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*Photos from our November 2nd tour. More on pages 7 and 8*





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Eight TCMG  
members are  
featured plus our  
club is as well

## TCMG Officers and Chairs for 2025

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## Steve <sup>at</sup> the Wheel

As our 71st year comes to a close, it amazes me how this fine organization has not just endured, but thrived for so long. The dedication our members have toward not just preserving their cars, but to keeping them on the road where they belong, is truly remarkable. I don't know of any other marque or model that has been so faithfully loved for so long.

Our Guild took TCs on several great adventures this year. Last Spring we recreated our first club event by driving them to the Mojave Desert and up a sandy ridge for a photo. We took them to car shows, toured through the countryside, photographed them in various scenarios, let kids sit in them, let great, great grandparents sit in them, replaced many worn out tires and restored a few cars that needed more than just new rubber.



In Autumn we drove into the Sierra Nevada Mountains and took a dozen TCs through the most beautiful national park in the country, where droves of tourists literally turned their backs to the scenery to admire the beauty of what Abingdon created all those years ago. During that trip, many of the cars traveled over 700 miles and not one of them stopped running.

Is that kind of reliability why we love them? Or perhaps it's their beauty? The ability to time travel every time you slide into the cockpit could also be the draw. Maybe it's a combination of all the above. Whatever the allure, it's undeniably a force greater than a car guy or gal can defy. I'll admit readily that I'm smitten, and if you're reading this then I'll bet you are too.

Keep 'em on the road!

*Steve Simmons*

2025 TCMG President  
and Historian

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# Tuesday Nov. 18th



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this month due  
to Thanksgiving

## 6:00pm \*

## Restoration of TC 6849



Our program for the evening is a presentation by John Bowyer on the restoration of TC 6849. John will show photos and describe the process to return what was once a parts chassis to the road as a fully complete TC!

Those who drive their TC 10 miles or more on the day of the meeting will receive a point toward the Sargent Award.

Link below is for the Zoom  
meeting on November 18th  
[zoom.us/j/6234447498](https://zoom.us/j/6234447498)

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

## Welcome to our Newest Member

# Welcome

**Arthur & Andra Gumbus**

Stratford, CT 06614

1948 TC 5190 XPAG 6339 Sequoia Cream/Red



Sounds like a fairly recent purchase. Description said it underwent a high-standard restoration by Mike Goodman's Sports Car Service in Van Nuys, CA and the engine was replaced with another XPAG. Period-correct features like a correct Lucas driving light and horn are present, along with chrome 19" wire wheels and "nurf bar" bumpers and Alfin brake drums. Sounds like it is solid TC and we hope Arthur and Andra enjoy many fun miles traveling about in this classic TC.

# TCMG Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

## Saturday Afternoon

Note  
date  
change

## December 20th

### Doors open at 11:30am

No earlybirds please

### Lunch served at 1pm

## At Steve & Linda Simmons' Home

### Thousand Oaks

TCMG Awards will be awarded, 2026 TCMG Board will be announced, and many images of our 2025 events will proudly be on display.

Live auction of select items plus auctioning of "The Brick". This is a piece of the original Abingdon factory where our TCs were built. The winning bid takes the brick home for one year

## Mesquite BBQ Buffet Lunch

Many appetizers, entrees (including vegetarian), sides and desserts to choose from. Beverages will include Coffee, Iced Tea, Water and some special holiday-inspired drinks. Bring your own wine or other alcoholic beverage if desired.

## Paying for Your Meal

Lunch is \$35 each (limit 2 at subsidized cost)

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**Deadline to pay\***  
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you need more time)

\* need to know how much food  
and chairs to order.

Note: Meals, dues, DSF Werks  
donation if desired can be together  
in one payment. Just specify what  
you are paying for.

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Donate or buy tools for this  
organization and participants. Watch  
for specific tool/gift items in a  
forthcoming email

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will be sent with tool/gift ideas. Contact  
Joyce Edgar if you have questions.

Tool drive / fund raiser to benefit DSF Werks, an inter-generational community that teaches underprivileged young adults and emancipated foster youths skills related to classic car restoration. The program offers apprentices step-by-step instruction through a comprehensive restoration and repair curriculum from professional technicians. DSF Werks is a



Visit DSF Werks' website to learn more about  
this worthy organization. [dsfwerks.org](http://dsfwerks.org)

# November Private Car Collection Tour

## November 2nd

The tour start began at the Cars & Coffee meet at the Reagan Library where five of our TCs were gathered together. What a beautiful sight. TCs belonged to Rob Zucca, Mike & Wanda Hughes, Steve & Linda Simmons, Mike Simmons, and Cliff Lemieux.

Also in attendance were Gorden Bundy & June Wennkamp, Kregg Hunsberger (no his TC is not done yet), Gene Olson, Bobbie Simon, and Joyce Edgar along with her daughter Stacy and SIL, Jerry Kriebel.

From there we toured through back roads some 40 miles to a private car collection. Oh my gosh, that description does not do it justice. More than many beautiful cars, there were a multitude of motorcycles, and a few aircraft as well. To add to the atmosphere was an outstanding model collection plus movie props. All this filled several large fully decorated and beautiful barn buildings.

Of course what is a Guild tour without nourishment so from there we visited a local restaurant and then went on our own ways.

Thank you to Steve for organizing the event and to Gail Claridge for sharing her home and collections.



Reagan Library Cars & Coffee start



Gail's husband (RIP) used to restore Triumph motorcycles. Didn't sell them but kept finding other to restore. One exception was his purchase of one of Steve McQueen's Triumphs on a movie set which he left as it was.

*photos by Steve Simmons  
and Joyce Edgar*



Home of owner which is a converted barn. Absolutely fabulous.

Helicopter Joseph would roll out and take off from the property. Once owned by Gene Autry



# TC Oil Pan Baffle



Bryan Kemper

While I would not consider this a must have item, there are so many issues with some cars and oil distribution, and since I have the entire engine apart for a complete rebuild, adding a baffle to the oil pan seemed to be worth the effort.

As you can see from the pictures the baffle is just less than the height of the removable plate in the pan, and is bolted to the front of the pan and the horizontal plate with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " button bolts. The rear bolt is sealed with a copper washer and RTV silicone and both nuts are brazed to the baffle.

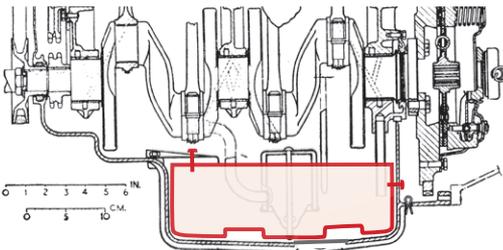


Arrow points to a button head bolt.

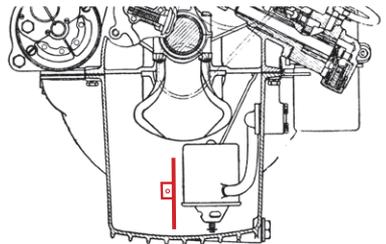


Nut is brazed on the baffle

The baffle is offset slightly to one side to clear the oil drop tube which is attached to the rear main bearing cap- I left my tube in place, although they are often shortened or removed completely. The bottom of the baffle has two notches about  $\frac{3}{4}$  by 2 inches to allow a free flow of oil across the bottom of the pan.



Note the two notches and cut in the baffle to allow some oil flow between sides



Baffle is just off center to clear the rear main drop oil tube

This link shows a similar baffle but with added one way flaps which Bryan elected not to use.

[ttypes.org/are-you-completely-baffled/](https://ttypes.org/are-you-completely-baffled/)

YOUR NEXT TRIUMPH WILL BE WON THROUGH KINDNESS.

PANDA EXPRESS

Doug Schirripa came across this fortune cookie appropriate for British car owners.

## Lesson Learned

Bryan Kemper put in the oil pan baffle and then fitted the pan. He then discovered he forgot the oil slinger on the front of the crank shaft. I think we have all done something like that on different assemblies. So he pulls the pan off to correct and discovered excess silicone sealant had partially blocked the oil opening in the block. He said the ring lifted out without resistance (once the pan was off) but he thought we all could learn something here. Be careful on how much sealant you are using at various locations. Here the sealant probably would have eventually dislodged and would have been sucked up into the oil



pump gears. Most likely would not have done much harm as the sealant is very soft, and once past the pump, the oil filter would have caught the particles. But something for all of us to be aware of for sure.



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson



## BRITISH SLANG LESSON

### Any Road

– when you hear this, the person isn't asking you to pick a road! They are most likely substituting it for "anyway." They might ask "any road do you want an MG or a Triumph." 10



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## ***TC Birthdays (Build Dates)***

Nov 18, 1948	TC 7149	Allan & Linda Chalmers
Nov 18, 1948	TC 7159	Jonathan Lane & Val Shockley
Nov 19, 1947	TC 4103	Scott Belland
Nov 25, 1948	TC 7220	June Simon
Nov 26, 1948	TC 7243	Joel & Sylvia Taylor
Nov 28, 1946	TC 1877	Beverly McDaniel-Peever
Dec 1, 1948	TC 7246	Scott & Cristina St. Clair
Dec 1, 1948	TC 7255	James Ogden
Dec 16, 1948	TC 7409 EXU	Jon & Susan Hermance
Dec 16, 1948	TC 7410 EXU	Doug & Carol Pelton
Dec 23, 1948	TC 7474 EXU	John & Georgia Bowyer
Dec 24, 1948	TC 7499	John & Georgia Bowyer
Dec 30, 1946	TC 2040	Tom & Emily Wilson



***Happy 77th,  
78th, 79th  
Birthdays***

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

In looking at factory records, there were no TCs starting down the assembly line from Dec 25, 1948 to Jan 5, 1949. A week and a half off.

# 2026 TCMG Executive Council Elections

Ballots will be posted by end of this month and we need to vote in six for 2026 per our TCMG Bylaws. Once the six are selected, they in turn figure out who will be which officers and who will be directors. Since many of you have no clue to who some of these members are, we post short some short bios. Terms are for one year. Note that Steve Simmons is automatically on the board again as a 7th member being ex-officio since he was President this year. To be sure, all our candidates probably would rather sit back and enjoy our club activities but volunteered (with some coaxing) to help direct our club. We thank them all for doing this. Here are the nine candidates that were nominated and accepted.

**Doug Schirripa** - travels quite a bit but does make our Zoom meetings when he can. Owns a couple other MGs beside his TC. A TCMG member almost 5 years and has served as a VP this last year (because we told him it was easy to do).



**Joel Taylor** - travels quite a bit but does make our Zoom meetings when he can. Lives in Nevada but has made it to a few of our TCMG events. Bought his uncle's TC to enjoy while his first one is being restored. Been a TCMG member for almost 5 years. Admits he may not be able to help much on the board due to distance but is willing to do what he can.



**John Bowyer** - Owner of five TCs (bought the first in 1974) and many other cars. With the TCMG for about 9 years. Lives in Texas but has made some MG events here in California (looking for parts). Frequently on our Zoom meetings. Served as a director in 2025.



**Joyce Edgar** - long time TCMG member and has remained treasurer and membership chair for most of the last 23 years now (nobody else seems to want to be treasurer).



**Rob Zucca** - Bought an MG TC about 6 years ago (to keep his MGA company) and has been with us since the purchase. Has served as director, then two years as secretary, and two years as president so far.



**Gene Olson** - a TCMG member for over 20 years. Owns two TCs (one is far from being drivable) plus a 1938 MG SA. Has served as president, events chair and program chair years ago (work got in the way and it still is).



**Sandra Loe** - Almost 20 years as a TCMG member and over the years has served on our board six times as president or secretary. Now splits time between So. Calif and Missouri so cannot make everything any more. Frequently makes our Zoom meetings though. Willing to serve as anything except treasurer



**Dean Caccavo** - Lifelong British car addict who refuses to listen to conventional automotive wisdom and basic financial advice. Proud record holder of the most MG TC breakdowns within ten miles of my home. Recognized not by popularity, but by the local tow truck drivers by name. Enthusiastic car show judge when bribed by free beer and wine. Vote for me— One day, you will need my new tow truck friends:)



*Ed Note - Dean has been a TC owner and a TCMG member for a couple years now but lives 400+ miles from most our events. Is on the board this last year as a director and does make our Zoom meetings when he can.*

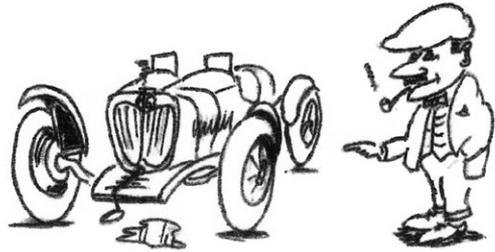
**Malcolm Buckeridge** - a British car mechanic and even was a factory trained MG mechanic. Has owned several TCs over the years. Been a TCMG member for 11 years, and has served on the board before as director (and will only serve as director).



## Also on the Ballot

Included on the ballot is a place to submit your choice for this year's Frank Mason Award recipient. What club member in your mind has most exemplified the aims of the Motoring Guild in the perpetuation of the TCMG. More on the award and past recipients at links below. Note that Steve Simmons is not eligible this year as he won it last year.

[tcmotoringguild.org/history/masonaward](http://tcmotoringguild.org/history/masonaward)



## TCMG Dues for 2026

Per our TCMG By-Laws, dues for 2026 are due at our Annual Meeting in December (Dec 20 this year) and grace period is up at our March meeting. So not really due yet, but some have already paid.

Dues for everyone is **\$25**

Note that no individual dues notice will be mailed out



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

Dues can be paid via Zelle or Paypal by sending funds to our TCMG email: [TCMG@TCMotoringGuild.org](mailto:TCMG@TCMotoringGuild.org) (note that this is not our group email address)

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If using USPS, mail to:  
TCMG c/o Joyce Edgar  
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Those that have already paid dues as of Nov 12, of \$25 for 2026 are:

Bowyer	Kinney	Simmons, S
Edgar	Lemieux	Sonner
Eicher	Ludwichk	Spiegel
Einhorn	Markwich	Trail
Engstrom	Matallana	Wilson
Finnocchiaro	Miller	Yergin
Gumbus	Pelton	Young, B <b>13</b>
Kaplan	Simmons, M	

## October 25th Meeting Minutes

The October TCMG meeting was in person at the home of Dave & Bobbi Spiegel. Thank you to our wonderful hosts!

The meeting was held on 10/25/25 and **President Steve Simmons** gaveled to order at 3:03 pm after some nice munchies and chat. There were no new members present and five TCs were driven to the meeting. Sixth TC, Spiegel's, was displayed in the garage.

Joyce Edgar let us know what arrived in the TCMG mail room. There was a flier letting all know that the Vintage MG club will have its annual parts autojumble on the 22nd and an article on Steve's Simmons presentation of TCMG's 70th anniversary. This has earned Steve place on the "Who's who in America" list. . . . . congratulations Steve on being a Who! Just don't relocate to Whoville. Garage space is at a premium there.

**Treasurer Joyce Edgar** was up next and had printed copies of the club financial report to hand out. Joyce had already emailed the report to the council earlier. There are a few expenses still to be paid. Some for our yearly conclave and postage reimbursement for club badges. The club has 115 members and so far 9 have paid next years dues. Also had comments from distant members on a great newsletter. Thank you David Edgar!

**Secretary**, yours truly, had no new news and the prior months minutes were accepted as printed in October newsletter.

**Programs Steve Simmons** let us know there would be no program at this afternoon's meeting, but we had a great tire kicking session afterward!

Member John Bowyer will provide next months program on the restoration of TC 6849. Holiday party invitations will be sent out soon for our annual party on December 20th at the Simmons home. Early next year will be a program on a great Brit car collection in Canada.

**Events** Steve, who has handled programs and events this year as well as the President duties let us know details on our Nov 2nd tour of a ranch and car collection in Somis Ca. Hopefully some members will volunteer to help on programs and events next year. Volunteer! We don't bite!



**Old Business** There was a recap of our recent Conclave and that next years will be in San Luis Obispo which was the site of the first conclave 70 years ago. Allan Chalmers will be doing T-shirts for

the anniversary. XL for me Allan! Discussion was had on the clubs new charity this year. DSF Werks, a non profit automotive based shop teaching auto restoration to young adults aged out of foster care. The people who will be restoring our cars in the future. Let's help them out!

**New Business** Nominations were held for next years club council. Nominations were Joyce Edgar, Dean Caccavo, Rob Zucca, Mike Simmons, Richard or Sandra Loe, Joel Taylor, Gene Olsen, Doug Schrippa, John Bowyer, and Malcolm Buckeridge. Mike Simmons will be looking into an on line voting system.

Lastly, Joyce mentioned long time member **Mel Appell's 91st birthday**. Happy birthday Mel!

Steve adjourned the meeting at 3:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Rob Zucca*

Rob Zucca, 2025 TCMG Secretary

More meeting photos on next page



Lovely patio setting on a beautiful day



Five TCs out front plus one in the garage

Those in attendance with TCs are: Steve & Linda Simmons, Rob Zucca, Scott & Cristina St Clair, David & Joyce Edgar, Cliff Lemieux plus Dave & Bobbi's TC in the garage Also in attendance were: Pete & Fran Thelander, David Mathison and Gene Olson in moderns.

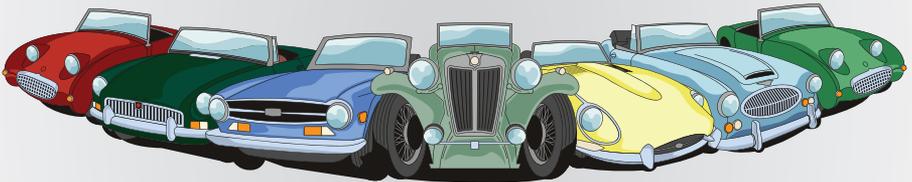


The Spiegel's luxurious 1936 MG SA





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<b>MG TC Pin &amp; MG Car Club Pin</b> .....	(inquire)
<b>MG TC Color Specs</b> .....	\$2 members, \$3 non-members, Postage \$2
<b>TCMG Photo Puzzles</b> ....	\$15 plus postage (contact Linda for postage cost, design and availability)
<b>Vintage TCMG T-shirts</b> .....	\$15 for short sleeve, \$18 for long + postage
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## REGALIA CHAIR

Linda Simmons

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