



TC Motoring Guild CLASSIC CHASSIS

August 2026



If you recall, Steve told everyone that if they live out of the So. Cal area and took their TC on a picnic (at least 10 miles drive) on June 20th they would get the same point as if they attended the TCMG Summer Picnic. Duane Schmidt (MD) was the only distant member to send in a photo for the picnic theme. But at our July meeting we noted since the blanket was a light blue, it could also work as a Red, White & Blue theme as well.

Beautiful photo Duane.

Four TCs braved the heat and had a GREAT time traveling through Hollywood and then visiting the Hollywood Heritage Museum. More photos and story on pages 9-10.





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New Regalia Item



TCMG logo fleece pullovers are a medium weight
fleece, ideal for layering under a windproof outer
shell or jacket. A vintage-style TCMG logo is
embroidered on the left chest area, and a 1/4 zip
front makes it easy to pull on and off. The collar can
be zipped up to keep the wind out on chilly days

Sizes: XS through 3XL.

Color: Only offered in Heather Gray now with
TCMG logo embroidered on front

Price: \$34 each (plus shipping where applicable).

TO ORDER: Contact our Regalia Chair via
methods below.

Also see what else we have in regalia on page 14
of this issue.

TCMG Officers and Chairs for 2026

President	Gene Olson
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In October we will have our 70th annual meeting between the San Francisco Abingdon Roughriders and the Los Angeles TC Motoring Guild. For 70 years our TC have been driving North to meet the Abingdon Rough Riders. That is longer than some of us have been alive, (well, some of us). The hotel we stayed at for the first conclave is no longer there. Our conclaves have outlasted the business. That is an

impressive record.

It is only possible by the dedicated work of our members.

I hope many of you will consider continuing this tradition, and start preparations for another great meeting with the Roughriders.

Gene Olson

2026 TCMG President



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Tuesday, 
August 25th
6:00pm*

Member's TC Projects

Meeting presentation will include various members' projects both new and old, small or big. Attendees are encouraged to share info and photos of their TC or other interesting / related projects with the group. Photos can be shared directly on that night, or sent ahead of time to Mike Simmons who will display them for you as you talk.

Send your photos to Mike's email of:
mike@mikesimmons.net

Send photos by Sunday, Aug 23rd to give Mike time to put them together for you. Again, you can share photos yourself if you are able.

*Link below is for the Zoom
meeting on August 25th*
zoom.us/j/6234447498

Note: one Sargent point to anyone who drives their TC at least 10 miles on August 25th. We will ask on the Zoom meeting that night.

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

Note that the following meeting in September is scheduled to be an in-person meeting with date and location to be determined.

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

August 19, 1948	TC 6265	Lucy McCanne
August 22, 1947	TC 3387	Brían Wescott
August 22, 1949	TC9462	Rick & Linda Starkweather
August 24, 1949	TC 9493	Lars & Roxanne Lyne
August 25, 1947	TC 3399	John & Linda Wright
August 25, 1947	TC 3400	Tom Howes
August 25, 1948	TC 6319	Daniel Harrison
August 30, 1949	TC 9544	Bata & Rose Mataja
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. 7, 1948	TC 6447	Doug & Laura Schirripa
Sept. 16, 1947	TC 3578	Bruce Swift
Sept. 16, 1948	TC 6551	David & Bobbi Spiegel
Sept. 16, 1948	TC 6558	Bob & Kelly Wilmer
Sept. 17, 1945	TC 0252	Pete DeBruyn
Sept. 19, 1946	TC 1415	Robert & Susann Costello



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

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

BRITISH SLANG LESSON



Crikey

"Crikey" is an old-fashioned British exclamation of surprise or amazement. It's a euphemism for "Christ," and it became popular in the late 19th century as a milder way of expressing shock without being blasphemous. It's a bit dated, often heard in older British TV shows or period pieces, though it's still used today in a humorous or exaggerated way.

TCMG Summer DIY Tours

The Summer TCMG DIY Tour opportunity was between June 21 and July 26 to encourage our TCMG members to get their TCs out. In honor of the first day of Summer, our recent Annual Picnic, and America's 250th birthday, this season's DIY photo tour offered three different themes to choose from!

Summer: Photograph your TC in a setting that shows what a "TC Summer" is all about.

Picnic: Photograph your TC in a picnic

setting, at a place you or anything else having to do with a picnic.

Red, White and Blue: For obvious reasons, but your photo doesn't have to include an American flag. Be sure to include your TC and get creative.

Slight bending of the rules in the name of creativity or humor is welcome!

Each member that submitted a photo(s) received a point toward the Sargent Award and we got a few takers.



Allan Chalmers sent this photo of his TC looking over out the Pacific with Karl, the Fog. Amazingly, it lifted on the way back!

Rob Zucca said "Nothing says summer like an early morning drive down the Coast Highway....."



Richard and Sandra Loe sent this from Missouri saying "Back from a summer drive..."



Steve Simmons submitted two photos. First was with red, white and blue themed (above) as Linda was heading out with her TC to a car show. Note decoration in background.

Second (right) with Summer theme as "Nothing says Summer like driving a TC at night in shorts and a T-shirt."



More TCMG DIY Summer Photos



Duane Schmidt (MD) sent in several photos on a summer drive, as well as the picnic theme (on the cover). But note the R, W, & B fuel grade colors in the one photos on upper right.



Bob Eicher (MD) sent some photos for the summer activity challenge.

Patrick and I went to the Original British Car Day on June 28 in Mt. Airy, Maryland (over 40 miles round trip)...what is more summery than a car show in a summer shower?

From there, we went to a beautiful historic home near us that was built in 1850. We asked the owner, Craig Wagoner, if we could take some photos of our historic car in front of his historic house and he said "sure, drive on the lawn if you want."

This 7-acre estate would be a perfect setting for a picnic. In fact, Craig said he is considering offering it as a venue for weddings! (Maybe we could talk him into a car show venue?)

I imagine that in the days before air conditioning, this well-shaded property would have been a great escape from the summer heat of the city in DC.

Also, note the red, white, and blue flag on the house. I think we covered all the points of the challenge.



Hollywood Heritage Museum Tour

Braving a Summer heat wave, we started out with three TCs at breakfast in Tarzana, driven by **Steve & Linda Simmons, Cliff & Jill Lemieux and Rob Zucca**, with two other TCs failing to make it and another planning to meet us later. After Cliff addressed a flat



tire, the group started out down the famous Ventura Boulevard before heading into the Hollywood Hills. The road was so steep that Cliff's TC couldn't make it even in first gear, so instead of making us push it up the mountain he opted to take the long way around. We continued on with Rob on our heels as we turned onto the legendary Mulholland Drive. We did our best to pretend we were Steve McQueen or James Dean carving the turns but I'll admit we were a bit more sedate with our driving. So many legendary race car drivers (and many actors) cut their teeth here, including



Phil Hill and Steve McQueen, both in their TCs!



Dropping down the other side we descended through Laurel Canyon where countless songs were written and recorded by the biggest names in music from the 50's through modern times. If these houses could talk, well, people might be in jail so it's good they can't. Out of the canyon we turned onto a road that needs no introduction - Hollywood Boulevard. It was still early and the tourists were just clammering out of their hotels to see the sights. The starts on the Hollywood Walk of Fame had nothing on the TCs as cameras went from pointing straight down to snapping photos of us driving our very period correct cars past so many iconic locations.

We had to detour around a closed section



of the boulevard due to a movie premiere at the Chinese Theater. Many of the hand prints in front of that theater were made by TC enthusiasts and owners, like Clark Gable and Paul Newman. McQueen is there too. Past the diversion we continued past more architectural icons - Pantages



Theater, Hollywood and Vine, Musso & Frank's and many more. Turning north we drove past the unmistakable Capitol Records building, where Linda turned around and snapped a great image of the Zucca TC on an almost deserted Vine Street (*photo on cover*). If it weren't for a few parked cars you would never know it wasn't a period photo.

Winding our way toward the Hollywood Bowl we finally reached the Hollywood Heritage Museum, housed in the very 1901 barn where Cecil B. DeMille filmed his first motion picture in 1913. Just as we

pulled in, the Larson TC joined us making our happy group of TCs a 4-some. The Harrison TC wasn't running so he showed up with a friend in modern comfort. Inside the museum we were treated to a vast array of Hollywood history, from costumes to cameras, original movie props, stories, photos and more. Some of Mary Pickford's items were for sale (which Steve was seen working deals on) along with other vintage memorabilia. With the heat still building we decided it best to retreat for home by the fastest means. We got a bit cooked on the way back but it was worth the journey.

Steve



Fixing the flat tyre at the start. Bet Steve found the antique film cameras very intriguing at the museum. Would they be as much fun to operate as an old MG?



Story credit to Steve.
Photo credits all go to both Steve & Linda Simmons



70th ANNUAL



• TC CONCLAVE •

San Luis Obispo 2026

The 70th annual TCMG / ARR Conclave will now take place **October 9-12, 2026** (Friday - Monday) at the site of our first Conclave in 1957, in the city of San Luis Obispo, California. Special plans are being made to honor the 70 year history of this great event, to be announced when they are finalized.

Our group reservation link:
reservations.travelclick.com/113013?groupID=5153053



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Use "ARRTCMG Conclave 2026" to get our group rate or use link above



We are planning to recreate the very first Conclave line-up photo on the grass of a local park. Permits and fees are being worked out now

Check in time is 4pm and check out is 11am. All stays that include a Saturday night will be subjected to a 2 night minimum, unless otherwise specified. Additional charges may be assessed to those staying beyond check out times.

Rates reflect single or double occupancy for room types identified above. Rates are net, not commissionable, exclusive of 13.75% tax and resort fees (\$25 per night/room), which is subject to change without notice.

SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS:

DAY/DATE	ROOM BLOCK	ROOM TYPE	ROOM RATE
10.08.26 Thu	1 KS	King Room main inn For those that want to arrive early	\$189
10.09.26 Fri	10 KS	King Room main inn	\$339
	12 QS	Two queem beds main inn	\$349
10.10.26 Sat	10 KS	King Room main inn	\$349
	12 QS	Two queem beds main inn	\$359
10.11.26 Sun	10 KS	King Room main inn	\$149
	12 QS	Two queem beds main inn	\$159

Guests will make their own reservations and cutoff date is 9.09.26. Reservations after cutoff date will be on a space available basis

Bypass Test for the TC Distributor Condenser

Wish I had this info with me on our trip to Flagstaff. Dan Shockey sent this to me recently. But then I don't know if the condenser was our problem or not and a brand new distributor swap didn't fix it either. I'll have to try this when I get a chance just to test it out. David Edgar

Piggy-Back Condenser Spare

Check if the fitted condenser is faulty

By Ian Ailes from the newsletter of the VB Register of the MG Car club

Ian says. "The spare condenser can easily be clipped to a nearby earth and the wire between the coil and distributor to check if the fitted condenser is faulty. If it is faulty the piggy-back condenser will override it and the engine start firing properly.

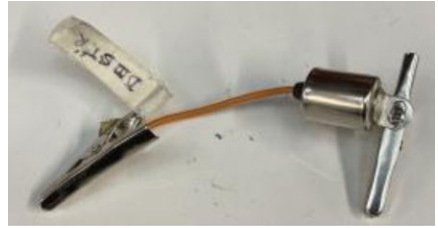
"Rally cars before electronic ignition would have one bolted to the inner wheel arch with an extended wire that can be clipped to the coil if the fitted distributor condenser failed. With the high failure rate of condensers, everyone should keep a spare one in the glove box. The condenser is not polarity sensitive so will work on older positive earth cars as well. It's probably worth extending the tail wire to make it easier to fit."

Apart from a faulty condenser, other problems I have come across recently which manifest the same fault are:

- Loose screw holding the condenser in the distributor causing an intermittent earth

In the case of a TC where condenser is inside the distributor, you can merely clip to outside with one clip to any available ground and the other clip to either end of the small wire between the distributor and coil (displayed in red here).

Think ahead and put a longer lead if you want on the piggy-back test condenser to facilitate ease of testing.



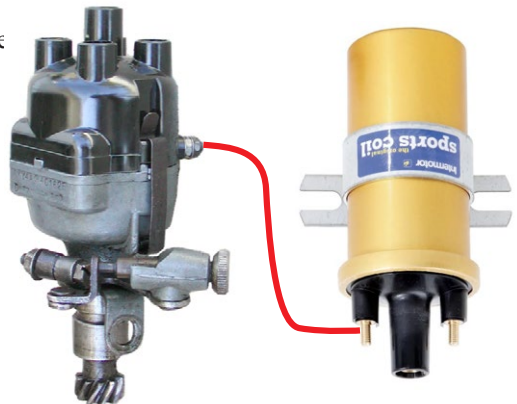
Note two alligator clips - one on condenser case and one on lead wire

- Internally broken tail wire due to fatigue or pinching - not visible and not always obvious
- Wire inside condenser is shorting out on the body - the insulation sleeve can melt and short out. a piggy-back condenser won't work due to the short. Check that the tail wire is not touching any metal inside your distributor.

All simple faults but a nuisance to diagnose. Link to the full article and an explanation on how to test a condenser can be found here:

v8register.net/cc/250902-testing-a-condensor-ia2.pdf

Note that link here will give you to a restricted page but also give you a pdf download option.



How to Test for a Faulty Condenser

**By Stuart Locke,
MGOC & Peninsula T Register**

Picture this: Your MG is broken down on the side of the road, far from home. It is August, there are no shade trees, just the 100 degree sun beating down on you. You got all your tools and manuals out. Your head is under the bonnet and your wife keeps saying, "Is it fixed yet?" You have the distributor cap off, could the fault be the condenser?

The trouble shooting books say the way to see if the condenser is the problem is replace it with one you know is in good condition. Maybe yours is original equipment which is soldered in place (T series). Or a later one that screws in place. Maybe you didn't bring a spare condenser; Besides you are in no mood to be replacing things that may or may not be at fault.

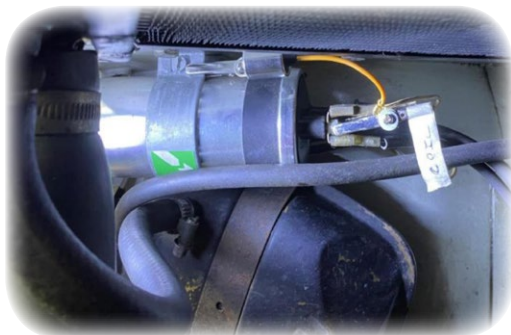
Here is a fast, simple, more direct way to quickly test the condenser without removing it as told to me by my friend Bill Phy.

Turn over the engine until the contact points are open. Short across the points with a suitable screwdriver. Shade the distributor with palm of hand.

- 1) White to blue spark - condition O.K. (high intensity spark)
- 2) Red to orange spark - condition BAD (low intensity spark) leaking condenser

The function of the condenser is to absorb and retain surges of electricity. It prevents arcing at the breaker points and breaks the spark faster.

[Sounds like Stuart has been along such a road! Unfortunately that is the fear that keeps many of our older MGs from being driven so much.



*Two photos for previous page.
To the left, the piggy-back test
condenser was clipped onto the coil.*

July 28th Meeting Minutes

President Gene Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

The **2026 board** is as follows:

President - Gene Olsen
Vice President – Sandra Loe
Treasurer – Joyce Edger
Secretary – Dean Caccavo
Director – Malcolm Buckeridge
Director – Rob Zucca:

Secretary's Report:

26 total attendees representing 20 memberships were on the Zoom call this month with a total membership of 114 including FOUR new members.

Mail: No new mail this month.

Sergeant's Award:

Four members earned points by driving at least ten miles today. Those members are Rob Zucca, Cliff Lemieux, Duane Schmidt and Steve and Linda Simmons

Treasurers Report:

There were no questions when the Treasurers Report financials were displayed during the Zoom meeting.

Programs:

Today's program was provided by Joyce and David Edgar.

David and Joyce recapped GOF 2026. The TCMG pulled away with the most single club attendees and the most awards. Congratulations to everyone that attended. It looked like a wonderful time.

The presentation will be available via download for club members.

Events:

Steve Simmons reported that the Hollywood Museum tour was very interesting for those that were fortunate enough to attend. The museum focused on early Hollywood, the stars and early production capability.

The **summer picnic** was of course a great event with Steve and Linda going all out to share their house, garage and backyard space. 47 members attended and seven TCs were parked in front of the garages for pictures.

September 27th is the **Central Coast British Car Meet** in Oxnard/Channel Islands. This event is a welcome break from the summer heat.

Conclave dates changed. The new dates are October 9th through the 12th in San Louis Obispo. Most members are staying at the Apple Farm as it is the location of the first Conclave. Members interested in attending are encouraged to book now.

Old Business: None

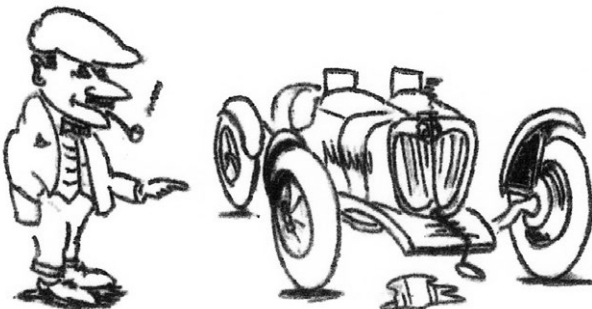
New Business: None

Gene adjourned the meeting at 6:39PM.

Dean Caccavo

2026 TCMG Secretary

Zoom screen shot that night is on the next page





Screenshot of attendees at our Zoom meeting

Row 1: Cliff Lemieux*, David & Joyce Edgar, Richard Fritz (CO), Jonathan Lane (CO)
 Row 2: Duane Schmidt* (MD), Pete & Fran Thelander, Doug & Rayna Boehme,
 Richard & Sandra Loe (MO)
 Row 3: Steve & Linda Simmons*, Mike Hughes, Dean Caccavo, Allan Chalmers
 Row 4: Gene Olson, Rob Zucca*, Francisco & Clara Matallana (FL), Mike Simmons
 Row 5: John Bowyer (TX), Brian Kemper (BC), Dave Spiegel, Karen Olson

26 Attendees

20 Memberships Represented

Note that Rayna Boehme and Clara Matallana were not present when photo was taken.

Central Coast British Car Club Car Show

***Our September
Event***

***September 27th
9am - 2pm
Oxnard, CA***

***At the Channel
Island Harbor.***

This is our September TCMG event.
 Let Steve know if you are showing your
 TC so we can have our TCs together.

Everyone is welcome to just visit the
 show as well (spectators are free).
 Look for our TCs and club banner.
 Visit fellow TCMG members.

For registration information, visit:
centralcoastbritishcarclub.com/car-show/
 You can register via link on the website.

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

See page 2 for new pull-over regalia item

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

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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