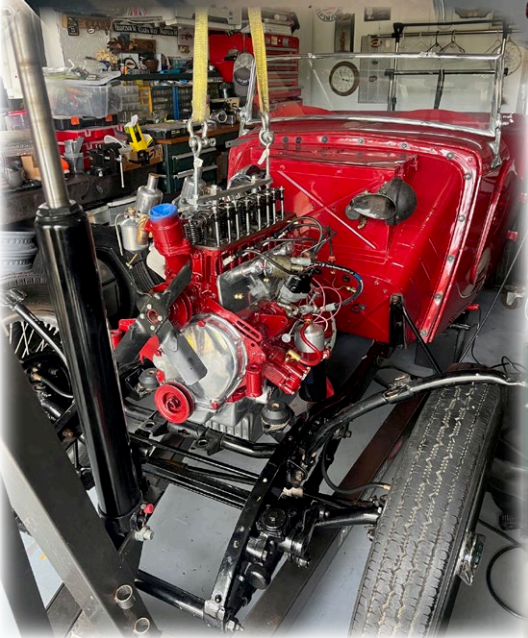




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*Another TC coming back to life. Will be a real beauty. See page 10 for more photos from Francisco Matallana*





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

I think we're all guilty at some point of making this hobby a lot harder than it needs to be. The never ending quest for more horsepower got me again this week, when for the third time I attempted to install a custom cylinder head on our TC. As it turns out, the rather expensive head gasket I had special made for it will not do the job, so another will have to be ordered with a slightly different spec. I remember several other times in the past when the desire to modify has bit me in the rear as well. Each time it happens the issues are eventually overcome, and it's amazing how much easier it gets as one gains experience rebuilding and modifying old machines.

The first time I ever worked on a car was with my MGB back in high school. I knew nothing about how cars worked other than by magic. I decided to replace a damaged fender with a new one, and failing to find any way to remove it, I cut the fender open with some giant shears before finding the bolts to get the rest of it off. I recall being quite surprised that there was nothing inside the fender. I expected it to be full of mechanical things that make a car work, but found nothing

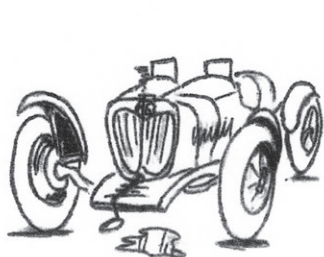
except a hollow metal cover that was only there to make the car look better and hold a headlamp. There was also my lack of electrical knowledge, so when I figured out how to replace a fuel pump and the connector broke off the power lead, I just wrapped the wire around the terminal. I re-discovered that one about ten years and thousands of miles later, still working fine but it was certainly a head shaking moment for my adult self. And then there was the time I decided to tune up the car at a friend's house and couldn't get it started again. After trying everything I could think of to make it start, we pushed the car a mile back to my house across busy main streets, trying to time the lights so we could get a running start.

It's nice to finally have not only the knowledge and experience, but a garage to work in, the correct tools for the job and spare parts on the shelf. What luxury compared to when I was a kid working in a gutter! Especially when the neighbor's sprinklers were running.

By the way, the car wouldn't start because I forgot to put the rotor back in the distributor. I certainly never made that mistake several more times...

*Steve Simmons*

2025 TCMG President and Historian



*Now where did I put that rotor? I'm tired of pushing this piece of art.*



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# *FROM THE FRAME UP*

*SPECIALIZING IN TABC HARD TO FIND PARTS*



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 SERVICE





Example, what is this 98mm long bar and how many are there (or hope you have) on your TC?

A short quiz to our members on the subject of TC parts identification and British terms followed by members sharing projects on their TC. If you are interested in sharing your project, please contact Joyce Edgar at [djedgar1970@gmail.com](mailto:djedgar1970@gmail.com) before hand so we can

**Tuesday,** 

**August 26th**

**6:00pm \***

**TC & British  
Quiz Time  
plus  
Sharing TC  
Projects**

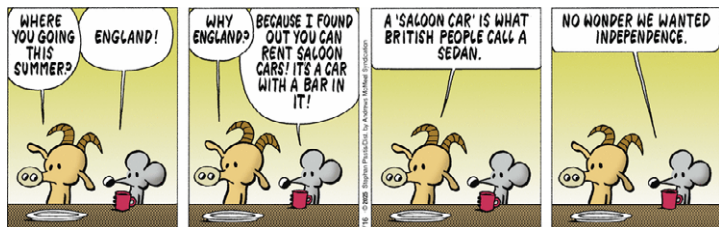
determine how long to spend on the quiz. If you know how to share your screen photos on a Zoom meeting and want to, great. Otherwise send photo to Joyce ahead of time. In either case let us know about how much time you need to share so we can plan out timing.

*Link below is for the Zoom  
meeting on July 22nd*  
[zoom.us/j/6234447498](https://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



## ***This Show is Our TCMG Sept Event***



### **34<sup>th</sup> Annual CCBC BRITISH CAR SHOW**



## **TRIUMPH THROUGH THE DECADES**



**70 years of the TR3**



**60 years of the TR4**



**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](http://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.*

## 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:

Single King \$209

Two Doubles: \$229

Suite with additional fold-out sofa bed:  
\$239

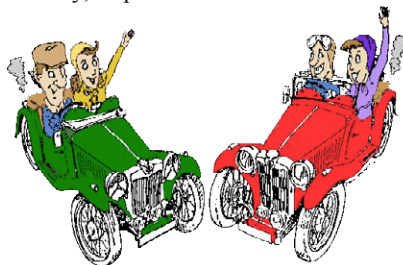
[sierraskyranch.com](http://sierraskyranch.com) for more info on  
the rooms and property.

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”. We’ve secured special group rates, as outlined here.

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 following entertainment and activities. More information will be announced as we get closer.

One change that we are doing is the fundraiser 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 TCMotoring 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*



## ***Independence Day DIY Tour Photos***

With apologies to those North of the border (and especially to those in England), the theme of this event was Independence Day. In celebration of this holiday, the task was to photograph your TC in an all-American or other good old-fashioned patriotic type setting. The more over the top, the better!

For those outside of the USA, a substitute theme of representing your own country could be done.

Those that drove their TC at least 10 miles during your photo tour received a point toward the Sargent Award! Idea was to get TCs out for fun and exposure.



*Dean Caccavo participated in a small local parade with his TC*



### ***News Flash - British Invasion on Independence Day***



*Cliff Lemieux decked out the TC and participated in a short parade that is held at Channel Islands Beach every year. Independence Day.*



*A British car featured, of all places, first in line at an American Independence Day Parade.*



### ***Rob Zucca's Declaration of Independence***

*Because nothing says Independence, Liberty, and Freedom like divorce papers. Of course, depending on the agreement, it could result in indentured servitude.*

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American  
Mattress Family  
store



America's  
Tire



American Muffler and Radiator sign.



American  
Tire Store

Steve said his best idea was too much work so drove around town taking photos at all the "America" businesses. Then it got too hot so skipped the last few places.

David Edgar ran out of time but did send in a photo with some red, white & blue decorations plus an American flag in the background.



## 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.

## Welcome to our Newest Member

# Welcome

**Francisco & Clara Matallana**

Miami, FL 33176

1949 TC 7603EXU XPAG 8391 Red / Red



Also has a 1966 Austin Healey BJ8, a 1952 MG TD, and a 1921 Ford Model TT



Getting close to finishing up the restoration



How he bought the unfinished project

## TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

|                 |         |                           |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|
| August 19, 1947 | TC 3353 | Gene Olson                |
| August 19, 1948 | TC 6265 | Lucy McCanne              |
| August 22, 1947 | TC 3387 | Brian Wescott             |
| August 22, 1949 | TC9462  | Rick & Linda Starkweather |
| August 25, 1947 | TC 3399 | John & Linda Wright       |
| August 25, 1947 | TC 3400 | Tom Howes                 |
| August 25, 1948 | TC 6319 | Daniel Harrison           |
| August 31, 1948 | TC 6373 | Clifford Lemieux          |
| Sept. 3, 1948   | TC6418  | Tom Lange                 |
| Sept. 3, 1948   | TC 6424 | Howard & Carolyn Shempp   |
| Sept. 7, 1948   | TC 6439 | Ron & Diane Spinder       |
| Sept. 16, 1948  | TC 6551 | David & Bobbi Spiegel     |
| Sept. 16, 1948  | TC 6558 | Bob & Kelly Wilmer        |
| Sept. 17, 1945  | TC 0252 | Pete DeBruyn              |



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

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

Interesting - TC 6415 to TC 6430 were built on Friday, Sept 3, 1948. but no TCs were shown built on Sept 4, 5 or 6 (was 4, 5, 6 a special holiday weekend?)

## July 22nd Meeting Minutes

**President Steve Simmons** gaveled the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.

Count of who made the simulated journey in their TC to the meeting was made. Members were, Steve Simmons, Cliff Lemieux, David Edgar, Lars Lynge, Rob Zucca

We had one guest. Josh de Zwart. Guest of Bryan Kemper. New member Francisco Matallana was also present and gave us a nice tour of his cars and projects. Thank you Francisco!

**Treasurer Joyce Edgar** reported there was no mail and posted the treasurers report. Also that we currently have 113 members and the club filing with the Secretary of State had been done. Mike Simmons had a question regarding the income and expenditures and it was explained that the monthly report doesn't represent the accurate pacing of income/expenditures, but the year end report does, since dues are paid over a series of months.

**Secretary Rob Zucca** (yours truly) had nothing to report and asked for a move to accept the minutes from the summer picnic/June meeting as printed in the August newsletter. This was seconded and approved with one correction. \*See below.

**Programs.** Acting program coordinator Steve Simmons asked if anyone would like to volunteer for programs. No hands went up. (Please think about volunteering to help this fine historic club thrive) Steve laid out the years programs to date.

July. Dean Caccavo's program on the Paramount Ranch race track (thanks Dean. It was great).

August....open

September.... In person meeting at Dave and Bobbi Spiegel's home in San Marino.

October....open

November.....open

December.... Holiday party on Dec. 7th at Steve and Linda Simmons home in Thousand Oaks.

**Events.** Steve is also acting events planner and coordinator. Steve gave a quick recap of the halfway house tour. Turnout was small. Thanks to Richard and Sandra Loe's sendoff at the starting point!

September event will be joining the Central Coast British Car Club at their annual car show at the Channel Islands Marina.

October will be our annual Conclave with the Abingdon Rough Riders. The dates are Oct. 2,3,4. (Thursday through Saturday) currently looking for lower hotel rates. Details to follow. [Ed Note: now moved to Sept 28-30 as on page 7]

**Old business.** None

New Business. There was discussion regarding adopting a new charity.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

\*Correction to meeting minutes posted in the August Classic Chassis newsletter.

Members who drove their TC's to the picnic listed Cliff Lemieux. It should have read Cliff and Jill Lemieux.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rob Zucca*

Rob Zucca, 2025 TCMG Secretary

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22 memberships represented,

29 members and 1 guest in attendance

Row 1: Bryan Kemper and Josh de Zwart (BC), David Edgar\*, Francisco Matallana (FL), Joyce Edgar, Cliff Lemieux\*

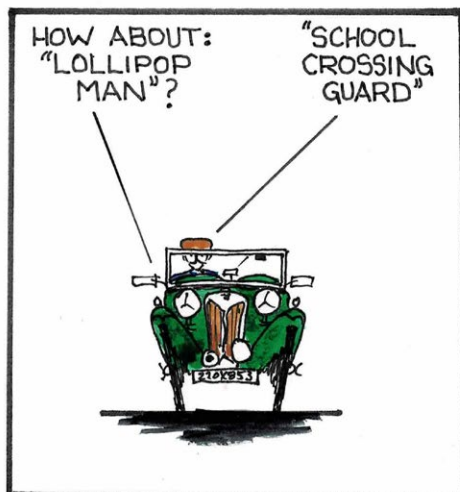
\* = Those that drove at least 10 miles in their TC the day of the meeting.

Row 2; Mike Simmons, Richard Fritz (CO), Curt & Jan Sorensen, Dean Cacavo, Kregg Hunsberger

Row 3: Mike Hughes, David Reid & Terry Schuller, Lars Lynge\* (UT), Pete & Fran Thelander, Richard & Sandra Loe

Row 4: Doug Schirippa, Linda Simmons, Rob Zucca\*, Jonathan Lane (CO), Scott & Cristina St Clair

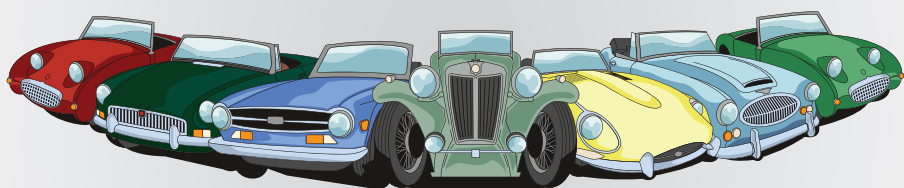
Row 5: Steve Simmon, Dorothy Smith (NH), Duane Schmidt (MD)



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road



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| <b>TCMG Lapel Pin</b> .....                  | \$3 (\$5 if mailed)   |
| <b>TCMG Lapel Vintage Pin</b> .....          | \$3 (\$5 if mailed)   |
| <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                              |
| <b>Modern TCMG T-shirts</b> .....            | \$22 for short sleeve, \$20 for long + postage                              |
| <b>TCMG Hoodies</b> .....                    | \$30 + postage  |
| <b>TCMG Spark Plug Holder</b> .....          | \$40 + postage  |

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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

(see page 2 on how to contact)

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