



TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

March 2026



Two Wonderful Classics Together

There apparently are a couple Toyota museums in Japan devoted to different aspects of the automobile. They had both a 1937 TA on display next to one of their 2000GTs (one of four). They also have a 1947 TC in their collection. Also

in the collection is 1886 Benz Patent Motorwagen Benz (replica of very first practical gasoline-powered automobile), Ford Model Ts, Jaguars, Lotus, and countless other cars that have significant presence in the automotive world. Of

course they also have a huge display of Toyotas over the years as well in addition to other Japanese makes. Check out their website here with this hot link.

Toyota-Automobile-Museum

A visit by Steve Laser in 2012 was written up very well. See it at this [Hot Link #1](#).

And to see all their 255 cars check out this [Hot Link #2](#). Note that they do bring other cars in as well for special displays.





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from M Gene



Welcome to Spring!

As winter recedes, now enters the freshness and cool caresses of Spring (90° in LA). We welcome the season with the club's signature activity- Eating (with beautiful cars). March 28 will be the first picnic of the season. So fiddle with the fuel pump, polish the

points, pack the picnic basket, and get the TC on the road. Hope to see you here.

Gene Olson

2026 TCMG President



Wildflower Tour

As of this publication the date of our wildflower tour is not finalized. Good rains and then hot weather is causing probably a very short window as to when the poppies will be in bloom.

Stay tuned to our group emails for final decision on a date.



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👉 Saturday March 28th 👈 11:00am

In-person Meeting at Olson Residence

Our monthly meeting will be held on at the home of Patty Salehpour and Gene Olson. Plan to arrive at 11:00 AM and bring a picnic lunch if desired. Beverages and deserts will be provided by the hosts.

Note this is an in-person meeting! Gene will be showing the progress on his TC special. See our group email for further information, or contact Gene Olson.

Bring your own picnic lunch if desired.

11:00 am on Saturday, March 28th
160 Mount Olive Drive
Bradbury, CA

No Zoom this month as it is one of our quarterly in person meetings.



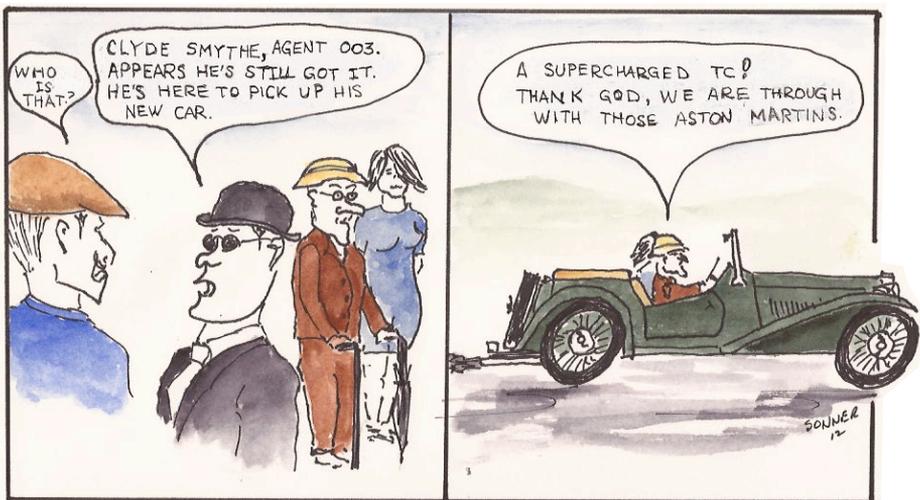
TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Apr 8 1948	TC 5190	Arthur & Andra Gumbus
Apr 8, 1948	TC 5221	Bill Traill
April 11, 1948	TC 7018	Kregg Hunsberger
April 13, 1949	TC 8451	Matt & Linda Peckhan
Apr 14, 1947	TC 2556	John & Phylis Williams
Apr 14, 1948	TC 5230	Ed & Dee Koskie
Apr 14, 1948	TC 5238	Jim & Kim Ellis



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

Happy 77th, 78th & 79th Birthdays



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: At Her Majesty's Secret Service



BRITISH SLANG LESSON

"Bite your arm off"

Don't be alarmed if someone says this. No one is about to literally bite off any part of your anatomy. It is used to describe willingness. For example someone might say to you "they will bite your arm off if you offer to write their essay."

2026 TCMG Directory Due in April



Our new 2026 TC Motoring Guild Directory is being updated to include new members, dropping non-renewals and updating information that may have changed.

If you have changed TCs, added or dropped a TC, have moved or changed phone numbers since the last directory, please let us know so we include those changes. Send to David at email below.

Can't find your copy? Ask David to email you a copy of current directory so you can view it and see if changes need to be made.

djedgar1970@gmail.com

Thank you!

Note that we do not post our directory on the internet to prevent internet bots from mining information and to safeguard your privacy.

New Members Welcome

Welcome

Ron & Sue Sinclair

Highland Village, Texas

1949 TC 7233 XPAG 8074

Black / Red

Ron purchased the TC in 2021 and re-commissioned with all new rubber everything and brought back to life. Was then featured in the Dec 2022 edition of Sacred Octagon magazine of the New England T Register when it was disguised as a Zebra. Dual spares added for an additional adventure look. Also has a Lucas spotlight and engine turned dash. Ron purchased this TC from Jim Yule, an MG collector in Springtown Texas and Jim had bought it in the 1980s. Unknown history before that.



Ron lists his TC as a 1949 (although it was built in 1948). He had found the 1949 TX plates on eBay before he even bought the TC. Having the 251 was an unexpected bonus (MG factory phone number). He then repainted them.

Their TC in disguise as a Zebra.

New Member Welcome

Welcome

Glen Yarbrough

Johnstown, CO

1949 TC 8583 XPAG 9351 Black / Tan

It was a life long dream to own an MG T series and found a TC and bought it. Owned since November, he has been cleaning it up and likes to run local errands in it. He was told it was first sold in South Africa. Over the years it went back to England, then the United States (Pennsylvania, South Dakota, South Carolina and then North Carolina). Checking our TCMG records it was in our club under the ownership of Robert & Susan Doudrick a few years ago.



Frick and Frack Thievery

Frick and Frack, otherwise known as Bob McKarney and Clarence Weiss, were annual Abingdon Rough Rider banner thieves. I don't remember how many times they tried, or did, steal the banner, but Bill Traill and I were the victims. Both clubs would put the banners on the wall of the banquet dinner, and while we were engaged in conversation, off it would go. They were very good at it and only got caught once. The pictures are rather poor because they must have altered the camera while I wasn't looking. Very sadly they are gone, but the banner is safe!



Allan
Chalmers



How to Clean an Old Car (TC) Gas Tank

The following is in honor of April Fools. Was run in a previous TCMG newsletter probably back in the 60s or 70s. Have no idea who Bud Hennessy is. Clarence Weiss however was one of our TCMG members back then, who added his art to many club signs and publications.

**By Bud Hennessy
CVF***

* CVF in slang speak means: cheeky banter

Often an old car will have a plugged or rusty gas tank which must be cleaned before driving the car without unplanned interruptions. I have devised a step by step method, which works for me. Careful planning will make the job much easier, so make a list before you start. I have a suggested list for a sample:

- 1) 1 Six pack of beer
- 2) 2 Milk crates (preferably metal)
- 3) 1 Bumper jack
- 4) 2 Screwdrivers (Phillips & Regular)
- 5) Wrenches to remove tank from car
- 6) 2 Shovels full of clean gravel
- 7) 2 Gallons of hot water and detergent
- 8) 1 Friendly neighbor with any or all of the above items.

Open your second beer and walk over to your neighbor, Fred's house, taking him a beer and ask to borrow his jack. After watching the last ten (10) minutes of the game on TV with Fred, go back home and get the rest of the beer while he looks for his jack in his garage. Leave two (2) beers for Fred and drink the last one while jacking up the car and positioning the milk crates.

Go to the store and get two (2) more six packs and begin removing the gas tank. You will find that none of your sockets are deep enough or of the correct size for the bolts which hold the straps around the tank. Go back to Fred's house, give him a six pack, and borrow the correct sockets.

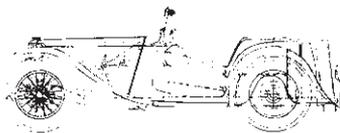
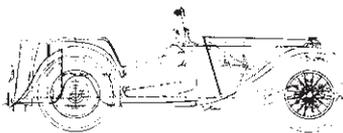


First, open a beer, and while taking the first sip, kick a rear tire of the car to get its attention. Then, using the bumper jack, raise the car high enough to get the milk crates under the frame ahead of the rear wheels. Usually the bumper jack will slip just before the car is high enough to clear a milk crate.

While you are finishing the beer, look all over the garage, shed, car trunk, and your pickup for your hydraulic bottle jack.

While you are there, borrow a bucket to drain the gas into and an assortment of flare nut wrenches for the gas line.

Drink another beer and remove the drain plug (or gas line if no drain plug) and drain the gas from the tank into Fred's bucket. Most of the gas will spill onto the driveway, but it needed cleaning anyway. Drink two (2) more beers while washing down the driveway and letting it air dry. (DON'T SMOKE).



Cartoon by C. Weiss



Typical TA Repair Time/Motion Study

Tom Spika
Lewistown, Montana
Bought TA in Dec
2025.

Another April Fool's Joke. Taken from the MG Octagon Car Club's Facebook page where Tom Spika posted this on March 14th. Was not written up as an April Fools joke but it is tongue in cheek and funny. Tom is new to the MG world so this repair should only take us experienced, TC owners twice as long.



Does This Sound Familiar When Working on Your TC?

As I believe I'm becoming somewhat of an expert at vintage car restoration now, I've decided it's time to work on getting more accomplished each day. In order to run time/motion study to evaluate efficiency I kept a log of a typical day. Not sure if there's room for improvement though...

Breakdown of Shop Day Rebuilding a Vintage Car

Deciding what to start on: 5 min
Looking for the right parts: 12 min
Looking up in the old tech manual how it's supposed to go together: 21 min
Looking for where I just set the part down: 8 min
Getting the proper wrench out: 3 min
Going back for the metric size because the SAE didn't fit: 3 min
Taking the metric one back and exchanging it for a Whitworth size (damn Brit's): 3 min
Picking up the part I just dropped: 1 min
Going back to refresh my memory of the tech manual: 11 min

Realizing I've ordered the wrong part: 2 min
Ordering correct part: 8 min
Deciding what to start on next: 5 min
Cleaning old part in solvent: 6 min
Wiping up solvent that spilled when I kicked the solvent pan over: 14 min
Washing the solvent residue from the part in the utility sink: 4 min
Removing the sink p-trap to retrieve the small nut I dropped down the drain: 21 min
Painting the part with primer: 2 min
Attempting to remove the primer paint off my thumb and forefinger: 6 min
Picking up the freshly painted part off the floor and wiping the dirt off the fresh paint: 6 min
Preparing to install new gasket: 2 min
Looking for new gasket: 18 min
Digging through trash can to find the box I didn't realize still had my gasket in it: 11 min

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Applying RTV to mating surfaces: 3 min

Carefully placing gasket: 1 min

Removing gasket and turning around to line up holes: 6 min

Installing cover plate: 2 min

Looking for correct bolts for cover plate: 8 min

Running tap down buggered up threads on bolt: 10 min



Three trips to tool box for correct wrench: 4 min

Picking up bolt I dropped: 1 min

Searching for bolt I dropped a second time that rolled 16' to the geographical center of the space under the welding table: 13 min

Removing dried RTV and reapplying fresh coat: 12 min

Applying anti-seize compound to bolt: 2 min

Attempting to remove anti-seize compound from my fingers: 42 min

Finishing plate installation: 3 min

Looking for bolt extractor to remove remains of last bolt installed and tightened

1/2 inch-pound too much: 13 min

Extracting last 3/4" of stud: 1 hour

Looking for replacement bolt: 30 min

Ordering replacement bolt with BSF threads as I have exactly zero spare BSF thread bolts. (Damn Brit's): 7 min

Attempting to remove dried RTV from my hands: 16 min

Returning to previously primed part to top coat: 6 min

Attempting to remove topcoat paint from my entire hand: 8 min

Attempting to remove paint from right side of cat's face: 9 min

Taking break to have a beer and admire recent accomplishments: 20 min

Taking pictures to post on facebook to brag about all I'm getting done: 5 min

Deciding on next step: 2 min

Disassembling first components of carburetor: 17 min

Searching for spring from carb that launched at 1200 feet per second when the last screw came out: 1 hour 13 min

Cleaning blood off my cheek and applying band-aid where the spring clipped me on the way to orbit: 8 min

Placing order for new carb spring: 8 min

Searching for carb rebuild kit: 5 min

Ordering carb kit for second carburetor as I didn't think about needing to do two carbs: 8 min

Inspect underside of engine/transmission assembly: 18 min

Flushing my eye with copious amounts of water to remove oil drip: 12 min

Sensing accomplishment over a cold beer while pondering next step for tomorrow: 20 min

BTW - The TA was running when Tom bought it, but one of his first steps was to dismantle it.

February 24th Meeting Minutes

President Gene Olson called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

The 2026 board is as follows:

President - Gene Olson
Vice President – Sandra Loe
Treasurer – Joyce Edgar
Director – Malcolm Buckeridge
Director – Rob Zucca

Secretary's Minutes:

The board motioned to approve the January 2026 minutes as edited and published in the TCMG newsletter.

34 members were on the Zoom call this month. It must be close to a new record.

Mail: No new mail this month.

Sergeant's Award:

Driver's that drove today. David and Joyce Edgar, Sandra and Richard Loe, George McKay, Mike Simmons, Pete and Fran Thelander, and Rob Zucca

Treasurers Report:

Joyce Edgar shared the financial report for February 2026. Final payment has been approved for the website refresh. 15 members have not yet paid, which is consistent with prior years at this time. Unfortunately, due to marketing adjustments at Moss Motors, we learned that they will not renew their advertisement with TCMG at this time. New advertisers are welcome.

Programs:

Today's program was provided by Doug Pelton owner of From The Frame Up. Doug provided a virtual shop tour. He



Screenshot of From The Frame Up video program Doug Pelton gave

showed off TC memorabilia in his office and the numerous projects he has in his shop. Parts, service and restoration are their primary focus. He has been in business for 19 years. His goal is to have one of everything for a TC so any restoration can be completed. Fuel tank quick drain valve assembly is one of his favorite items. All his cars get a tank valve. This allows owners to empty stale fuel quickly. His next recommendation is a fire extinguisher. He recommends and sells the Element Extinguisher. FTFU also offers gauge restoration.

Joyce reported that the lineup for 2026 programs will include:

Saturday March 28th meeting will be at the Olson's. Members should bring a picnic lunch. A short drive may be planned and a garage/shop tour.

April program will include a session on buying and selling TCs by Dean Caccavo.

May is planned as a recap of GoF – Joyce Edgar

June will be a Summer picnic at the Simmons; date and time will be posted.

Please let Joyce know if you would like to volunteer or have an idea for new programs.

Events:

Rob Zucca reported for Steve Simmons

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If you missed the FTFU program that night, you can temporarily view it by double clicking on above image to view. Eventually it will be available to TCMG members on our TCMG site.

that members were encouraged to attend Queen's English in Woodley Park, San Fernando Valley on March 22th. Wildflower tour date in April is pending blooms. If there are blooms, there will be an event.

May 11th through the 15th is reserved for the Gathering of the Faithful (GoF) in Flagstaff, Arizona. The group discussed holding Conclave in San Luis Obispo the first weekend of October. Date TBD. September 27th is the Central Coast British Car Meet in Oxnard/Channel Islands. This event is a welcome break from the summer heat.

Old Business: None

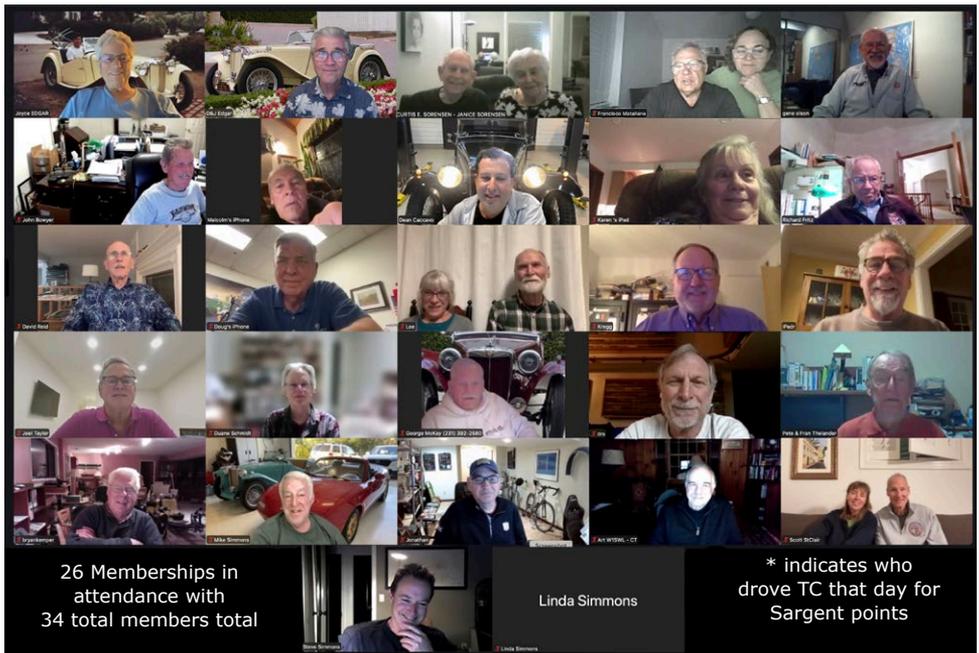
New Business: None

Discussion about splitting the TCMG mailing group into a Main Group, Technical Sub-Group and Board/Directors Sub-Group. Members agreed not to form a Technical Group from the Main Group, but did decide to creating a Board/Directors Sub-Group.

Gene adjourned the meeting at 6:37PM.

Dean Caccavo

Dean Caccavo, 2026 TCMG Secretary



Row 1: Joyce Edgar*, David Edgar*, Curt & Jan Sorensen, Francisco & Clara Matallana (FL), Gene Olson

Row 2: John Bowyer (TX), Malcolm Buckeridge, Dean Caccavo, Karen Olson, Richard Fritz (CO)

Row 4: David Reid, Doug Pelton, Richard & Sandra Loe (MO)*, Kregg Hunsberger, Rob Zucca*

Row 4: Joel Taylor (NV), Dwane Schmidt (MD), George McKay (MI)*, Doug Schirripa, Pete Thelander,

Row 5: Bryan Kemper (BC), Mike Simmons*, Jonathan Lane (CO), Art Gumbus (CT), Scott & Cristina St Clair

Row 6: Steve Simmons, Linda Simmons (Note: not shown in screen shot above: Terry Schuller, Fran Thelander Mike Hughes)

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

Vintage Cap Features:

- 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

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REGALIA CHAIR

Linda Simmons
(see page 2 on how to contact)

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