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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.

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1. Refer to your TCMG Directory for contact info
2. email tcmg@tcmotoringguild.org and we will forward
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fromGene



Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, November 17. If anyone has program suggestions for the meeting, or for future meetings, or for anything, please let us know. We are desperate. Otherwise the program for November will be pictures or drawings of turkeys in TCs. Time to show off your art or Photoshop skills.

Make plans to attend our Holiday Party December 12 at Linda and Steve's house. See lots of old friends(since most of us are old), admire TCs and other English cars. Fill yourself with Linda's award winning* desserts (*AWARD- best cookies I have ever tasted) Hope to see you all there.

Gene Olson
2026 TCMG President

TCMG Holiday Party and Annual Meeting

December 12th
Doors open at 11:30am & lunch about 1pm

Further details including schedule and RSVP information are forthcoming via our TCMG Group Email system. Watch for them.

The 2026 TCMG Holiday Party will take place on Saturday, December 12 at the Simmons residence. Join us and enjoy the following entertainment and activities:

Awards ceremonies for our three prestigious trophies:

Earl Sargent Memorial
"Use it or lose it" Trophy

Frank Mason Award
Breakdown Award

At the party we will announce the 2027 TC Motoring Guild Executive Council.

Auctioning of "The Brick". (brick from the original Abingdon factory)

Special ladies' prize; 50/50 raffle;
Slide show of 2026 TCMG tours;
Charity fundraiser, details to be announced soon;
… and more!

Remember, those who drive a TC to the meeting will receive a point toward the Sargent Award, and bragging rights for being in the TC lineup at the entrance!

Note: once price for lunch is announced you can send in to David, our acting treasurer, along with your 2027 dues. See page 14 in this newsletter on how to do that. Just make notation what you are paying for such as just party meal(s), just dues, or combination of both.

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Tuesday, Nov. 17th 6:00pm*

SU Carb rebuilding with O-Rings

Note that this month's meeting date is a week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving and many people traveling. So is to be the THIRD TUESDAY instead of the 4th Tuesday.





Learn how to stop those nasty initial fuel leaks when the original cork seals dry up. And at today's fuel prices, this will pay for itself in no time.

David has had this in operation for about a year and a half now using ethenol resistant formulated O-rings and has had good results at least so far.

Note: one Sargent point to everyone who drives their TC at least 10 miles on Nov 17th. We will ask on the Zoom meeting.

Link below is for the Zoom meeting on November 17th

zoom.us/j/6234447498

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

TC Birthdays (Build Dates)

Nov 18, 1948	TC 7149	Allan & Linda Chalmers
Nov 18, 1948	TC 7159	Jonathan Lane & Val Shockley
Nov 19, 1947	TC 4103	Scott Belland
Nov 26, 1948	TC 7243	Joel & Sylvia Taylor
Nov 28, 1946	TC 1877	Beverly McDaniel-Peever
Dec 1, 1948	TC 7246	Scott & Cristina St. Clair
Dec 1, 1948	TC 7255	James Ogden
Dec 16, 1948	TC 7409 EXU	Jon & Susan Hermance
Dec 19, 1946	TC 2014	Ed & Dee Koskie
Dec 23, 1948	TC 7474 EXU	John Bowyer
Dec 24, 1948	TC 7499	John Bowyer
Dec 30, 1946	TC 2040	Tom & Emily Wilson



Happy 78th, 79th, & 80th Birthdays

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

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Location: La Habra United Methodist Church
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Saturday
Nov. 21st 2026
8am to Noon

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

More info
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Lodging: Days Inn & Suites - Wyndham Fullerton,
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The 70th Annual Conclave between the TC Motoring Guild and the Abingdon Rough Riders took place in San Luis Obispo where the first one was held back in 1957. As the event drew near, numerous participants had to cancel their trips which left a small but happy group attending. Seven TCs descended on the hotel, located just yards from the site of Motel Inn, the world's first motel and the place where we held the 1957 event.

The southern caravan consisted of four TCs driven by Steve & Linda Simmons, Cliff Lemieux, David Mathison and Rob Zucca & Carol Sorensen. Others from the south met us there including Richard & Sandra Loe and Michael & Wanda Hughes,



with Gorden Bundy & June Wennekamp, Gene Olson & Patty Salehpour and Jill Lemieux arriving in modern comfort. From the north, Ron Engstrom with his son Ross arrived with their TC, and Allan & Linda Chalmers in a modern car. This was the smallest showing of cars in the event's history, but we are determined to get back to normal numbers next year!



Report by
Steve Simmons

Friday afternoon and evening, the usual greetings transpired as all the weary travelers caught up with each other's news.

Saturday morning's tour started out in perfect weather, with the line of TCs heading out of town and into the local hills. Climbing up and over tiny (and at times bumpy) roads, we were rewarded with views of the Pacific Coast and Morro Bay before heading into thick Oak forests where the pavement disappeared



and motoring was much like it was in the 1940's countryside. Over the summit, we descended toward the coast, and soon after finding the pavement again we converged on an apple orchard. where the ladies came out of the gift shop with purchases. We rolled out for a planned drive along the beach, but the sight of a weekend event and gridlocked traffic ahead was cause for an immediate U-turn.

Now heading inland, we drove South to Arroyo Grande to visit Jason Len, a TCMG member from back in the 60's who re-joined that very weekend. Jason was kind enough to open his ranch to us, and with the cars lined up out front, we headed to the back for a BBQ lunch. After getting our fill of Brisket, sides and dessert, we had a brief tour of his wife's glass artwork before heading to

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the garage. The contents of the garage, which was only the first of several, were overwhelming. In addition to his gorgeous, supercharged TC, there were Morgans, a custom Jag XK and other cars, plus about 50 vintage motorcycles, artwork and in other workshop areas even more cars from Model T to Corvette. There was no way to take it all in. A few of us raced some slot cars before eventually returning to our



cars. Departing the ranch, we headed down the road to another private collection of a different kind. This one had two buildings packed with all red cars, none of them worth under six figures and many worth multiple seven figures. Ferraris were lined up – F40, F50, Enzo, etc. with a few others like a Bugatti Veyron and some Porsches. It was quite a site, but the second building was more our speed with some classics including a Ford GT40, original Cobra, etc. But as impressive (and red) as the collection was, most agreed that Jason's collection was far more interesting!

The return to the hotel took us through the local wine country, ending a long but delightful afternoon. That evening we had a group dinner at the hotel. After speeches,



Allan Chalmers, who first attended a Conclave in 1959, told stories about the old days. Fair to say things were a bit different back then!

The first order of business on Sunday morning was to line up the cars next door at the site of Motel Inn. This is where the first Conclave was held in 1957, and it can be seen in the surviving 8mm film footage of the event. One TC had to depart that





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morning, so we had six in the lineup – a far cry from the 16 in the original film!

From there we continued our historical re-enactment tour by taking the most likely route that the 1957 group did, ending up at the beach where TCs were lined up 70 years ago on a sandy beach with waves lapping almost at their tires. In the decades since then, that beach became a parking lot with a rather popular coffee shop across from it. That meant there was no way to get enough parking spots to make a true line of TCs but we did manage to park in the exact spot they were in, just on asphalt instead of sand. The view was beautiful,





breakfast was delicious and the weather was very British – cold, humid and breezy.

Finally we were off to our final stop, the site of the 1957 TC lineup. It would have been nice to have 16 cars like they did that year but six would have to do. It was exciting driving into town, on the same roads and with the same cars as 70 years earlier. No one knows how they got onto the lawn of a public park, but it was likely without permission. This time we had permission and surprisingly the city officials left it up to us to figure out how to get the cars in and out without any official person present. We carefully pulled onto the lawn, taking care to not run over any sprinklers.

At last, there we were with a scene right out of the 50's, and suddenly six cars looked like one hundred. We took our "official" photos while a drunk and/or homeless guy photo bombed us, and then spent an hour explaining about TCs and our history here to dozens of locals who came into the park to see what was happening.

Finally it was time to leave, with the sole ARR car heading for home. The remaining group headed further into town for lunch and sightseeing. Our evening plans included an old-fashioned drive-in movie but between the cold weather and a gory horror movie playing, we decided to drive back into town for dinner instead. The cars were tucked in for the night and possible rain, which never did materialize.

On Monday morning the last of us said our goodbyes and headed for home. TCs went in all different directions, full of smiles, good memories and a few new memorable TC adventures under our belts.

Photos by
Steve & Linda Simmons



Additional Conclave Photos



















* *photos marked with this asterisk are taken from the old 8mm film and pieced together to form a pan shot*

Photos by
Steve & Linda Simmons



TCMG Executive Council Voting

During our October meeting we made nominations for our next Executive Council to lead the TC Motoring Guild for the following year. Our Executive Council is comprised of seven members. Six are elected each year and the 7th member is our Ex Offico which in this case, will be our current President, Gene Olson. We pushed to get six members to agree to be on the ballot and are shown on the next page. While it may seem silly to vote for six from six candidates, we do need to have an election, per our by-laws. Be watching soon for a notice on our TCMG Group Email system for how to vote, but it will be on-line to save postage as we did last year.

While the council members have to be elected in, there are many other positions to be filled to run the TCMG such as Programs, Events, Newsletter, Historian, Regalia and more, and those can be filled by any club member. Consider helping out with something if you feel inclined.

Watch for the notice to vote. Final results will be announced at our TCMG Holiday Party in December.

Frank Mason Award



Also on the ballot is a place to select your choice to receive the **TCMG Frank Mason Award**. The "Frank Mason Award," put simply, is an annual trophy awarded by member vote to the TCMG member who, in the opinion of the voters, has done the most for our TCMG and TC during the past year. Named after Frank, as he worked tirelessly to promote the TC and the TCMG many, many years ago. The only person who CANNOT RECEIVE THE AWARD THIS YEAR is Joyce Edgar, who won it last year. So do not vote for her. Think about who you would like to vote for and at least go on line (when available) and vote for at least that.

Doug Boheme's TC

Doug drove their TC from San Pedro to home last week. Compared to other club members, he said he is a little shy when he leaves the Burbank area. He had brake system replaced. No pulling to the right now Steering is still a little wobbly at higher speeds and wants to read up on that, to tackle that now.

British European Auto is a little expensive but they do good work and am happy to support them.

Doug Boehme





Who Will Be Guiding the TCMG in 2027



Rob Zucca - Bought an MG TC about 7 years ago (to keep his MGA company) and has been with us since the purchase. Has served as director, then two years as secretary, and two years as president so far.



Dean Caccavo - Enthusiastic TC owner and TCMG member for three years now. Lives 400+ miles from most our events. On the board the last two year as a director and does make our Zoom meetings when he can.



Sandra Loe - About 21 years as a TCMG member and over the years has served on our board seven times in various positions. Splits time between So. Calif and Missouri so cannot make every activity.



Steve Simmons - Probably needs no introduction as he has been pretty active with TCs and TCMG for about 21 years. He is enthusiastic to say the least, been on our board for numerous times and devotes a ton of hours to our club.



Mike Simmons - Seven years as a TCMG member and has served on our board many of those. Is credited for turning his son onto MGs and then Steve got his dad into TCs. Also volunteers around the world with astronomy.



David Edgar - Bought TC 59 years ago and a member of TCMG since 1973. Has volunteered many, many times in TCMG in various capacities over the years, most recently as newsletter editor and now acting treasurer.

All of these members on the ballot would love to sit back and just enjoy the club activities. They only volunteer to help run the TCMG because they know the club would flounder if they didn't. They don't claim to be miracle workers or prima donnas, but just willing to help. That said, they volunteer to keep the TCMG going because the club provides outlets to enjoy their TCs that wouldn't otherwise be there.

But everyone in the club can help make it better. The slate above is just the Executive Council. There are many Chairs and committees that any member can assist in. Many hands make for lighter work so we would be grateful for any assistance. Have an idea for a tour, event, meeting program, etc? Please share and better yet help make it happen. Can't do it all by yourself? Just help in little pieces and assist.



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: At the Planning Meeting

TCMG Newsletter Goes Digital

The following article was in our January 2005 issue when we first started the digital copies of our newsletter. It is a kick to read.

What a year for the old **TCMG**! We turned 50, got up to 100 members and the venerable *Classic Chassis* decided to go digital. Truly a historic decision. I did a little research and found that this sort of turning point is not unprecedented.

In December 1330 B.C. the **TK (Tutan Khamun) Chariot Guild** decided that the recent development of papyrus was not just a fad and that their newsletter, the *Two Wheel Tattler* should switch from publishing on stone tablets. The hard working editor, Seti ("Set") Khephren reported that while he didn't mind carving them, now that there were 100 members, delivering 100 stone tablets around the desert was taking too much of his time away from work on his pyramid. Members of the **TKCG** enthusiastically agreed and thanked Set for his backbreaking labor.

In December 1436 A.D. the **TSOG (Teutonic Sporting Oxcart Guild)** concluded that Gutenberg, (that crazy old geezer from Mainz with the moveable type) had a good idea and that the club's newsletter, *The Sports Cart Blogger* should henceforth be printed. The hard working editor, Siegfried ("Ziggy") Poyntundschutz said that with the membership now at 100, hand-copying the *SCB* every month was getting to be a drag. He was at the time trying to finish restoration of his 1348 ox cart and while he had the chassis and running gear done, he couldn't find parts for the left ox. '38 oxen were no longer being made and although Philus Marinus was making them, imports from Rome were slow in arriving. Everyone in the **TSOG** enthusiastically agreed and offered Ziggy their thanks and congratulations for his years of hand copied *SCBs*.



Stan Belland


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Eat, Drink and be Merry

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Jan 25th	TCMG General Meeting, 8:00 pm	
Feb. 10th	Midget Chassis Deadline	
Feb. ??	Lame Duck Kite Fly (Date not set as of press time. Look for a flyer.)	
July 11-15	GoF West 2005	

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The above was a companion article to the announcement explaining that a digital copy of our newsletter would now be available view. Below is how the article started out.

Wouldn't it be nice for the club to not have to worry about newsletter printing costs and postage? Wouldn't it be nice to not have another newsletter cluttering up your house and then not be able to remember where you put it when you want to read it? Wouldn't it be nice to pull up old issues with a couple clicks on your computer? Wouldn't it be nice to have more color in the Chassis?

Well we are going to try going digital this year and achieve all the above. With this issue you now have the option of going to the Guild's website and pull up a color version of this newsletter.

TCMG Dues for 2027

Per our TCMG By-Laws, dues for 2026 are due at our Annual Meeting in December (Dec 20 this year) and grace period is up at our March meeting. So not really due yet, but some have already paid. Dues for everyone is ***$25***

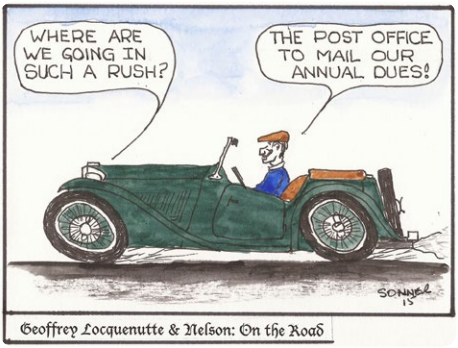
Note that no individual dues notice will be mailed out

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

Checks payable to TCMG work too.

If using USPS, mail to:
TCMG c/o David Edgar
1454 CHASE TER
El Cajon, CA 92020-8368

* Note that Zelle is preferred as it is easier to retrieve the funds (goes straight into our TCMG bank account). Paypal works but involves added steps for David plus we get charged for each transaction.



Note: the following already paid dues, of $25 for 2027:

Campbell
Finnocchiaro
Inzana
Kinney
Sorensen

Some of these accidentially paid twice in 2026. If you are unsure of if you already paid please contact David at: djedgar1970@gmail.com

David will be at our TCMG Holiday Party on December 12th if anyone wants to pay dues in cash. If also sending funds for Holiday Party meals, see page 3 directions on how to do that.

TC Turn Signals

I've been tinkering on for the TC to add signal lights, but in a manner to fully make them fully and easily reversible back to 'bone stock' condition. Living in the land of speeding pickup trucks and too close to maniacal Massachusetts drivers, I've been



concerned about the lack of a turn signal on our TC. Len Johnson, the car's PO had added a sort of Christmas tree inspired auxiliary unit mounted between the spare tire and gas tank, which was functional but startlingly unattractive. I spent some time cruising the internet and found an alternative, pictured below, that provides a turn signal and mounts on the original D lamp bar using existing bolt holes, allowing it to be removed, leaving no trace, and returned to original condition. This light, which came from a thirties-forties vintage American truck, may not be the most attractive alternative, but it does serve to give those in front and behind fair warning of the little red car's impending direction change without risking a crash as other drivers try to understand why that guy, sitting on the wrong side, is waving his hand in some inscrutable semaphore.

Tom Miller, TC 2055

October 25th Meeting Minutes

President Gene Olson called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM PDT.

There were 24 members in attendance with five members driving their TCs at least 10 miles today: **Cliff Lemieux, Mike Simmons, Rob Zucca Dave Spiegel and Duane Schmidt**. .

There was no TCMG mail and no new members this month.

The minutes for the September meeting were accepted as published in the October newsletter.

Program report included tonight's presentation by Steve Simmons on our 70th Anniversary Conclave. Nothing has been scheduled for November yet. Suggested maybe doing a program on who previous owners were of our TCs

David Edgar presented the Treasurer's report indicating only a $345 expense for the conclave since the last report.

Events - nothing has been scheduled for November yet. A garage tour was suggested as well as maybe a DIY tour. Question on how to pay for Conclave meals and for Conclave shirts was asked. Steve will contact Howard regarding the meals and let those involved know when he finds out. As for the shirts, we are letting the ARR work that out.

Old Business. David Mathison won 1st in the T-Series Central Coast British Car Show (maybe because his dog Shadow was on the TC). Rob Zucca got second. Cliff was there but there was no award for 3rd.

New Business - Seemed Saturday, December 12th was the preferred date but Steve wanted to double check with a few of our Jewish members since that is the last day of Hanukkah.

Nominations for 2027 TCMG Executive Council were made. We arm twisted until we got six names (David Edgar, Steve, Simmons, Mike Simmons, Dean Caccavo, Rob Zucca and Sandra Loe). Gene Olson moved for a close to the nominations and Bryan Kemper seconded. Nobody objected. Gene Olson is automatically on the council as a 7th Mike Simmons will send out a link for on-line voting to make it easy and save postage. Mike will be the only one to see who voted and keep it private.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM PDT.

As stated earlier, program will be Steve presenting commentary and photos from the recent 70th TCMG / ARR Concave.

David Edgar

Respectfully, David Edgar
(tried reaching Dean, our secretary, but was unable to make contact and ran out of time, so watched meeting recording)



BRITISH SLANG LESSON

Flappers

While many think the term came from the roaring twentys in America, the term actually originated in England before that to describe an impetuous teenage girl bucking the traditional Victorian standards of the day.



Screenshot of attendees at our Zoom meeting

Row 1: Mike Simmons*, David Edgar, Kregg Hunsberger, Cliff Lemieux*

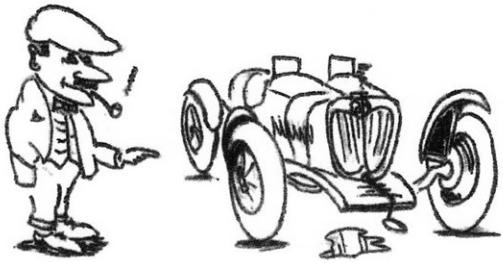
Row 2: Richard & Sandra Loe, Doug Schrippa, Scott & Cristina St. Clair, Duane Schmidt (MD)*

Row 3: Francisco Matallana (FL), , Steve & Linda Simmons along with Dean Caccavo, Rob Zucca*, Bryan Kemper (BC),

Row 4: Pete & Fran Thelander, Gene Olson, Dave Spiegel*, Curt Sorensen

Row 5: Esther Belland and Eric, Jonathan Lane





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
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- Adjustable strap with metal buckle

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REGALIA CHAIR

Linda Simmons
(see page 2 on how to contact)

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