



# TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS November 2024



*Initially this plate (my euphoria) was on Bill Young's Rolls-Royce Silver Dawn -- then on his MG TC for 30 years*

More personalized plates on pages 8-9  
Also see story on this TC on page 12



Find more photos from the Central Coast British Car Show on pages 6-7



Bumper sticker found on a Jeep. Sad but true. In fact in many countries now, you have to pass a drive test with a manual transmission if you intend to drive one. Otherwise you are restricted to an automatic transmission.

**Save the Date:**  
Annual Meeting  
and Holiday Party  
**December 8**  
Watch for group emails  
and website for details



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## 2025 TCMG Dues

This is to give advance notice that our dues rates will be changing for 2025 and beyond. Instead of two different dues rates for local and distant members, we are simplifying and going to just one rate of \$25 per year. Seems too many members were confused and paying the wrong amounts.

Per our Bylaws, dues are due for the next year as of our Annual Meeting which will be December 8th this year. We have a grace period that goes until our March monthly meeting.

Again, this is just advance notice of the change and notice of dues due will be sent via our group email and in the next newsletter.

## TCMG Officers and Chairs for 2024

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|-------------------|--------------------|
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# Rob's Ramblings



It finally cooled down enough in the garage for me to fit the carb heat shield I'd made a few years back. It seems to be working. No fuel issues in a few hundred miles. Next big test is Conclave!

The club had a great showing at the Central Coast British Car Clubs yearly show. They had contacted me to bring my TC as there were none registered. Well.... We did better than that and had five. Two of our members won first and second in the T series class!

We're putting together a caravan for our annual Conclave as I type this. Quite a few members will be attending GoF the week before in Folsom and then meeting up in Cambria for Conclave. I'm really looking forward to it. The main event will be a drive to and tour of Hearst Castle. The last time I visited there was over 30 years ago. Since so many TCMG members will be coming from the north, I'm hoping the return caravan will be pretty thick. There's nothing better than seeing a line of TCs going down the highway..... well, yes there is, BEING in a line of TCs!

Drive the wheels off 'em!

*Rob Zucca*

TCMG President 2024



*Rob's shield on the left waiting to be installed and then in place in photo below.*



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**Tuesday,**  
**Oct. 22nd**

**6:00pm\***

**TC Project  
Updates**



*Note that this project got split apart and frame is now with Gregg's TC but Steve still has the engine.*

The evening's program will feature "Member Project Updates". Members are encouraged to share photos and/or info on their latest TC or other interesting projects.

*Link below is for the Zoom meeting on October 22nd*  
[zoom.us/j/86497023430](https://zoom.us/j/86497023430)

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

Anyone making a simulated journey to the meeting in a TC by driving a minimum of 10 miles on the day of the meeting will receive a point toward the Sargent Award.

## **68th Annual TCMG / ARR Conclave**

**Cambria - Oct 20-22**

Our Annual TCMG/ARR Conclave is set up right after GoF West in Folsom, CA for a two for one experience,

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Room blocked for us expired, so hope you can still get in or somewhere else close by.

If you plan to attend at this late date, please contact Howard Shempp at 530-758-9713 or [hshempp@gmail.com](mailto:hshempp@gmail.com)



**Sunday:** arrive, happy hour, dinner on your own.

**Monday:** Group activity including TC line up & group dinner.

**Tuesday:** Goodbyes and departure.

# Central Coast British Car Show



1st and 2nd MG T Series winners

The Central Coast British Car Club held their annual British Car Show on September 22nd. With 170 British cars on display (plus more in the local parking lots) just about every major British marque was represented. In addition to MG, there was Triumph, Morgan, Sunbeam, Jaguar, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Range Rover, Lotus, Austin Healey, BMC Mini Cooper, and the list goes on.

Five TCs were present on the field and all by TCMG members, David Mathison, Steve & Linda Simmons, Rob Zucca, Cliff Lemieux and Mike & Wanda Hughes. TCMG members enjoyed lunch by the TCs as well as our club banner. Linda Simmons in her tradition of providing goodies, had cookie bags for our group. Jim Bickley was there but did not bring his TC as it had a flat tire. Kregg Hunsberger also there but TC is still being repaired. David Reid and Terry Schuller were also in attendance but displayed their Jaguar.

In the end David Mathison came away with 1st in the MG TC/TD/TF class and Steve & Linda Simmons earned 2nd.

If you want to see the rest of the show, check out this YouTube video.

[youtube.com/watch?v=b5VaoUi8yR8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5VaoUi8yR8)



Photos by Steve Simmons  
and Rob Zucca



Very nice and different awards were given out to all the winners. Metal art signs with brass plates attached.





# Vanity License Plate Program

Our September meeting program was on clever vanity license plates we have seen. Not enough room here to share all that were shared but it was a very nice program. Thank you to Brian Kemper for coming up with the idea to share.

## Allan Chalmers



Two plates, one from Allan Chalmers' TA and the second from Terry Sanders' TA



**R48 MGTC**  
on Pete & Fran  
Thelander's TC

## Rob Zucca



Not a Vanity Plate, BUT during WWII, there was a German submarine U-907 which was surrendered to the Allies and then sunk. Rob added the "2" making the H2O (molecular structure of water) and representing the U-907's final resting place

## John Bowyer'

Plates for his '49 TC from 1974 to 1988 (replaced each year)



## Jerry McCammon



Not a personalized plate but very fitting



on Bill's Porsche 911 "T" Targa

## Bill Young

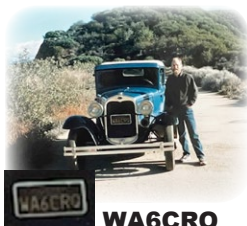
on Bill's Citroen 2CV "Charleston"

on Bill's funny looking Citroen 2CV truck



plate on VW Thing





**WA6CRO**

Ham radio plate on their Model A



**45 HOG**  
on their 45ci Harley Davidson



**MANUTEN**

on grandson's car. He plays soccer and his favorite team is Manchester United and his favorite number is ten.



**BACIBLU**

on daughter's car and something to do with a blue bike (Italian) or blue kiss. Weird but meant something to her.

**Richard & Sandra Loe**

Plates Ron Simon had since he was 1st Trombone in his group



**Brian Kemper**

**2LO4SNO**

on a car high in the Rocky Mountains and sat super low to the ground. Car would be too low to drive in the snow.

**WATTGAS**

on an electric car running on watts

**WAS HIS**

on a gorgeous Porsche convertible driven by an impeccably dressed lady



**Steve & Linda Simmons**

**UK MGBGT**

on their UK-spec, right hand drive MGB GT



**IH8U 405**

I hate you 405 and funny enough was on the I-405



Not a personalized plate but fitting for their MGA



**MG LIMO**



Funny plate on their MG YB with this 200 MPH Club frame, since the car was even slower on the highway than a TC.



**WE R97**

Submitted by Joyce Edgar. In police jargon it stands for We are there.

Seen by David Edgar on a million dollar Lamborghini



**NOT TA B**

on Doug Schirripa's MGC



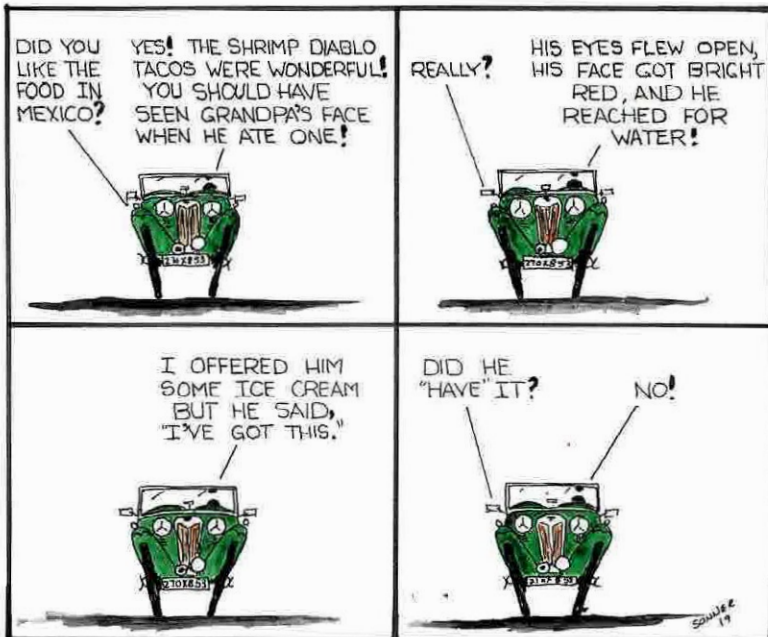
## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)



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|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Oct16, 1945  | TC 0273      | Tom & Emily Wilson      |
| Oct16, 1945  | TC 0279      | Tom & Emily Wilson      |
| Oct 16, 1947 | TC 3840      | Robert Weber            |
| Oct 18, 1949 | TC 9972 EXU  | Charles & Susan Roehrl  |
| Oct 20, 1947 | TC 3844      | Gus Ramos               |
| Oct 21, 1948 | TC 6885      | Richard & Sandra Loe    |
| Oct 27, 1948 | TC 6945      | Sherman & Daveen Kaplan |
| Oct 28, 1948 | TC 6954      | Fred & Karen Weisberger |
| Oct 30, 1946 | TC 1697      | Walt & Bev Prowell      |
| Nov 2, 1949  | TC 10087 EXU | Doug Pulver             |
| Nov 5, 1946  | TC 1733      | John & Georgia Bowyer   |
| Nov 5, 1948  | TC 7042      | Mel Appell              |
| Nov 8, 1949  | TC 10133 EXU | Greg & Carrie Haskin    |
| Nov 11, 1948 | TC7075       | Roy Jones               |

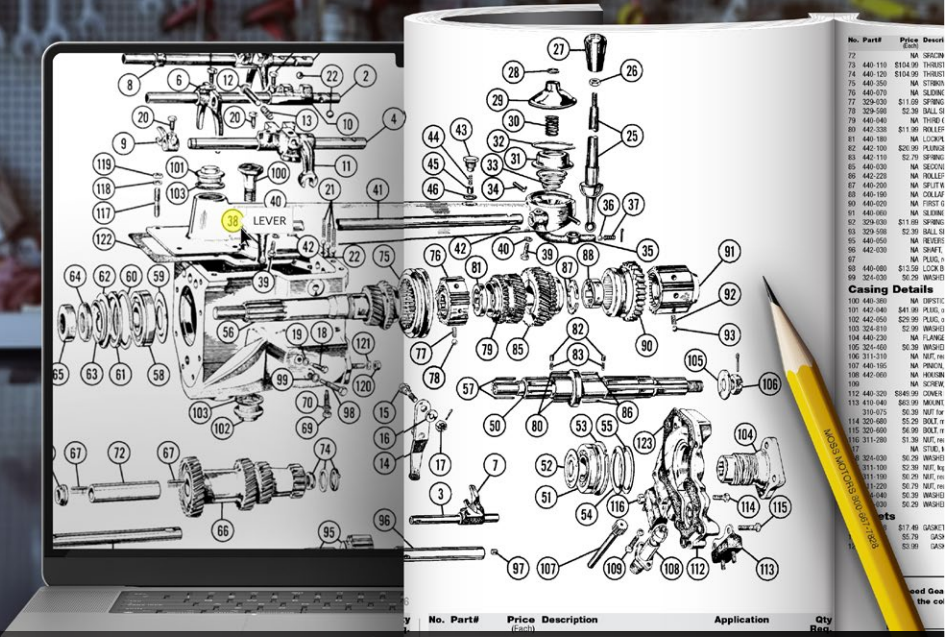
*Build dates listed are when the TCs were assigned a number and started down the assembly line.*

**Happy 75th, 76th,  
77th, 78th & 79th  
Birthdays**



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: Along the Way

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**It's monkeys outside** - It is very cold outside

**Lost the plot** - Gone crazy

# My First 100 Cars - My 3rd TC

## 1947 MG TC

I still own this car. [Ed note: did own it at the time his book was published but Bill has since sold it] I am the fourth and seventh owner. The first time I bought it - in the late 1960s - I remember paying \$1,800 for it. The TC was advertised in the LA Times newspaper. It was my everyday driver for a while.



In October 1968, as a member of the TC Motoring Guild Car Club, I was invited to bring my car and participate in the Los Angeles Times Grand Prix at Riverside Raceway. I remember it being a very hot day. TC owners used their cars to parade 36 world class drivers around the track. The TCs were chosen as a special salute to the car and the people who played a major role in pioneering sports car racing in America. Race car drivers included Bruce McLaren, Dennis Hulme, Mark Donahue, Jim Hall, Dan Gurney and Sam Posey. It was a very special day.

Fast forward a couple of years. I was selling cars at Bob Smith Porsche/Audi in Hollywood. One day, a nice lady came in to make arrangements for a European delivery of a new Porsche. She saw my TC parked outside the showroom and inquired if it was for sale. I told her that it was mine and that I hadn't really thought about selling it. Well, we agreed to a price. She wanted to pay for it with a personal check from a bank in Tennessee. I said I couldn't

accept an out-of-state check. She gave me the phone number of the manager of the Tennessee bank. She asked me to call him to verify that the check was good. I called. The manager laughed a little and then told me there was plenty of money in this lady's checking account. Her name was



Bill Young

Ann Prothro Wilson. She was the daughter of Tommy Prothro - the famous UCLA and LA Rams football coach. The Prothro family was a very prominent and wealthy family in Tennessee. I accepted the check and sold the car.

Unknown to me, she sold the car, a few years later, to a member of Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show" band. Fast forward another few years to 1987. I stopped by Mike Goodman's Garage in Van Nuys.

Mike is a well-known MG mechanic. He told me my old TC was for sale. I drove out to see it and it looked pretty good. But it was a week before my 10th wedding anniversary and I had just purchased a pair of diamond earrings for my wife and I didn't have a lot of money. I did what any real "car guy" would do in this situation - and got an advance on my credit card and bought the car. It's been in my garage ever since! I did another restoration in 1990 (red, black interior) and a rebuilt engine was necessary a couple of years later. I also added a dashboard made out of Hawaiian Koa wood. This car has been driven all over California and has been entered in many car shows and parades. It has also done parade laps at Riverside Raceway, Laguna Seca Raceway and Sears Point Raceway.

The first owner of this car is reputed to be a woman by the name of Virginia Hill. She was the girlfriend of the gangster Bugsy Siegel. Ms. Hill was famous for her

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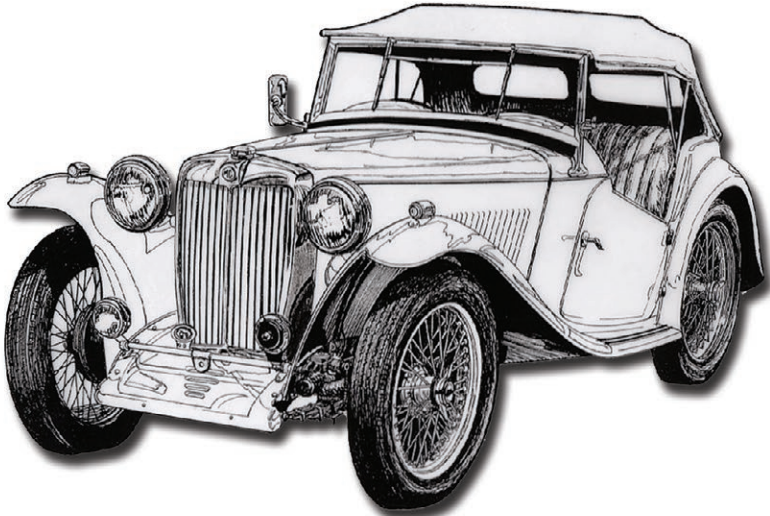


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# September 24th - TCMG Meeting Minutes

**Rob Zucca**, president, called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM PDT and announced it would be recorded. There were twenty eight in attendance and seven drove.

**Secretary Sandra Loe** submitted the minutes of the August meeting as printed in the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were accepted as written.

**Joyce Edgar**, treasurer and membership chair, reported there was no Guild mail in the past month. She posted the treasurer's report, noted that she had sent it to the executive council ahead of time and was willing to provide a PDF copy to any member requesting the report. Joyce paid one bill since the last meeting. She also mentioned that the trademark renewal is coming due in May of 2025. Richard Loe has started the process, it needs to be completed any time from a year before to the date of renewal.

We have a new membership, **Gene and Jana Berghoff** from Minnesota.

Joyce reviewed the current list of coming programs: October will be members presenting updates on their current MG projects, November is scheduled to be a program by Dan Shockey, and December is the Annual Meeting/Holiday Party at Steve and Linda Simmons home. Joyce shared that she and David plan to caravan to the Holiday Party with Pat Garrity.

The next event is Conclave in Cambria October 20-22. Rob is organizing a group driving from the south. Some TCMG members will be attending GoF West in Folsom the week before and drive from there to a car show at Blackhawk Museum in Danville for the 100 years of British Cars show on the weekend and then proceed to Cambria.

There was no old business or new business, so the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Loe*

Sandra Loe, Secretary



A few more vanity plated that were shared at the meeting

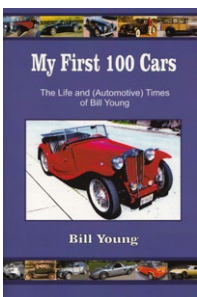


*Jaguar in Malibu*





- Row 1: Joyce Edgar, David Edgar\*, Curt & Jan Sorensen, Dean Caccavo\*, Joel Taylor (NV)
- Row 2: Richard & Sandra Loe, Greg & Ursula Hoelt (IL), Bill & Suzanne Young, Pete & Fran Thelander\*, Jerry McCammon (PA)
- Row 3: Rob Zucca\*, Kregg Hunsberger, Mike Simmons\*, John Bowyer (TX), Duane Schmidt (MD)
- Row 4: Bryan Kemper (BC), Richard Starkweather (NC), Doug Schirripa, Walt Prowell, Jonathan Lane (CO)
- Row 5: Steve & Linda Simmons\*, Cliff Lemieux\*      \* - drove 10 miles in TC on meeting day



long, beautiful legs. Bugsy nicknamed her “Flamingo.” According to legend, Bugsy named his Flamingo Hotel, in Las Vegas, after her. She took delivery of this car in early 1947. Just months later, Bugsy Siegel was murdered in

yearly checkup, when one of the worst fires in California history came raging through the area. All around the repair shop was destroyed, but the MG and repair shop were saved. The fire roared through on the actual 70th birthday of the car. What a birthday present! It is now safely at home in my garage.

The license plate on my TC is MY U4EA.

his Beverly Hills mansion. Ms. Hill had flown to Paris just four days before. Did she know something? She spent the rest of her life in Europe.

This car almost had a tragic ending. I live in “Wine Country” about an hour north of San Francisco, California. In October of 2017, my TC was in a repair shop in Sonoma, getting its



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