



TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

June 2023



Three TCs were shown at the Queen's English show by Richard & Sandra Loe (TCMG member), Hema Ratnayake (ex TCMG member / ex-Sargent TC), & Tony Santarelli (ex TCMG member).

Other cars shown by TCMG members were Joel Shapiro's Lanchester Saloon and Malcolm Buckeridge's Jaguar XK150 Coupe. Daniel Harrison was present with his MGA but car was not in the show.

TCMG members also in attendance as spectators were, Steve & Linda Simmons, and Michael & Wanda Hughes.



Photos by Steve Simmons
and Daniel Harrison



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Rob's Ramblings



Yeah...I'm a History Junkie

I have been since I was a kid. As some may know, Steve Simmons recently did some spelunking in Don McLish's garage and retrieved the TCMG archive. Since the club was sans historian, Steve volunteered to take it on for now and I offered to help go through the dusty old boxes. Since my day job is designing and building museum exhibits, I've learned a bit about archiving over the years and also offered some archival housing materials that were being disposed of. I was happy to see that Steve had re-housed everything safely and that, other than dust, the archive has survived very well. I thought it would take an afternoon to get a handle on what was there

and discuss re organizing. Boy was I wrong. We got through one box....barely. What a treasure trove this club has. Hats off to the founders and early members that even thought to save this stuff. There's documentation going back to the moment the club was born. I wish I was around to have met a lot of them. I won't let too much out of the bag as Steve will be filling you in, in this and future newsletters. I will say that the personalities jumped off the pages. Some amazing stories and some very funny stuff.

Hopefully at some point the entire collection will be scanned into a searchable data base. That's a big job. Until then it's safe and sound and in good hands.

Rob Zucca

Rob Zucca
TCMG President 2023

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Ah... Yes!
Our May
Zoom Meeting



That is
my distant
relative



Cliff Lemieux will give
a talk about his hobby of
genealogical research and what
it takes to get involved.

Tuesday,
May 23rd

6:00pm*

Genealogical
Research

Link below is for the Zoom
meeting on May 23th

zoom.us/j/6234447498

* 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 May 23rd and earn a Sargent point for a simulated drive to the meeting. Report your drive at the meeting to get credit.

Looking
Ahead

June 24th will be an **in-person**
Annual Picnic/Meeting
(but at the Simmons' home in
Thousand Oaks this time)

Save the Date
June 24th

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

May 16, 1947	TC 2798	David & Suzie Coleman
June 4, 1947	TC 2903	Pete deBruyn
June 9, 1949	TC 6905	Humberto Arredondo
June 10, 1948	TC 5700	Richard & Sandra Loe
June 15, 1949	TC 8975	Steve & Linda Simmons



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

Happy 74th, 75th & 76th Birthdays



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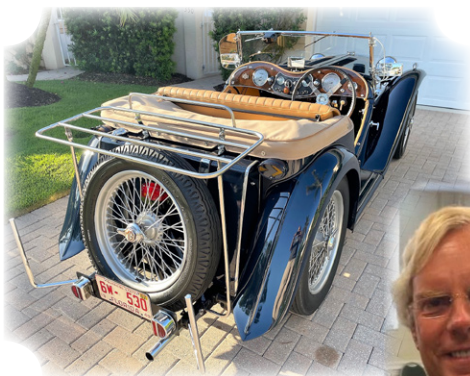
Gander	=	Take a look
Knackered	=	Exhausted

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Daniel Tiedge

Naples, FL

1948 TC 6761 XPAG 7509 Navy Blue / Tan



Note that we are not including phone number, address and email info to prevent internet mining of information. Contact David or Joyce Edgar (see pg 2) to receive the latest PDF copy of our TCMG directory.

Mark Woodward

Woodway, TX

1949 TC 8598EXU XPAG 9231 Cream / Green

Mark is the new & now 2nd owner of TC 8598 since it was built in 1949.

It was originally purchased new in England by Lt. Col. Alan Linville, who served in North Africa & the European Theatre in WWII. He brought it to the USA after the war when reassigned back to the US. Upon his retirement from the military in the mid-sixties, it languished in a state of disrepair in his garage until approximately 2010 when he began a 3 year restoration. He enjoyed driving & showing the car for several years until his death in 2015, where upon the car languished covered by a tarp under his carport until Mark just recently purchased it in 2023 from Alan's son. Mark says he has known about the car since 1967, when he started dating & eventually marrying the Col's daughter, so has admired the car for almost 56 years.

It started life as an all red TC, inside & out. During it's restoration, it was painted Cream with a green interior, tan roof & tan tonneau cover.



April, Do It Yourself Tour



Photograph your TC with something representing April Fools or Easter. No mileage requirement this time in the hopes of getting more participation, but then only got six entries. Each participant received one Sargent Point.

*Cliff Lemieux caught the Easter Bunny delivering eggs to his house...
OOPS!*

David & Joyce Edgar have always weighed what they could bring on longer TC runs. So they tried pulling a trailer and get most the comforts of home this way. This is a toybox trailer so the TC can fit in the back end if required. Oh wait, what will tow the trailer then? While they did not actually hook the trailer up here, the TC front wheels would have been up in the air if it had been.



Kregg Hunsberger writes:

Date line Feb 20, 2023,

Driver that hit him says: "Sorry, I thought I could make it"

Kregg Hunsberger to Garret Hanes (repair shop): "Think it will buff out?"

In the Spirit of Easter - hoc quoque resurrexerit (It too will be risen)

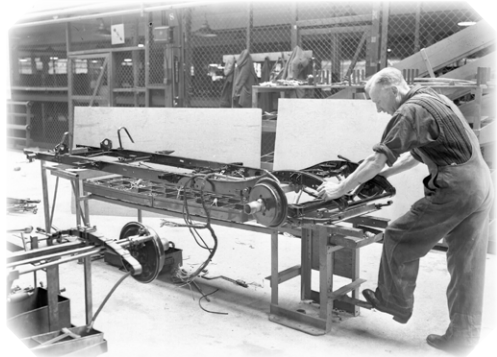




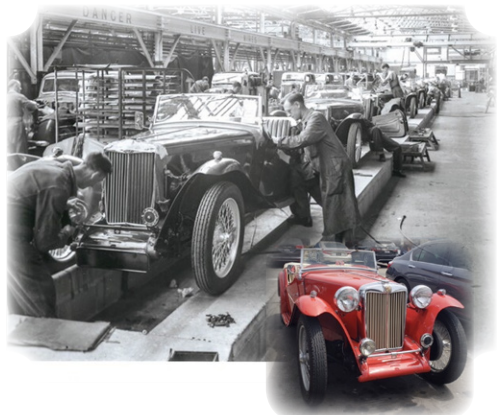
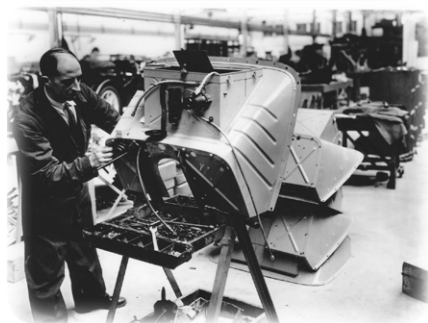
Richard & Sandra LOE are celebrating SPRING



Steve Simmons says he bets no one realized his TC was actually his dad's before it was his. Here's the proof in an old photo showing his dad driving him around in it as a little kid.



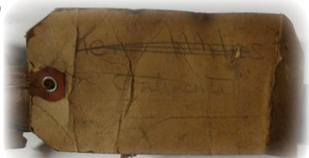
The history of TC 5464 on the factory assembly as told by Archivist Rob Zucca



TC 5464 rolling off the line. Documented proof it is 5464 as the horn is on the left.

Next is the original shipping tag proving TC 5464 was originally sent to Ken Miles. Then at the last minute sent to Continental via Gough Industries.

Tag was found in the sump during engine rebuild Rob did.



Historian's Report - Unearthing the TCMG Archives

Our members may not know that somewhere deep in a secure vault, protected by double locking doors and armed guards, there exists a pile of boxes containing hundreds of early TC Motoring Guild historical documents. Those documents have been entrusted to several people over the years. I am the 7th in that line, preceded by Bill Harps, Ivan Galanoy, Earl Sargent, Catherine Sargent, Harvey Schnaer and Don McLish. After so many years and so many garages, closets and attics (did I say secure vault?) it's only natural that things fall into a bit of disarray. And that's exactly how I found them. Let me explain...

After the passing of Mr. McLish I volunteered to be the temporary club Historian (yes I know what "temporary volunteer" means around here), so I went to retrieve the archives from his estate. I was told there were three large boxes with TCMG labels on them. There they were, sitting on a counter in his garage. A look around convinced me that further digging was in order, because the garage was absolutely packed from floor to ceiling and wall to wall, except for the hole he left for one of his TCs. If there was another box in there, I didn't want to leave it behind. On the tips of my toes, peering over the piles of cardboard and other unidentifiable items, I spotted another box with a TCMG label.

Up I went, using a foot stool to prop myself high enough to wiggle onto and across the top of the pile on my stomach. I found a solid place to land, grabbed the box and passed it behind me to the waiting hands of my very patient and understanding wife. "Got it!" had barely come out of my mouth before I noticed the box behind that one. Out it came. Deeper and deeper into the pile I

went until I had unearthed about a dozen of them, along with piles of dust and a couple of mice that were well past their expiration date. Like some doomed explorers deep in the Amazon jungle, they probably got lost and couldn't find their way out.

An hour later, covered head to toe in dust and sweat, I emerged from the garage victorious. The car was loaded and the goods transported to their new home. A couple return trips were made when more items were found, adding to my own new garage pile which was now just like Don's only smaller.

The contents of the boxes were no different. Order had been long since abandoned in favor of convenience. Important, long-forgotten history was mixed in with Moss Motors advertisements and MG socks. It took days to go through it all, transferring everything from old cardboard boxes to new plastic bins before a thorough review and sorting.

Several years ago, Don McLish started sorting and filing what he could but the project was immense and did not progress very far. I was feeling his pain but pressed onward until I completed a basic sorting and inventory. Then with help from our own professional archivist, Rob Zucca, further organization and preservation was undertaken. As it stands today, the archives are once again respectable and well organized, and efforts are being made to digitize and research much of the very early items.

The road ahead is long but it's a fascinating one, stories of which I will share in future articles.

Steve Simmons



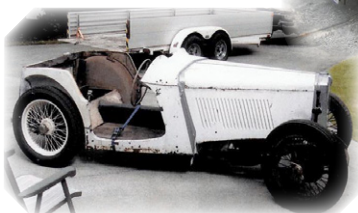
Some of our archived materials above



Archives as they were in Don's garage and how they are now safely stored.

TC 5515 Has Sold

Jim Sullivan reports that his award winning TC 5515 has moved on to a new owner in Kansas. While he was sad to see it go, he still has his green TC 7517EXU



Before and after shots

April 25th, TCMG Meeting Minutes

President Rob Zucca called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM

There were no guests present. New member Jon Acosta was on hand for his first Zoom meeting since joining.

In addition to Jon, there were 18 members present. Members Edgar, Lemieux, Loe, and Simmons drove their TCs at least the required minimum distance the day of the meeting to qualify as having driven their cars to the meeting.

Joyce Edgar reported the only mail received since last month was a copy of Safety Fast magazine and the insurance bill, which was then paid.

Secretary Richard Loe said the minutes for the March meeting were published in the most recent newsletter. He asked if there were any additions or corrections. No changes were suggested and the members present voted to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Joyce Edgar said she had sent a copy of the latest financial statement to all the Board members. There were two disbursements during the last month, payment of the insurance and payment of the \$20 filing fee to the California Secretary of State for the required Statement of Information. Joyce will send a PDF of the financial statement to any member on request.

When asked about future programs, Curt Sorensen said there are now only two months which don't have commitments for programs. Since last month David Spiegel has agreed to do a program on the New Zealand MG Convey in September. Tom Wilson has agreed to a program on the history of the MG factory. The tentative month for Tom's program is October. That leaves no program for August and November. Curt encourages members to submit program ideas to him.

As a lead in to Steve Simmons' report on events, Rob thanked Steve and Linda for the work they had done preparing the April event, the Joe Douglass Memorial Wildflower Tour. Sandra Loe thanked Wanda and Mike Hughes for hosting the tour participants at post wildflower viewing get together at their home in Antelope Valley.

Event chair, Steve Simmons discussed the tentative planning he has been doing for Conclave. He is looking at the last week of September or the first week of October as the likely time frame. He observed room rates would likely be lower in October. He has been considering Sequoia or Yosemite as possible locations. He asked if members are interested in continuing the DIY tours. Most members present indicated they enjoyed the DIY tours and would like to have them continue. A few members offered suggestions for future tour themes.

Members Mike Hughes and Kregg Hunsberger gave progress reports on their TCs.

There was no Old Business

Under New Business, Steve revealed more historic club information has been recovered from Don McLish's home. He and Rob are planning to review this new documentation.

David Edgar told us the new roster is going to the printer and should be available soon.

At some point late in the meeting, guest Dean Caccavo and Malcolm Buckeridge joined the Zoom meeting.

Rob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Loe

Richard Loe, 2023 Secretary



Dean Caccavo

Top row:

Cliff Lemieux*, David Edgar*, Richard & Sandra Loe*, Joyce Edgar

2nd row:

Steve & Linda Simmons*, Gregg Hunsberger, Jon Acosta, Mike Hughes,

3rd row:

John Bowyer (TX), Rob Zucca, Pete & Fran Thelander, Curt Sorensen

4th row:

Mike Simmons, Doug Schirripa, Allan Chalmers, Malcolm Buckeridge

No video image, Dean Caccavo (Guest)

19 in attendance representing 14 memberships - * drove TC 10 simulated miles to meeting

TCs For Sale

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Ron states it has a great engine (does not consume oil), has good paint & chrome, wood dash, has the flat face bulb headlamps (tripods from a Jag), yellow with maroon upholstery. Side curtains included (but must change side mirrors to TC style old ones). Ron prefers the later mirrors which are on there now. Has a new top but top bow has different curvature which needs fitting to get both sides to seal.

Mike Goodman said it looks like a 1500cc engine but that is not confirmed. Transmission needs



synchro gears. Clutch is good but it chatters when engaging in reverse when backing up. Tires are good but old.

Bill Young sold his as well as several of his TC models. But he still has several TC model cars left as well as other British makes including Triumph, Austin Austin Healy Jaguar Rolls-Royce Morgan and Mini. 707 939-8173 - billyyoung1228@aol.com **13**

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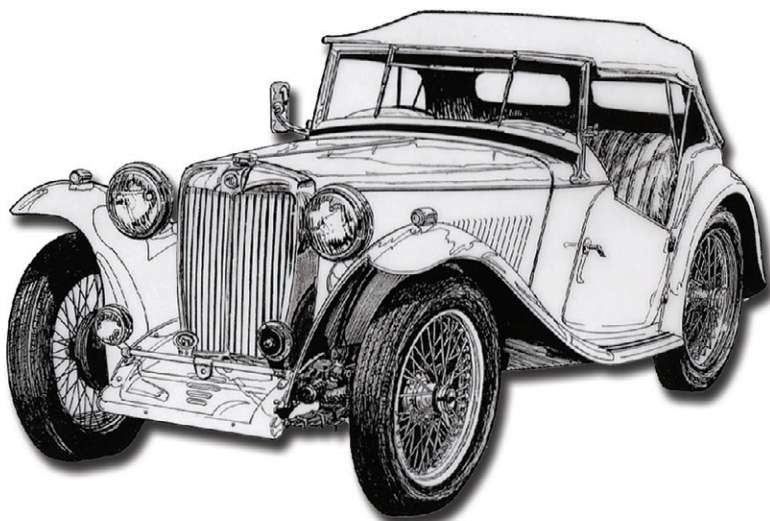


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A few more photos of Mark Woodward's TC8598

We wish him well in getting things sorted out to drive the TC in the manner it was intended to be driven.

