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Saturday, March 8th
Opening Day ~ SF Model Yacht Sailing
In Golden Gate Park
This will take place between 10am and noon. Please read more information from Jeff & Colleen further on. If folks from further afield want to work out a tour plan, please do, but there will be parking at the site if you want to mosey over individually, in a TC or not. Don’t forget to bring a kid or two – they’ll love it!
And remember – it’s Saturday not Sunday

Next Month – West Marin Tour – April 6

Dues are past due!
Kindly send $25, made out to Allan Chalmers (not “ARR”) at 1231 12th ave, SF 94122. There is also the option of paying by Paypal, to abingdonroughriders@yahoo.com
Member list out soon – don’t forget to renew!
An advisory from our webmaster

For those receiving the web version, remember, you can contact your esteemed officers by clicking the “About Us” link and clicking on the name of the officer. This protects us from malefactors!
On the Events page, each month’s event includes three icons. One is to email the host, one is a link to a Google map that shows the starting point of the run, and finally, one to show weather conditions. – Rick”

If you’d like to drop the printed version and read this on the web site let me know

Coming Events

March 8
Sailing on Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park with our harbor master, Jeff Stobbe

April 6
West Marin Tour, hosted by the Storms

May 2,3,4  (note:  I had the wrong dates in the last newsletter)
Another Placerville mini-Conclave put on by the Sonners – not to be missed

June 1
MGs by the Bay – A run over to this time-honored tire kicking event put on by the MG Owners Club – tour leader to be announced

July 13
South Coast berry picking hosted by Norman Tuck & Brenda Hutchinson

August 25 – 29
GoF in San Diego

September 21 - note: this date was changed from the 14th due to your leader’s unavailability
Sonoma County tour hosted by the Chalmers

October 3-4-5
58th Annual Conclave – ARR / TCMG in Sonora (CA, not Mexico!)

November 8
Dinner in San Francisco or? Linda Chalmers/ Cindy Weiss

December 14/15
Holiday Party – Healdsburg – at the Taylor’s

Other Events

April 27 - Dream Machine – Half Moon Bay
September 13,14 - British Fall Classic, Morgan Hill
Details further on
Missive from the desk of the President

Well, the Stobbes and Taylors did it again this year! Eighteen folks got together for the tour of the Stobbe’s home and then down to the beach for an afternoon of nibbles and libations. The weather was HOT and the Sonners had to compensate for failure to bring Cruz’s bathing suit. (Levis can hold a lot of sand when wet.) It is hard to imagine that we could have been blessed with such perfect weather. Elizabeth rightly took the credit for the weather. Since it was scheduled to rain and had done so the night before, there were no TCs in attendance. Not a big deal for a social event at the beach.

Ed.note: Check the web site for a bunch of pictures

This month we will rely on the Stobbes to again head up the event on Saturday, March 8th. This will be at the San Francisco Model Yacht Club in Golden Gate Park. We will be gathering at the club for racing at 10 AM and will adjourn for a picnic at 12 noon. Those are the basics. Go to the web site for the details, including parking etc.

NOW THIS IS WHERE THE EVENT BECOMES A NEW CONCEPT. I am encouraging that this event to be designated for our TC KIDS, as well as ourselves. Members should bring their kids and/or grandkids to this event. Everyone, young and older alike will be given an opportunity to sail the boats themselves. Jeff Stobbe will be bringing boats for the kids, parents, and grandparents to sail between 10 and noon. This is a terrific opportunity to introduce our kids and grandkids to the TC community. (And I am getting a lot of pressure from Cruz to have more kids at events. 😊)

Brian
Ed. Note:  Linda and I weren’t at the Capitola event — we were at:

**The Lame Duk Kup competition with the TC Motoring Guild**

TCMG has an event every January plus.  This year it was January 39.  Seems like they need to have an event every month and January is often too cold or wet.  Not this year of course.

We were down there for another event and talked the powers that be into doing it a week early.

Events in the past have been: rubber ducky races hence the name), kite flying, etc.  This time it was miniature golf.  Quite a nice group showed up, including four TCs.  We split up into sets of four and our hosts, ARR members also, Jim and Norma Crandall and Linda and I strove together to win the perpetual solid brass Duckie for a year.

Much hilarity and also cursing was heard from our gang of twenty players.  Yours truly whacked his ball into the water hazard, but Jim and I managed to retrieve it.

The end result was Dave Edgar achieving the winning score of 49 strokes.  My score was 76 – beaten by Linda!  We then headed to a British pub nearby for a bit lunch and beer.  Jolly fun.
Sailing in Golden Gate Park

From the desk of Jeff Stobbe:

We are so looking forward to March 8th, the Opening Day for the San Francisco Model Yacht Club and the ARR club event. Jeff and Colleen will arrive at Spreckels Lake, the model boat pond, at 9:30am and sailing will be from 10am until noon. If we are not by the lake you’ll find us in the clubhouse on the other side of the lake rigging the boats.

As long as the clubhouse is open feel free to wander around and look at all the boats. There will also be powerboats on the lake between 10am and noon on the clubhouse side of Spreckles Lake. For those who want to stay after lunch there will be a fun race to watch involving radio control sailboats and power boats that starts 1pm.

Organized touring to Spreckels Lake? Since this event is a little different perhaps those from the north and south of San Francisco can connect and make off at what times and from where you will leave.

For the kids and grandkids! This is a special opportunity for us to introduce our kids and grandkids to the TC community. Everyone of all ages is welcome to join in on the fun on Spreckels Lake with those cute little model sailing yachts.

Parking:
We suggest that you enter the park at 36th and Fulton and make the first left and park under the trees on a side road along side Spreckels Lake. This side road should provide enough room for all the cars. In addition to our TCs we may have some other British cars show up driven by members of the model yacht club, but they will likely be parking close to the clubhouse.

Lunch:
There are picnic tables between the side road and the lake for us to use when it comes time for lunch. Everyone is on your own for your lunch, but if you like feel free to bring something to share with others. Colleen will bring cookies for everyone.

If you are planning on coming or have any questions, please let our host know at:
831 247 7691 or the address on the web site
Visit the historic gold rush town of Placerville
May 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}, and 4\textsuperscript{th} 2014

Arrive Friday afternoon; check into the Cary House Hotel in downtown Placerville (300 Main Street). Parking in the city operated parking lot behind the hotel is free while you are staying at the Cary House. There is parking available for trailers at the Sonner’s for those who intend to trailer their cars.

Rooms are large and include a kitchenette, and complimentary continental breakfast (7-10 am):

- Queen Suite: $121/night
- King Suite: $132/night

All prices include tax, etc. The hotel is giving us a $29/night discount below the normal summer rate.

Friday evening there will be a BBQ at the Sonner’s home in Placerville. The membership attending the annual meeting decided that the ‘treasury” would fund the cost of materials needed for the BBQ. However, BYOB.

There will be a Saturday drive. At this point, we have not decided on a route and place for lunch. More will follow on this important information. Saturday afternoon will be open for relaxing and/or wandering around the shops in Placerville.

We will be dining at Bricks Eats & Drinks in Placerville again this year. It is a short walk from the hotel. We will be gathering at 5:30 for drinks and dinner. The restaurant is accustomed to handling groups like ours, allowing us to order off of the menu and have individual bills. By gathering at this hour we can be assured that we will be seated. Bricks also has a web site so you can take a look at the menu.

At a reasonable time on Sunday morning (about 9 am) the group will leave for home. Sunday brunch will be in Ione at Clark’s Corner Restaurant. It is a buffet brunch for $10.65. There are other breakfast delights for those who do not want a large meal. We will go through the brunch line and eat on the patio or if you want something smaller you can order it at the counter.

Carey House Hotel reservations should be made individually at (530) 622-4271, indicating that you are part of the Abingdon Rough Riders. They are keeping a block of rooms for us for Friday and Saturday nights. This is “downtown-frontier” living so I recommend that you make reservations early, request a rear room and that you be placed with other members of the group.

If you plan on attending, please let me know by email (sonnerb@comcast.net) or by phone at (530) 295-9406 as soon as possible.

The Badge on Phil Frank’s MG
By Dick Shaler, ARR Member (in North Carolina)

We moved to Sausalito in 1933, to a large house on Edwards Avenue. My mother, Dorothy Ball Shaler, was a very social person, and loved to have afternoon tea with her friend Mabel Gilbert, a local realtor, and to catch up with the happenings around town, for her newspaper column in the Sausalito News. Mabel’s office was on the south side of Princess Street, one or two doors up from Bridgeway (Water Street at the time).

My mom always parked on the Bay side of the street, some distance from where I went to elementary school, and across the street from where my grandfather, Edgar Shaler, worked as a pharmacist. When I saw my mom’s 1931 Model A Roadster parked there, I knew I could get a ride from her, instead of having to walk up the steep hill to our house on Edwards Avenue.
When I went in to the office to wait for my mom to finish visiting with Mabel, I often talked to the office manager, a Canadian woman named Catherine. She was tall and very pretty, with reddish blond hair and a lovely smile. She was engaged to be married to a Royal Canadian Air Force fighter pilot, a Lieutenant.

One day, her boyfriend came to visit her in the office while I was there, to announce that he was joining the Royal Air Force. He was an experienced Hurricane pilot, and England needed all the pilots they could get, just before the Battle of Britain. My recollection was that the Lieutenant was of medium height and muscular, with dark hair and a big grin on his kindly face, with his eyes only for his fiancée. He wore his dark blue RCAF uniform, which was very exciting to this young schoolboy.

I talked to him while he was waiting for the office to close, and he could be with his girlfriend. He kept me entertained with stories about his flying experiences in the Hurricane, and I said that I collected military badges and insignia. Since he was joining the RAF, and he was not an English citizen, he could not join the RAF as an officer, but only as a “Flying Sergeant.” That is when he gave me his RCAF badges and insignia.

Shortly after that, in the summer of 1940, my family moved to Summit Avenue in Mill Valley. A short time after we moved, my mother brought a package home from a visit with Mabel and Catherine. It was addressed to me, and full of RAF badges and insignia, with a little note, “This is for your collection,” and signed by Catherine’s fiancé.

Some time later, I asked my mom if she had seen Mabel and Catherine lately. But she said, Oh no, Catherine has gone back to be with her fiancé’s family in Ontario, Canada. At the time, being a schoolboy, I thought to myself, Oh that’s nice. It was only years later I realized that this generous person was a casualty of the Battle of Britain. I never saw him again.

I told Phil Frank the story, and showed him the collection, and he said he would love to have one of the badges for the fascia of the TC that he owned at the time. I gave him several of the badges from my collection, and he put one on the old TC. Many years later I saw that that badge had been transferred to the right hand side of the fascia, right of the tachometer, in FUN540, which Susan Frank still has and treasures. (Update – Susan sold the car to Larry Pate, a Colorado resident. Phil would be pleased to know that Larry drove FUN504 to the top of Pike’s Peak – in the snow!)

I have beautiful memories of that kindly fighter pilot, who was so generous to a small schoolboy. Although the pilot is no longer with us, I am happy to know that the badge is still out there, a gentle reminder of what these men did over 70 years ago.
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MG-TC: Installation of Direction Indicators

(W. J. Stubgen)

Enhancing the safety aspects of the TC, while maintaining the car’s original appearance, can be accomplished by modifying the wiring circuitry to accept the Lucas Turn Signal Relay found in TDs. The following outlines the main tasks:

1. Mount the Lucas Turn Signal Relay Box and the Turn Signal Flasher on the firewall. Note that the relay frame must be properly grounded.
2. Mount the direction indicator switch in a suitable location.
3. Mount the direction indicator warning light on, or under, the dash. Ensure the base is properly grounded.
4. If required, mount a second “D” lamp on the rear license plate bracket. Additional tail lights mounted high on the fuel-tank end-panels should be considered as an added safety-related option.
5. Remove the single filament bulb and socket assembly from each front fender side light. These are replaced with double-contact socket assemblies and bulbs (in step 6 below) after additional wiring is installed.
6. Run wiring as outlined in the “Direction Indicator Wiring Diagram”, fastening properly.
   - Disconnect the purple wire at the stop-light switch, then connect it to a wire leading to relay terminal #7.
   - Run a new wire from the stop-light switch to relay terminal #5.
   - Connect the turn signal flasher terminals as follows:
     1. (L) to relay terminal #1
     2. (P) to the direction indicator light
     3. (X) to the direction indicator switch
   - Run the other wires (from relay terminals #4 and #8, and from the A4 terminal of the voltage regulator) to the direction indicator switch and connect as shown.
   - Route a new wire to run from relay terminal #3 to the left-hand stop/tail lamp following the existing harness along the left chassis rail. To avoid chafing, secure this wire at frequent intervals.
   - Connect the right and left stop/tail lamps as shown.
   - String new wires from relay terminal #6 to the right front side light, and from terminal #2 to the left front side light. The preferred route is through the fender braces. Again, secure at frequent intervals to prevent chafing.
   - Connect and insert the double contact assemblies into the side lights and fit the new bulbs.

Parts Required
1. Lucas Turn Signal Relay (or equivalent)
2. Direction Indicator Switch (single pole double throw, with centre off)
3. Flasher (3 terminal, 12 volt)
4. Direction Indicator Warning Light
5. Double Contact Sockets (2)
6. Bulbs, double filament (2)
7. Stop/Tail Lamp (a second “D” lamp)
8. Wire (16 guage)
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**British Fall Classic 2014**

Saturday, September 13th 12:30 – 3:30 Afternoon car tour (gather at 12:00)

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September 13th – 14th in Morgan Hill, CA

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Sunday, September 14th 8:00 – 10:00 Cars arrive and park in assigned spaces

10:00 – 2:30 Public viewing of cars; vendor sales

**Planned schedule of Activities:**

11:00 – 1:00 Lunch on your own (try Ladera Grill!)

2:30 – 3:30 Drive up awards’ presentations

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**Fair Warning from Joe Marcotte:**

You may have seen this on the MG-TABC list:

The following are videos on how to break into a garage and how to deter thieves that may try it. Watch both.

How to get in a garage

< https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDw8DOblGB8

(Preview)

>Breaking into a Garage in 6 seconds How to prevent it

< https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSO_HTBHLFI

(Preview)

>The 6 Second Garage Door Break-In You Can Prevent

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