



TC Motosport Guild

CLASSIC CHASSIS

November 2025



Peter & Andrea Finocchiaro in New York showed his TC in the British Invasion Car Show in Stowe, VT. Above photo shows their most British Tailgate award. See other awards they won on page 6 of this issue.

Our 69th Conclave of the TC Motosport Guild and the Abingdon Rough Riders is now in our history books.

10 TCs plus a PA were at the event held in and near Yosemite National Park. See story and more photos on pages 10-13 of this issue.





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Eight TCMG
members are
featured plus our
club is as well

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Steve ^{at} the Wheel

When is a good deal truly a good deal? Shoes at half price? That's a good deal. Senior special at your local restaurant? Another good deal. An old car at an affordable price? Not always. Despite the numerous old car purchases I've made over the years, somehow I still manage to blind myself to reality while making the deal. Maybe it's all that chrome reflecting the sun into my eyes.

Take our recent TC purchase as an example. Linda came to a deal with the seller, a good friend of ours, and I thought oh boy, finally a car we won't end up underwater in! It was in beautiful shape, just needing a minor fix or two. But it's never just one or two things. It's a whole bunch of things we spotted beforehand and then conveniently forgot about in order to convince ourselves it won't be so bad. After all, to look at the entire car with a realistic eye would ruin the fun!

We reasoned with ourselves that we could drive around on the old tires for a while before replacing them. We could also live with the seat cushions crumbling from age until next year.



Those rusty bolts aren't such a big deal to look at, and the hard to reach oil leak isn't going to bother anyone. On and on it goes as you convince yourself this purchase is a great idea – in fact the best idea you've ever had! The car comes home, you clean it up, and then the same old thing starts... You want everything to be just right so you put together a small order. But if this new part looks nice then it will make that other part look worse, so you add a couple items to the list. That thing you were going to live with can no longer be lived with, so more parts are ordered. By the next morning you

have a couple thousand dollars worth of parts on the way that you didn't technically need. Sure some of it was needed, like replacing the 17 year old tires that a few days earlier you told yourself were "in amazing

condition for their age", but most of it was not really necessary. I suppose it's better than spending that money at a bar or heaven forbid, buying a new car. (Yuck!)

Not that I'm complaining or anything, in fact just the opposite... we love the car and would do it again! This old car hobby is a crazy thing... and so are we.

Steve Simmons

2025 TCMG President
and Historian

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FROM THE FRAME UP

SPECIALIZING IN TABC HARD TO FIND PARTS



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Saturday 

Oct. 25th

2:00pm *

**In-person
meeting at
the Spiegel
Home**



Our October meeting will be in-person at the home of David & Bobbi Spiegel (we try to do one in-person meeting per quarter). Come and kick tyres, catch up on friendships, and have fun. Drinks and stacks will be on hand.

Members who drive their TC to the event will receive a point toward the Sargent Award. Anyone living outside of the Southern California area may drive their TC a simulated journey of at least 25 miles to receive a point.

David & Bobbi Spiegel
2250 Homet Road
San Marino, CA 91108
Phone if you are lost:
626-222-3642
(or if your TC's GPS is
made by Lucas)

Welcome to our Newest Member



Welcome

Ron & Donna Engstrom

Chico, CA 95926

1946 TC 1013 XPAG 1726 Black / Red

Purchased TC in November 2014 from Steve Quick in the Boston area. Prior to that it was in the Midwest. TC then restored by Bob Alley, and Kerry McDonagh, who completed it in June 2015.



Multi Award Winner

At the British Invasion Car Show in Stowe VT, Peter & Andrea Finocchiaro placed first in the most British Tailgate, as well as the most British Couple, and Andrea won the Queens Choice in the hat competition. If that was not enough, their TC placed second in the Concourse d'Elegance.



Congratulations



TCMG Executive Council Nominations

Each year at our October meeting we make nominations for our next Executive Council to lead the TC Motoring Guild for the following year. While our current seven member council has done a mighty fine job taking us through this year, and in some cases have been on the council multiple years, they didn't sign on for life terms.

From this council of seven come our officers of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors.

While the council members have to be elected in, there are many other positions to be filled such as Programs, Events, Newsletter, Historian, Regalia and more, and those can be filled by any club member.

At our October meeting we will create a list of willing candidates and our whole membership will select who to vote in.

Please consider being put on the ballot. Don't have time to devote? Neither do the existing members but they do it for the sake of the club. It really does not take up much time if every club member does little bits and pieces even if not on the council. Many hands make for an easier time of it. Most club business is done via email now so even if you are not local to southern Calif, you only need a keyboard to help. If you are willing, let one of the officers on page 2 of this newsletter know. **6**

November Day of Fun Tour

Sunday, November 2

Our November event starts out at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library where a Cars and Coffee is held from 8-10am. We will have our own parking area reserved. Light breakfast snacks are available on site.

At 9:45 we will then head to a private collection of cars, motorcycles and memorabilia in the small town of Somis, a 40-minute drive away along scenic country roads.

Afterward, we will lunch at a local restaurant.



Note that On Nov 2nd we go off Daylight Savings time so gain one hour.

If you plan to attend the private car collection part of this event, please **RSVP** to Steve Simmons so we can let our car collection hosts know how many to expect.

Dues Not Due Yet, but . . .

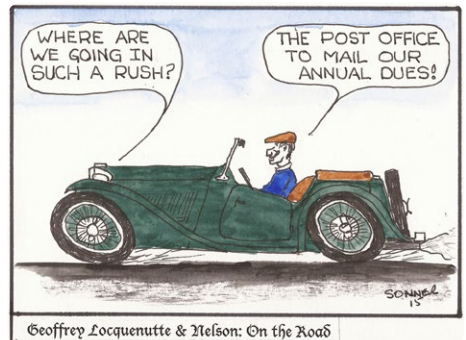
Per our TCMG By-Laws, dues for 2026 are due at our Annual Meeting in December and grace period is up at our March meeting. So not really due yet, but some have already paid. Dues for everyone is **\$25**

Note that no individual dues notice will be mailed out

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

Checks payable to TCMG work too.

If using USPS, mail to:
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Those that have already paid \$25 for 2026 are:

Edgar
Engstrom
Finnocchiaro
Kinney
Markwich
Miller

Central Coast British Car Show Event



34th Annual CCBBC
BRITISH CAR SHOW



Those that attended and showed TCs were Cliff Lemieux, Steve Simmons, Linda Simmons, Rob Zucca, Doug & Rayna Boehme and David Mathison. Also attending was Gregg Hunsberger (wearing his "No, my car is not done yet" shirt).

Congratulations to Rob Zucca who won 2nd Place in T-Series



TCMG Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

Sunday Afternoon December 7th

BBQ Buffet Style Lunch

More information will be announced as we get closer such as exact time and how to reserve a place at this popular event.

Recipients of the Earl Sargent Memorial "Use it or lose it" Trophy, Frank Mason Award, and Breakdown Award will be announced.

Our fund raiser this year is directed to DSF Werks.

**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.

Check our TCMG website for most current information.

Tool drive / fund raiser to benefit DSF Werks, an inter-generational community that provides workplace experiences, skills development and mentorship for under-served young adults and emancipated foster youth. Mentors are partnered with these young adults to teach them skills related to classic car restoration and media arts, providing them with hands-on training

and life skills, offering community, hope and a brighter future. The vehicle restoration program offers apprentices step-by-step instruction through a comprehensive restoration and repair curriculum from professional technicians, including mechanics, electrical wiring, auto body repair, upholstery, business management and much more. DSF Werks is a 501(C)(3) Organization.

You can donate actual tools (we are getting a list of suggested tools) or make a monetary donation. You can send your monetary donations to our treasurer, Joyce, who will collect and then submit our total donations to DSF Werks, or you

can send a check made out to DSF Werks and send to Joyce who will pass the check on with others if you want to use the tax write off. You are welcome to send direct to DSF Werks if you rather but let them know you are with the TC Motoring Guild.

50% of youth who age out of foster care will be homeless or incarcerated within two years.
Where the system ends, we begin. 

WHO IS DSF WERKS

DSF WERKS is an inter-generational community that provides workplace experiences, skills development, and mentorship for underserved young adults and emancipated foster youth.

HOW WE WORK

Transitioning from foster care is tough. Through mentorship and paid internships, DSF Werks prepares young adults for independence with skills in auto restoration and media arts.

JOIN OUR WORK

We need your help!
Donate tools or cars.
Make a financial gift.
Volunteer your time.
Every contribution helps drive a young person forward.
Please join us today at dsfwerks.org



We are a 501(c)(3) organization Federal Tax ID #44-225083

Visit DSF Werks' website to learn more about this worthy organization. dsfwerks.org

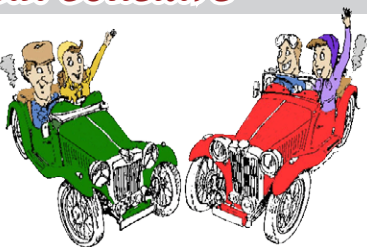


150 youth served	3,723 hours engaging youth	5,145 volunteer hours donated	80+ events & activities
 45 Motor Mondays	 2 Pit Stop Events		
 28 Field Trips	 7 workshops		

69th Annual TCMG / ARR Conclave

Sierra Sky Ranch & Yosemite September 28-30

Another fine Conclave of the TC Motoring Guild and Abingdon Rough Riders is in the books now. Everyone seemed to have fun with the TCs and fellow TC enthusiasts. Only a couple little hiccups of brake issues and oil leaks (what else is new?) plus Mathison's TC had electrical problems so couldn't bring it. Nobody seemed to go hungry with all our meal stops and dinners. Looking forward to next year when we celebrate our 70th gathering at San Luis Obispo where the very first one was held.



In TCs were:

Steve & Linda Simmons TCMG
David & Joyce Edgar TCMG
Bill Traill TCMG & ARR
Richard & Sandra Loe TCMG
Dean & DonnaRae Caccavo TCMG & ARR
Barry & Sue Swackhammer ARR
Rob Zucca & Carol Sorensen TCMG
Cliff Lemieux and Jill Lemieux TCMG
Ron & Donna Engstrom ARR (joined TCMG afterwards)
Joel & Silvia Taylor TCMG

In other vehicles:

Dan Shockey ARR (in a 1934 MGPA)
Howard & Carolyn Shempp TCMG & ARR
Alan & Linda Chalmers TCMG & ARR
David Mathison TCMG
Gorden Bundy & June Wennkamp TCMG





Oh look at that. A big rock cut in half.



Inventive way to fix a hood.
Duct tape and staples. Why
spend the money for a hood used
once every 5 years?



Ron & Donna Engstrom
(OK, same photo as on page 5
but it is a good one)

Bill
Trail



Conclave
photos by
Steve & Linda
Simmons,
David Edgar



Dean & DonnaRae Caccavo



Rob Zucca & Carol Sorensen

Dan
Shockey



Steve & Linda Simmons



Barry & Sue Swackhammer

My First Breakdown . . .

Well.. Carol and I were pretty excited to caravan to Yosemite with the club. I did an oil change and trans oil change the week before we left. I also made sure my new axle seals weren't leaking.

The drive up to Yosemite was wonderful. There's nothing like a string of TCs buzzing up the grapevine!

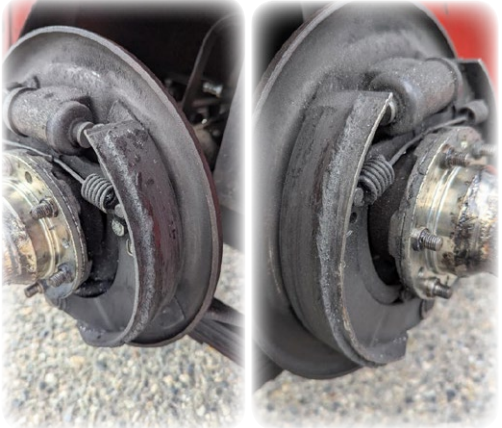
We toured the park on Monday and the car was great. Pulling into the restaurant for our club dinner that evening there was a growl from the rear of the car and a little hop turning left. Leaving the dinner had more growl for a moment and then it stopped. Of course I was thinking my differential input bearing was hand grenading or a U-joint was letting go, but why was it intermittent? Back at the hotel, I asked Steve Simmons to drive the car. No problems and he said the trans shifted like butter and the brakes were great. Leaving for the drive home the next day was fine for about ten miles, then the dreaded growl which at times sounded like an aoga horn happened for a few seconds, then it would stop. While gassing up I told Steve that if it happened again, I'd turn on my headlights. Well.... It did happen again and we pulled over.

There was a service station in sight and we pulled off there. I had been feeling a tug on the right rear when this would happen. So we jacked the car up and pulled the wheel and brake drum. This is what we found.

Let's back up a week. I had pulled

the drum to check for leaks. I neatly set the six nuts and washers in a pile on the floor under the spring shackle. I then only had five nuts on reassembly. I checked under the car, under the other car, the driveway, the workbench, the bottom of my shoe. It was nowhere. I even took all the greasy paper

towels and rags out of the trash and went through them. Yes, I did remove the brake drum again and ran my fingers around and behind the shoes. Nope. I asked Steve where errant fasteners go. He said check my sock drawer. It wasn't there either. I drove to Steve's that evening and borrowed a drum nut and ordered some extras.



The errant nut must have been caught in a shop towel when I washed

down the shoes and back plate with Brake Kleen and deposited itself somewhere on a secret perch. Oh yeah....the other nut in the picture? That came off the emergency brake attachment on the shoe. Maybe it was lonely and joined the drum nut for companionship.

Of course the moral is..... if you lose a fastener. FIND IT!

Now if I can only do something about the loose nut behind the wheel.....what an idiot...

Rob Zucca

You are not an idiot Rob. You were just planning ahead and knew I had a page to fill in the newsletter.

David (who also is an idiot at times) 13



Another Conclave Story From Years Ago

Rob Zucca's brake story from the last Conclave reminded me of an issue I had many, many years ago on the way to a Conclave. We had not even met up with the group yet. TC ran fine for about a hundred miles when all of a sudden there arose such a clatter. Sounded like the engine was disintegrating inside and was quite loud. Oil pressure was fine and no loss of power, but I was looking for a safe place to pull to the shoulder on I-5. Then as fast as it appeared it stopped and only the purr of the engine was present. OK, that woke me up. Continued on our way without ever having pulled over. This happened a couple more times every few minutes.

We were early enough that we decided to swing by Phil Marino's home hoping he had not left yet. Jacked up the rear end and rotated things but could not figure out what was going on. Decided to continue on with Phil to the caravan start. Noise appeared a

couple more times but less frequently and for shorter durations.

Long story short, noise finally stopped completely for the duration of the Conclave trip and when we got home afterwards traced it down to a broken throwout bearing retaining spring/clip. The inside of the aluminum bell housing was filled with scratch marks. The clip/spring kept breaking down to smaller and smaller pieces to where the ring gear finally would not catch on them and throw them around. Bouncing on the highway probably jarred the spring up to where the flywheel ring gear would catch it and thrash it around every so often.



David Edgar

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Oct 16, 1945	TC 0273	Tom & Emily Wilson
Oct 16, 1947	TC 3840	Robert Weber
Oct 20, 1947	TC 3844	Gus Ramos
Oct 20, 1949	TC10000	Tom Lange
Oct 21, 1948	TC 6885	Richard & Sandra Loe
Oct 22, 1947	TC 3863	Joel & Sylvia Taylor
Oct 27, 1948	TC 6928	Doug & Rayna Boehme
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 3, 1948	TC 6984	Bryan & Lynne Kemper
Nov 5, 1946	TC 1733	John & Georgia Bowyer
Nov 5, 1948	TC 7042	Linda Simmons
Nov 8, 1949	TC 10133	Greg & Carrie Haskin
Nov 11, 1948	TC 7075	Roy Jones



**Happy 76th,
77th, 78th,
79th & 80th
Birthdays**

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

September 23rd Meeting Minutes

President Steve Simmons brought the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. There were 27 total attendees with 22 memberships represented. There were six of us who did the simulated drive to the meeting. No new members or guests were present.

Steve asked about club mail and there was only a notice from the Vintage MG Club.

Secretary's report... that would be me.... Asked that last month's meeting minutes be accepted as published. It was approved.

Treasurers report. Joyce Edgar let us know we have 114 members the latest being Thomas Miller in Vermont. Welcome Thomas! There is a bit of engraving to do on some of the club awards to bring them up to date. Joyce let us know the PayPal account is now debugged. The financial spread sheets were put up for all to see. Joyce had sent the report to the council previously.

Old business. John Bowyer let us know his TC timing issue had been corrected and that it was a slipped camshaft woodruff key. Richard Loe let us know our patent and trademark has been

secured for the next ten years.

Programs (remember we still need volunteers for programs) Steve reminded us that the evenings program would be a conclave photo presentation and a quiz. Thanks to David and Joyce Edgar for putting this together! John Boyer will provide the our November meeting program on the restoration of TC 6849. December 7th will be the holiday party at the Simmons abode.

Events. The next event is our yearly Conclave (since concluded and a great event it was) and the Hotel was all ready and that we'd meet at 8:30 for a caravan departure. Steve laid out our itinerary for a Monday tour and dinner in the evening.

New business. There was no board meeting yet to vote on what our new charity will be, but it looks like it will be DSF WERKS. A 501 C-3 non profit that teaches youth auto restoration skills.

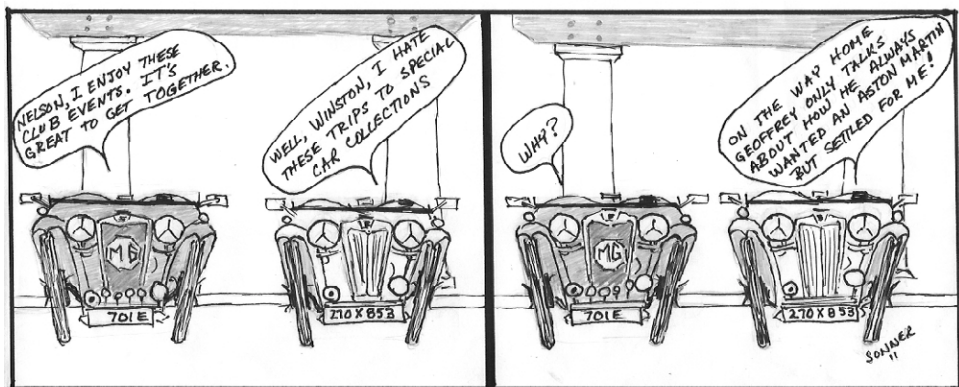
Steve gaveled us out at 6:40

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Zucca

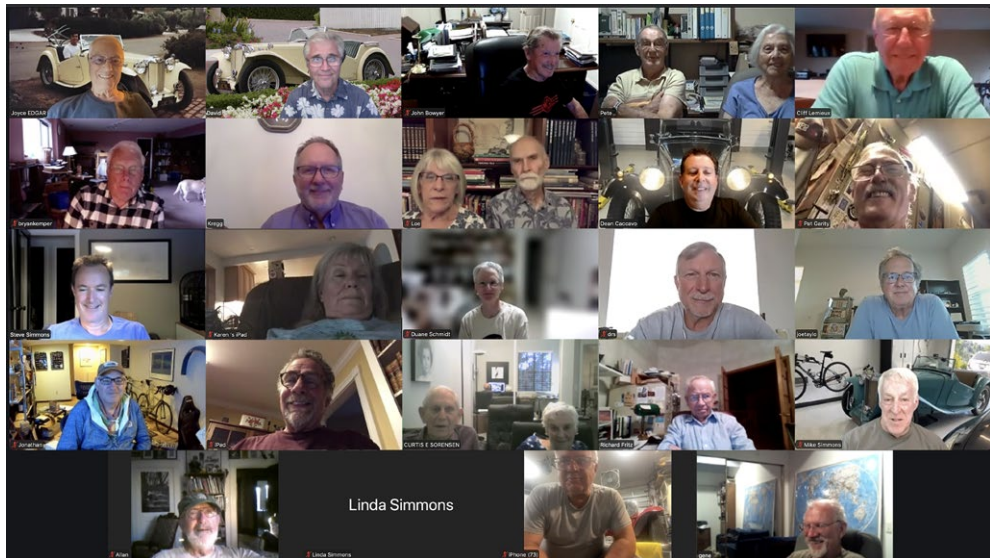
Rob Zucca, 2025 TCMG Secretary

Meeting continued on next page



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson:

Brian Sonner drew this back in early 2011 (before color was invented). I decided to use it now since we are going to a car collection on November 2nd. Remember to give your TC a pat on the bonnet for all your fun adventures with it.



22 memberships represented,

27 members in attendance

Row 1: Joyce Edgar, David Edgar*, John Bowyer (TX), Pete & Fran Thelander, Cliff Lemieux*
 Row 2: Bryan Kemper (BC), Gregg Hunsberger, Richard & Sandra Loe, Dean Caccavo*, Pat Garity
 Row 3: Steve Simmons*, Karen Olson, Duane Schmidt (MD), Doug Schirripa, Joel Taylor*
 Row 4: Johnathan Lane (CO), Rob Zucca*, Curt & Jan Sorensen, Richard Fritz (CO), Mike Simmons
 Row 5: Allan Chalmers, Linda Simmons, Francisco Matallana (FL), Gene Olson

* = Those that drove at least 10 miles in their TC the day of the meeting.



52nd ANNUAL VINTAGE MG CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALL MG PARTS EXCHANGE

Largest U.S. All  Parts Exchange

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Methodist Church
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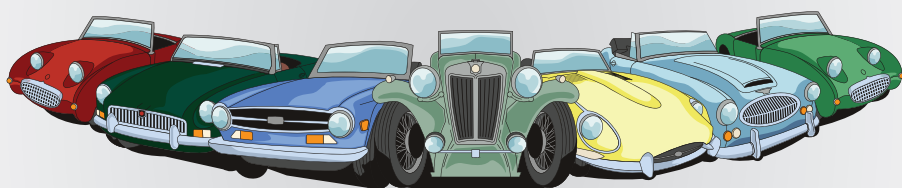
**ADMISSION:
General: \$5.00
Vendors: \$30.00 (initial space)
\$10 each added parking place**

Saturday 
Nov. 22nd 2025
8am to Noon

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Club Regalia

TCMG Car Badge	\$25 (\$30 if mailed) members only
TCMG Cloth Patch	\$8 (\$9.50 if mailed) members only
TCMG Lapel Pin	\$3 (\$5 if mailed)
TCMG Lapel Vintage Pin	\$3 (\$5 if mailed)
MG TC Pin & MG Car Club Pin	(inquire)
MG TC Color Specs	\$2 members, \$3 non-members, Postage \$2
TCMG Photo Puzzles	\$15 plus postage (contact Linda for postage cost, design and availability)
Vintage TCMG T-shirts	\$15 for short sleeve, \$18 for long + postage
Modern TCMG T-shirts	\$22 for short sleeve, \$20 for long + postage
TCMG Hoodies	\$30 + postage
TCMG Spark Plug Holder	\$40 + postage

TCMG embroidered Ball Caps \$20.00 each, plus postage

Just the thing for those sunny Summer days or cool Autumn nights. Caps are available in two styles – Flex Fit with modern style TCMG logo, and Traditional with Vintage TCMG logo.

Modern Cap Features:

- Six panel structured design
- Flex Fit cap with spandex rim band for a comfortable fit
- Modern style TCMG logo on front with our web address on rear
- Available in Charcoal Grey with white logo, sizes SM/M or L/XL

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- Unstructured vintage-style cap folds easily to store in your back pocket
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- Adjustable strap with metal buckle

Specify style and color (where applicable) when ordering. Alternate colors may be available upon request. Inquire for details.



REGALIA CHAIR

Linda Simmons

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