

## GoF West 2016 Has a Lot to Offer

**By Larry Long**

Boy, have I got a lot to tell you! My mother used to tell me, when I was a young lad: "If you think that, you've got another think coming!!", as in "If you think you are going to drop that water balloon on your sister, you've got another think coming!!" And that's just what I want to pass on to you. You are going to have 3 or 4 " 'nother thinks coming".

Mike Campbell and I, along with Mike's son Scott, just got back from a 3 day visit to the Eagle Crest Lodge at Redmond, Oregon, where we will be holding our 44th GoF West event. What a surprise we had! If you think that the central part of Oregon is nothing but a desert area, well, you've got another think coming!

The Central Oregon region covers approximately 7,833 square miles and sits at the convergence of the Basin and Range, Cascades, Blue Mountains, and Columbia River Plateau geologic regions. Because it is part of a historically volcanic region, volcanic rock formations are a common sight, including lava beds and volcanic buttes.

If you will look at the map on page 6, you will note that Redmond, the town that is our host town, is in the center of a lot of interesting places to visit and things to do. Naturally, with a fun-filled week of GoF events, there will not be a lot of time to visit all of the places shown, but you will have



time to do a little exploring on your own, and we will take you to some of the places on the rally.

Majestic, snow-capped peaks adorn the high-desert skyline, making



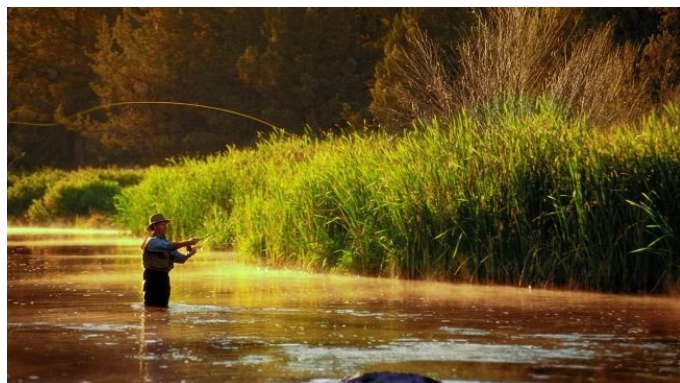
for some of the best weather in Oregon—think sun-drenched days and cool nights—along with endless options for plenty of play time. These mountains have snowfields so white they sharpen the edges of the mountains;

canyons so deep and sudden as to induce vertigo; air so crisp that it fills the senses; water that ripples in mountain lakes so clear that boaters can see to the bottom.

The primary river flowing through Central Oregon is the Deschutes River. The Deschutes runs south to north, eventually flowing into the Columbia River. As the river continues north, it flows past the Eagle Crest Resort (where we will be staying) and the city of Redmond. The lodge property borders this river.

Central Oregon has long been a fly-fishing centre and one of the best trout and steel-head fisheries is in the Deschutes River. You might want to bring along your fly rod and try your luck in your free time.

North of Redmond, the Deschutes River has cut a 300 feet (91 m) deep



canyon. West of Madras, Round Butte Dam impounds the Deschutes River, creating Lake Billy Chinook. This is not far from where we are staying, and you might want to take an afternoon trip to see this lake.

The two largest tributaries of the Deschutes are the Metolius River and the Crooked River. You will be along side of both of these rivers as you do the rally that we have planned. Both rivers merge into the Deschutes River, becoming part of Lake Billy Chinook.

Because this area is in the rain shadow of the Cascade mountains, the climate is dry and sunny. The climate varies some among Central Oregon communities, but will see approximately 300 days of sunshine a year, which is the areas real draw. Summer temperatures range between 45 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit

Central Oregon has 26 breweries that contribute to the growing craft beer scene in Oregon. You might want to visit Bend, and take in part of their Ale Trail during your visit; Bend is only about 20 miles from our resort. There is also shopping (tax free) at designer boutiques, antique malls and shopping malls in both Redmond and Bend.



Take a look at the map again; even though we have a fun-filled week of events planned for you, you might want to explore some of these other areas on your own, perhaps either before or after the event.

Take Sisters, for example. You may have visited this town on one of our previous GoF events in this area. Take a small town with a slow pace of life and overlay an ever-expanding creative culture and a long-standing outdoor recreation tradition, and you have Sisters. In the shadow of the snowcapped Three Sisters Mountains, the town is a blend of art galleries, music (Sisters Folk Festival) and crafts (Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show).

Dining options include superb bakeries, a local brewpub and restaurants that appeal to everyone from the French gourmet to the steak-and-potatoes lover.

The town has changed quite a bit since you were last there, however. The downtown core of Sisters along Cascade



Avenue has a fresh new look, thanks to a major highway renovation project. The Oregon Department of Transport and the City of Sisters partnered up to renovate the entire streetscape along

with Highway 20 where it runs through town. The project increased sidewalk widths to make strolling the streets of downtown Sisters a much more pleasant experience for pedestrians.

The City of Sisters provided matching grant funds so that downtown businesses could invest in improving the facades of their buildings, adding to the new look.

Sisters is only about 18 miles from our lodge, and you might want to explore this town on one of the free evenings.

Then there is Terrebonne. This bucolic hamlet just north of Redmond is home to one of the 7 Wonders of Oregon, Smith Rock State Park. Many

of the world's top climbers come to scale the towering spires, which also offer easy hikes to do with kids. You'll spot climbers as well as golden eagles, prairie falcons and river otters. Terrebonne is also a popular spot for some of the best fly-fishing on the Crooked River. We will be taking you to this area on the rally, but you might want to try the Terrebonne Depot restaurant, housed in a renovated 100-year-old train station, on one of your free evenings. Or you could stop for regional wine tasting at Maragas Win-



ery and Faith, Hope and Charity Vineyards, which we will pass on the rally.

Finally, another option for you in your free time is to visit Prineville, the most historical town in Central Oregon. Prineville serves as the starting point for fishing trips along the Crooked River or the Prineville and Ochoco reservoirs. Take in local history with a visit to the stately Crook County Courthouse, Central Oregon's oldest public structure. Add in the Crooked River Roundup and Horse Races, and you get a sense of what makes Prineville authentic and Western. Fueled by economic growth from Facebook and Apple data centers, Prineville is experiencing a renaissance with more places to dine, a brewery, an artisan cheese factory and choice lodging.

OK, now that I have you hooked on the Central Oregon area, let's talk about the local town where we will be staying, Redmond. If you thought that Redmond was just a little Podunk town in the high desert, as Mike and I thought it was, well now, guess what? You've got another think coming!!

Redmond is a community rejuvenated with upscale restaurants, a

growing brewpub scene, ample lodging, vibrant parks and a bustling downtown district. Redmond offers visitors a true slice of Americana. Smith Rock State Park is a top destination to the north, while Redmond is also the region's commercial air hub-served by several Airlines.

In 2010 Redmond's 100th Birthday was at the forefront of everyone's mind, as the community celebrated this momentous occasion. The heart of the festivities took place in Redmond's newly constructed Centennial Park, and lasting tributes to this event are everywhere. Take a couple of hours to explore Redmond, and check out the clock tower commemorating Redmond's past, present and future. It's a stunning addition to the park and is even the resting place of the centennial time-capsule, a treasure trove of life from 2010, just waiting to be opened in the next 100 years. Take one of the

and public art exhibition. You'll notice Redmond's history is as unique as the residents.

I hope by now that you have the idea that there is a lot to do and see in this small area of Central Oregon, and that it is not only high desert with nothing but trees and brush. There is a lot more to see any way you go from Redmond, but you will have to do that on your own with a few extra days.

OK, now let's talk about the Lodge. I'll bet that you thought that the lodge that Mike selected as the venue for this event was just another



hotel. If you think that you are going to stay in a rather normal, not-so-elegant place for the week, well now, you've got—yep—“another think comin”.

We knew that the lodge would be a nice place by looking at the advertisements and reviews, but we were pleasantly surprised with the total elegance and grandeur of the entire resort. This place is great! The rooms where we stayed are marvelous; lots of room to spread out, a very nice sitting room, a patio right along side the golf course, and a nice kitchen stocked with dishes and sil-



delightful walking tours, celebrating Redmond's historic buildings, the Art Deco movement

verware, with a refrigerator. What more could you ask?

The Lodge at Eagle Crest completed a \$3M renovation the fall of 2011, and features completely refurbished guest rooms and lobby. King Guest Rooms are available for a substantially reduced cost, or you can elect to stay in a large 1, 2 or 3 bedroom condo unit a short distance from the lodge, also at substantially re-

The Resort boasts spectacular views of the Cascade mountain range and serves as the perfect hub to enjoy all of the activities that this area has to offer. As with most GoF West events, there will be plenty of MG activities to keep you occupied, but there will also be some free time to allow you to enjoy the area.

Eagle Crest is one of Central Oregon's top family resorts, which

may be a moot point if there are only two of you coming in a small MG. But, if you should choose to bring your family, please know that children and young adults love

a volleyball court. And Smith Rock State Park, Tumalo Falls, and the Cascade Lakes Scenic Byway are just some of the natural treasures that you can enjoy by driving a short distance.

Aside from our planned dinners for GoF West, dining at Eagle Crest Resort can include breakfast at Aerie Cafe, lunch at Greenside Cafe or Silverleaf Cafe, and dinner and drinks at Brassie's Bar and Niblick and Greene's. Mike and I and Scott ate dinner at Niblick and Greene's and the food was superb. There are many more dining options to please every palette just outside of the Resort in Redmond.

OK, now let me tell you about the event. While we were there, Mike and I changed from the original plans and now will have all of our events in one area, specifically at the Lodge or right across the street at the conference center. Now, if you think that is a dumb idea, you've got another think coming!!

The conference center has been recently renovated, and features 10,039 square feet of flexible,

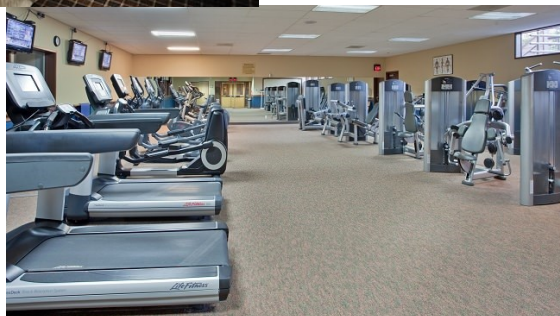
duced prices.

The hotel lobby features a fireplace, sitting area, Aerie Cafe and Adventure Concierge to help you plan your vacation. Spacious guestrooms and suites are located upstairs. The newly renovated Conference Center, where we will hold most of our activities, is just steps away. The Lodge has 100 fully renovated guestrooms, king & queen beds with luxurious linens, desk & sitting area or living room, bathroom with separate shower stall, and a private balcony or terrace.

Pets love Eagle Crest Resort and Central Oregon and pets are welcome in their the pet-friendly vacation rentals and pet-friendly hotel guest rooms; simply inquire when making your reservations.

the pools, putting course, bike trails, Splash Park, playgrounds, the Coyote Club programs, and everything that the resort has to offer. The Resort features 14 miles of marked walking and biking trails, three 18 hole golf courses, the Spa at Eagle Crest, three sport centers, four pools, six tennis courts and

pillar-less space. The Golden Eagle Ballroom accommodates meetings and events up to 360 guests, and can be partitioned into four separate meet-





ing rooms. That is where we will hold our two big banquets. Just down the foyer is Juniper Hall, their grand banquet, meeting and exhibit space that accommodates 425 guests and may be divided into two separate spaces. Here we will have the tech sessions, meetings, and the orientation. With the Board Room, High Desert Room, and Summit Room in the Lodge just across the street, where we will have the arts and crafts and hospitality rooms, you will not have to walk very far to be in the midst of all of the activities.

Planning for the rest of the event is going along nicely. We will have the normal activities of the arts and crafts display, the carless funkhana, the funkhana, and of course, the rally. The rally is really intended to give folks an overview of the area with a drive of only a few miles, but to also provide a little fun in the way of questions to answer along the way. While we were there, Mike, Scott and I found some good, scenic roads, with little traffic and out of congested areas except for the finish which will take you into Redmond where you can enjoy lunch or a little shopping. Along

the way, we will stop at an alpaca ranch; it turns out that the climate there is ideal for raising alpacas, and there are several ranches in the Sisters area. (While at the ranch, see if you can find an alpaca that has a face just like Jerry Felper's!)

We will have two checkpoints where you can rest for a while, if desired.

This area of Oregon has been the home of many car events in the past, including many MG events. All owners of vintage MG's or persons interested in the MG Marque are invited to register and attend. Trophies will be awarded in the Car Display, Rallye, Funkhanna and Long Distance driving in two categories: pre-1956 MG's, and post 1955 MG's, and trophies will be awarded for the other events, as well.

Co-chairing the event will be Larry Long and Mike Campbell, who together have over 60 years experience



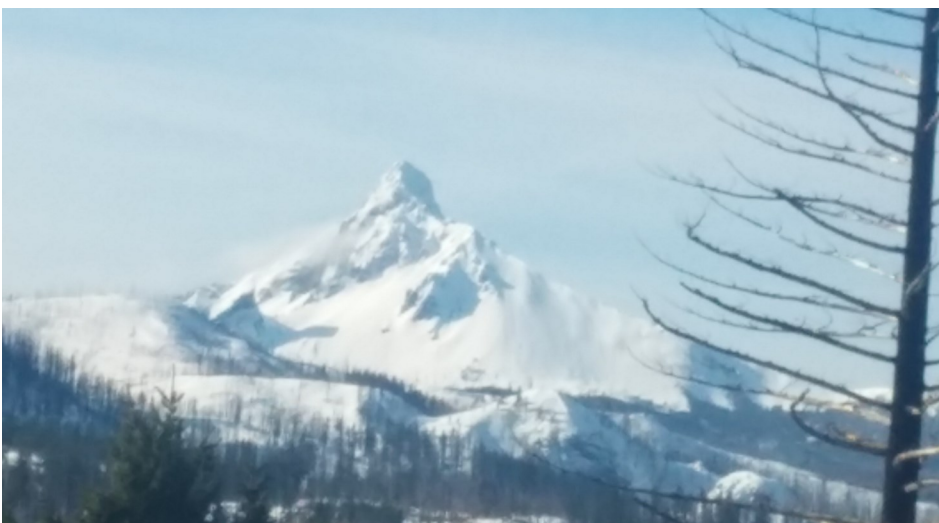
either attending or chairing past GoF West events. Larry Long can be contacted at [EMGEEGUY@AOL.COM](mailto:EMGEEGUY@AOL.COM) and Mike Campbell can be contacted at [MLC226M@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MLC226M@YAHOO.COM).

Register for this event by sending in the form on page 7 and, after you do, watch for a flyer advertising the meals and regalia that you can order.

If you think that I have more to tell you, well....you are right, but you will have to wait for the orientation to hear it. We do hope that you will seriously consider attending this event; you will not regret it.

Hoping to see you there!!

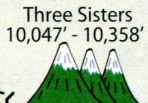
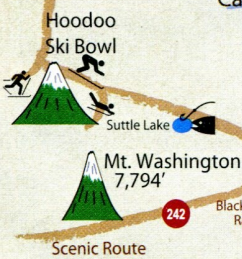
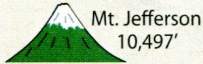
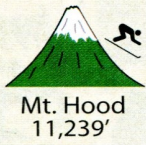
*Larry Long*





# REDMOND

The Hub of Central Oregon



GETTING THERE	
distance in miles	
Bend	16
Boise, ID	318
Crooked River Ranch	16
Eugene	128
Kah-Nee-Ta	54
Klamath Falls	153
Madras	29
Newport	179
Pendleton	229
Portland	148
Prineville	20
San Francisco, CA	508
Seattle, WA	314
Sisters	21
Sunriver	35







**GoF WEST 2016  
REGISTRATION FORM  
REDMOND, OREGON  
June 27- July 1, 2016**

**Monday through Friday**

**Registration Fee**

**\$50.00 USD before March 1, 2016**

**\$65.00 USD after February 28, 2016**

**In Spirit \$25.00**

**Cancellations after March 31, 2016 will revert to  
In-Spirit Registration**

**Names - as you want them on your name tag and in the Booklet:**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Driver:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children (or dependents) who will be attending with you:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Club Affiliation (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other MG Clubs Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First GoF West with car? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number previously attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First GoF West without a car? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Car: Year** \_\_\_\_\_ **Model** \_\_\_\_\_ **Color** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be bringing a trailer?: Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be staying at the Resort?: Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment: Check** \_\_\_\_\_ **VISA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Master Card** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature if paying by Credit Card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

**Eagle Crest Resort**

**1522 Cline Falls Highway**

**Redmond, Oregon 97756**

**(855) 682-4786 [www.eagle-crest.com](http://www.eagle-crest.com)**

**Rates are \$124.00 per night for a standard room, plus applicable taxes and fees. Please refer to GoF West 2016 when registering in order to obtain these rates. Large 1, 2 and 3 bedroom condo units are available at a per night rate of \$144.00, \$219.00 and \$259.00.**

**Please send form, payment to Mike Campbell, 3570 Willow Street, Bonita, CA 91902. Make check payable to GoF West. For additional information, please visit web site at [www.GoFWEST.ORG](http://www.GoFWEST.ORG) or email at [MLC226M@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MLC226M@YAHOO.COM) or call (619) 993-0952.**

# CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

**By David Edgar**

GoF West at Eagle Crest Resort in Oregon is approaching and the setting is beautiful. Lots of fun MG roads to explore and lots of MG friends to enjoy them with. As of this writing the early registration price is over but there is still a place for you. Don't delay in registering, Send in your form and payment with the info found elsewhere in this issue. With the vote last year to include all vintage MGs through to the MGBs, and now written into our by-laws, we were told this was the future of GoF West if we were to survive. Get the word out because I

hear we only have five of the post 1955 MGs registered for 2016 at this point. We listened to the masses and we now hope you listen to us. We are here for you. Bring it up at your next club meeting or event.

The team putting on GoF West 2016 has put in lots of time and preparations, so come enjoy their efforts and let's have a fun time enjoying our MGs and MG friends.

Hope to see you there,

**David Edgar**

## You Won't Want to Miss GoF West 2017

**By Jim Bull**

Please read this information about GoF West 2017. To introduce you to all the fun you will have attending this great event, and to indicate your interest in attending, and to show you have read our article, we have asked several questions.

Answer the questions at the end of our article to enter a drawing for a special gift basket. Just read this article, find the answers to the questions, then send an e-mail to [bullkaren@me.com](mailto:bullkaren@me.com) with the statement, "Yes, I'm interested in attending GoF West 2017" and you will be entered in the GOF 2017 special drawing.

Your name may be selected at GoF West 2017 to win a selection of local gift items such as local wines, famous bar-b-que seasonings, Danish pastry, and other items we are sure you will enjoy from our local area!

**Question: Why is there a 16th century sailing ship on the logo for GoF West 2017?**

The sailing ship featured on our logo is a representation of the Santa Maria, the flag ship of Christopher Columbus. Remember what you learned in school: Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492?

O.K. You're still confused. Well, don't be, because GoF West 2017 will be held on the beautiful California



Central Coast in Santa Maria. Now you get it, right? In Spanish, Santa Maria means Saint Mary, the mother of Jesus, the name of the flag ship of Columbus and the city that will host GoF West 2017! Is it any surprise that the logo for the City of Santa Maria is the same sailing ship?

**Question: Why have a GoF West event in Santa Maria?**

Santa Maria is centrally located, just 120 miles north of Los Angeles, and still just an easy drive from the greater San Diego area. We are just a 2-1/2 to 3 hours away from the large population cities of Bakersfield and Fresno in the Central Valley, only a half day away from the San Jose and greater San Francisco Bay areas, AND, being close to Pismo Beach and the coast we have cool ocean moderating weather in the Summer which is a great plus for open car driving in June!

In addition, our local area features the famous award winning Central California wine country, now as famous as Napa Valley, with beautiful scenic country roads along the Foxen Canyon Wine Trail, winding from Santa Maria to Solvang and featuring over 20 wineries.

Just 30 minutes away lies the quaint scenic Dan-





ish town of Solvang, settled by Danish farmers in the early 1900's. Solvang is famous for imported goods, Danish Smorgasbords and award winning Danish bakeries.

Located in beautiful Santa Barbara County, we are the only location in all of California to feature THREE of the original 22 Spanish missions within a one hour drive, and beautiful Santa Barbara hosts the "Queen of the Missions", the historic Presidio and Botanical Gardens, and the Western White House museum featuring many artifacts of the Reagan presidency, all just an hour away.

A driving tour of the historic missions, a day trip to Solvang, or a tour to Santa Barbara are all great possibilities for day trips during GoF West 2017.

Santa Barbara is also the home of Moss Motors, very familiar to all MG owners who require parts and restoration items for our classic cars. We have a standing invitation for a tour of their facility and a 10% discount on parts and can plan a sight seeing tour to Santa Barbara for those interested.

Just a few miles down the road from Solvang lies the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley, home of Mission Santa Ynez and the Chumash Casino Resort where you can try your luck or have dinner in a gourmet restaurant if you desire.

The host hotel is the Santa Maria Radisson, with room rates of only \$125.00 (plus tax) per night for well appointed and newly refurbished rooms. The hotel features an inner atrium with glass elevator and fully grown

indoor trees, with some upper story rooms opening to the beautiful pavilion like atrium setting.

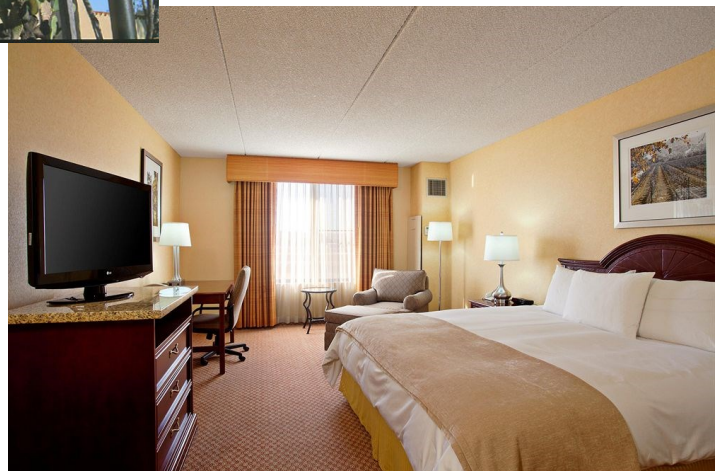
Facilities for registration, banquets, our hospitality suite where cold drinks and snacks will be served during the event, rooms for regalia sales, tech sessions, and arts and crafts displays are all on site and within easy reach of all rooms without the walking associated with some of the larger hotel sites.

The Radisson, and Santa Maria, were carefully selected from 14 possible locations for 2017 due to



the great hotel pricing, amenities, cooler summer weather, driving distance for hundreds of MG owners and availability of local sightseeing opportunities. With 125 available rooms, imagine a sell out of the entire hotel, making this an all MG "party" to be talked about for years to come! We suggest you book your room early!

**QUESTION: Besides beautiful scenic country roads, visiting Solvang, the Chumash Casino, the Santa Ynez Valley, Pismo Beach with its seaside attractions and**





outlet mall, Santa Barbara with its mission and Spanish fortress, The Presidio, other historic Spanish missions, wineries, Moss Motors opportunities and having great fun with a registration party, car show, rally, funkhana, hospitality suite, tech sessions, an auction banquet, an awards banquet, and getting to meet and greet lots of great MG people, isn't there anything else to do?

**(Said with tongue in cheek, of course)**

Sure! How about the Santa Maria Museum of Flight, just a half mile from the hotel, where you can see interesting displays and several historic planes, plus the 1930's era hanger created and built by the Walt Disney Company for the movie, "The Rocketeer", filmed in Santa Maria. Santa Maria was one of only two fighter training bases for the famous Lockheed P-38, "Lightning", dual engine fighter from WWII.

Sunset magazine has named Santa Maria "The West's Best Bar-B-Town", as the area is famous for the Santa Maria Style Bar-B-Que as featured in several award winning restaurants. GoF West attendees will receive directions to the areas best restaurants, to be sure!

How about visiting quaint Old Town Orcutt, just over a mile from the hotel, featuring several wine tasting shops and restaurants.



The town was named after William Orcutt, a Union Oil geologist who discovered oil in the area prior to the 1900's. Orcutt was a "company town" built by Union Oil for its employees in 1904 for those who operated thousands of oil derricks in the area from 1901 onward.

You can see a modern replica of "Old Maude" the derrick which was the most spectacular gusher in all of American oil history, producing more oil than any derrick in Oklahoma or Texas! The replica now serves as a cell phone tower!

The derrick produced 12,000 barrels of oil a day, for a total of over two million barrels of oil and "Old Maude" was only abandoned in 1988! Why the derrick is named "Old Maude" is unknown, but legend says it was named after a mule, used to haul equipment in the oil fields at that time, or after a local prostitute!

Only 11 miles south of Orcutt is the "Old West" town of Los Alamos, truly a town which time forgot. You can visit the 1888 Union Hotel, an original stage coach stop, still operating as a nine room hotel and restaurant. Los Alamos has a variety of restaurants, antique shops and wine tasting businesses as well.

Further down the road, near Solvang, is Los Olivos, home to Mattie's Tavern, another stage coach stop, and more wine tasting and art gallery shops, and not far from Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch.

From a 16th century sailing ship, to an Indian Casino, to a Danish village, to wineries, ocean beaches, scenic country roads, Spanish missions, an old oil town, old west stage stops, the King of Pop's ranch, and a comfortable modern hotel, great MG fun and more, be sure to make GoF West 2017 your destination for June 2017!

And now, answer these questions to enter a special prize drawing at GoF West 2017.

Send us your name, e-mail address, and title your correspondence, "Yes, I'm interested in attending GoF West 2017" to enter our drawing, then answer the following questions. Drawing to be held at the event—Must be present to win! Good luck.

1. Who sailed on the Santa Maria?
2. Name just one reason why you would come to GoF West 2017.
3. What is the name of the native tribe residing in the area?
4. Who founded the town of Solvang?
5. What does the word "presidio" mean in Spanish?
6. What is the name of the hotel where GoF West 2017 will be held?
7. Who was William Orcutt?
8. What did he do to have a town named after him?
9. What internationally known company sells MG parts in the GoF West 2017 area?
10. Who or what is "Old Maud"?





*The Radisson Hotel in Santa Maria has a of the amenities that you would desire.*



*Solvang, not far from Santa Maria, is a beautiful place to visit, and you will be able to see the miniature ponies just a short distance from Solvang.*



*This is an example of the great MG driving roads around Santa Maria and in Santa Barbara County*



*A replica of "Old Maude" in Orcutt*



*This is what Orcutt and Santa Maria used to look like*

