



TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

April 2024



*TCs
coming
back to
life*



Below: Tom Wilson
got TC 0279 back
on the road - first
time in over 50
years. Looks
mighty fine Tom.
Congratulations.
He only has like 11
more project MGs
to save now.

Above: TC 5700 is coming back
to life again. Dean Caccavo
has spent many, many hours in
detailing the TC to making it
road worthy and looking pretty.
Note that the TC was accepted
at *The Quail, A Motorsport
Gathering* to be held in August.
Good luck Dean.





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Rob's Ramblings



I never know until the last minute what my monthly message will be. David Edgar's recent e blast regarding one of Phil Hill's TC's and the owner looking for information on its history made me think of how important our cars history is....well...to me anyway. As many of you may know, history is what I do for a living. Museum exhibits. As I type this, I have three hours to finish one.

I have two MG's. The TC and an MGA. Luckily the MGA came with enough documents that I was able to trace it back to its original owner. I know every one except from about 1995-2000. This person did the rust repair and a repaint. I had the name and address of the owner who bought the car in 1979. I wrote a letter and a few months later got a call from him. He intended to restore the car, but it just sat in his sons garage until he sold it off in about 1995, but didn't remember to who. The paperwork picked up again about 2000. I emailed that owner and got a response.

all this information is in a file along with all receipts. I also keep a log book of all my work.

The TC has a great story too. It was Ron and Bobbie Simon's car. Restored in the early 90's and still wears this resto. Ron and his brother had bought this car in the late 50's as a parts car. It was sold and Ron unknowingly bought it back 20 years later (trade for a motorcycle) in the late 70's as a basket case. Nothing is known for its first ten years or from the late 50's to 70's. I also have a file on this car. Images of the restoration, receipts that came with it, and a lot of history on its travels. Thank you Ron! I also have the file on the engine rebuild I did. I'll let the next owner total all those receipts. I don't want to know.

What's the point? Keep everything. Even if its just a bit of scrawled information on a piece of paper. You don't need to write a book. That can be for the next guy. I guarantee he or she will appreciate it!

Rob Zucca

TCMG President 2024



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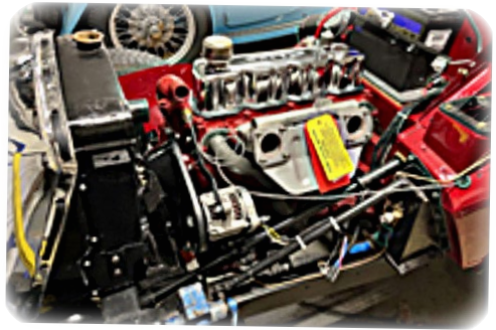
**Tuesday,
March 26th**

6:00pm*

**Progress on
Thelander's TF**

Our program for the evening will be a slide presentation by Pete Thelander on the recent restoration and modification of his MG TF that he has owned for 68 years.

Pete will explain not only the restoration process, but also show the significant modifications to the drive train that required quite a bit of ingenuity to accomplish. The accompanying photo is just a hint of what has been done to make "the ultimate TF driver".



*Link below is for the Zoom
meeting on March 26th*
zoom.us/j/83412517141

***** *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 March 26th and earn a Sargent point for a simulated drive to the meeting. Report your drive to get credit.



TC Motoring Guild
2024 Directory

TCMG Directory Update

The new 2024 TCMG Directory is in the works right now. But please check your 2023 directory to make sure your information is still current. Let me know if there are changes so we can

fix before printing.

If you cannot find your 2024, let me know and I can send you your information.

David
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Tour to Picnic at the Olson Home



The tour went from Glendale to Bradbury. In TCs were Steve & Linda Simmons, Richard & Sandra Loe, David Mathison, and Pete & Fran Thelander. Also participating in moderns were, Gregg Hunsberger, Malcolm & Joy Buckeridge, Mike & Sherri Simmons. Gene Olson & Patty Salehpour had their TC at the house along with their MG SA.



Lots of scenery along the way



photos by
Steve & Linda
Simmons

The five TCs looking pretty among the oak trees. Gene's SA also in the mix.



The radiator mascot on the SA

Olson Picnic Continued



Where the TCs were told to park didn't mention the lights to avoid. Thelanders (on left) came close but Simmons (on right) came closer (but did not hit).



Great views from the house and pleasant weather to dine in



Gene & Patty's cozy cabin (built by Gene) to relax in that is separate from the main house.



A project TC Special Racer Gene is building and using newer modern Midget running gear



More Olson Picnic Photos



Trail down to the cabin



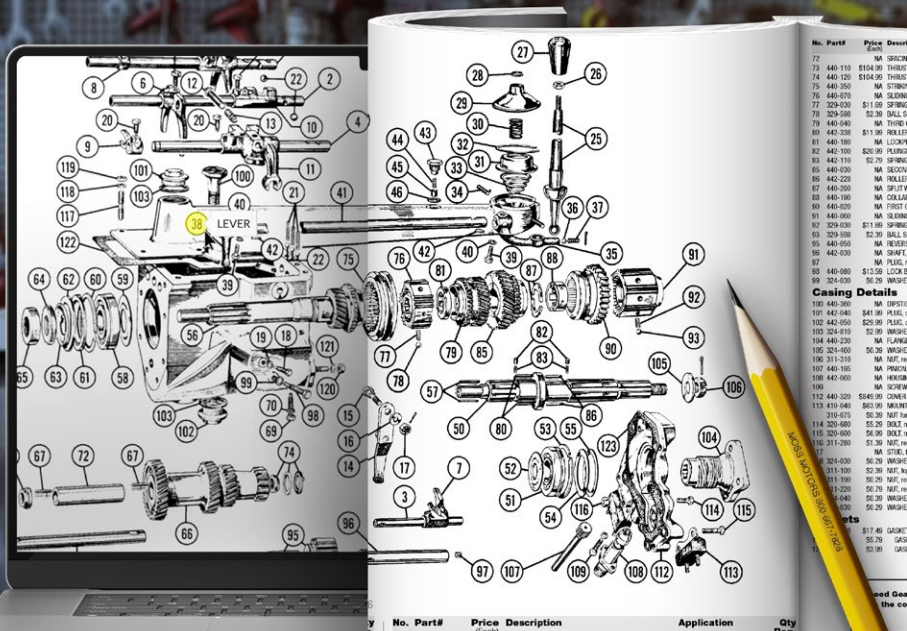
Love Shack sign

*Nice cabinet work
in the shack*



*David Mathison trying
to figure out how to
get out of the SA*

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History of TC 3400

Tom Howes has TC 3400 now but is trying to find some documentation on its history. He writes:

Sounds silly, but I think I potentially own Phil Hill's first MGTC. If so the car will deserve a better life than what I can give it, but I am having a difficult time proving/or disproving the provenance and need help.

My Uncle gave the TC to me for Christmas 5 years ago, he told me it was possibly Phil Hill's MG. I didn't think much of the comment. When my Uncle died 2 years ago I went to Southern California to pick up his Lotus and met the son of the man (also deceased) who sold the MG to my uncle, and the son made the same comment about the car being Phil Hill's. When I got home, I did a google search (blessing or curse, not sure) and have learned a lot about the car, but not enough to prove or disprove that it is or isn't Phil Hill's first MG. Nothing I have learned makes me think it's not, but nothing concrete.

My first search brought up results and descriptions of a Gooding and Company auction from 2021 auction "The Phil Hill Automobilia Collection/A Life in Racing". In Lot 13, is a letter from Mark Jones to Mr. Hill stating that he owned Phil's first TC and hoped for additional history about the car. The letter (below) gives the serial number as 34__ The last two numbers are covered. I reached out to Gooding and

Company. They stated that they didn't keep a copy of any of the materials auctioned off. Stated they would have to reach out to successful bidder. My last few e-mails have gone unanswered.

Various people have volunteered their time, but end up the same place I have. Nothing concrete. Based on Phil Hill's life, and the ties to his first MGTC, I think I need to carry out the search. Any help would certainly be appreciated.

NOTES

-We have also reached out to Derek Hill, to no avail.

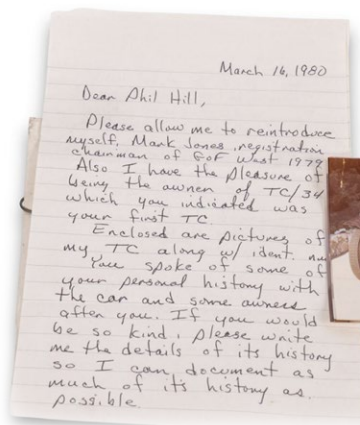
-California DMV said their records don't go back that far.

-The owners instruction book has "Jones" printed on the inside cover, and assume its Mark Jones from the letter.

-3400 rolled off assembly line August 25th, 1947, Phil Hill stated that he got his at International Motors (L.A.) in November 1947.

-The MG Car Club published an interview with Phil Hill (from 1960) in their December 2020 news letter where Phil talks about his first two MGTCs, but no numbers mentioned

Tom's note was posted on the TABC list but nobody has been able to help there yet.



Letter from Mark Jones to Phil Hill dated March 1980



TC 3400 today and Tom is getting ready to start on it

February 27th, TCMG Meeting Minutes

President Rob Zucca called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM PST and announced the meeting was being recorded. There were 26 in attendance with seven members driving their TC “to the meeting”. Rob welcomed Patrick Arnett, Bob Eicher’s grandson.

Joyce Edgar reported incoming mail included several dues payments.

Sandra Loe, Secretary, submitted the January general meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as written.

Joyce presented the treasurer’s report. The document had been sent to the Executive Council ahead of time. We have one new member and two members that had dropped out and have rejoined the group. Joyce clarified that she intended the dues change reported last month would become effective for 2025. All agreed that was more logical rather than changing mid year.

Events chair Steve Simmons will be joining the meeting a few minutes late, however Rob suggested we check the website for details for upcoming events. Gene Olson will be hosting the March event at his home in Bradbury and April will be our annual wildflower tour to the Antelope Valley. Steve is planning a tech session on paint restoration this spring and possibly a double day trip in May.

Rob asked for any old business. None was mentioned, so he moved on to new business. We need a volunteer to be the program chair. Until someone steps forward, please contact Rob or Steve if you have a program idea and they will add it to “the list”.

The program ended the meeting with members sharing their unique MG items not bolted to their TC:

Mike Simmons - wood TC model

Dean Caccavo - TC 5700 accepted to participate in the “Quail” in August.

Bob Eicher - original red jack & push pins made by grandson Patrick

Pat Garity - Lucas defroster & tire pump

Rob Zucca - MG Factory photos, oil coil, original TC brochure

John Bowyer - MG flags

Scott St Clair - photo of Cristina driving the MG and MG license plate

Doug Schirripa - MG models

David & Joyce Edgar - unmounted MG related car badges

Fran Thelander - car tea kettle and their wood MG music box

Richard Loe - WWII RAF library copy of Berre Lyndon’s book “Grand Prix”

Walt Prowell - picture of his first MGTC and plaque

Jonathan Lane - book

Steve Simmons - collection of sports car sculptures

Duane Schmidt - update: he has bought a parts car, but it has not arrived yet

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Loe

Sandra Loe, Secretary

See photos of items displayed on
pages 13 & 14.



20 Memberships
in attendance

February meeting attendees

26 Members in attendance
plus one guest

Row 1: Joyce Edgar, David Edgar*, Pat Garity, Richard & Sandra Loe *, Malcolm & Joy Buckeridge

Row 2: Cliff Lemieux *, Rob Zucca, Jonathan Lane (CO), Mike Hughes, Bob Eicher (MD)

Row 3: Pete & Fran Thelander, Steve & Linda Simmons*, Scott & Cristina St Clair *, Dean Caccavo *, Duane Schmidt (MD)

Row 4: Patrick Arnett (guest and grandson of Bob Eicher) (MD), Walt Prowell, Karen Olson, Doug Schirripa, Mike Simmons

Row 5: Cindy Henkels, Jim Yergin (VA) * - drove 10 miles in TC on meeting day



TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Apr 8, 1948	TC 5221	Bill Traill
Apr 14, 1947	TC 2556	John & Phyllis Williams
Apr 14, 1948	TC 5230	Ed & Dee Koskie
Apr 14, 1948	TC 5238	Jim & Kim Ellis

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



Happy 76th &
77th Birthdays

February Meeting Program

Rob Zucca



My TC (red one at front) at the MG factory from the 1990s; paired with the famous image from the 30s



Vintage Runbaken oil coil. New in box. A real time capsule that I just can't bring myself to install in the car. Kind of the original "sport coil".

The program for our February Zoom meeting was sharing MG things not bolted onto your TC.



An original 15 page brochure for the MGTC Midget

Scott & Cristina St Clair



What is better with your TC that is not bolted on?



An open road & a beautiful driver of course



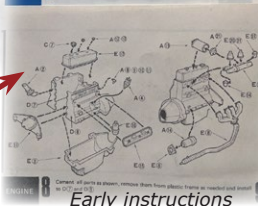
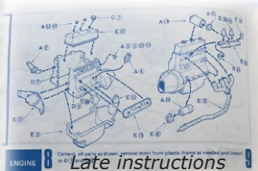
Items from Scott's first MGA, which was a trailer load of parts.

Jonathan Lane



Shares a book by Stirling Moss titled My Favorite Car Stories (which was a gift to his dad in 1960)

Doug Schirripa



Doug has a few TC (TD) models never assembled. He has two of the lower right and found an extra part was added to the model in later years (part E 24) which may be an oil pump

February Meeting Program Continued

Mike Simmons



Pete & Fran Thelander



12 volt tea kettle for your car plus model similar to Mike's but this one has a music box inside.



Steve & Linda Simmons



Steve wasn't sure he would make the meeting but did and found a few things close by to share. Full collection of Al Rossi MG sculptures and also a full set of TCMG car badges

Bob Eicher & grandson Patrick Arnett



They made MG push-pins on a 3-D printer to mount photos plus restored a jack for the TC



Cliff Lemieux



Assortment of MG TC manuals plus tools, key and clothing

Richard Loe



Gran Prix book by Barré Lyndon (1935 era)

Dean Caccavo



Dean displays an invite of his TC being accepted at The Quail this year



Walt Prowell

A 1949 MG TC EXU and kept for 50 years (in this condition) and then sold to Doug Pelton. Was Walt's girlfriend's car and she was thrown out the other side.

John Bowyer



Top flag given to him in 1980 at the MG Factory Abingdon

Bottom is a dealer flag bought in Calif. years later Flown at local MG events.

David & Joyce Edgar



Assorted car badges

Club Regalia

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