



# TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

Jan/Feb 2025



*What a fun time it was at our Annual TCMG Meeting and Holiday Party. Steve & Linda outdid themselves in setting up the venue (their garage) and attending to a zillion details. Many, many thanks to them.*





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No GoF West for 2025 is scheduled due to not  
having a host to organize it. However TCMG  
member Greg Hoeft is inviting us to GoF  
Central, June 16-20 at Downers Grove, Illinois

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## Steve at the Wheel

Our 70th year is now in the history books. I can't help but imagine how the founders of this fine organization would react if you told them it would still exist in the year 2025. Would cars with wheels still be around or would everyone be flying their rocket cars to work? Surely no one, aside from a few nut cases, would still drive a vehicle that was antiquated even by 1954 standards! I'm proud to be one of those nut cases, and to be named President of TCMG for 2025.

The new year has been hard on some of our members in the West. The worst possible weather conditions led to unimaginable destruction from wildfires in California, causing the loss of their homes and cars. Fortunately all are safe, which in the end is what matters most. I'm sure I

will speak for all of us when I wish them a speedy rebound from these tragic events.

Looking back to 2024, it was great to see so many familiar faces at our Annual Meeting & Holiday Party hosted by Linda and myself. 55 members attended with a good sized group of TC's parked outside, including the Edgars who drove all the way from San Diego to secure their record 7th Sargent Award win. That kind of dedication to the use and preservation of the TC is what makes TCMG so special. We celebrate the cars not just for their beauty, but also as the men at Abingdon intended – by driving the wheels off them!

So here's to a great 2025 and wearing out as many tires as possible. May your roads be smooth and your plugs keep sparking.

*Steve Simmons*

Steve Simmons  
TCMG President 2025

## 2025 Lame Duk Event

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6:00pm\*



## MG and the RAF Mutual Supporters

Link below is for the Zoom  
meeting on January 28th  
[zoom.us/j/83763877849](https://zoom.us/j/83763877849)

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

The evening's program will feature a presentation by Dan Shockey on M.G. and the RAF, focusing on their close and unique bond. Find out what is fact and what is legend in this very interesting presentation!

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.

## Welcome to Our Newest Members

**Tony & Joye Inzana**  
Hughson, CA 95326  
1948 TC 5583 XPAG 6114 Blue / Black

Welcome

Be sure to visit their website at [inzanaranch.com](http://inzanaranch.com) While TC is not shown their organic ranch information is quite interesting.

Tony says he bought the TC in 1973. Unfortunately it has not run in awhile now. TC sits next to a 1973 Lotus Europa John Player Special he bought new. This is after returning from a sea tour in the Air Force, flying as a forward air controller. He would love to learn more of his TC's history.

Note: all personal information (address, email, phone) are not posted to prevent internet bots from mining information. However you can find it at their website.



# TCMG Annual Meeting/Holiday Party

Our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party was spectacular with 55 members enjoying

the function. What a wonderful group of friends. Photos are worth a 1000 words.



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*Gene & Patty by the photo backdrop*



*Two Lindas by the backdrop*



*David & Joyce*



*Steve presents the Earl Sargent Award to the Edgars for accumulating the most points with their TC on club events in 2024.*



*Using their TC so much upped the chances of getting the Breakdown Award as well. They broke an axle but it was Steve & Rob who got them back on the road to earn more points.*



*Steve presents himself the Frank Mason Award for perpetuating the aims of the TCMG and the TC*

Photos by Steve Simmons, David Edgar and Richard Loe



*Steve auctioned off the "Brick" which was gift wrapped along with other items for the highest bidder. After viewing a clever video by Doug Schirripa of his world travels with the Brick, Alan & Victoria Campbell won it with the generous bid of \$200 to keep it for a year.*



*Special thanks to Steve & Linda for setting up the absolutely best venue for a group of TC owners. Their tirelessness and over the top efforts made the event one everyone enjoyed and will remember. Note the photo here where their garage was all back together a couple hours after we had all left. Amazing.*



TCMG Members came through in a big way for the Foster Children's Resource Center this year. In addition to all the toys and blankets brought this year, the club also collected \$2,850 for the organization. Kudo's to Esther Belland and her crew, sons Eric & Scott and grandson Connor, who took charge of the donations to deliver to the center.



**A BIG THANK YOU**  
to all who contributed.  
You make this world a better place.

*Photo above is where the items were collected at our party, the back of a Morris.*



## Foster Children's Resource Center

December 17, 2024

TC Motoring Guild  
1454 Chase Terrace  
El Cajon, CA 92020-8638

Dear Joyce Edgar,

On behalf of Foster Children's Resource Center and Assistance League LA, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations of toys, books, puzzles, and monetary contributions to support foster children in our community. Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean so much to us—and especially to the children we serve.

Your contributions will bring joy and comfort to children who often face difficult circumstances. The toys, books, and puzzles will not only provide hours of fun and learning but also serve as tools for building happy memories. Your financial donation will allow us to continue offering meaningful resources that make a lasting difference in their lives.

It's organizations like yours that remind us of the power of community and the incredible impact of working together for a greater good. Your club's generosity inspires us to continue our mission of supporting foster children with compassion and care.

Thank you once again for your support and commitment to making a positive difference. We look forward to continuing our partnership and working together to create a brighter future for the children we serve.

With deepest gratitude,

*Cheryl Brown*

Cheryl Brown  
Corresponding Secretary  
Foster Children's Resource Center

# TCMG December 8th Annual Meeting Minutes

Members were finishing a scrumptious lunch with friends and family when the meeting was called to order by meeting/party host Steve Simmons. Steve thanked his wife Linda and her friend Bobbi for the great party. Big thanks also go to Steve for helping Linda transform his garage for the holiday gala. As usual the decorations were over the top wonderful. We can all dream of having a similar garage. The weather was perfect for a MG drive and there were about 55 TC lovers in attendance. It was announced that we have a new member, Tony Inzana, from Hughson, CA. Total memberships are now 119.

Steve presented awards as follows:

**Earl Sargent Memorial Trophy** - Joyce & David Edgar - a very tight race this year

**Frank Mason** - Steve Simmons

**Break Down** - Joyce & David Edgar - broken axle on way to GoF in Folsom

Other members with tales of woe:

Kregg Hunsberger  
Gorden Bundy  
David Mathison  
Walt Prowell  
Cliff Lemieux  
Mike Simmons

Steve made a last call for silent auction items.

The 50/50 drawing prize went to Cliff.

Next was the auction of the "Brick". Doug Schirripa had the brick last year and presented a program "Travels of the Brick" including stops in New Zealand, France and other locations. This year Alan Campbell had the high bid at \$200.

After a reminder to check out the Mike Goodman goodies for sale we were shown a short video shared by the Belland family of Stan's TC in a Union 76 ad.

As the festivities drew to a close the donations of toys, books, blankets, and checks for the Foster Children's Resource Center were bundled up to be delivered. Members were encouraged to box up leftovers to enjoy later along with the spectacular homemade cookies.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sandra Loe*

Sandra Loe, Secretary

## The TC of Dorian Gray



Ron Simon  
1933-2022

*With apologies to  
Oscar Wilde*

*Bobby Simon came across this recently and was not sure if it had ever been published, so shared it. In researching it was found it first appeared in 1999*

*when Ron was voted in as president again. Note that he served two more times (in 2002 and 2006). But it is worth sharing again so here it is.*

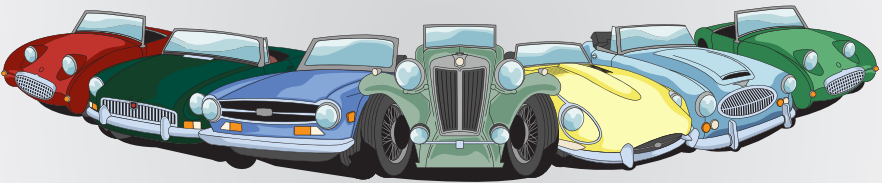
Fortunately there are no term limits in the TC Motoring Guild so here I am again. It

has been only 42 years since I last served as president. Let me tell you a little story of how it all came about. In 1956 I had already owned my first TC for almost three years and thought that I knew a little bit about it. When I was notified by friends of a TC owned by a young lady needing help, I thought that I might be of assistance. Terry Mason, (Theresa Thome Mason), had broken the rear axle of her little silver TC again. This seemed to happen frequently. Since it was her only vehicle and being a legal secretary she drove to work in high heels making control of the clutch

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# Dues Time \$25

Per our TCMG By-Laws, dues for 2025 are due at our Annual Meeting in December and grace period is up at our March meeting.

Note that no individual dues notice will be mailed out at this time

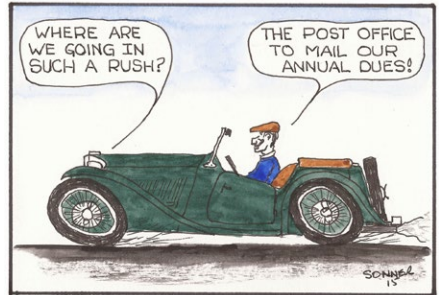
Yes we have altered our dues rate. Now one rate for both local and distant members. We found many members paying the wrong amount before so hopefully this simplifies things and avoids confusion.

A big thank you to those 37% who have already paid for 2025. If you are unsure if you have already paid, please check with Joyce (you can send to the TCMG email address above).

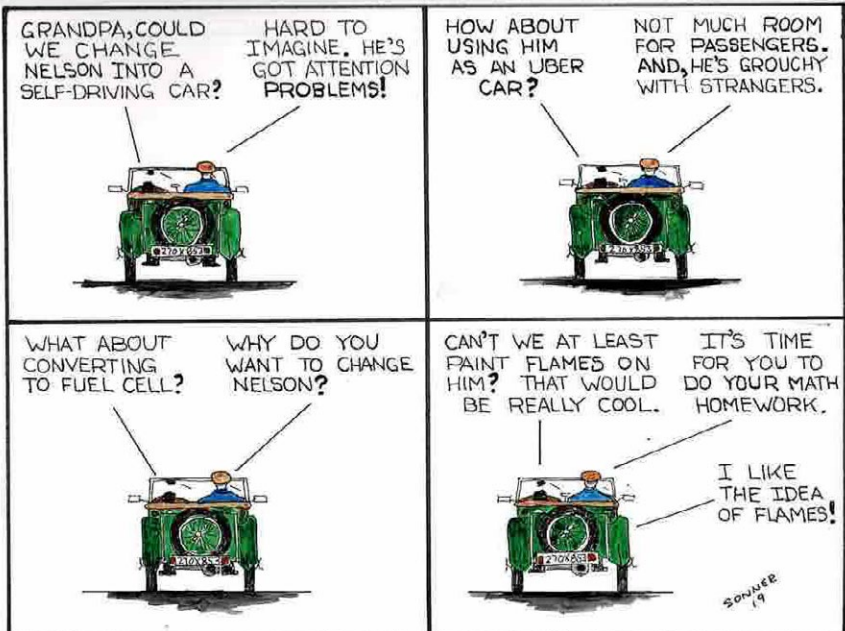
Dues can be paid via Zelle or Paypal by sending funds to our TCMG email: [TCMG@TCMotingGuild.org](mailto:TCMG@TCMotingGuild.org) (note that this is not our group email address)

Checks payable to TCMG work too.

If using USPS, mail to:  
TCMG c/o Joyce Edgar  
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Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

# TC Thermostat Rebuilding

The TC thermostat is a cleverly designed and fairly robust device which does an excellent job of regulating engine temperature with its bypass loop. Often the bypass has been modified to add a heater- not necessarily the best plan.

Retaining the original design is far superior to using a modern thermostat on either the top or bottom of the existing housing. This point is well illustrated in an excellent article on the XPAG Cooling System by Eric Worpe in the August 2017 Issue #43 of MG T Society Totally T-Type.



These units are relatively easy to service although that is not apparent from the sales information from suppliers. As you inspect your thermostat following removal it will look pretty dirty- rinse it off and you will see that the cup on the top of the unit is lightly soldered on to the threaded post. Use a small butane torch or a soldering iron and melt the solder and unscrew the cup. Now

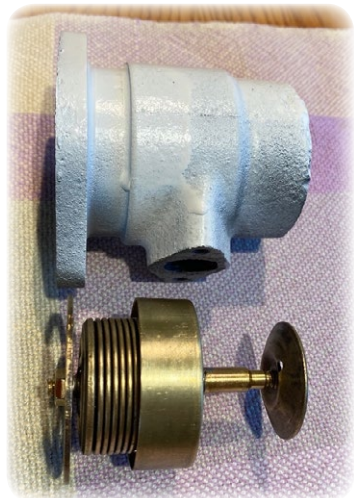
you can remove the rest of the unit from the bottom of the housing. The entire thermostat is brass and will clean up nicely with some 0000 steel wool.

Carefully examine the solder joints and ensure that the bellows is properly sealed and has no water in it. Mine had several solder joints which had let go, and the unit was not functional, so I used air pressure and shaking to remove residual water. When completely dry inside I made sure the repair area was very clean and resoldered the area which had leaked.

For reassembly the complete unit should have the skirt soldered on top of the bellows, and the base ring with its three spokes needs to be either soldered or bolted to the base of the bellows.



*Bryan Kemper*



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Once the unit is completely together you can place it in a pan of cold water and heat the water and watch the bellows expand. If you see any bubbles coming from the joints, you will have to resolder to ensure they are sealed properly.

In my case the bottom support ring had come loose from the bottom of the bellows and the skirt was not attached to the top.

Because I didn't know about the solder joint on the top cup, I cut the top post which necessitated turning a new brass post and threading it for the cup. I was able to use the new post to hold the skirt in place. I fashioned a new bottom post which was more robust than the original to hold the ringed base on and use a brass nut to attach it.



The housing can be cleaned up by sand blasting and the complete unit reassembled. Check that the top of the skirt sits just below the opening for the bypass pipe. Be sure your cup has a small hole in it to allow air to pass thru. You can then thread the top cup back on and screw it down until it just meets the top of the housing. Don't solder it

yet; you can use a hair drier to heat the bellows from below and watch the skirt slowly rise up and cover the bypass hole. When you are satisfied with the operation, go ahead and put a dot of solder on the cup where it threads onto the post.

The cylinder head water outlet, upon which the thermostat sits, also called the ramp, should be painted the engine block colour, the thermostat housing can be either black or the engine block colour.



*Bryan Kemper*

TC 6984 (under restoration)

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

Jan 5, 1949	TC 7515	Jim & Jan Sullivan
Jan 6, 1949	TC 7556	Robert & Susann Costello
Jan 12, 1949	TC 7581 EXU	Bunker & Kathy Hill
Jan 13, 1949	TC 7621 EXU	Stan Lucas
Jan 14, 1949	TC 7623 EXU	Terry & Georgia Young
Jan 14, 1949	TC 7626 EXU	George & Lorna Murphy
Jan 21, 1949	TC 7666 EXU	David Mathison
Jan 21, 1949	TC 7670 EXU	Doug & Carol Pelton
Feb 2, 1948	TC 4681	Gorden Bundy & June Wennekamp
Feb 2, 1948	TC 4694	Curt & Jan Sorensen



***Happy 76th & 77th Birthdays***

*Build dates listed are when the TCs were assigned a number and started down the assembly line.* **13**

## November 19th - TCMG Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Zucca at 6:14 PM PST. He announced that the meeting was being recorded. Twenty-three people were in attendance with three (Edgar, Lemieux, and Zucca) having "driven" their TC that day. Rob gave an update on members David Reid and Terry Schuller regarding the loss of their home and cars in the recent Mountain Fire in Camarillo.

Treasurer Joyce Edgar posted the monthly treasurer's report for those in attendance to review after having distributed the report to the executive council before the meeting. She pointed out that there had been an expense for a recent regalia order and donations have been received for our annual Foster Children's Resource Center gift.

Secretary Sandra Loe presented the minutes from the October meeting. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were accepted as written. Sandra reported that the executive council/awards ballots had been mailed and included an addressed return envelope. A ballot was mailed to all 117 members and 41 have voted and returned ballots. It was agreed that Bryan Kemper could email his ballot due to a postal strike in Canada. The results of the election will be announced at the Annual

Meeting in December.

Joyce gave a quick review of the programs for the end of the year. Dan Shockey's presentation has been postponed until the January meeting. The November program will cover the two October events: GoF West in Folsom and Conclave in Cambria.

Events chair Steve Simmons commented on the year end activities. The next driving event will be the Lame Duck Kup in early February. Finishing the year will be the Holiday Party/Annual Meeting at Simmons' home which will include a silent auction and sale of some of Mike Goodman's MG parts and tools. Malcolm Buckeridge drove to the desert to pick up the donations.

In the old business portion of the meeting we were reminded to vote and return our ballots.

The new business was a reminder to RSVP for the Holiday Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM PST.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sandra Loe*

Sandra Loe, Secretary

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*Dorian Gray*  
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problematical. I helped repair the TC and subsequently became friends with Terry. A group of us would get together occasionally to natter and bemoan the lack of parts and the high costs to keep these cheap used sportscars running. The TC motoring Guild, which had actually been formed around 1954 or 1955 was mostly inactive by 1956. Terry was in a perfect position to get things going again. As a legal secretary, she had access to that magical machine of communications in those days, a mimeograph machine. She would do chatty newsletters on legal sized

paper and really stirred things up. After a while, with this newsletter and word of mouth, there were enough people to start things up again. We met in the home of Bill and Helen Stone. I was asked if I would care to be president and was voted in by acclamation as no one else wanted the job. At first I was also treasurer. We met wherever there was a place to meet, in the Stone's home, in local parks, and for a short time in L.A. at TC Sales & Service, which actually stood for Time Clock Sales & Service. I don't remember now who arranged it but we finally wound up downstairs at Glendale Federal Savings in Montrose.

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Row 1: Joyce Edgar, David Edgar\*, Anita Roman, Gregg Hunsberger

Row 2: Malcolm Buckeridge, Cliff Lemieux\*, Richard & Sandra Loe\*, Curt & Jan Sorensen

Row 3: Richard Fritz, Bryan Kemper (BC), Rob Zucca, Duane Schmidt (MD)

Row 3: Steve & Linda Simmons, Pete & Fran Thelander, Greg Hoefl (IL), Allan Chalmers

Row 4: , Mike Hughes, Dean Caccavo, Mike Simmons

18 memberships and 23 people in attendance

\* - drove 10 miles in TC on meeting day

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The club progressed through the late 50's & 60's growing bigger and better. Our first major event being the first conclave with the Abingdon Rough Riders of San Francisco in 1957. I was president of the TCMG and the late Lucien Remy was president of the ARR. Unfortunately, my interests changed around 1964. I had given up racing and with a growing family the TC sat unused mostly staying in the garage. I bought a used Porsche Speedster and finally sold the TC and faded away from the TCMG. Through the years following I kept in touch with Harvey Schnaer and Joe Douglass. After restoring my second TC in 1989 I decided to rejoin the club. Bobbie and I came to a

meeting which was and still is in the same place and with some of the same people attending as when we had left in '64.

At our first meeting in 1989, I showed a video of the 1957 conclave. There were the TC's all lined up in a row for the first time in what has now become a familiar cliché, and they look exactly the same as they do now, but alas, the people looked a bit younger. I've come to realize, though, that I'm having much more fun with my TC now than I ever had in the days of my youth. Long live the TCMG.

*Ron Simon*

TCMG President 1957, 1999, 2002, 2006  
plus many other positions

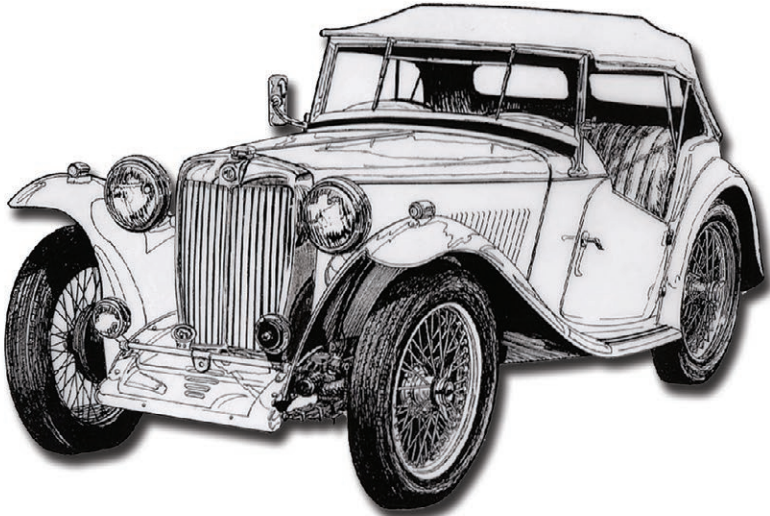


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