

San Diego is Waiting For You!!

Yes, folks, the fabulous Bahia Resort and the City of San Diego is indeed waiting for you, and the GoF West 2014 Committee has an outstanding event that will be well worth the wait. But, it is coming up very soon, so, if you have not yet made your reservations for the event and the hotel, you had better do so quickly; hotel rooms are going fast at this time.

The event will be held August 24th through the 29th. San Diego is the birthplace of California and is known for its mild year-round climate, natural deep-water harbor, and extensive beaches.

The selected venue for this GoF West event is located on Mission Bay, the largest water park of its kind in the world; it comprises 4,200 acres in roughly equal parts of land and water, surrounded by 27 miles of meandering shoreline of sandy beaches, interconnected by a network of waterways, inlets and islets.

The Bahia Resort Hotel is secluded on a 14-acre peninsula along the shores of Mission Bay, just 1 block from Mission Beach and a short ride from Pacific Beach. You'll enjoy the picturesque natural beauty of the Bahia Hotel. It offers an unparalleled quality that sets it apart



from so many other San Diego hotels, and at a special bargain at only \$135 a night for MG attendees. As San Diego's premier family vacation destination, they pride themselves on making the most of the exquisite bay setting and location in San Diego, America's Finest City. Guests can enjoy the city and the major local attractions as easily as they do the beach and bay.

A private, sandy beach and private marina are on site. A large outdoor pool and spa tub are surrounded by pink stucco walls and palm trees. Overlooking the pool, a



small fitness center provides cardio and strength-training equipment. Two lighted tennis courts include use of complimentary equipment. A scheduled boat cruise on Mission Bay is complimentary.

The Pacific Ocean is 4 blocks away. The adjacent Mission Bay Aquatic Park offers an array of water sports, including pedal boats, kayaks, ski boats,

sail boats, and catamarans. If your time is not filled with GoF activities, which is doubtful, you can enjoy snorkeling, scuba diving, scooter/moped rentals, golfing, bicycle riding, fishing, hiking, kayaking, and motor boating—all on site!

The Room Amenities at the hotel include air conditioning, refrigerator, coffee/tea maker, pay movies, iron/ironing board, phone, satellite TV service, flat-panel TV, free Wi-Fi, hair dryer, and HBO—what more could you ask for the low special rate?



When dining on your own, you have the option of dining al fresco on the heated terrace or in the cozy indoor seating area. The hotel offers a daily breakfast buffet with a made-to-order Belgian waffle bar. For lunch and dinner, guests will find unique items such as apple-cider-

braised pork tacos, rock shrimp macaroni and cheese, Sriracha-glazed meatloaf, and a spicy tuna sandwich.

We've arranged a full schedule of events from car shows to a rallye, Funkhana, models and arts & crafts, swap meet and an auction of hard to find MG & British related articles. Please see the schedule of events on page 7.

Registration information for the GoF and the hotel may be found on the GoF web site at <http://gofwest.org/>. Registration fee is \$65. A registration form that can be printed and mailed is on page 8, but you can take care of all of the registration on line.

If you haven't done so yet, won't you consider joining us for GoF West 2014!

GoF Website:

The GoF West website continues to be improved. www.GoFWest.org

GoF West 2014:

- Online Video
- Online registration
- Online Hotel registration
- Updated Event Schedule

Regional Club Info:

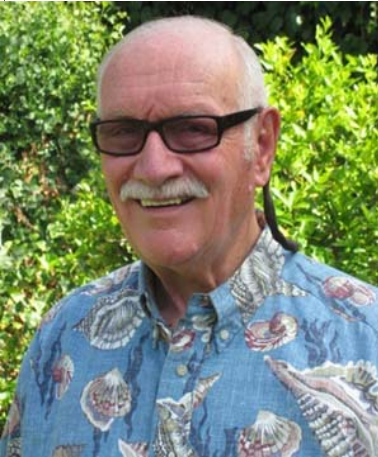
Find a club within your area. Over 50 clubs listed in the western region.

Future Events:

- GoF West Updates
- Regional Car Shows
- Other GoF's & National MG Events
- MG Special Events



Chairman's Chatter



Ha, Ha—fooled you!! That's George in the photo, but I am Larry. I am not the Chairman, but am filling in for a couple of people that I will tell you about in the following.

First, although many of you know that George Kershaw has had some set-backs in his life, several of you may not know of his current situation. I'm sure all of you know that George suffered a stroke several years ago, from which he never fully recovered. However, he never lost his zest for living, his sense of humor, nor his love of MG cars and the GoF West events. He served for many years on the Steering Committee, and has been Chairman for a few terms, with his latest term starting about three years ago. Unfortunately, George suffered a series of strokes and mini strokes starting in late December of last year, and they continue. Through therapy of several sorts, he is improving, but has been unable to continue with his activities with the Committee, and has resigned his position as Chairman.

As you know, the success of any GoF West event is a result of each of the yearly committees that organize them, but it has been the leadership of George, with his inspiration, tenacity, and attention to detail that has provided the framework for the individual committees. George would like to thank all of you for supporting him for these many years, and for your love and support during these trying times for him. And we want to thank you, George, for all you have done for the GoF West community.

I'm sure that George would like to hear from you by sending a card to him at 5416 Willowick Circle, Anaheim, CA 92807.

Lawrie Alexander has taken over as the Chairman of the Steering Committee, but is visiting his home country (England) as I write this, so that is why I am filling in here.

Doug Pelton took over the publication of the GoF West Gazette following GoF West 2012, and published six issues over the last year, with the last issue covering the successful event in Carefree, AZ. With that issue, Doug has resigned his position as Editor of the Gazette, and, since I had been the previous editor, I agreed to get this one published. Doug brought a fresh look to the Gazette, and a lot of new ideas. Although I haven't had the time to include his ideas in full with this issue, I am hoping that the next editor will do so. We owe Doug a great deal of thanks for following through on his promise to "get the word out" to all of the MG Clubs in the western US and Canada, and for his outstanding ideas of communicating the meaning and nature of the GoF West events. Thank you, Doug, from all of us, for your hard work as editor.

Now, I hope that the first article has enticed you a little more about considering coming to San Diego if you haven't already made up your mind. And for those that have registered for the event but not at the hotel, please be advised that hotel rooms are going fast—you had better get your reservation in soon!

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Be sure to check out the information about next year's event, to be held in Rohnert Park, CA, near Santa Rosa, on page 9. That is beautiful wine country, and I'm sure that the event coordinators are busy putting together a memorable event for us. Be sure to save the date!

Safety Fast,

Larry Long, for George and Lawrie

FUNKHANA FEVER



Funkhana is one of the highlights of any GoF West Event. For those that have attended this is undisputable. For those yet to attend the very word is unknown or meaningless. The normal response is.... Huh? What the heck is a Funkhana? Can you spell that? Let's take a look.

It is speculated that the word is derived in part from the term **Gymkhana**. A Gymkhana is a type of timed motorsport or speed event in an automobile. These can feature obstacles such as cones, tires, and barrels. The driver must maneuver through a predetermined "track" performing many different driving techniques. What separates gymkhana from the similar traditional autocross event is that the gymkhana requires drivers to perform reversals, 180 degree spins, 360 degree spins, parking boxes, figure 8s, and other *advanced* skills.

It is surmised that in the 1950's it was found that many lacked the skill or equipment to excel in the "one car at a time" **Gymkhana** races. So the pace was slowed, *unusual* obstacles were added, and the competition was made less serious. The intent was to have fun, and hence the name **Funkhana**. This event evolved into an automotive social function of sorts that was now fun for the whole family.

Today the **Funkhana**, remains a "themed" driving event to test advanced skills on a predetermined track with various obstacles and driving events. Each Team, composed of a driver and navigator, must complete the course events which can range from challenging to silly. Teams are graded on time, accuracy, and points. With a little luck and sense of humor, everyone has a chance of winning.

GoF West 2014 has a planned Funkhana that you will not want to miss.

Come Catch the Funkhana Fever!

(Borrowed from the May, 2013 Gazette)

GOF WEST AWARDS CRITERIA



Here is what you will need to know attending GoF West 2014:

Please take a moment to study the criteria for the different awards that are presented at the end of the week. This will help you to ***prepare, participate and win!***

First Time Car Display - Day 1 (evening)

Open to any registrant who has never displayed a car at a previous GoF West event. Popular vote.

Car Display - Day 2

Popular vote for cars within the following classes: MMM 4-Cylinder, MMM 6-Cylinder, TA/TB, TC, TD, TF, Variant (YA/B/T, Magnette, Arnolt), MGA, MGB/MGC/Midget, and Premier.

Premier Class - Pre-56 MGs only. Eligibility is for 3 consecutive GoF Wests after winning Class. Upon winning Premier, car reverts to "For Display Only" status for remaining eligibility period. There will be only one award presented regardless of number of entrants.

Rallye - Day 3

Awards will be given to the Driver and Navigator for 2 separate classes: Pre-56 and Modern. For those that struggle with this event, you can compete for the not so coveted "Dead Last But Finished" (DLBF) Award.

Funkhana - Day 4

Awards will be given to the Driver and Navigator for 3 different classes: TC and earlier (cart sprung), TD/TF & Variant (coil sprung) and Modern. (Do not miss participating in this event at the hotel.)

AI Moss Memorial High Point Award

Perpetual Award presented to pre-56 MG participants who have accumulated the highest cumulative score for the three competitive events of **Car Display, Funkhana and Rallye**. Participants must enter all three events to be considered for the High Point Award. The same registered car and driver/navigator combination must be maintained for all events. No switching of car and/or drivers.

Mileage Awards

Presented to any driver and navigator who drove one-way in an MG for 1000 or 2000 miles.

Long Distance Award

Award given to participant who drove a pre-56 MG the farthest distance within 5 days of the start of event determined by calculated mileage measured from residence to the event.

Sacajawea Award

Award presented to lady driver who drove a pre-56 MG the farthest distance within 5 days of the start of event determined by calculated mileage measured from residence to the event.

The GoF West Crown Jewel:

AL MOSS MEMORIAL HIGH POINT AWARD



In recognition and appreciation of his many contributions to GoF West as a founding member and having been instrumental in the establishment, scoring criteria, and sponsorship of this trophy, the GoF West Inc. Steering Committee considers it fitting and proper that the award hereby be dedicated to Al and forever be known as the

Al Moss Memorial High Point Award

first presented at Gof West 2013
in Carefree, Arizona

Perpetual Club Award Competition: *Your club can win!*

Monterey Cup

Awarded to the club with the **largest number of members** in attendance.

San Diego Cup

Awarded to the club with the **greatest percentage of its current membership** in attendance.

Santa Barbara Cup

Awarded to the club with the **highest cumulative mileage** of pre-56 MGs driven to the event.

ARTS & CRAFTS - We want to see your stuff!

Photos - General Interest (portrait or scenic, etc.) or Humorous/Action

Stitchery - Sewing and needlework: apparel & other.

Arts and Crafts - Painting, sketching, sculpture, carving, casting, ceramic, jewelry, stained glass, etc.

Models

Best Single Model – Factory or entrant-assembled MG

Best MG Model Display – three to ten models entered as a group

Best Scene – Diorama

MG Collections

Any collection of MG related items that are not considered to be qualified for any of the above categories. Examples include sales literature or brochures, jacket patches, pins, cigarette cards, memorabilia, etc.

Note: Previous winning items in class are ineligible for future competition.

GoF West 2014
Sunday, August 24th – Friday, August 29th, 2014
BAHIA RESORT HOTEL, SAN DIEGO, CA

Sunday, August 24

Registration - 1 pm to 6 pm Del Mar Room Foyer
Car Wash Area – Maintenance Bldg

Monday, August 25

Registration- 8 am to 4 pm Del Mar Room Foyer
Car Wash Area - Maintenance Bldg
Hospitality – 8 am to 4 pm – Del Mar Room
Regalia, Arts & Crafts, Photos – 8 am to 4 pm – Del Mar Room
First Time Car Display – 5 pm to 7 pm – Shuffle Board Court
Orientation Reception Appetizers – 5:30 to 7:00 pm – Shuffle Board Court
Dinner on Your Own

Tuesday, August 26

Registration- 9 am to Noon - Car Display (Ventura Cove)
Registration - 1 pm to 4 pm - Del Mar Room Foyer
Car Display & premier Class- 9 am to Noon – Ventura Cove
Hospitality – Noon to 5 pm – Del Mar Room
Regalia, Arts & Crafts, Photos – Noon to 5 pm – Del Mar Room
Tech Session #1- 2 pm to 3:30 pm – Jerry Felper (SU Carburetors) Shell Room
Video Tech Sessions – 3 pm to 5 pm – Shell Room
Dinner on Your Own

Wednesday, August 27

Rallye – 9 am to 2 pm – Flagpole
Hospitality – 8 am to 10 am, 2 pm to 5:30 pm – Del Mar Room
Regalia, Arts & Crafts, Photos – 8 am to 10 am, 2 pm to 5:30 pm – Del Mar Room
Ladies Event – 2 pm to 4 pm – TBD
Tech Session #2- 2 pm to 3:30 pm – Jim McGhee (Wire Wheels Care) Shell Room
Auction Buffet– 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm – Mission Ballroom
Auction – 7:30 pm to 10 pm – Mission Ballroom

Thursday, August 28

Flea Market – 7 am to Noon – West Lot/Marina parking
Funkhana and Carless Funkhana – 9:00 am to Noon – West Lot/Marina parking
Hospitality – 8 am to 5 pm – Del Mar Room
Regalia, Arts & Crafts, Photos – 8 am to Noon– Del Mar Room
Advisory Council – 1 pm to 2:30 pm – Shell Room
Steering Committee – 2:30 pm to 4 pm – Shell Room
Awards Banquet – 6:30 pm to 10 pm – Mission Ballroom

Friday, August 29

Winner's Circle – 8 am to 10 am – Resort Entrance

4/18/2014



**GoF WEST 2014
REGISTRATION FORM
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
August 25 – August 29, 2014**

Monday through Friday

Registration Fee

\$55.00 USD before April 1, 2014

\$65.00 USD after March 31, 2014

In Spirit \$25.00

**Cancellations after March 31, 2014 will revert to
In-Spirit Registration, with the balance
refunded.**

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): _____

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** _____

Name on Card: _____ **Card Number:** _____

Expiration Date: _____ **Security Code (3 digits):** _____

Signature if paying by Credit Card: _____

HOTEL INFORMATION

Bahia Resort Hotel

998 West Mission Bay Drive

San Diego, CA 92109

(800) 576-4229 [US] (800) 233-8172 [Canada]

www.BahiaHotel.com

**Rates are \$135.00 per night for a standard room, plus applicable taxes. Please refer to
GoF West 2014 when registering in order to obtain these rates.**

**Please send form and 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 or email at mlc226m@yahoo.com or call (619) 993-0952.**

Gathering of the Faithful (GoF) West 2015

June 14th—20th

Next June, from all over the West Coast, MGs of all years and models will be seen driving to Rohnert Park, California, their happy owners looking forward to GoF West 2015.

The Sacramento Valley MG Car Club is proud to have been chosen to host this extravaganza at the elegant Double Tree by Hilton Resort in Rohnert Park, located just 45 miles north of San Francisco.

Northern California is an excellent destination for clubs to come from Canada, Southern California, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Washington, Oregon and Arizona. We already have commitments from several clubs planning to convoy to enjoy what promises to be one of the largest Gatherings of MGs in 2015 because of this central location. All MGs are welcome, from pre-war to the latest MGs built. All the activities will cater to all models, and this will be a great opportunity for MG enthusiasts to see a representative selection of the cars that we love so much.



Beautiful coastal roads, giant redwood trees, a 13th century Tuscan Castle, numerous wineries, Calistoga Balloon rides, an Air Museum and much more are waiting for you to enjoy at GoF West 2015. Rohnert Park is just a few miles from Santa Rosa, where Charlie Brown and Peanuts fans will find the Charles Schultz museum, as well as a de-

lightful Old Town area to browse around.

The Double Tree is offering luxurious rooms for \$128 per night plus tax to those who book their accommodation before October 31st. There are numerous restaurants within walking distance of the Resort as well as the Double Tree's own fine dining



rooms. We have negotiated with the City Council to hold our car show on their beautiful, all grass field at the City Hall. This nearby park-like setting is large enough to display our MGs without crowding, along with plenty of shade and clean restrooms. Lunch during the Car Show will be provided by a selection of the area's finest food trucks, offering a variety of tasty foods at reasonable prices and on your own time schedule.

In addition to the Car Show, we will of course have all of the usual GoF West events: the Rally, Funkhana, Auction, Swap Meet, Models, Arts & Crafts display and more. The Auction and Awards Banquets will have plated meals at the Double Tree. These will be the only meals organized for you to participate in so you can go out and enjoy the other local restaurants on the other evenings.

As well as the places mentioned earlier, there are other destinations that surround Rohnert Park and Santa Rosa that may make you want to extend your trip so you can visit these sites. To mention just a few, there's a well known cheese factory and the Luther Burbank Home & Gardens, or you can explore the pristine sand and rugged cliffs of the Bodega Bay coastline where filming of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" took place.



We will provide a complete list of what is out there for you to explore and we will have guided tours scheduled to a few of these places.

There's so much to see and do that we can't possibly fit every thing in during the week , so why not consider arriving early or staying an extra day or two; the hotel will give GoF West rates for these extra days if you book early.

Registration information for both GoF West 2015 and the Resort can be found on the GoF web site at <http://gofwest.org/>. The Registration Fee is just \$65 prior to April 30th, \$75 after that, or \$25 In Spirit.

We look forward to having you join us next June! ***GoF West 2015 Planning Committee***



Craziness!!

These are some of the people that had a really good time at the last GoF West!!



(Photos by Lois McGovern and Steve Simmons)

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tele-Conference - 19 May 2014

The meeting began at 7:07 pm. Present were Lawrie Alexander, Dave Bradley, Mike Campbell, Doug Pelton, Pete Thelander and Lindsay Costigan.

GoF West 2013

Mike Campbell confirmed the receipt of final report on 2013 Carefree and check for proceeds has been deposited. Also a thank you letter and honorarium has been sent to the Road Runners.

GoF West 2014

Dave will add the audio to the promotional video for GoF 2014 and Doug will post on the web site. There will be one more promotional email sent to clubs in the western states. Mike Campbell reported 91 Registrations to date and that about 20 San Diego locals will probably not be booking rooms, but stay at home. This created some concern about our commitment for rooms to the hotel. There followed a discussion as to our ability to release rooms, how many and when. Dave checked the contract and the first opportunity for us to release up to 33 rooms is May 24th. Mike and Dave will check on the number of rooms reserved to date and decide whether or not to release any.

Mike and Dave reported that all the events that their respective clubs are responsible for are well under way. The booklet is also being worked on.

GoF West 2015

Previous issues with the 2015 contract were addressed by George and Lawrie and revisions submitted 12/1. The revised contract has been received and signed

Lindsay reported that the logo has been designed. Meals at Doubletree have been selected using the subsidy from Steering Committee and from registration fees. The Auction Dinner tickets will be \$35, Awards Banquet tickets \$50. Registration fee has been set at \$65. Promotional material is being prepared, including a DVD to be shown at 2014. Copies will be made available to 2014 participants. Copies will be sent to all car clubs likely to have MG enthusiasts interested in attending 2015. A dozen or so MGs from Canada already committed to attend. John Twist has agreed to attend and present one of his Rolling Tech Sessions. We'll give him one of our comp'ed

rooms and tickets for both dinners. All committees are actively planning and budget is being prepared.

Staffing

A replacement is needed for George on S.C. and Mike's term also expires this year. Dave and Doug's terms expire in 2015, with Lawrie and Pete in 2016. The question was asked if we were aware of any volunteers or recommendations for election at 2014 Advisory Council meeting. The call for volunteers or nominees will be included in the planned email to the participating clubs in the region.

Web Site & Gazette

Doug said he will be tidying up the administration for the web site, posting the DVDs for 2014 and 2015. It was suggested that Steering Committee minutes also be posted. There are currently three e-mail data bases in use. Doug has a general interest list of about 1000 people who have attended in the past, and a much shorter list of the key people in the West Coast MG clubs and other organizations that might have an interest in GoF West. Additionally, Mike has a list of those registered for 2014.

Larry Long has agreed to take over responsibility for the Gazette publication and intends to release one more issue as soon as possible.

GoF West 2016

Potential locales for GoF 2016 were discussed. Mike mentioned that Larry Long might be interested possibly in Pismo Beach.

By-Laws

Larry Long is known to not favor including the "modern" MGs, partly because our By-Laws say so. Lawrie pointed out that the A, B and C groups have their own national meets, but that they are held largely in the eastern states. Lawrie suggested changing the By-Laws to allow participation by all years and models of MG, and this will be included on the agenda for the SC meeting at San Diego.

Treasurer's Report

Mike presented the Treasurer's report. There was a discussion of what was the appropriate use of this money. Principal suggestions were to provide a cushion or "rainy day" fund and subsidize GoF meals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26

Respectfully submitted, Pete Thelander, Secretary

It is easy to register for GoF West 2014
Everything can be done online. Check it out!
Go to: www.GoFWest.com
Click on: GoF West 2014
Click on: Registration (GoF) or Resort Reservations (Hotel)
Don't miss the fun!

Be part of the Oldest Continuous Run Rallye in the USA!

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**MG Car Club
Rocky Mountain Centre**



62nd Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs June 13-15, 2014

The MG Car Club - Rocky Mountain Centre invites you to join us for the *62nd Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs*, the oldest continually-held time-speed-distance rally in the United States, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 13, 14, & 15, 2014.

The weekend is a marvelous opportunity, not just for MG owners, but for sports car enthusiasts of every mark (British, American, German, Italian, Japanese) to come together for sunny days, cool nights, and unique events. The fun begins on Friday with a scenic road tour from the Denver suburb of Arvada, touring through canyons and over mountain passes in the heart of the Rocky Mountains to the scenic resort town of Glenwood Springs. Added this year is a concurrent tour, the Western Slope Tour. Saturday's main event is the Rallye Glenwood Springs, a time-speed-distance rally to challenge both novice and experienced rallyists. Spend the day winding through the beautiful mountain valleys around Glenwood Springs. The weekend culminates with a social gathering Saturday night and the Car Show, Funkana, and Awards Presentation on Sunday.

Since its inception, the MGCC-RMC has sponsored the Rallye, which began when a hardy group of sports car owners discovered the joys of motoring in Colorado in MGs that still had drop-down tops and running boards (see photo). The Rocky Mountains of central Colorado, with some of the most breathtaking scenery in America, formed the backdrop for the Rallye Glenwood Springs through 61 previous years. Vintage and classic cars from as far away as California and Illinois have shared the twisting mountain roads with their newer counterparts for octane-related festivities. And enthusiasts have come from as far away as England to drive their sports cars through such fabled Colorado mining towns as Leadville and Aspen on their way to Glenwood Springs.

Registration is only \$45 for all the driving events and the car show (before May 15; social event and regalia are extra). Additional information and registration forms are available on the MG Car Club, Rocky Mountain Centre website at <http://mgcc.org/>. You can contact the Registrar Cathy Knopinski at 303-779-8739 or the Publicity Chairman Joe Gunderson at 303-791-4902 or email at glenwood2014@comcast.net.