



TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

March 2023



Driving around blindfolded? Just part of the fun on the Lame Duk Event. The blindfold part was done at slower than walking speed with navigator giving directions.

No blindfolds on the road navigating the winding curves.



Seven TCs completed the tour plus an eighth greeted us at the start.



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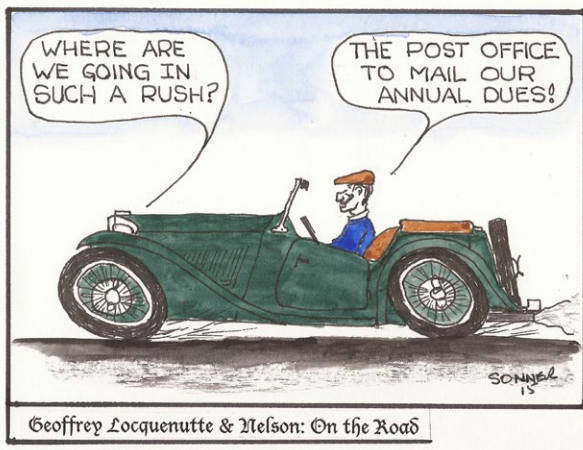
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Rob's Ramblings



In my first rambling last month, I told how I'd admire the T series cars at Mike Goodman's Sport Car Service in the early seventies when I'd bring my MGA to him for repair. My, he was patient... I also remember artwork of cars he'd restored hanging on the wall. There was a beautiful image of a Tickford I admired greatly. I think this is what planted the seed. Skip forward almost fifty years and eight years into my third MGA, I had a couple emails with Steve Simmons through the online MG Experience. As it turned out he and Linda were less than 20 miles away! I mentioned I'd always wanted a T series and he said one might be coming up for sale. My other half Carol was all for it. I'm one lucky guy! After a bit, a test drive was arranged and after driving my MGA to North Hollywood to take a picture of the A in front of Ken Miles old shop, (it still exists and is an automotive shop) I met the club members at a British Pub after the 2020 Lame Duk challenge. I followed Steve and Linda to where my TC was waiting. We climbed in and Steve showed me where the enrichment and starter were and we fired it up. After a warm up, it was time. I'd never driven a T series before, but had a right hand drive 63 Mini Cooper years before so the RHD thing didn't faze me. Looking at the knob shift pattern, I shifted into reverse to back out. The car had an Alpine clutch in it at the time which



came on like a light switch for about an inch in the middle of the pedal sweep. Steve had asked me if I wanted him to back it out which was a tight left hand sweep and then down a hill. My pride said...no...no...I'll do it. I let the clutch out, the car lurched forward toward the work bench and stalled. Re start. Shift into reverse, lurch forward, stall car. Steve finally noticed I was shifting left and back. Nooo...right and back. The car had an MGA shift knob..... finally with some rearward momentum I cleared the garage. Immediately going for the brakes as I hit the turn down the driveway, It only took a nano second to realize I had to stand on said "brakes". I may have stalled the thing again at that point.

Finally making it to the street I headed off downhill happy to have cleared the confines of the toboggan ride driveway.... backwards. I half expected at least a smidge of similarity with the MGA. Noooooo.... This was a completely different car! Everything about it was different. I immediately realized that THIS was the experience those post war sports car drivers had. I was hooked. Yeah, still a little intimidated, but hooked.

After a little haggling, I bought the car and Steve helped me get it home. The feeling I get walking into the garage and seeing two VERY different MGs in there still makes me smile every day.

Rob Zucca

Rob Zucca
TCMG President 2023

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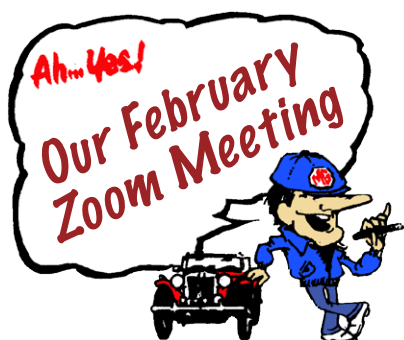
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Tuesday, Feb 28th



6:00pm*

1934 MG NE at TT Race

The program for the February meeting will be Pete Thelander's presentation of his trip taking his 1934 NE to Ireland in 2003 for the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Ards Tourist Trophy Races.



*Link below is for the Zoom
meeting on February 28th*
zoom.us/j/83798208743

Drive your TC at least 10 miles on Feb 28th and earn a Sargent point for a simulated drive to the meeting. Report your drive to get credit.

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

Dues Time

Per our TCMG By-Laws, dues for 2023 are due at our Annual Meeting in December and grace period is up at our March meeting. Dues are \$26 for local members* and \$22 for others.

* Local is zip codes
90000 to 93300

Dues can be paid from the TCMG website at:
tcmotoringguild.org/membership/renewal

Or via Zelle or Paypal by sending funds
to the TCMG email:
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Checks payable to TCMG work too
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See the last page in this issue for members
whom have NOT renewed yet for 2023

Lame Duk Event

Our Lame Duk event for this year was began with eight TCs plus an MGA at the start at a Malibu shopping complex. Lots of room for the TCs and we had a host of interested viewers as well. Sharing the parking area were five Faraday Future prototypes. Talk about opposite ends of the spectrum in technical engineering.



New member Jim Bickley drove one of the eight TCs but had to pick up his daughter at the airport so could not stay for the tour. But it was great to meet him and look over his TC. His is finishing up a Triumph restoration before starting on his TC but did manage to prep it for the drive to the start. Steering was one of his main concerns (where have we heard that before?) so one of the things to address first.

Our group then motored out of the parking lot and onto Hwy 1 which had it's traffic, but we only stayed on it for a couple miles before heading up some very winding, twisty, roads, many of which we almost had the road to ourselves. Very fun indeed. We finally arrived at our lunch stop of King Gillette Ranch in the Santa Monica mountains.

First order of business was to listen to the funkhanna instructions. Fairly simple route but then discovered the driver had to be blindfolded and you had to do each part without changing forward/backward directions. OK that added a need to analyze the route better and think

it out. But we got that hang of it and we all accomplished the task. Points were deducted if a tyre hit a parking space line. Drivers (blindfolded) discovered there was no sense of movement since we were going so slow and navigators learned you had to use verbal instructions as pointing which way to go had no effect.

But three made it through with no point deductions so there had to be a tie breaker. Mike Simmons (who drove a Jeep) disqualified himself because he had a tighter turning radius and had power steering. That left Daniel Harrison in his MGA with Steve Simmons navigating in a tie with David & Joyce in their TC.

But first we ate lunch at the picnic tables and marveled at the gourmet cookies Linda baked for us. Everyone was a winner with that. Thank you Linda!

Tie breaker consisted of rolling a TC tyre towards a tree with the one getting closest being the winner. Steve demonstrated and rolled the tyre maybe 60 feet and got within about 4 feet of the tree. Looked easy. So David tried and the tyre had a mind of it's own and flopped down maybe 40 feet short of the tree. Second attempt and the tyre veered off course and probably ended up 30 feet away. Daniel was not having any better luck with the tyre and as a result, the team of David & Joyce won the tie-breaker and claimed the Duk for a year.





photos by
Steve & Linda Simmons
and David & Joyce Edgar

*Many, many thanks
to Steve & Linda for
planning out this event.*



TCs driven on event were David & Joyce Edgar, Gregg Hunsberger, Cliff Lemieux with daughter Jill, Richard & Sandra Loe, David Mathison, Steve & Linda Simmons, Rob Zucca with guest Randy Swan, plus Daniel Harrison in an MGA 7



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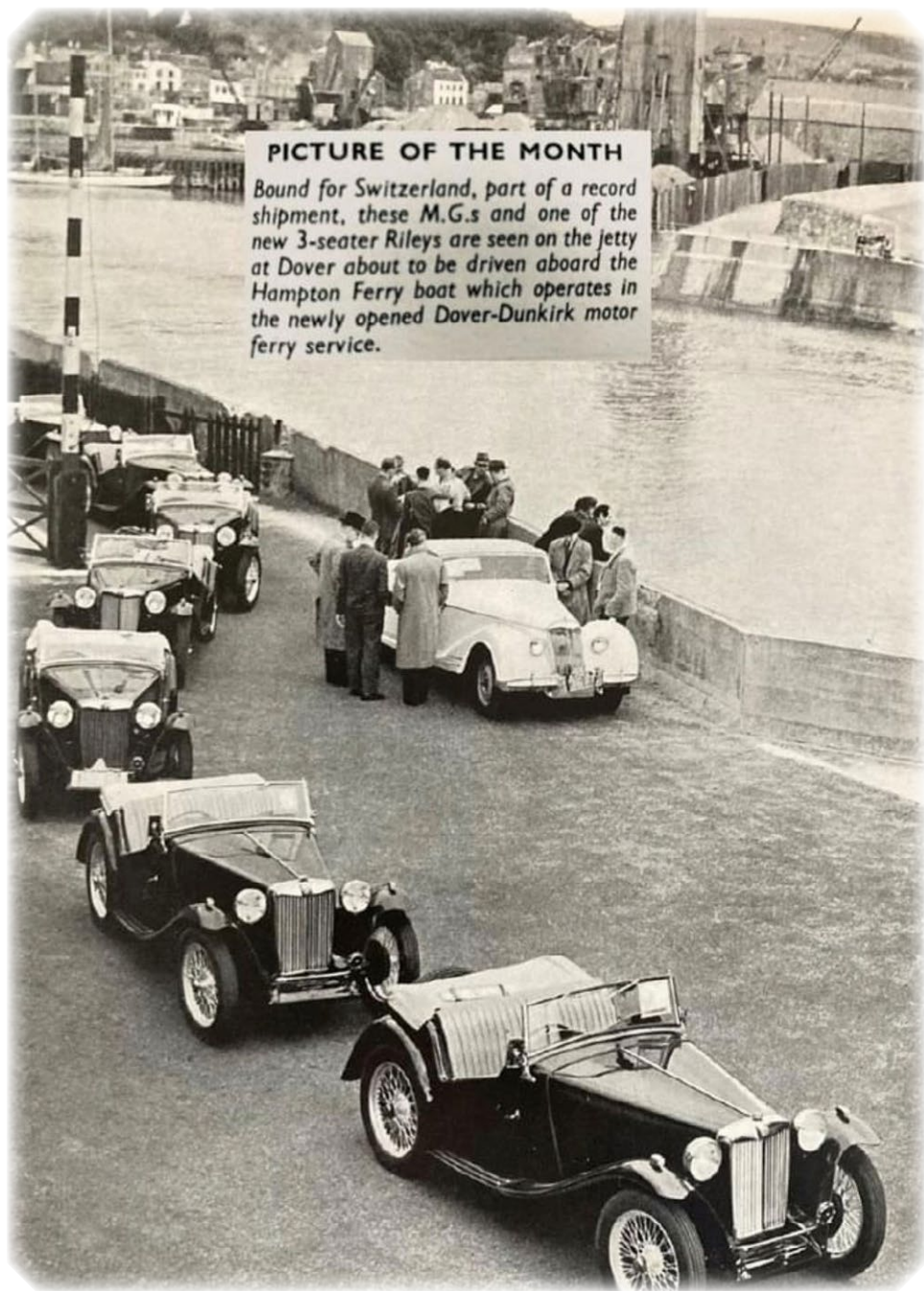
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Posted by Doug Tantrum on the MG Octagon Car Club Facebook site. Indicated it was in the summer of 1948 with a convoy at Dover destined for Switzerland. One of the comments were that in 1948 TCs were out of date

already (based on the TAs and TBs). Other cars of the period were going to independent front suspension, and such (in fact the 1947-53 MG Y had IFS). But technology isn't everything since TCs are still sought after.

January 24th, TCMG Meeting Minutes

The meeting, held on Zoom, was called to order by President Rob Zucca at 6:13 PM.

19 members were in attendance.

Joyce Edgar announced the meeting was being recorded for the benefit of the Secretary in case there was any failure of the Secretary's Zoom connection. She asked if there were any objections to the meeting being recorded. None were expressed.

There were no new members or guests participating.

Six members drove their TCs on a simulated minimum 10 mile journey to the meeting prior to the meeting to qualify for 1 Sargent Award point. They were Hunsberger, Lemieux, Loe, Edgar, and Steve Simmons. Rob Zucca and Mike Simmons said they would drive after the meeting.

Joyce stated the mail received since the last meeting was Christmas cards and the latest Safety Fast magazine.

The outgoing Secretary, Rob Zucca, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 2022 minutes as published in the Jan/Feb newsletter. There were none. By vote of the members, the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Joyce Edgar reported we have two new member and the budget for 2023 was approved by the Executive Council on 1/17/23. She reports we are comfortably solvent and tax returns for 2022 have been filed. She will send a PDF of the current financial statements to any member who requests a copy.

Although we do not have an official Programs Chair, Curt Sorensen is keeping track of the status of programs

which will be put on by other members. Curt says there are two categories of programs; those that are in incubation and those that are committed. Curt is planning to contact possible program presenters to hopefully move from incubation to committed status. He also is encouraging members to suggest program possibilities. He is hoping for a good balance between technical and general interest programs. Several members offered suggestions.

Events Chair Steve Simmons announced the Lame Duk Kup event date has been changed from February 4 to February 11 due to threat of rain on the 4th. Details on the event will be in a forthcoming flyer. He believes there will be plenty of wildflowers this year for the Joe Douglass Wildflower Tour. He asked for volunteers who would be willing to organize an event.

Joyce presented the photographs sent in by members who participated in the winter themed "Do It Yourself Tour". The members who submitted pictures of their TCs in winter or holiday settings were Lemieux, Hunsberger, Pelton, S. Simmons, Schirripa, Edgar, Spiegel, Doudrick, Thelander, and Loe.

Under old business, Steve reports all of the club's historical archives have been retrieved from Don McLish's garage are safely stored at Steve's house pending turning them over to whomever will be the new Historian.

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Loe

Richard Loe, 2023 Secretary



Top row: Joyce Edgar, David Edgar*, Curt & Jan Sorensen

2nd row: Rob Zucca*, Pete & Fran Thelander, Cliff Lemieux*

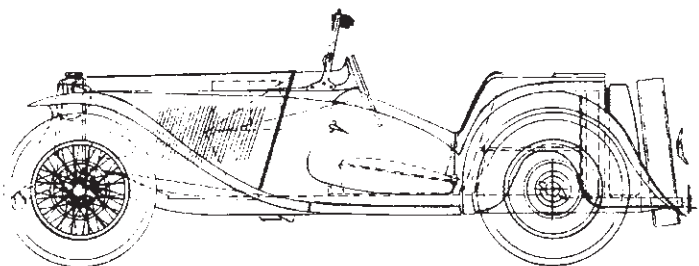
3rd row: Steve & Linda Simmons*, Kregg Hunsberger*, Mike Simmons*

4th row: Allen Chalmers, Richard & Sandra Loe*, Walt Prowell

5th row: John Bowyer (TX), Doug Schirripa (NV), Karen Olson.

Dottie Smith (NH) also joined for a short time but never got camera to work.

At our Zoom meeting, 20 were in attendance (representing 15 memberships). Seven drove their TCs that day to simulate a drive to the meeting, got Sargent Points and are marked with *.



TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Feb 16, 1949	TC 7930	Jim & Norma Crandall's son
March 3, 1948	TC 4923	Michael & Wanda Hughes
March 3, 1949	TC 8231 EXU	Jim & Rachel Bickley
March 17, 1948	TC 5058	Michael & Jody Whalen
Mar 24, 1948	TC 5108	David & Joyce Edgar



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

Happy 74th, & 75th Birthdays

TCMG Directory Update



The new 2023 TCMG Directory is being prepared right now. But please check your 2022 directory to make sure your information is still current. Let me know if there are corrections so we can fix before printing.

Seems we announce this each year and right after the new directory is mailed out, we get a half dozen corrections. If you cannot find your directory I'll send a PDF copy to you. Just let me know.

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GoF West - Up and Going Again



GoF West 2023

Oct 16-20, 2023
Carlsbad, Calif

It is official, GoF West will
celebrate it's **51st annual event!**

Registration fee increases April
1st so register now and save

Celebrating 100 Years of MG
First Morris cars with MG badging
occurred in 1923 and were known as
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Pete & Fran Thelander,
Warren & Ann Wendt, Mike
Walsh, Jan Verbiesen & Gary Rand

More information will be posted on the GoFWest.org website as available.

Registration forms are available on the
GoF West website. gofwest.org

Please save the dates, plan on attending
and get your registrations in. Should be
quite fun to enjoy your TC along with
other 1923-1980 vintage MGs.

Note that registration fees go up as of
April 1st so register now and save.

Send comments to Joyce & David at:
gofwestinc@gmail.com

TCs 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

Unconfirmed but this may have a 1500cc conversion.

Ron says he would like to see it stay in the club, so special pricing only for TCMG members at \$28,000



Bill Young's TC

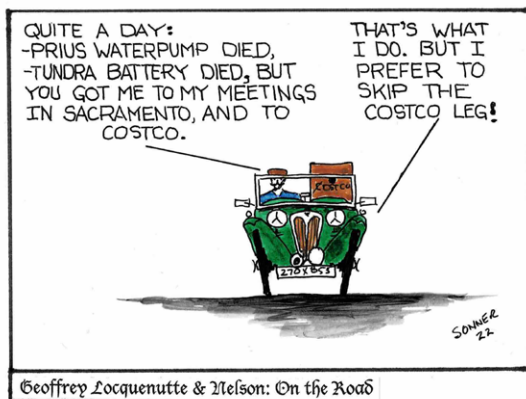
I have owned this car for over 35 years. It has been an absolute joy. Mike Goodman rebuilt the engine over 25 years ago, but probably only about 5000 miles have been driven since. It is painted Acura NSX Red – the paint is outstanding. The dash is Hawaiian Koa wood. The top has been down for 35 years – it's there but probably needs replacing. I also have the original side curtains and other extra parts. This car is not a show car, but a very respectable driver. Arthritis forces the sale.

The car is in Sonoma, CA- \$27,000.

Bill Young (707) 939 8173 or billyyoung1228@aol.com

1948 TC 5700 with 1500 conversion.
It needed some minor repairs before
and believe some or all have now been
addressed.

Gordon & Mimi Glass
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Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

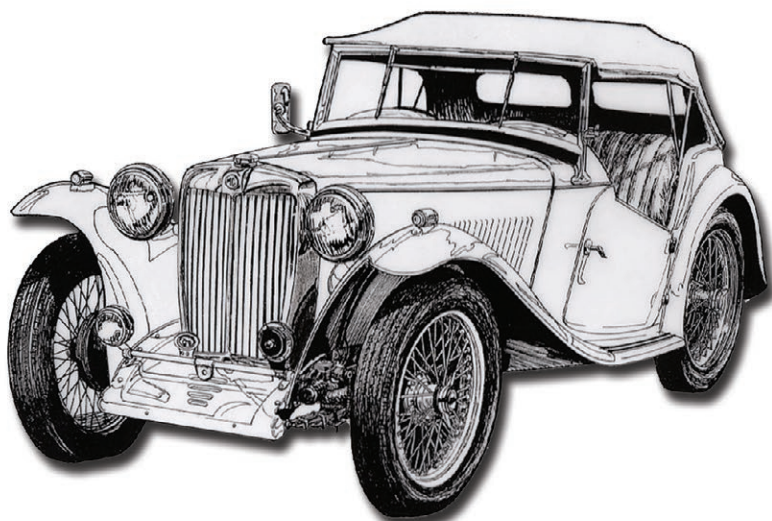


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TC Sad News

Kregg Hunsberger was on his way home on February 20th and a young woman made a left turn from a side street directly in front of him in Thousand Oaks. Unable to stop in time, he hit her left rear quarter panel. The damage to his TC3779 is most likely a total loss. Left frame rail, left wing, leaf spring and radiator surround crushed, just to mention a few items.

The TC was purchased by his father in 1948 and he converted it to have the 1938 Ford Flat Head V8 60 engine setup as a Midget Race engine (approximately 120 HP at 6000 RPM) in 1950. He had also made some other changes like running

600 X 16 tires and wheels and a Dana 29 differential with a 4.11:1 rear end. The car would turn 20 MPH/1000 RPM in 4th gear. It could easily go up the hill between Simi Valley and the San Fernando Valley on the 118 in forth gear turning 4000 RPM doing 80 MPH.

The positive point is no one suffered any major injury. The left front wheel is two feet behind the right. If it had been the other way round I expect the steering wheel would have been in my chest. My seat belts held me in place, and I was not thrown to safety.



Member Dues That Are Due

Thanks to all who have paid their 2023 dues already. The following members still have until the March meeting to

Local Members (\$26 due) (zip codes 90000-93300)

Cassini, Caroline & Jakob Greisen
Coleman, David & Suzie
Glass, Gordon & Mimi
Hill, Bunker & Kathy
Messer, Dick
Pate, Larry
Santarelli, Tony & Eniko
Tooke, Mike & Pam

remit their dues if they wish to continue membership. Note the “local” vs “non-local” difference in amounts due.

Non-Local Members (\$22 due)

Acosta, Deb
Hall, Richard
Jones, Michael & Jody
Kosters, Warren & Deborah
Mauch, Patrick & Laura
Moran, Patrick
Nofil, Joseph & Jeanne
Norton, Leverne & Ruthann
Sicotte, Beau & Annie
Stovall, Moose

More Photos from Lame Duk Event



Enjoying lunch with our TC friends. And thank you to Linda for the absolutely delicious cookies.



Daniel (last year's winner of the Duk) presenting David & Joyce with the Duk



Steve explaining the rules of the mini funkhanna