



# TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

**December 2023**



**Best Overall**

## ***Moss Motors Fall Photo Contest***

Moss Motors ran photo contest recently from October 26th through November 10th. TCMG member Bob Eicher and his grandson Patrick submitted their entry, shown above. They won Best Overall which earned them a goody bag of stuff from Moss. Congratulations Bob and Patrick.

What a beautiful photo! Easy to see why it was chosen as a winner.



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2024  
Folsom, CA**  
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*Logo design for 2024  
still being created at  
this time.*

## ***TCMG Officers and Chairs for 2023***

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# Rob's Ramblings



**Y**es...I admit it. I'm a history junkie. Besides wrenching on and driving my MGs, I'm fascinated by the history. All of it. Not just the way they rolled out of Abingdon, but what people did with these cars back when they were new. Last month's program by Tom Wilson "Life at the Gee's" was absolutely fantastic. Thanks again Tom!

Along with owning the cars themselves, I find myself searching for all that cool old period stuff that goes with them.

Advertising, accessories, vintage tools, and images. I recently

found a couple things I think are pretty cool. A Bakelite and metal Lucas advertising ash tray and a lighter with an MG medallion. It's screened with "Burbank Sports Car Center". This was Jim Parkinson's dealership. The building is still there. Jim raced British cars from the early fifties into the sixties. The golden age. I showed these to our resident historian Steve Simmons and explained that what looks like a lighter is actually a device used for generating Lucas Replacement smoke after the original smoke exits the wiring. Likewise that what looks like an ash tray is actually a rare dealer accessory used to place on the cars floor to catch molten blobs of plastic. I think he may have believed me.....don't tell him....

*Rob Zucca*

Rob Zucca  
TCMG President 2023



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# Tuesday, Nov 28th

## 6:00 pm\*



## Dean's Car Collection

After our business part of the meeting, Dean Caccavo, will be speaking about his collection of British vehicles. Learn about the history, restoration and modifications to some unusual cars you may not have heard of before. Very

interesting story on how he started his collection.

*Ever heard of a Warwick before?  
Dean has one.*



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

*Link below is for the Zoom meeting on Nov 28th*

[zoom.us/j/87185604550](https://zoom.us/j/87185604550)

## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Nov 18, 1948	TC 7149	Allan & Linda Chalmers
Nov 18, 1948	TC 7159	Jonathan Lane & Val Shockley
Nov 19, 1947	TC 4103	Esther Belland
Nov 25, 1948	TC 7220	David & June Simon
Nov 26, 1948	TC 7243	Joel & Sylvia Taylor
Nov 28, 1946	TC 1877	Beverly McDaniel-Peever
Dec 1, 1948	TC 7246	Scott & Cristina St. Clair
Dec 1, 1948	TC 7255	James Ogden
Dec 16, 1948	TC 7409 EXU	Jon & Susan Hermance
Dec 16, 1948	TC 7410 EXU	Doug & Carol Pelton
Dec 19, 1946	TC 2014	Ed & Dee Koskie
Dec 23, 1948	TC 7474 EXU	John & Georgia Bowyer
Dec 24, 1948	TC 7499	John & Georgia Bowyer
Dec 30, 1946	TC 2040	Tom & Emily Wilson



**Happy 75th, 76th  
& 77th Birthdays**

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





## 75 Years of Heartfelt Thanks

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# Welcome

## Our Newest Members



**Byron & Mary Fox**

Mill Valley, CA

1948 TC 4861 XPAG 5537 Green / Tan



They bought this TC on Ebay in early October so still learning all about it and the little quirks. Previous owners were William Schmidt, Sacramento, from about 2005-15 and then by two brothers (guessing from Colorado based on license plate).

But in checking the chassis number and engine number it appears it was once owned by Dick Muira in the TCMG back in the '60s and '70s. It returns to the TCMG



## November DIY Tour

The November DIY tour runs until the 26th. Our holiday party is coming up in just a few weeks, and the food is BBQ-themed, so your task for this tour is to **get a Winter holiday and/or BBQ themed photo with your TC**. As usual you don't have to take things too literally, so be creative and most importantly have fun!

Drive at least 5 miles during your tour to receive a point toward the Sargent Award. Photos must be submitted to Joyce Edgar no later than November 26th to receive points and to be included in the Zoom meeting on the 28th.

Send photo and description to:  
[djedgar1970@gmail.com](mailto:djedgar1970@gmail.com)



Note: no  
photoshopped photos  
will be accepted

# 2024 Executive Council and Mason Award

## Did you vote?

In order for the TC Motoring Guild to continue and serve you and your TC, our by-laws indicate we need an Executive Council to preside and ensure we maintain our goals. Each year we elect a new council of six

members (plus the president from the previous year - Rob Zucca Ex Officio). We nominated six members at our last meeting who accepted their nominations and now we need your vote to formally elect them.

## Executive Council

Our six candidates are as follows (to fill six slots):

**Malcolm Buckeridge** - Joined TCMG about 9 years ago and would be new to the board.

**Joyce Edgar** - has served as our Treasurer since 2002

**Mike Hughes** - fairly new to TCMG (bought TC about a year ago)

**Sandra Loe** - about 17 years in TCMG and has served on the board including President and Secretary

**Mike Simmons** - Joined TCMG 4 years ago and served on the board for the last three years

**Steve Simmons** - served on the board or in a chair position since 2007 (Pres, Sec, Events, Programs and more)

Voting for the **Frank Mason Award** is also included on this ballot. Name your choice for this honor.

**NOT SO SECRET** - We normally mail out the ballots and voter return has been somewhat low. In the last couple years we also sent out a self addressed, stamped envelope to hopefully get a better response, but it didn't. Rather than waste money on postage and printing, we are trying something new this year and doing it on-line. It may not seem anonymous this way but even with the mailed returns people seemed to put their return address on the

envelope. To avoid people voting twice (not to be dishonest but they forget they already voted) we ask for your name and email address. Your ballot is tallied by one person and he does not reveal who voted for what and vows to keep that private. **Note that hiding your identity with a fake email address nulls your vote.**

*A handfull of members received a paper ballot in the mail and they can mail back their ballot.*

**If you have not already voted, VOTE HERE**

[form.jotform.com/233010834905045](https://form.jotform.com/233010834905045)

Above is a hot link in this PDF newsletter. Please vote and try not to forget you did. Just one vote per family membership.

**Voting ends November 26th at 11:59pm**

(a week before our TCMG Holiday Party and Annual Meeting where results will be announced)



# TCMG Annual Meeting, Party, Toy Drive

**Sunday Afternoon  
December 3rd**  
**Doors open at 11:30am**  
**Lunch served at 1pm**

**At Steve & Linda  
Simmons Home**  
**Thousand Oaks**

TCMG Awards will be awarded,  
2024 TCMG Board will be announced,  
and many images of our 2023 events  
will proudly be on display.

Live auction of select items plus  
auctioning of "The Brick". This is a  
piece of the original Abingdon factory  
where our TCs were built. The winning  
bid takes the brick home for one year

## BBQ Buffet Style Lunch

Many appetizers, entrees (including  
vegetarian), sides and desserts  
to choose from. Beverages  
will include Coffee, Iced Tea,  
Lemonade, Water and some special  
holiday-inspired drinks. Bring  
your own wine or other alcoholic  
beverage if desired.

*Souvenir photos of you  
printed on the spot*

## Paying for Your Meal

**Lunch is \$30 each**

**Pay with Zelle or Paypal to:**

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TC Moting Guild or TCMG to:

TCMG c/o Joyce Edgar

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**Deadline to RSVP\***  
**is Nov 26th (must be**  
**RECEIVED by then or**  
**have notified Steve)**

*\*need to know how much food  
and space to set up for. Contact  
Steve or Linda if needed.*

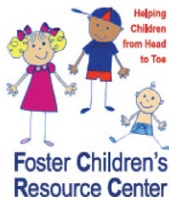
## **Toy Drive for FCRC** **Foster Children's Resource Center**

Unwrapped toys for children ages  
4 thru 8 are most needed

Cash & Checks also accepted.

**TOY DRIVE - FCRC** is 100%  
volunteer staffed by Hilltoppers  
Auxiliary members of Assistance  
League of Los Angeles, a 501(c)  
(3) non-profit organization.  
For 100 years, the League has  
provided a broad range of social  
services to change the face of  
poverty in the greater Los Angeles area.

Every year, the Foster Children's Resource  
Center gives a new set of clothing and  
school supplies to about 2,000 kids. It's a



big occasion in the  
children's lives.  
The best moment  
for these, often  
lonely and buffeted  
kids is when they  
are allowed to pick  
out a toy for their very own!



It has become a Guild tradition to bring  
toys to our holiday party. What could be  
a better time to provide joy to those with  
very little?"

## ***“British Car Day” in Boerne, TX***



After spending a couple days in the first week of October at Conclave and a couple weeks later in Carlsbad at GoF with another batch of MG's, I traveled to Texas to attend my son's wedding only to find the South Texas All British Car Day event that was held on the same day in the Boerne [pronounced “Bernie” – I had to ask] town square, right adjacent to the wedding venue. I didn't have much time to spend at the car show, but I did get to a few that attracted my interest: a TR3 just because I always liked that old body style; and an immaculately restored 1939 Sunbeam Talbot Ten that was touted to be the only one in the U.S. of A. There were only three T-types at the show, and that's where I was fascinated by the owners' stories.

One of the TF's was a right-hand drive that the owner said was only one of twenty-five built, and was originally exported to South Africa. It looked to be perfectly restored right down to the paint color which he said that he matched to a

protected section of factory overspray. (That's how I discovered the original color of my TC when I took it apart.) He had the right side of the bonnet opened and when I looked at the engine, I noticed the tool box lid unlatched, so I lifted the lid, and saw that the restoration went all the way to the tire-changing tools, too. When I asked if he had the original set of tools, he opened the other bonnet panel, reached into the tool box, and pulled out a Ziploc storage bag containing a small tool roll wrapped in a dark-brown, tweedy cloth which he said was the original. He declined to remove the tool roll from the plastic for fear that the cloth wrap would disintegrate.

I had visited the TC first, and then last, and I probably hung around too long talking to the owner, John Bures. We both acquired our TC's in the early '60's as tired old used cars, drove them for years as-is, and then, finally, personally restored them. We both purchased our cars from used car dealers, but that's where our similarities diverge. In those early days my TC was my daily driver: to work; to school; to home; and repeat. John's TC was his magic carpet adventure! He told me that he traveled to England by ship just to buy a TC. For the next several months after the purchase he traveled around England, throughout Europe, and finally made it all the way to Morocco, North Africa. (My car, too, went to North

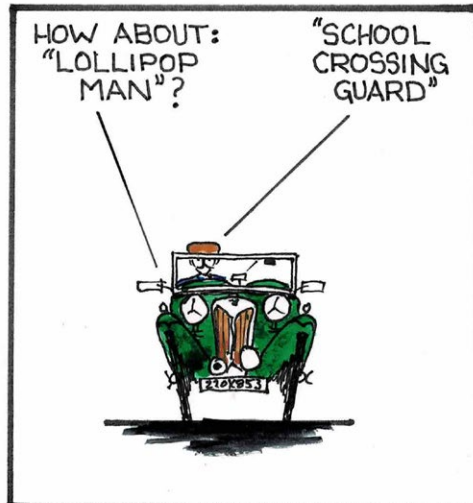
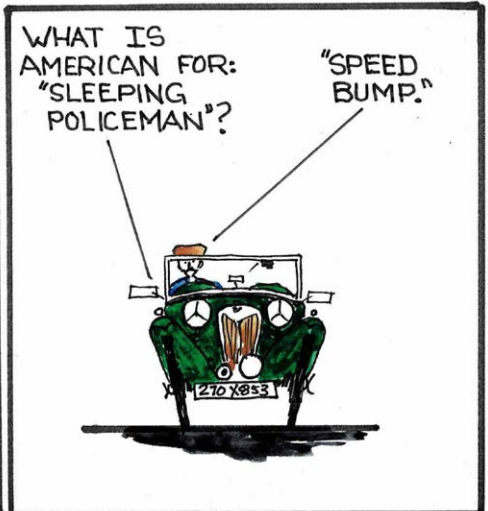


Africa, but, alas, not with me.) When he finished, he reached into the TC and pulled out a copy of Moss Motoring (Sept 2021 issue) which featured the article that he wrote briefly documenting his European adventure.

With his restoration, he said that he brought the car and mechanics back to what he originally purchased back in the 60's. Same engine, drive train, carbs, even the original steering box; and he claims that the car has the same original feel as he experienced it back when he bought it.

I invited John and his wife, Maureen, to the TCMG website, to check out our membership and activities, and consider joining. They really have some interesting stories to share.

*Cliff Lemieux*





## October 24th, TCMG Meeting Minutes

**President Rob Zucca** called the meeting to order at 6:14 PM. Joyce Edgar informed the members present the Zoom meeting was being recorded. 32 members attended the meeting.

Six members drove their TCs at least ten miles the day of the meeting to each earn one Sargent Award point. Those members were Edgar, Lemieux, Loe, M. Simmons, S. Simmons, and Wilson.

**Joyce** introduced guest Jason Beadle, a nineteen year old MG enthusiast living in Utah. There were no new members attending the meeting.

Joyce indicated the only mail received since last meeting was VMG's flyer for their annual Parts Exchange to be held on November 25, 2023.

**Secretary Richard Loe** said the minutes of the last meeting had been published in the latest newsletter and asked for any additions or corrections. None were suggested. By vote of the members present, the minutes were accepted as published.

**Treasurer Joyce Edgar** displayed the latest financial statements and offered to send a pdf of the statements to any member requesting them. She announced Patty McLish and Med Godbout are our newest members. They live in Wisconsin.

The **coordinator of programs, Curt Sorensen**, told us tonight's program will deal with the history of the MG factory at Abington. The presenter will be Tom Wilson. The program next month will be a zoom tour of Dean Caccavo's car collection. That will be the last program of the year since the December meeting is the Holiday Party which has no program.

**Event Chair Steve Simmons** discussed the Holiday Party which will be held at his house. It was decided the party will

be on Sunday, December 3. It was also decided to use the same caterer who supplied the food for the party last year.

Steve additionally told us the theme for the November DIY tour will be announced shortly.

There was **no Old Business**.

**New Business** was the nomination of candidates for the 2025 Executive Committee. The following members were nominated and agreed to run:

Malcolm Buckeridge

Joyce Edgar

Mike Hughes

Sandra Loe

Mike Simmons

Steve Simmons

It was noted that, as immediate past president, Rob Zucca will be a member of the 2025 Executive Committee.

Following a discussion of whether stamped return envelopes should be included with the ballots, Steve suggested electronic voting. During the discussion about the merits of electronic voting, Rob said he felt that members who received a hard copy of the newsletter should be sent paper ballots. It was decided that, as much as possible, voting would be electronic.

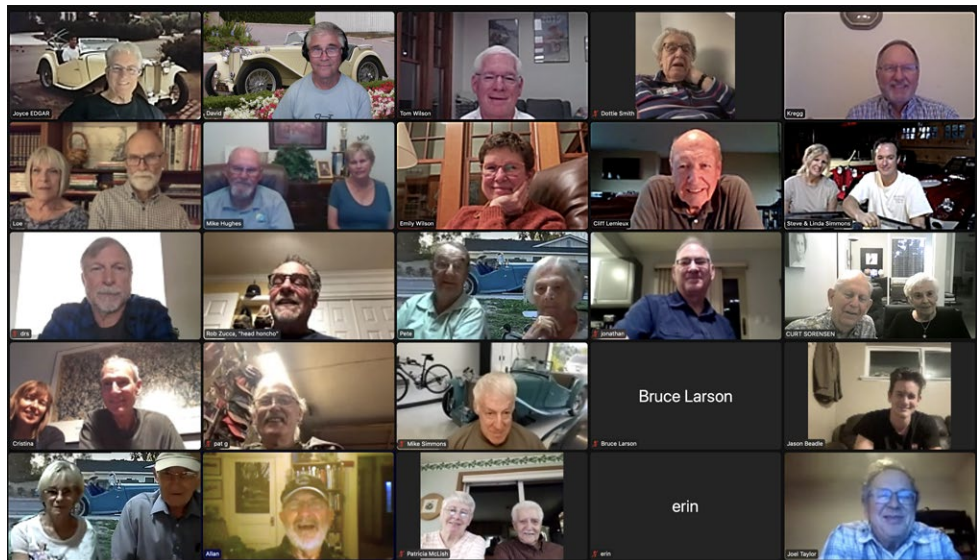
Before adjourning, Steve showed photos taken at the 2024 Conclave.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Richard Loe*

Richard Loe, 2023 Secretary



Top row:

Joyce Edgar, David Edgar\*, Tom Wilson\*, Dottie Smith (NH), Kregg Hunsberger

2nd row:

Richard & Sandra Loe\*, Mike & Wanda Hughes, Emily Wilson, Cliff Lemieux\*, Steve & Linda Simmons\*

3rd row:

Doug Schirripa (NY), Rob Zucca, Pete & Fran Thelander, Jonathan Lane (CO), Curt & Jan Sorensen

4th row:

Scott & Cristina St Clair, Pat Garity, Mike Simmons\*, Bruce Larson, Jason Beadle (UT & guest)

5th row:

Ernie & Elizabeth Page, Allan Chalmers, Patty McLish & Med (WI), Erin Wilson, Joel Taylor (NV)

33 in attendance representing 21 memberships plus one guest

\* drove TC 10 simulated miles to meeting

## Talented Video Creators

TCMG has two very talented video creators on YouTube. Here are links to a couple of their latest creations on TCs

**Charlie Williams - MrShoptaw**

[youtube.com/watch?v=nJoOghGkzI](https://youtube.com/watch?v=nJoOghGkzI)

and MGs. And after watching these you can view their other suggested videos by searching for their video labels.

**Daniel Harrison - Limit 55**

[youtube.com/watch?v=XGaDrTuIcCs](https://youtube.com/watch?v=XGaDrTuIcCs)



## Club Regalia

<b>TCMG Car Badge</b> .....	\$25 (\$30 if mailed) members only
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<b>TCMG Lapel Vintage Pin</b> .....	\$3 (\$5 if mailed)
<b>MG TC Pin &amp; MG Car Club Pin</b> .....	(inquire)
<b>MG TC Color Specs</b> .....	\$2 members, \$3 non-members, Postage \$2
<b>TCMG Photo Puzzles</b> ....	\$15 plus postage (contact Linda for postage cost, design and availability)
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<b>TCMG Spark Plug Holder</b> .....	\$40 + postage

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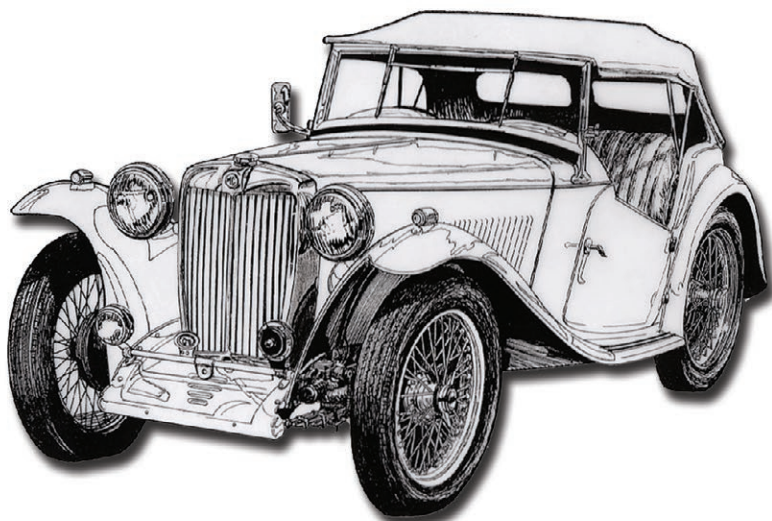


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