



TC Motoring Guild **CLASSIC CHASSIS** **October 2025**



80 years of the TC

17th September 2025



THE BIRTH OF THE TC

17th September 1945



September 17th marks the 80th birthday of the start of MG TC production. TC 0251 was the prototype and built off a TB. TCMG member Pete deBruyn has TC 0252 pictured here, the first TC off the TC production line.



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website.

**GoF West
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available to
download. Click
on image on left
to view.

Eight TCMG
members are
featured plus our
club is as well

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Steve ^{at} the Wheel

Two weeks to conclave and nothing to drive! For the third time I tried to install a new custom cylinder head on the TC and once again unforeseen issues have stopped me dead in my tracks. The gasket made specially for this head doesn't fit right, so once again I wait. In the meantime I suppose I'll have to put it all back together with the original parts and try again next month. Maybe I should buy a modern car. Yeah, right. Who wants parts that fit properly and can be bought at the local dealer?

It's been suggested we could drive Linda's new TC, but the car hasn't proven itself to me yet and I'd be worrying about it the whole time. Not to mention the fact that it broke

down on our first journey to a local cars & coffee event. We did make it home with a piece of string holding the distributor together, but while those kind of things are no big deal when you're two miles from home, being 200 miles from home in the middle of nowhere is another scenario entirely.

I've always said it takes one year of regular use to work the bugs out of any new purchase, whether it's a drivable basket case or a fully restored trailer queen. So far I haven't found a single exception to that rule, so maybe next year Linda's car will be ready for the trip.

See you all (hopefully in a red TC) in Yosemite!

Steve Simmons

2025 TCMG President
and Historian



At least Linda's TC steers well now, but can I count on the reliability of the rest?

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FROM THE FRAME UP

SPECIALIZING IN TABC HARD TO FIND PARTS

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 PARTS

 SERVICE



Ah... Yes!
Our Sept
Meeting



Brian Kemper paints his TC tub

Tuesday, 
Sept. 23rd

6:00pm *

**More Quizzes
on TCs and
TCMG**

plus

**Sharing TC
Projects**

Another short quiz to our members on the subject of TCs and TCMG. Some old club photos will be shown. Following that members can share projects on their TC. If you are interested in sharing your project, please contact Joyce Edgar at djedgar1970@gmail.com before hand to

test screen sharing (we ran into several problems at our last meeting). If you know how to share your screen photos, great, but we can do a test run ahead of time if you are not sure of process. Otherwise send photos to Joyce a few days before meeting.

*Link below is for the Zoom
meeting on July 22nd*
zoom.us/j/6234447498

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



BRITISH SLANG LESSON

Innit

Most popular in London, but innit is a contraction for isn't it. But isn't it is already a contraction for is it not. So innit is a contraction of a contraction. Just used to speed up speech.

Welcome to our Newest Member

Welcome

Thomas Miller

Bellows Falls, VT 05101

1947 TC 2055 XPAG 2700 Red / Biscuit



I've been waiting for this car for nearly 60 years and delighted to be its caretaker for even a few years—it's actually older than me by 11 months, but we'll celebrate our coming birthdays together. To have a '47 has been a longtime dream, now come true. The car passed through several hands over the years and was most recently owned by E. L. 'Len' Johnson of New Hampshire, from whose estate I purchased the car. It is my understanding from notes included in the sale that it was fully restored prior to 1991 after Len's acquisition. I also own a 1954 MG TF, a 1967 MGB GT and a 1973 MGB.



Don't Forget the Bonus DIY Photos



Each challenge completed with a TC will earn one point. Submit photos as you get them to Steve Simmons for inclusion in our meeting slide shows.

Want to earn more "Use it or lose it" points and have fun with your TC while doing it? Here are six challenges that will earn you points from now until October 15th. That's one task per month, but you can do them at any time, in any order.

- Enter your TC in a car show
- Attend a Cars & Coffee type event
- Participate in a parade
- Let a child who is not yours sit in a TC for the first time
- Find a British flag while out driving
- Get a photo of your TC on a road showing three or more curves in the picture.

Passing of Two TCMG Members



David Simon
Aug 21, 1938-
Sept 1, 2025

RIP

David Simon passed away Sept 1, 2025. He was quite the car collector and we held movie nights at his museum from time to time. In addition to his TC he had many other antique cars that he rented out to be in movies. He also had a 34 Ford with the original tires on it. He and his late brother Ron, use to take Ron's TC racing. We keep his wife June, and son in our prayers.



TCMG member since 2006



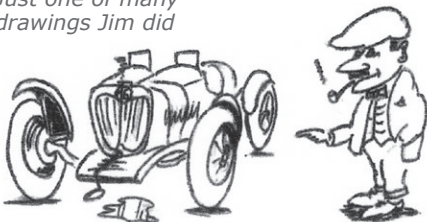
Jim Sullivan
June 1939 -
Sept 10, 2025

RIP

Jim Sullivan, a TCMG member since Jan 1989 passed away at age 86. He always did first class work on his TCs. This green TC 7517 EXU was his great driver. He formed the TC Tourers in Washington state and led a group of TCs from there to So. Calif in 2005. He also built up TC 5515 from a barely rolling junker to a prize winning and stunning TC. We keep his wife, Jan, and their children in our prayers



Just one of many drawings Jim did



This Show is Our TCMG Sept Event



34th Annual CCBBC BRITISH CAR SHOW



TRIUMPH THROUGH THE DECADES



70 years of the TR3



60 years of the TR4A



50 years of the TR7



Sept 21, 2025 at Channel Islands Harbor Park, Oxnard, CA

Celebrating Triumph through the Decades

All British Vehicles Welcome

presented by the Central Coast British Car Club

www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com

Channel Islands Harbor Park

3600 Harbor Blvd. Oxnard, Ca.

COME OUT AND SPEND THE DAY – BEAUTIFUL CARS – FOOD TRUCKS

Registrant check-in 7:30 to 10:30am – show is from 9am to 2:30pm

This is our TCMG September event and one of the best British car shows in Southern California. Bring your TC if you can, and don't forget a picnic lunch and a blanket or chairs! Meet at the TCMG banner for our picnic at 12:00 PM. If you plan to enter your TC, let Steve Simmons know and we will save you a spot by our banner. Click image above for show details and entry form.

Ernie Page Buys Another TC



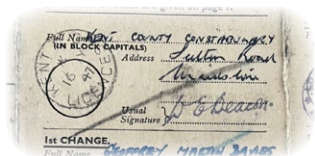
1947 TC 3111 XPAG 3745 Green / Black

Some of the general research found:

One retired officer who drove MGs on the traffic department in the late 50's and 60's said his father did the same before him in the 40's. He recalls his father's tales of escorting convoys of ammunition and soldiers to and from the Kent Ports during WW2. Also chasing 'Ton up Boys' (as he calls them) who were pilots at local fighter squadrons based in Kent. He said that although the pilots used the same MGs as the police, the police vehicles were faster. He believed the police MGs had balanced engines, hardened cranks and piston bores and highly tuned.

The owner of another former police TC said he found markings on the crank with name of engineer responsible for that engine. Engine was torn down after 28 years and found to be in excellent condition inside.

Ernie sold the two TC's he had and regretted letting the last one go. So he bought another. This one was a former police TC. Former owner did some research and found out at least some of the police TCs had balanced engines and at a higher state of tune.



Owner's log showing first owner as Kent County Constabulary



This shows a TC police vehicle. Just a stock photo and not tied to any of Ernie's TC or the story to the left. Can you imagine driving a TC in those boots or making a hot stop and trying to exit the TC with hood up and side curtains on?



MG TA 1184 and 3196, along with two unknown TAs.



TC0699, 0670, 0682, 0683, 0684, 0685, 0686 rolling out of the factory on their way to police service.

A few more police MG photos available on the [TABC site](http://www.tabc.co.uk).

69th Annual TCMG / ARR Conclave

September 28-30
(Sunday through Tuesday)

Sierra Sky Ranch
50552 Road 632
Oakhurst, CA, 93644

(559) 683-8040
for reservations

Rooms available include:

Note: rates shown last issue are no longer good and rooms may not even be available at this late date. Call or check website to check.

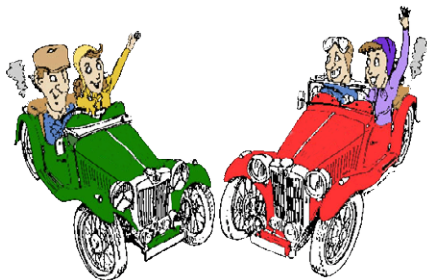
sierraskyranch.com for more info on the rooms and property.

Any questions, contact Steve Simmons.
See you all there!

Reserve early if you can as lots of rooms were available when Steve set this up, but a few days later many were then taken.

This year marks a return to Sierra Sky Ranch near Yosemite. We first visited this location in 1970 for the 14th Conclave, and last stayed there 22 years ago. The hotel has been remodeled since our last visit and is now marketed as a “boutique hotel”.

Arrive Sunday Sept 28 and depart Tuesday, Sept 30



We have held the Conclave at Sierra Sky Ranch seven previous times. This will be #8
1970, '73, '75, '83, '85, '99, '03

TCMG Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

Save the Date
December 7th

The 2025 TCMG Holiday Party and Annual Meeting will take place on December 7 at the lovely Simmons home and garage. Join us and enjoy the visiting, entertainment and activities. More information will be announced as we get closer.

One change that we are doing is the fund raiser we support. See note from Esther Belland here. Talk among our various TCMG members is maybe donating funds toward supporting young mechanics learning the trade is a possible alternative. We will continue with more discussion on this but need a point person to take the lead.

What a meaningful difference the TC Motoring Guild has made in the lives of so many kids and foster parents over the last years. Your contributions have been so generous and I am proud to be a member of both the TCMG and the FCRC. Due to some organizational changes it is time to move on. The needs are so great in so many areas I know you will find another charity to support this year. Thank you from me and all the volunteers at the Foster Children's Resource Center. You are THE BEST!

Esther Belland

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Aug 24, 1949	TC 9493	Lars & Roxane Lynge	<i>Missed listing last month</i>
Sept 17, 1945	TC 0252	Pete DeBruyn	<i>Happy 80th</i>
Sept 22, 1936	TA 0625	Richard & Sandra Loe	
Sept 22, 1948	TC 7556	Tony & Em McCormick	
Sept 22, 1949	TC 9761	James Woolf	
Sept 28, 1948	TC 6649	Richard & Judy Fritz	
Oct 2, 1947	TC 3707	Duane Schmidt & Chris Daily	
Oct 4, 1949	TC 9875	Jon & Diana Acosta	
Oct 6, 1948	TC 6761	Daniel Tiedge	
Oct 7, 1947	TC 3737	Roger Morse & Lynn Arnold	
Oct 7, 1947	TC 3738	Roger Morse & Lynn Arnold	
Oct 8, 1948	TC 6776	Richard & Judy Storms	
Oct 10, 1947	TC 3779	Kregg Hunsberger	
Oct 11, 1939	TB 0575	Alan & Victoria Campbell	
Oct 12, 1947	TC 3790	Joe & Pam Jones	
Oct 13, 1948	TC 6802	Richard & Sandra Loe	
Oct 14, 1947	TC 3810	Pat Garity	
Oct 14, 1948	TC 6811	Charlie Ockwell	
Oct 14, 1948	TC 6827	Malcolm & Joy Buckeridge	
Oct 14, 1948	TC 6829	John & Georgia Bowyer	

Their wedding anniversary too



**Happy 76th,
77th, 78th &
80th Birthdays
Also 86th & 89th
for the TA and TB**

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

MG TC Searchable Database

Steve Simmons has been updating a register of all TCs that we know of. Old lists were full of misinformation, typos, and some incorrect data. For instance one TCMG member had his TC in our yearly directories since the 1950s with a typo. He apparently never double checked it and error just carried over from year to year and also got in the world wide register wrong.

Steve's father, Mike, is also helping with the design of the list where it will be posted for all to see. But people keep selling

and buying TCs all the time plus a few TCs surface from the unknown to the known from time to time, so trying to keep that all straight has been a task in itself. Steve still works full time and has his own projects (see his president's message on page 3) and thus cannot guarantee when this will be ready to make public. There will be a place where people can note changes and hopefully have photos included. In the meantime we anticipate seeing this wonderful searchable database when it comes to light.

August 26th Meeting Minutes

President Steve Simmons gaveled the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. There were no new members or guests on line.

Joyce Edgar reported there was no mail

Secretary report (that'd be me) no new news and I had made corrections to the previous months report per request. I moved that the previous months minutes be accepted as published. It was seconded and approved

Treasurer Joyce Edgar put the clubs monthly report up on the screen for the membership and had previously sent it to the council (thanks Joyce!) Joyce reported there were no bills this month and that the Loe's were owed a reimbursement. Joyce mentioned that the PayPal account was being problematic.

Programs. Steve is still handling programs and mentioned this evenings trivia program provided by David and Joyce Edgar. (A fun program and thanks for providing it David and Joyce!) Programs for September and November are still open. Steve mentioned the in person meeting at the Spiegel's residence and our holiday party/meeting at casa Simmons in December.

Events. Steve mentioned out next event at the CCBCC car show in Channel Islands harbor.... Actually it's on dry land next to the harbor, as well as our annual Conclave with the Abingdon Rough Riders. See the calendar on the club web site for dates. Details on a caravan to conclave to follow. Members who will be attending and present at the meeting were counted.

Old business. Allan Chalmers mentioned that there was a metal engraving machine available to the club and would send images. Joyce also reminded all that zoom meeting links are included in the newsletter. That we still have no program volunteer coordinator was mentioned. It's not too late to volunteer!

New business. Finding a new charity to support was discussed. A council meeting will be scheduled to discuss the suggestions made.

The meeting concluded at 6:35 pm and we moved on to the evenings program.

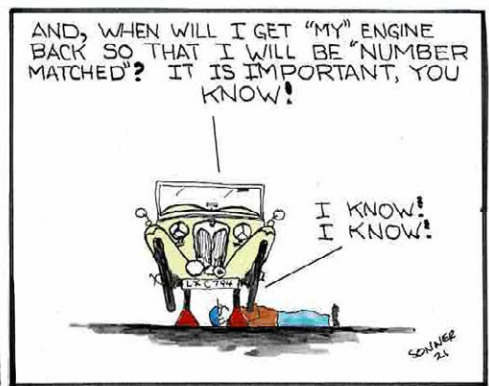
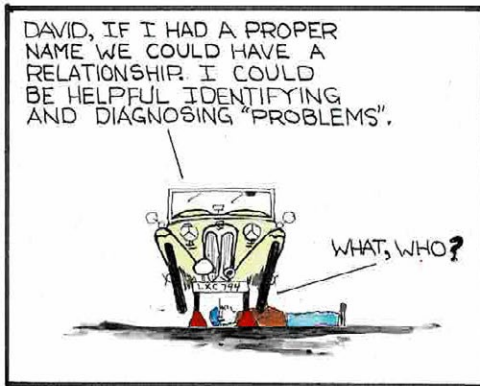
Keep 'em on the road!

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Zucca

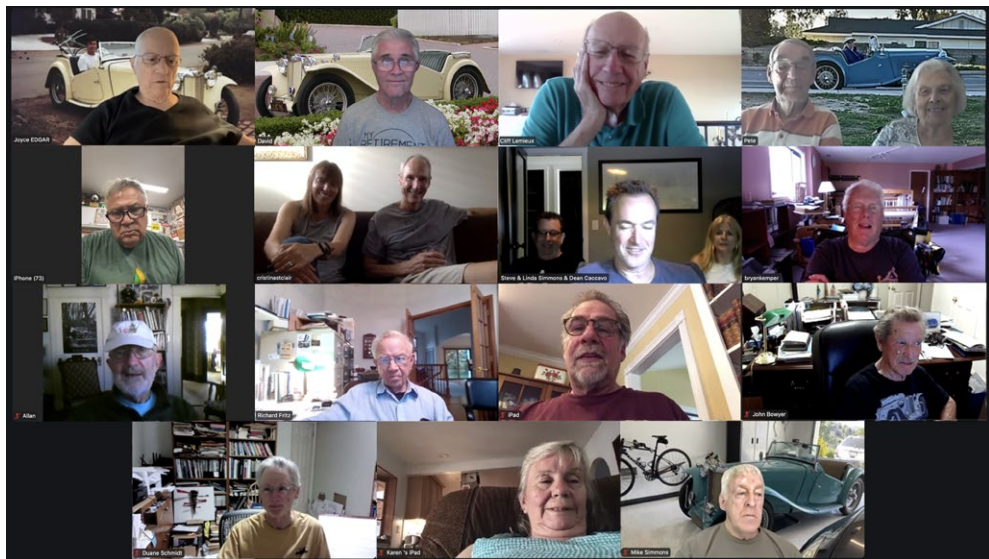
Rob Zucca, 2025 TCMG Secretary

Meeting continued on next page



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

Brian Sonner drew this back in early 2021. Format was arranged different and I had a hard time fitting it in the newsletter. I changed it to a horizontal layout here. I have since put the original engine back in. David



15 memberships represented,

19 members in attendance

Row 1: Joyce Edgar, David Edgar*, Cliff Lemieux*, Pete & Fran Thelander

Row 2: Francisco Matallana (FL), Scott & Cristina St Clair, Steve* & Linda Simmons with Dean Caccavo, Bryan Kemper (BC)

Row 3: Allan Chalmers, Richard Fritz (CO), Rob Zucca*, John Bowyer (TX)

Row 4: Duane Schmidt (MD), Karen Olson, Mike Simmons

* = 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

**Location: La Habra United
Methodist Church
631 N. Euclid St.,
La Habra, CA 90631
(General parking at Pinehurst & Elm St.)**

**ADMISSION:
General: \$5.00**

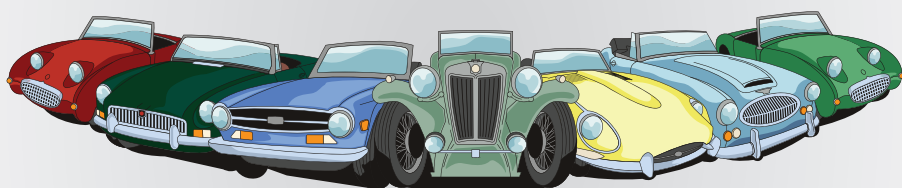
**Vendors: \$30.00 (initial space)
\$10 each added parking place**

Saturday 
Nov. 22nd 2025
8am to Noon

- More info
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kingseim@earthlink.net
 - Bob Christian
714-787-6200
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 - VintageMG.com



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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

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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
- Vintage 1950's TCMG logo on front and "Est. 1954" on rear
- Available in tan with green brim or solid black. (gold color on logos varies slightly between hat colors for best visibility)
- 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

(see page 2 on how to contact)

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