 expires Nov 26, 1956.

Last page of our Articles of Incorporation
with Krull and Harps signatures

Arthur T. Jones was the notary
(mentioned in the story) and signed as
well (three times on this page).

June DIY Tours

In honor of our Summer picnic moving from Pasadena, home of JPL, to Thousand Oaks, home of... well... oaks, your task for the DIY tour for June was to drive your TC at least five miles

to photograph your TC with either something aerospace, aeronautical, etc, or by the most grandiose, large or otherwise impressive tree (or tree-like object) you can find.



Malcolm Buckeridge took his TC around the lake. How's that for nautical? But he then remembers the "aero" part, so he shares a British POW's carving of a Bristol Blenheim



David Edgar visited a 1960 era Atlas Missile. Over 500 Atlas Missiles were designed & built in San Diego. They were the primary booster rocket for intercontinental ballistic missiles and early manned space missions. This 2E Atlas Rocket is 67 feet tall and quite puny in comparison to today's rockets (Saturn V are 363 feet tall).

Richard & Sandra Loe submitted photos of oak trees right in the road. Years ago many streets in La Cañada were laid out to keep all the oak trees. Not many of those "in street" trees still exist but some still do.



They then went to Pasadena and took a photo in front of the JPL entrance (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) which made security very uncomfortable.



NASA "meatball" on one of the JPL buildings viewed from Altadena.

If you missed doing the June DIY tour, you still have a little time left to do the July DIY tour. See page 3 for details

Doug & Laura Schirripa sent a photo of TC parts buried in a garden in Latham, NY

That T car needs some serious work, but Doug & Laura did find a big tree!



Rob Zucca's TC by rows of eucalyptus trees planted many years ago by farmers to separate the fields and as a windbreak. The area now is part of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District in Camarillo, CA



Cliff Lemieux parked his TC near a HUGE fig tree in Ventura. TC is in lower right corner of photo.



Steve & Linda Simmons says this tree in Thousand Oaks is older than their TC and estimated to be 250-300 years old.



Richard also sent these two photos in but not for points. He was picking up his "new" TC from Gordon & Mimi Glass which was on Bring-a-Trailer. But there is a large tree in the background.



June 27th, TCMG Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:15PM by **President Rob Zucca**.

Four members drove their TCs the day of the meeting the minimum of 10 miles to qualify for a Sargent Award point. The members “driving to the meeting” were Edgar, Lemieux, Loe, and Simmons.

Joyce Edgar informed the members attending the meeting was being recorded.

There was one guest and no new members attending the Zoom meeting. The guest was Jonathan Lane.

Joyce reported the mail received during the last month was the most recent copy of Safety Fast magazine and some advertising material.

Secretary Richard Loe stated the minutes from the last meeting were published in the latest copy of the newsletter. He asked if there were any proposed additions or corrections. There were none. Therefore, it was moved and seconded the minutes be accepted as recorded. By vote of the members present, the minutes were accepted as published.

Joyce gave the Treasurer’s report. She noted we have sufficient funds in the bank and are operating within the budget. She had sent a copy of the current financial statements to the Board. She also told the members the club had received a settlement \$50 as the result of a class action suit against Zoom. She will send a PDF copy of the financial statements to any member requesting them.

Curt Sorensen, who has been keeping track of the programs, was absent. Therefore, Joyce showed Curt’s spreadsheet of future programs. We currently have programs confirmed for all meetings through the remainder of the year.

Event Chair Steve Simmons told the members Conclave will be in Paso Robles this year. He asked if the members would be agreeable to having Conclave during the week rather than on a weekend due to more favorable weekday room rates. Although Conclave could be any time between mid September and early October, September 21, 22, and 23 look like promising dates. Steve said he is working on the next event. He said to watch for email notification. Steve also suggested it is time to start planning for the Holiday party, particularly if it is going to be at a restaurant. He volunteered that he and Linda would be willing to have the party at their house.

Under **Old Business**, Joyce thanked Steve and Linda Simmons for the wonderful job they did on hosting the picnic.

Under **New Business**, it was decided by unanimous vote we have the Holiday Party at Steve and Linda Simmons house. Pete Thelander suggested having the event catered so Linda doesn’t have so much work. Steve and Linda agreed to do the party unless someone else wants to do it.

We viewed the DIY driving event pictures. Members participating in the DIY event were Buckenridge, Schirippa, Edgar, Lemieux, Loe, Simmons, and Zucca.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Loe

Richard Loe, 2023 Secretary



Top row:

Joyce Edgar, David Edgar*, Rob Zucca, Tom Howes

2nd row:

Cliff Lemieux*, Steve & Linda Simmons*, Richard & Sandra Loe*, Pete & Fran Thelander

3rd row:

Richard Fritz (CO), Walt Prowell, Doug Schrippa (NZ), Jonathon Lane

4th row:

John Bowyer (TX), Kregg Hunsberger, Mike Simmons

18 in attendance representing 15 memberships - * drove TC 10 simulated miles to meeting



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)
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MG TC Pin & MG Car Club Pin	(inquire)
MG TC Color Specs	\$2 members, \$3 non-members, Postage \$2
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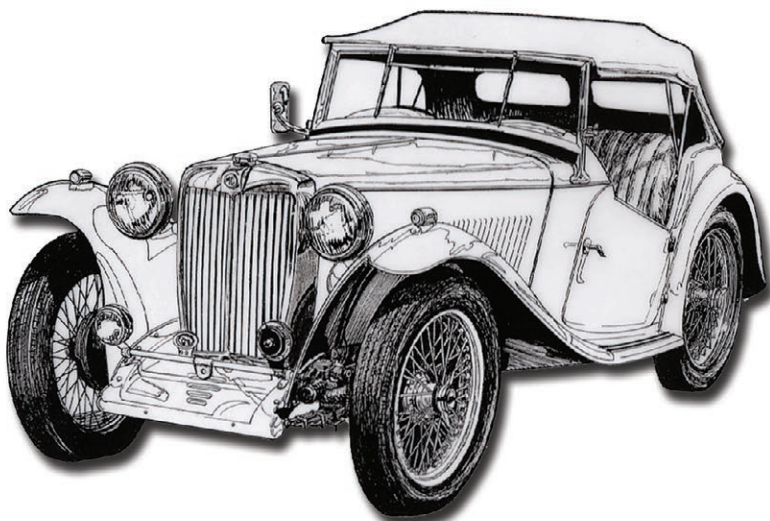


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