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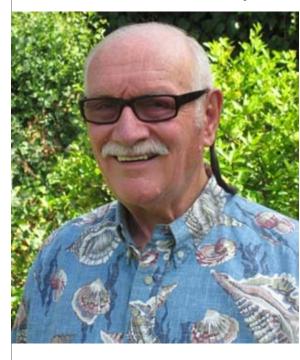
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**GoF West 2013** was everything one could have hoped for --And More. In the Words of an Advisory Council Attendee, it was " *Better than a Ten* " !



Of the 31 consecutive GoF Wests I have had the pleasure of attending, none has been more enthusiastically organized, managed, operated or better publicized than Carefree. The number of First Timers - 44- is far and away the most we have ever had the pleasure of Greeting.

From the Orientation on, one had the feeling we were in for quite an experience. Beginning with the First Time Car Display, Main Car Display, anchored by the World's Largest Sundial, Rallye/Tour thru the magnificent Carefree Country side, Raucous Funk-

hana, all of the driving Events were terrific. Hospitality (Yum and Cheers), Models, Photos, Arts and Crafts, Tech Sessions (lost count of how many), Auction, Garage Tours, Ladies Teas, Flea Market, etc. were all super and most enjoyable. The Awards Banquet was great and even finished in a timely fashion!

To Ken and Ginny Martin, Sherwood and Jane Parker, and the Arizona MG " T " Road Runners, the entire GoF West Community thanks you for: A Job Superbly Done !!

Safety Fast,

George Kershaw Chairman, GoF West

## Letters to the EDITOR Doug Pelton



Editor's note: Since the conclusion of GoF West 2013, I have received countless laudatory emails. Here is one to read to remind us that the MG continues to be fun even as we get older!

### Hi Doug,

What a great GOF West! Beverly and I truly enjoyed all of the events as well as old and new friends. Thanks for a fantastic job by all of your Roadrunners. Here is an account of stats of our personal adventure that you may wish to pass on to your GOF West attendees.

Our total mileage tallied up to 5,536 miles in 22 days. Not only did it prove that I must have done something right with our MGTD Restoration, but it also shows that after 50+ years of driving this car, we can still own up to the task. This July, marked the first time to drive our TD in fifteen years. Much too long to go without an MG to drive.

Derwood and Beverly Schrotberger Chapel Hill, NC

And a response from last issue's Route 66 segment:



Doug-

Thanks for giving us some travel tips in the last Gazette to help us enjoy our trip to Carefree. Unfortunately, we traveled from Central California, so didn't get to see any of the scenic stops along Route 66, but I have "been there, done that", as they say. I grew up in Western PA, and we were always in our car no later than 5 minutes after my dad's vacation started, ready for a trip "out west". When we went west beyond Kansas, we usually traveled along Route 66, and I do remember many of the sights that were mentioned in the last issue. One that specifically comes to mind is Jackrabbit, AZ.

Originally, as I Jackrabbit recall. had a large, furry iackrabbit that could be ridden. and bucking а bronco that also could be ridden (I think both were stuffed but thev could have been real!). I can't find



the photo of my sister riding the jackrabbit, but did find one of me on the bronco. I managed to stay on the bronco for at least 9 seconds!

Alas, the bronco is now gone, and the jackrabbit has been replaced with a plastic one. But the memories are still there!

And I remember Winslow, AZ for another reason, from another time in my life. In 1958, I and a friend of mine traveled from Kansas to San Diego, mostly along Route 66. We were young then (weren't we all??) and found the signs that advertised "For Men Only", with a scantily-clad, very lovely young lady, very intriguing. They appeared every so often along the route: "For Men Only-360 miles, Winslow"; "For Men Only-280 miles, Winslow"; "For Men Only-150 miles, Winslow", etc., until "For Men Only-20 miles, Winslow". We were almost there!! Wow!! What excitement!! We could hardly contain ourselves as we searched out this attraction-only to find that it was a men's clothing store!

### Larry Long

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## A Heartfelt Thank You!

**GoF West 2013, Carefree,** is now history but what wonderful memories we shall carry with us of all of those who made it possible.

As we prepare to submit our final report to the GoF West Steering Committee, there are lots of numbers that have to be crunched, but two figures stand out above all the rest. One is the 143 registrations. That's you! This kind of participation was such a surprise to us; we had no idea you would turn out in such numbers but are delighted that you came and even happier to have made so many new friends.



The other number concerns the *Arizona MG T Roadrunners*. From the beginning, our goal was to involve as many of our own club members as possible in the event. Fifty-three percent of our club members (64 people) were able to participate in some capacity. No wonder we all had such a good time! This is a great group of folks. And to the Roadrunners, we sincerely thank-you for all you did to make GoF West 2013 a success.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you again next year in San Diego!

### Ken & Ginny Martin and Sherwood & Jane Parker

### Carefree Hosting of the NAMMMR National was.....

## Perfect, Perfect, Perfect!

The 2013 GoF West was *perfect* in every aspect from the outstanding venue of The Carefree Resort and Conference Center to the exceptional planning of the GoF West Organizing Committee of Sherwood & Jane Parker and Ken & Ginny



Martin. The North American MMM Register's Western National Meet was also quite successful due to our affiliation with the GoF West and Mickey Saperstein's on site organizing.



The Register was most fortunate to have had on display the 1933 KN/K3 MG owned by Chris and Rita Leydon. This MG has rare historical significance and we are quite lucky to have had it at the entrance of the Resort. Also, early MG history was presented by Tom Metcalf on all the MMM motor cars Cecil Kimber produced. And the wonderful display of the original attending MMMs served to compliment his presentation nicely.

The NAMMMR would again welcome the chance to join the GoF West for another spectacular MG event. Many Thanks!

Jack Kahler, President, NAMMMR



# GoF West 2013 CAREFREE, ARIZONA In Review



**Check-in and Registration:** First impressions are always important. Well...for all that attended Carefree, the welcome sign and professional check-in will always be etched in your memory.



GoF Westers came by the masses. A total of 143 registrations.

Wow!





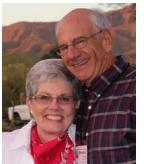
First Time Car Display:

This was the first event. There were 44 first time cars, which may be a record. To the left see the now familiar "Cactus Pete" bill board announcing an event and location.

### "Howdy Pardner" Welcome and Orientation:

The Chuck Wagon BBQ was a nice touch to set the stage for a western experience. The food and service was great! Even had "long neck" Old Speckled

Hen at the bar. Sherwood and Jane Parker were the opening night "MC's" for a class act welcome. They introduce ALL of the 1st timers and presented each with a goody bag filled with home made baked goods and trial mix snacks and an a bottle of local brew.









**Car Wash:** For all the folks that came into Carefree from the west, the day of registration, they had to drive through a massive and seeming endless dust storm. Cars that had been detailed just days before for the "big event" car display were now hopelessly covered with dust and debris inside and out. So the car wash was an important part of this year's amenities. Here is Gene Roth tidying up his car. He did a good job as his car went on the win *best in class*.



**Car Display:** On Tuesday morning, the cars migrated to the sleepy little town of Carefree. Upon the entry into the town center each car was photographed in front of the Sundial. It was a pleasure to see Al Moss's old car, in attendance, now owned by Robert Goldman.





The town setting was perfect for the display, a very casual park like atmosphere. It was a great social event in conjunction with kicking some tires. And to make it extra special was the fact that there was the full spectrum of MGs from early pre-wars right up to the end of production of late models.





**Hospitality(+):** At the start and end of each day you need a little something to help get you going or just to relax. The hospitality suite helped to do that on a daily basis. It was also a great place to meet and chat in between events. This 1st class amenity was chaired by Erika Diaz and Karen Winkle. *They were awesome!* 







**Briskman Dinner and Garage Tour:** Barry and Sharon Briskman have been life long pillars of the MG community.

Barry has restored countless MGs, all models, over the years. But he has also had an affection for some of the more exotic classic automobiles as well and has "accumulated" quite a collection.

Gene Barry Syd

The dinner tour turned out to be quite the social event and as they say, "a good time was had by all". However, the real pleasure was held by Barry. He said, "That was the most fun I have had in a long time".



**Tech Sessions:** There was a full compliment of tech sessions at Carefree. One was dubbed a rolling tech session taught by Lawrie Alexander, of the Sacramento Club. He asked for a few cars that needed trouble shooting. Then "on the roll" in the parking lot, he when through the method of trouble shooting to reach a diagnosis and then suggest a fix. You can see the interest and the attention Lawrie commanded in the photos.





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The real treat was having Chris Leydon tell us about his workshop and personal experiences with restoring engines from MMMs to the more exotic including Fiat. If we could only download his knowledge on a disk.

**Tech Sessions:** Other tech sessions included MMM cars (Tom Metcalf), Trouble Shooting Lucas Electrics (Jerry Felper), Restoration Tips and TC Topics (Doug Pelton).



Ladies Tea: This was quite an event, afternoon tea with delicious desserts. The Tea Room was filled to max capacity. Many door prizes were awarded and a popular vote for the most bodacious (or was that audacious?) MG hat. Susan McDonald took the honors.

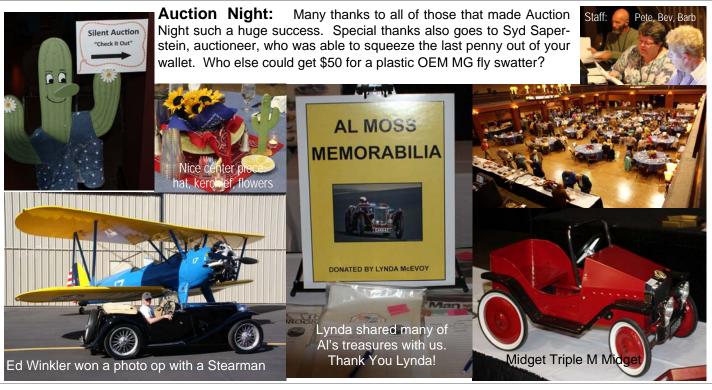


Ladies Tech Sessions: There were lots of compliments on the interesting topics for the gals. First was a genealogy segment by Lee Kaplan. Next was a session on growing orchids by Bev Tall, certified judge by Nat'l Orchid society. And finally a show and tell of desert creatures by a local Park Ranger. Have you ever pet a Gila Monster?





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Rallye Awards: Rallyemasters Bev & Pete Peterson (left) did phenomenal job of setting up a most memorable tour through the high Sonoran Desert. (right) Bob Sterling & Frank Diaz, "Dead Last But Finished"



#### Pre-1956:

1st place:

3rd place: Jenny & George Parchman, 1953 TD 2nd place: Mike Campbell & Larry Long, 1952 Arnolt Kevin & Pat Gaston, 1954 TF



#### Post-1955:

3rd place: Gene & Ann Gillam, 1960 MGA coupe 2nd place: Bruce & Bert Rauch, 1962 MGA 1st place: Mike & Leif Jacobson, 1969 MGB-GT



Funkhana Awards: GoF "Wester" Cowboys and Cowgirls: *Ridin', Ropin', and Shootin'!* 

#### TC and earlier:

3rd place: Syd & Mickey Saperstein, 49 TC 2nd place: David Edgar & Gordon Bundy, 48 TC 1st place: Pete & Fran Thelander, 48 TC

#### TD and later:

3rd place: Michael & Jim Gossen, 50 TD 2nd place: Mike Campbell & Larry Long, 52 Arnolt 1st place: Will & Ashley Parker, 54 TF

#### Post 1955 MG:

2nd place: Pete & Liz Lismer, 76 MGB 1st place: Fran McClain & Sandi Campbell-McClain, 64 MG Midget

#### "Carefree" Carless Funkhana:

2nd place: Jenny and George Parchman 1st place: Ernie and Elizabeth Page







**Awards Nights:** Of course the culmination of the week's activities was the awards banquet. The resort did a great job, service and food was excellent.

The awards that were handed out were over the top. These were hand crafted by Kenny & Ginny martin who made the stained glass panels and the bases were made by Rich Carroll. Southwestern native figures were used to accent. In total they made 90! awards. (Took over a year.)

Special recognition also needs to go to Danny Young, our photographer. He was the picture guy capturing the moments to include award photos amongst the collection of "Cactus Petes"



### The following is a summary of all of the award winners.

Award	Car	Winners
2,000 Mile Club	1952 TD	Derwood & Beverly Schrotberger
Sacajawea Award	1952 TD	Molly Polidoroff
Hard Luck Award	1954 TF	Kevin and Pat Gaston
Long Distance Award pre-1956 MG	1952 TD	Derwood & Beverly Schrotberger 2,240 miles from Chapel Hill, NC
Long Distance Award post-1955 MC	G 1962 MGA	Bruce & Bert Rauch driving 3,785 miles from St. Petersburg, Florida
Long Distance Award "by any mode	e"	Graham & Susan Aldous9,681
		miles from Perth, Australia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place First Time Car Display	1960 MGA	Rich Flammang & Penni Putao
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place First Time Car Display	1937 TA	Ettore Balletto
1 <sup>st</sup> Place First Time Car Display	1946 TC	Bud & Anne Silvers
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Premier	1949 TC	Robert Ford
1 <sup>st</sup> Place NAMMMR 4-cylinder car	1934 PA	Jack Kahler
1 <sup>st</sup> Place NAMMMR 6-cylinder car	1932 F3 Magna	Mickey Saperstein
1 <sup>st</sup> Place PRE-WAR	1938 TA	Rich & Gail Carroll





**More Awards Nights:** Mimi Glass was the big winner for the night. She won \$550 in the 50/50 drawing. She was gracious enough to donate half of that back to the GoF. Terry Sanders was watching this whole transaction wondering how he could get



in on the action.

And all in good fun, Frank Diaz and Bob Sterling were recognized for being "Dead Last" for the rallye.

Seemed to fit as Frank had trouble finding his way to the front to receive the award.



#### Award winners continued.

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Award	Car	Winners	
Honorable Mention MG TC	1949 TC	Pete & Lisa Gannon	
Honorable Mention MG TC	1948 TC	Robert Goldman	
Honorable Mention MG TC	1947 TC	John & Nancy Youens	
Honorable Mention MG TC	1948 TC	Ed & Karen Winkler	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place MG TC	1946 TC	Bud & Anne Silvers	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place MG TC	1948 TC	Doug & Carol Pelton	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place MG TC	1949 TC	Gene & Deana Roth	
Honorable Mention MG TD	1950 TD	Jim & Cindy Gossen	
Honorable Mention MG TD	1952 TD	Jim & Karen Bull	
Honorable Mention MG TD	1951 TD	John Pesek	
Honorable Mention MG TD	1952 TD	Jim & Lindsay Costigan	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place MG TD	1952 TD	Ralph & Christine Cacace	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place MG TD	1951 TD	Jim Herbert	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place MG TD	1953 TD	George & Jenny Parchman	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place MG TF	1954 TF	Mike & Linda Scott	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place MG TF	1954 TF	Terry & Jean Fox	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place MG TF	1954 TF	Kevin & Pat Gaston	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Post-War Variant	1959 Magnette	Art & Lee Kaplan	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place MGA	1962 Mk II	Ettore Balletto	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place MGA	1960 MGA	Gene & Ann Gillam	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place MGB	1973 B-GT	Jim & Mary Lou Nuzum	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place MGB	1970 MGB	Arthur Chilcote	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place MGB	1968 B-GT	Jeff Snell	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place MGC, MG F, Midget	1964 Midget	Fran McClain & Sandi Campbell-McClain	

Awards: Arts / Crafts / Models This year participation was great, lot's of creativity & hard choices!

### Single Model:

2nd place: Rick Pullen, MG SA tourer---Saloon 1st place: Doug Pelton, Valve cover racer

### Model Display:

2nd place: George Kershaw, Terrific T's 1st place: Rick Pullen, Salute to Triple M

MG Scenes or Dioramas: 1st place: Rick Pullen, Cemetery for MGs

### General Interest Photos:

2nd place: Will Parker, red MG logo on black/white MG 1st place: John Youens, Green MG in the countryside

### Humorous/Action Photos:

2nd place: Rick Pullen, "What's wrong?" 1st place: Ernie Page, "Award goes to the dogs."

### Arts & Crafts (Sewn Goods);

2nd place: Mimi Glass, cross-stitched pillow 1st place: Ken Shriner, cross-stitched pair of MGs

### Arts & Crafts (Crafts):

2nd place: Gale McCall "Box w/ MG logo in fused glass" 1st place: Elizabeth Page, 3-dimensional decoupage

MG Collections:

1st place: Rick Pullen, "cigarette cards."



General Interest: John Youens, 1st Place Green MG in the Country



Model Display: Rick Pullen, 1st Place Salute to Triple M





## Al Moss Memorial High Point Award:



This year was the first time the high point award was given in the name of Al Moss. It was renamed in early 2013 by GoF West to honor Al who was also the originator of the award and was singularly responsible for developing the scoring scheme for the selection of the winner. The inauguration of this award was extra special in that Al's life long partner Lynda McEvoy



made the presentation.

This year's winners were Mike Campbell (driver) and Larry Long (navigator) in Mike's 1952 Arnolt. *Congrats!* 



## Warren Wendt, GoF West Co-Founder, Honored

It is with grateful appreciation that the Steering Committee of GoF West recognizes WAR-REN WENDT with this plaque to sincerely thank him for his unyielding belief that owners of pre-1956 MG Sport Cars can and will enjoy the fellowship fostered by a common bond of ownership of these cars, and for having the foresight that they can do so on a yearly basis. For twenty years Warren provided a positive example, first by organizing GoF West, serving on the Steering Committee and setting a standard, and for the next twenty years, entrusting others to follow his example and helping them to sustain the GoF West event, and by attending each event.

Thank you, Warren, for your dedication, your leadership and your faithfulness.

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## **Gazette Out Takes**

During the editing of the Gazette and review of all the photos from Carefree some out takes were found. Here are a few to illustrate:

Ed praying that the mike will

work

Danny: "Yea, I get MY picture taken!"

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Barb being cute for the camera man.

Pat G: Hey vote for me (and they did, 1st place).

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## Editor's Choice Best Photo



Many thanks to all who sent in their personal photos from Carefree to help chronicle Carefree 2013.

## The winner is Bruce Rauch from St. Petersburg, FL

You will find that this photo epitomizes the entire Carefree event.

Blue sky, Arizona saguaro cactus, hills and mountains, Carefree sundial (GoF icon), friends meeting from afar, smiling faces, old and new(er) MGs gathering.

Editor's note: This year's Gazette has been a great journey to Carefree, and is now only a memory. It's been a good ride. Now it's time to go to the beach. California here we come! On to GoF West 2014 San Diego. Doug Pelton, editor