

TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

July 2023



TCMG members, Mark & Carol Beveridge out of Missouri shared this photo of their TC. They have been TCMG members for almost 20 years and we finally get to see it. Thank you for sending it. Quite a looker, but most TCs are. That is why we have them. Mark has researched the history of his TC and has documentation such as where it was sold new in Pasadena, CA on

December 17, 1948, to T. Duncan Stewart. Mark was able to buy it from Stewart's son, in 2003. Son's name is Bob Ballinger of Costa Mesa, CA and he was a member of the TCMG in the 1980's as he was in a few of our TCMG directories. We will do some more looking and see what we can find. We would love to learn more about the TC.



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get info on our Annual
TCMG Picnic





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Rob's Ramblings



As we move from “May gray” to “June gloom” here in California, I’m looking forward to more top down roadster driving. Like some of you, I have two MGs and try to exercise them regularly. If I drive the MGA first I think, man, this car sure is beautiful and what a blast to drive. Fits like a favorite pair of sneakers. Do I like it more than the TC? Then I drive the TC and the thought reverses itself. I love them both.

They’re so different. Other than the octagons, a novice would never think they were made by the same company and they’re only five years apart! I think I’ve heard parents say this same thing about their kids.

It seems that no matter how hard the bean counters tried to ruin the MG, the designers and builders fought tooth and nail to keep the Kimber

spirit alive. Even after the merger of Morris and Austin and the corporate BMC parts bin, MG continued to out design and outsell its competitors. Yes, there’s some truth that the newer MGs that replaced the venerable T series weren’t true MGs, but survival dictated the change. Kind of a new spin on the post war “export or die”. The biggest change was the use of the B series Austin designed engine and the demise of the X series of true Morris/MG engines. What if the merger hadn’t happened? What if the XPAG saw its way into the MGA as originally planned? Would we have seen a twin cam XPAG in an MGA? Would they have been transplanted into our TCs like the 1500 XPEG? We’ll never know and a little bit of “what if” slipped into history. One things for sure, the MGA would have had a much taller bonnet!

Rob Zucca

Rob Zucca
TCMG President 2023

June DIY Tour

In honor of our Summer picnic this month moving from Pasadena, home of JPL, to Thousand Oaks, home of... well... oaks, your task is to photograph your TC with one of the following:

1. Something aerospace, aeronautical, etc.
2. The most grandiose, large or otherwise impressive tree (or tree-like object) you can find.

Send your photo(s) to Joyce Edgar by June 21st, and be sure to drive at least 5 miles during your journey to receive a point toward the Sargent Award!

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



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Saturday, June 24th



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Annual Picnic

minus the meeting

The annual Summer Picnic will be at the Simmons residence. Bring a picnic lunch or dinner and dine in the garden, tour the collection of vintage cars and enjoy the company of fellow TC aficionados.

VIP parking for those in TCs and other classics.

Note that this is now labeled as one of our events and our normal fourth Tuesday meeting will be separate as a Zoom (see page 11 regarding the meeting).



Please **RSVP** to make sure we have places for everyone. Call the number or email per contact info on your mailed invite or send to: tcmg@tcmotoringguild.org and we will pass the RSVP on.

Not putting the address in for privacy reasons. Call or write if needed.

(Sorry for the inconvenience but since this newsletter is posted on-line it is accessible to trolling software to gather personal info).



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Welcome to Our Newest Member

Welcome

Beverly Mc Daniel Peever

Laguna Hills, CA

1947 TC 1877 XPAG 7279 Black / Tan



Beverly now has her father's (Don McLish) black TC and plans to get it going again. It sat for years in a shed and sitting does take it's toll. It will need lots of attention to get it going again. Hope to see Beverly, and the TC at a club activity soon.

These are recent photos with TC just pushed out of shed



This was taken years ago when Don had used it more frequently.

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

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

June 24, 1948	TC 5835	Bruce & Marlene Larson
June 24, 1948	TC 5850	Doug Pulver
June 30, 1948	TC 5890	Pete & Fran Thelander
July 7, 1948	TC 5964	Bob & Judi Eicher
July 7, 1948	TC 5970	Richard & Sandra Loe
July 8, 1948	TC 5994	Warren & Deborah Kosters
July 9, 1948	TC 6447	Doug & Laura Schirripa
July 13, 1948	TC 6013	Mark & Carol Beveridge



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

Happy 75th Birthdays

Historian's Report - How it REALLY All Began

Most of us know that our club was officially formed in 1954. What you may not know however, is that its history goes further back. John Bond was technical editor of Road & Track Magazine in 1949 when he and his wife Elaine purchased a used 1947 MG TC that they both drove and raced.



John & Elaine Bond with trophies

When the TD replaced the TC just a year later, Mr. Bond had the idea that a group should be established to honor and preserve the TC - a car that had done more than any other to start the sports car boom in America. In 1952 John was now owner of R&T and along with fellow TC owner and R&T editor Ivan Galanoy, he assembled a small group of TC enthusiasts with the goal of sharing resources and knowledge. They met in private homes over the next couple years as a support group to keep their cars on the road and in the public eye.

Then in 1954, a die-hard TC enthusiast named Frank Mason found himself parked next to another TC on a boulevard in Glendale, California. That TC just happened to be owned by Ivan Galanoy. The two of them struck up a conversation about their cars and the local sports car club scene. They both felt that while the Long Beach club was a fine organization, it had abandoned

its TC roots by opening itself to all kinds of cars. They agreed that a TC-only group should once again be established, and agreed to a meeting to discuss further.



That meeting took place on June 19, 1954 at the Glendale offices of Road & Track Magazine. Some of the original 1952 group were in attendance, and Ivan Galanoy himself recorded the minutes. Other TCMG founding members present included Earl Sargent, Harvey Schnaer and Inez Whitney. Names of the other members present are unverified at this time.

The minutes from that meeting still exist, thanks to some forward-thinking individuals, and offer a fascinating glimpse into the birth of our club, now in its 69th year.



Elaine Bond in the TC

The minutes from the June 19th meeting are titled "TC Owners Club First Meeting". Topics of discussion started with various sketches for a club emblem and a suggestion for the group to caravan to the races at Torrey Pines. Discussion was then renewed (from previous gatherings) on acceptability of modified TCs. The decision was

made to judge on “appearance” for the time being.

The acting chairman indicated that the prime motivation for the club was for “shop” purposes with minor attention to social activities. Obviously this was before lifelong friendships had been formed, as today we focus equally on technical and social matters!

The Long Beach MG Club representative mentioned that their club originally started as a TC group but membership “deteriorated” to any sports car and after a while, any car. He also mentioned that the club had 26 TCs and that he would canvass that group for potential membership in the new TC club.

Much discussion took place on limitations, including geographical

area and number of members. A cap of 50 was briefly considered. Out of town chapters were also considered, but this was mostly opposed due to the expense of corresponding with them! Toll free nationwide calling wasn’t available in those days, let alone email. All agreed to cooperate with the existing TC Registry and the search for a meeting hall was planned. The final item, incorporation, was discussed and ultimately approved. The group adjourned at 9:40 PM, with the plan to meet each Friday night for the time being.

I’m sure these TC-loving men and women knew they were starting something special, but I doubt any of them would believe that any sports car club specific to one make / one model could not only survive, but thrive for seven decades! I’m glad we continue to prove them wrong.

Steve Simmons

Four of our founding TCMG members, Earl Sargent, Frank Mason and Harvey & Von Schnaer with their TCs



Frank Mason



Harvey & Von Schnaer

Interesting TC Numbers

Where TCs Went

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	Total
USA	0	20	234	1143	423	1820
Australia	2	108	165	599	900	1774
S.Africa & Rhodesia	0	83	139	241	154	617
Switzerland	2	59	142	130	75	408
Canada	0	6	20	247	97	370
Belgium	0	27	122	104	33	286
Malaya	0	27	31	66	55	179
India & Pakistan	0	49	54	31	6	140
Argentina	10	70	24	1	0	105
Eire (Ireland)	6	0	36*	36*	12*	90
Brazil	0	0	3	55	6	64
West Germany	0	0	0	5	59	64
Sweden	0	10	50	0	0	60
Ceylon	0	19	11	8	8	46
Hong Kong	0	3	17	10	16	46
Egypt	0	19	10	10	5	44
Total of above	20	500	1058	2686	1849	6113
Total of all exports	23	610	1162	2815	1983	6593

* CDK cars - Complete Knocked Down kit-cars which were assembled abroad

The EX-U model was introduced in December 1948 EXU stands for EXport to the USA, and part of the USA numbers above.

Production cars commenced with chassis number 0252 (0251 re-worked TB model) and ran to 10251 (10,000 cars made)

Above is per Clausanger's Factory-Original MG-T Series book and shows major export markets per Nuffield Export Statistics (exports, so not counting home market TCs)

"Total of all exports" line must include non major export markets as well.

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	Total, all year
Home market	34	1001	1146	297	930	3408
Export, RHD	47	638	1194**	1278	1340	4497
Export, North America	0	0	6	1473	522	2001
Chassis only, RHD	0	0	0	1	9	10
CKD cars, RHD (for Eire)	0	36	0	36	12	84
All specifications	81	1675	2346	3085	2813	10,000

This is said to be total TC production numbers and if numbers don't line up with table above it may be due to when a TC was actually built vs when it was shipped.



Tuesday, June 27th



6:00 pm* Meeting

The plan to hold our June meeting at the picnic hit several snags and so are splitting the two. The Saturday picnic is now an event and just the picnic, social gathering, and viewing of the Simmons garage. The Tuesday meeting will be on Zoom and we will show the June DIY

tour photos there. For a program Steve has a weekend engine repair that has stretched out to 4 months (See May '23 Chassis) he will explain and the latest glitch. Other members can update us on their progress (or regression) as well. Feel free to share yours.

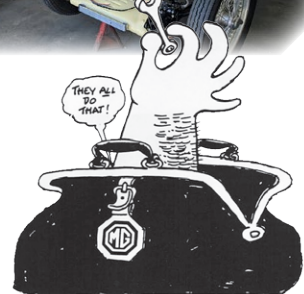
*Link below is for the Zoom
meeting on June 27th*

zoom.us/j/87610414348

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

Drive your TC at least 10 miles on June 27th and earn a Sargent point for a simulated drive to the meeting. Report your drive at the meeting to get credit.

My TC doesn't do
that. Why does
yours?



Bring your TC weirdness problems to the meeting and maybe get some answers (or maybe not).

May 23rd, TCMG Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM by **President Rob Zucca**.

It was determined 4 members drove their TCs the required 10 miles before the meeting to earn 1 Sargent Award point. They were Edgar, Lemieux, Loe, and Steve Simmons.

A total of 24 members attended the meeting including 2 members attending for the first time; Tom Howes and Mark Woodward. There were no guests.

Joyce Edgar reported on mail received since the last meeting. The club received a card from Rover America addressed to Malcolm Buckridge and the latest issue of Safety Fast magazine.

Secretary Richard Loe stated the minutes from the April meeting were published in the May newsletter. He asked if there were any proposed additions or corrections. None were suggested and the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Joyce Edgar reported we have three new members. They are Mark Woodward (TX), Beverly Peever (CA), and Daniel Tiedge (FL). Joyce also told the group our finances are in good shape and she will send a PDF of the financial statements to any member requesting a copy.

Curt Sorensen told us all the general meetings for the remainder of the year now have confirmed programs. Tonight's program will be presented by Cliff Lemieux on genealogical research. Curt suggested we refer to the web page for the latest details on upcoming programs.

Events Chair Steve Simmons is working on the theme for the June event. He has also been looking for a location for Conclave. He is considering Bass Lake or Morro Bay. There was a discussion of the relative merits of the two locations with some alternate possibilities being suggested. Possible dates in late September and early October were discussed. Steve has found room rates are lower in October.

Under Old Business, Joyce reminded us that GoF West is approaching and encouraged members to register. At this point, there are 81 paid registrants.

Under New Business, Steve reports work is continuing on the club historical material obtained from Don McLish's garage. Among the latest material retrieved was a new 30th Anniversary TCMG badge surround and asked if anyone was interested in purchasing it. Richard committed to buy it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Loe

Richard Loe, 2023 Secretary





Top row:

Richard & Sandra Loe*, David Edgar*, Joel Taylor (NV), John Bowyer (TX)

2nd row:

Pete & Fran Thelander, Rob Zucca, Cliff Lemieux*, Tom Howes

3rd row:

Steve & Linda Simmons*, Walt Prowell, Joyce Edgar, Curt & Jan Sorensen

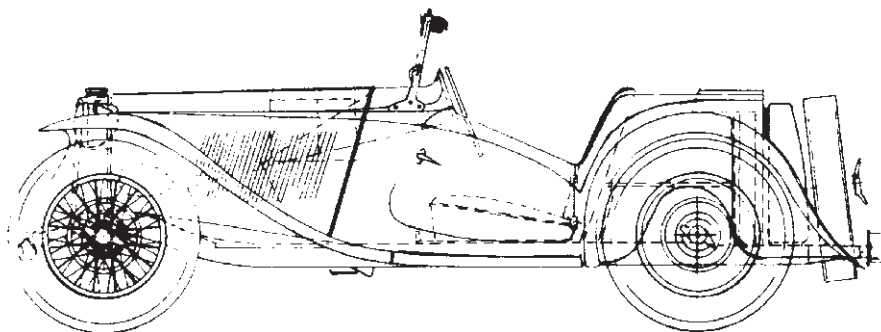
4th row:

Allan Chalmers, Malcolm Buckeridge, Gregg Hunsberger, Mike Simmons

5th row:

Dottie Smith (NH), Mark Woodward (TX), David Reid, Bruce Larson
(No video image, for Mark, David & Bruce)

24 in attendance representing 19 memberships - * drove TC 10 simulated miles to meeting



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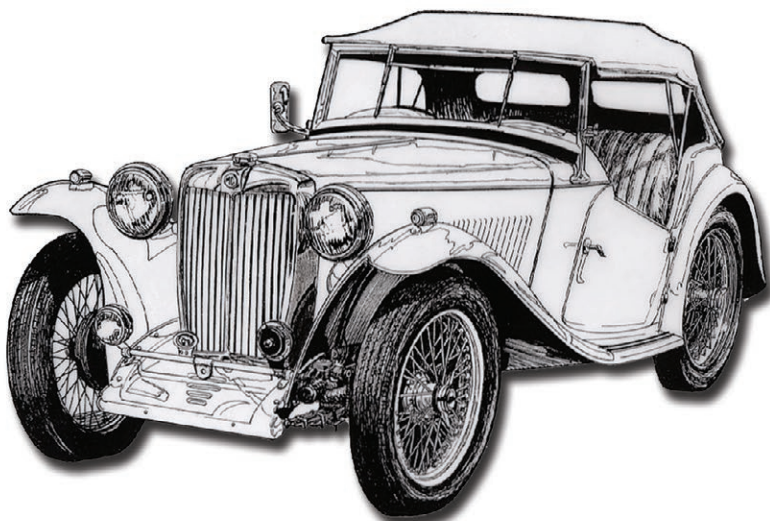


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