

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.

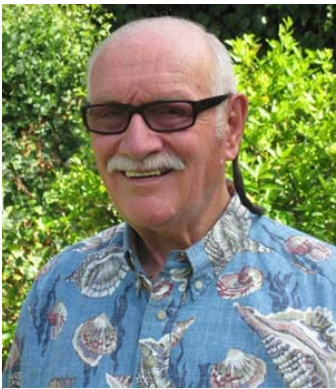
It is speculated that the word is derived in part from the term **Gymkhana**. A Gymkhana is a type of timed motorsport or speed event in an automobile. These can feature obstacles such as cones, tires, and barrels. The driver must maneuver through a predetermined "track" performing many different driving 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 2013 - Carefree has a planned Funkhana that you will not want to miss.

Come Catch the Funkhana Fever!



Chairman's Chatter

George Kershaw

Well.... talk about a Great Place and Venue for a GoF West !!

Your Steering Committee visited the Carefree Resort and Convention Center for our Spring Meeting and we were Doubly Impressed with everything---Great Food (XL portions) a Different Setting for almost every function, plenty of Space, Great Pool Area, and you Cacti Lovers will be in Heaven !

The little village of Carefree is a delight and the Sundial Circle (largest one you'll ever see), will make a Super and Unique Setting for the Car Display.

The only thing that is exceeding our little piece of Paradise is the Warmth, Enthusiasm, Organization, and Dedication of Ginny, Ken, Jane, Sherwood, and the Arizona MG T Roadrunners.

Safety Fast, George

Letters to the EDITOR



Below are a few related emails from the last Gazette

Reference: The Next - Next Generation

I whole-heartedly agree with you about the next-next generation. We have had our daughter and husband drive one of our cars to a couple of GoFs, had their entire family at Buellton twice and a couple others, and I have taken my granddaughter on a few tours with the Paradise British Car Club. The kids certainly are interested. But getting these grandkids involved is what we have to do. Larry

Reference: I Had Fun, by Reagan Kraft (9 yrs old)

My name is Samantha and I also write for the MG Owners Club N.California—Octagon. I am 11 1/2 year old now, but wrote my first article when I was 6 years old.

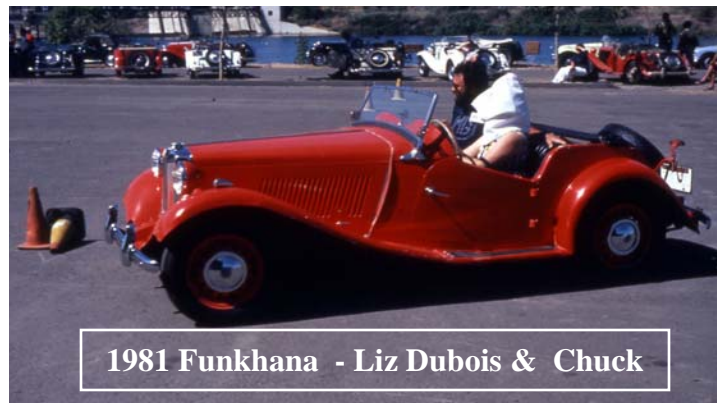
I really enjoyed Reagan's article in this month's GoF West Gazette. It was really funny. Let her know I look forward to reading more of her articles in the future. Samantha

Editor: Good job helping your club Samantha!

Send your letters to: [Editor @ GoFWest.org](mailto:Editor@GoFWest.org)



1991 Funkhane - Mac & Jean McGarah



1981 Funkhane - Liz Dubois & Chuck



2009 Funkhane
Pete & Fran Thelander

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GoF West 2013 - Carefree, Arizona



Greetings to All From the AZ MG T-Roadrunners

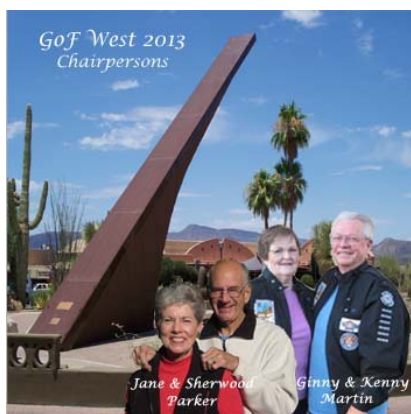
We are delighted that so many of you will be joining us for GoF West 2013 in Carefree, Arizona.

The four of us feel a great sense of anticipation each morning when we raid our mailboxes and switch on our computers to learn how many more are planning to attend this event. Almost every day we call each other to compare notes. We are talking about you, and it's all positive!

It is so much fun to hear from those of you we know from past GoF Wests, or old friends we haven't seen in years, or folks from other countries who will be traveling a very long way to attend this GoF West, or people who are attending a GoF West for the very first time. This is already shaping up to be a much larger gathering than we anticipated, and we love it.

Now that we are planning specifically rather than conceptually, we find that yes, it's more work than we thought but it's also a lot more fun. The chairs of our various events are making our jobs easier, and volunteers from our local club are stepping up to help with all the details.

Room Availability UPDATE: Attendance for this event has surpassed our expectations. The original block of rooms reserved for GoF West was sold out and a 2nd block of special rate rooms was negotiated. These *remaining additional rooms are limited* and we are concerned that those that wait may not be able to secure a room at the Resort. Keep in mind that there are few off site rooms available in the immediate area. So... get your room now.



Registration: Some have reserved rooms but we do not have your registration. Please register early to help our planners working on parking, meals, goody bags, car display layouts, regalia, and the like. We will need to be able to contact attendees directly in the coming months. Also note: registration is currently \$50 and will increase to \$60 after July 1st. Registration is available and easy at: www.GoFWest.org

Looking forward to seeing you "Carefree" in Carefree, Arizona

Sherwood, Jane, Kenny & Ginny

Carefree FUNKHANA:

Ridin', Ropin', and Shootin'



It will be just another day at the office for an Arizona cowboy! However, you slickers may have a challenge!

You will have to forgo "stompin' the grapes" in the Santa Ynez Valley of California and move to the land of cacti, rattlesnakes, and all sorts of wild West entertainment in Arizona. Lots of laughs abound as you and your navigator attempt to re-create everyday cowboy activities in your MG.

Come prepared to have fun!



GOF WEST AWARDS CRITERIA



Here is what you will need to know attending Carefree 2013:

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 Carefree!)

Al 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.

rallye, a long-distance automobile race, esp. for sports cars, held on public roads unfamiliar to the drivers, with numerous checkpoints along the route.

Y.A.R.D.= Yard Art & Rust Drive



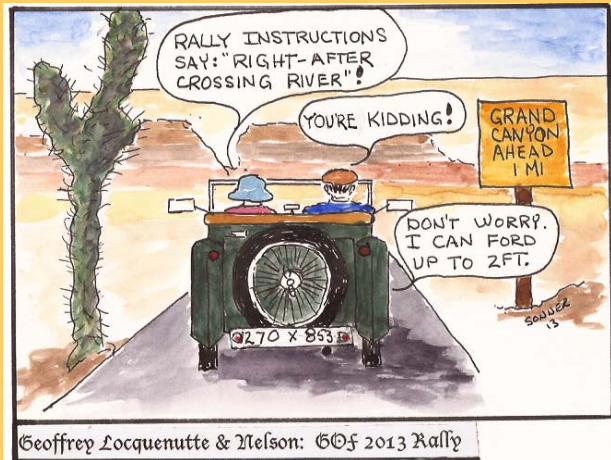
At GoF West Carefree you will find the rallye dedicated to “yard art”, revealing the individualism, creativity, artistry and in some cases, just plain wackiness, of the residents of Carefree, Cave Creek, and the surrounding area. While driving through our beautiful mountain and desert terrain, you will need to keep your eyes open for sculptures and other forms of “art” displaying these unique qualities.



It's also about “rust” - remember, RUST NEVER SLEEPS, but in this case (unlike on our MG's) it CAN be beautiful. You will be seeing everything from a house completely covered in rusty metal to many different works of art constructed of that material.

Don't worry about getting lost, it is all part of the fun!

And no, we will not be crossing the Grand Canyon.



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: GOF 2013 Rallye

March Gazette Contest: Identify the location of the picture used for the www.GoFWest.org header.

We have a winner! Terry Horlick

Terry correctly identified the photo as taken from atop Donner Pass over looking Donner Lake. There were a number of correct entries submitted so the winner was drawn from a hat. Terry is now the proud owner of “The Rock”. Terry's submission included: “I hope the rock is large... I need a new wheel chock!” Not quite Terry, but it will be a nice size display for your desk.

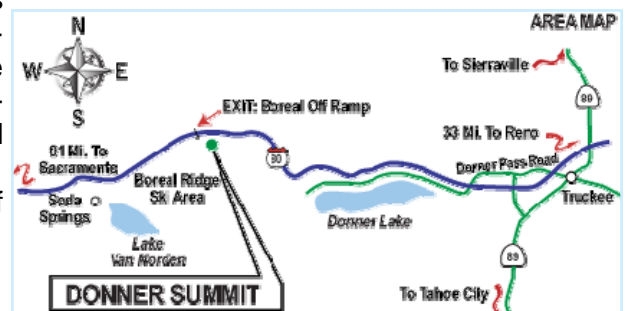


The photo was taken by Steve Simmons during GoF West 2009 - Squaw Valley. Steve was the designated photography for Squaw Valley and his car was captured in this scene during this *wonderful and memorable GoF West Rallye!*



The historical significance of Donner Pass is that it was the sight of a gruesome tale of survival. In early November 1846, the Donner Party (early settlers) found the route to California was blocked through the Sierra Nevada Mountains by snow and they were forced to spend the winter on the eastern side of the mountains. Of the 81 emigrants, only 45 survived to reach California. Some of them had to resort to cannibalization to survive.

Thanks to all who participated in this contest!!!



North American MMM Register is holding its 2013 Western National Meet in conjunction with GoF West 2013—Carefree. This will be a rare opportunity for many to get up and close to these wonderful cars.

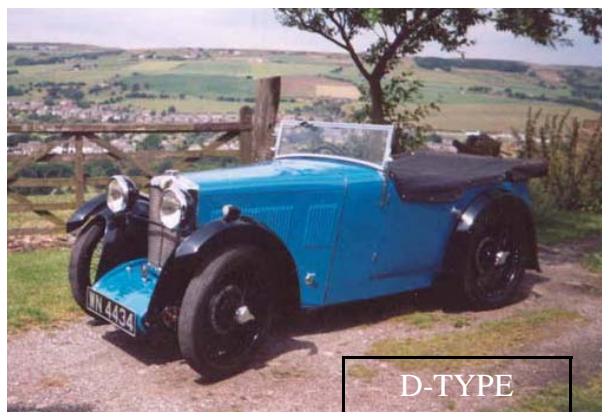
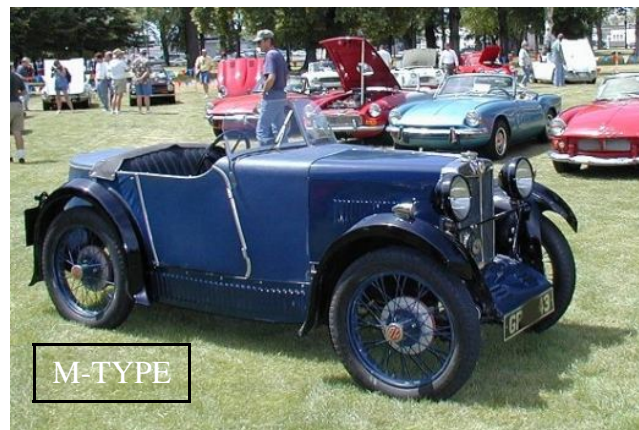
The following is Part 1 in a 3 part series to help you get to know the triple M's. MMM stands for Midget, Magna, and Magnette. All were overhead cam (OHC) and were built from 1929 through 1936. Let's start with the **MIDGET**.



PART 1— MIDGET: The first model of Midget was the M-Type followed by the D-Type, J-Type, and P-Type, with many variants of each. A pictorial review of the models follows:

M [1929-1932]

First production sports car from the MG Car Co., Ltd. Boat-tailed 2 seat sports. Fabric bodied 1929-1931. Metal bodied 1931-1932. 848 cc OHC engine. Non-crossflow head, single SU carburetor. Chassis Numbers M-0251 to M-3485.



D [1931-1932]

MGs first attempt at building a 4 seat open tourer. Early examples used 7' wheelbase 'C' type chassis, the later versions used a 7'2" wheelbase chassis, subsequently used for the J types. An ungainly (well, ugly) design, often viewed as back-heavy and was sluggish with the use of the 20 hp M engine. Chassis Nos. D-0251 to D-0500.

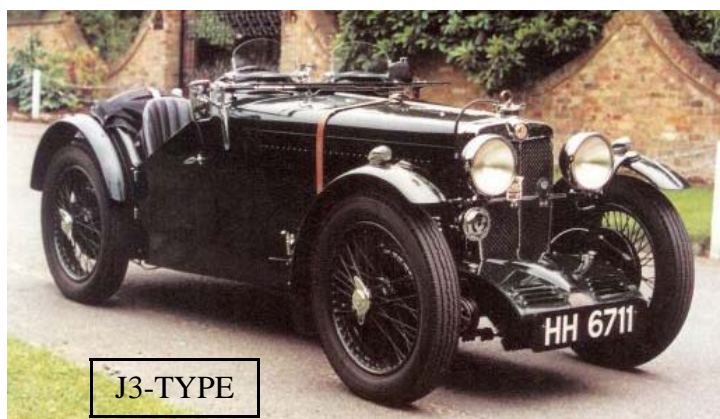
J [1932-1934]

J2 - the archetypal 2 seat slab tank open sports MG. Over 2,000 were built of which well over half survive today. Marred perhaps only by its weak two bearing crankshaft - a problem overcome today by the fitment of a stronger counter-balance shaft. Chassis J-0251 (pre-production) and J-2001 to J-3437 were fitted with cycle wings. Chassis Nos. J-3438 to J-4083 were fitted with long flared wings and running boards. 848 cc ohc with crossflow head and twin 1' SU carburetors. Very nimble and satisfying cars to drive, as well as very good looking.



J1 - the 4 seat open variant of the 2 seat J2 sports. The use of the J series power unit gave this model a great advantage over the very similar D type that it superseded. Chassis Numbers J-0252 to J-0631.

J3 - a factory supercharged version of the J2 2 seat sports. Almost identical to the J2, it sported a 'Power plus' super-charger between the chassis dumb irons and was fitted with a 746 cc engine to enable it to compete in Class H racing events. Chassis Numbers J-3751 to J3773.



“MMM” continued - MIDGET

PA [1934-1935]

Similar in design to the swept wing J2, this 4 cylinder model sported a new look and a stronger engine, still of 848 cc but with a 3 bearing crankshaft; together with a wood facia against the mottled aluminium dash of the J2. Contrary to many reports there were 110 fewer PAs built than J2s. Chassis Numbers PA-0251 to PA-2250 - The last 27 chassis were built into PBs by the factory and given PB chassis numbers.



PA-TYPE



PB-TYPE

PB [1935-1936]

One of the most sought-after of all the Midget MGs, the PB was identical to the PA except that it was uprated to 939 cc to compete with the Singer 9 of that year, sported a slatted radiator grille, a revised dashboard layout and a close ratio gearbox. Production ceased after 526 had been built. Chassis Numbers PB-0251 to PB-0776.

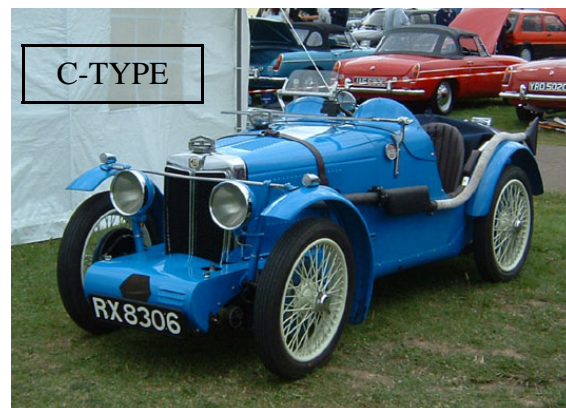
In addition to these standard sports car Midgets, racing models of C-Types, J4's, Q-Types, and R-Types were also offered with great success. All were considered Midgets as they were 4 cylinder engines.

C [1931-1932]

First true racing car from the MG stable. Derived directly from the M type. Only 44 were built, 8 in supercharged form. Chassis Numbers C-0251 to C-0294.

J4 [1933]

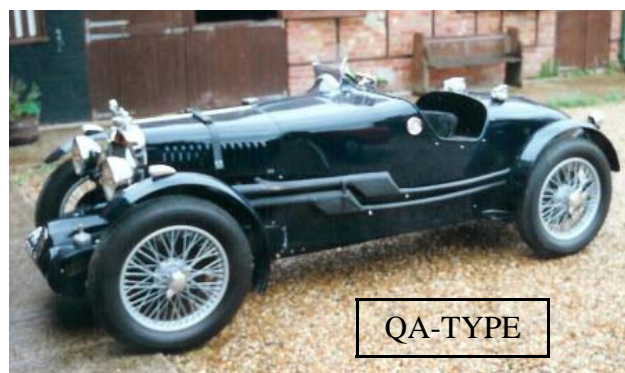
This was the full racing version of the J2 2 seat sports. Only 9 examples were built of which 8 remain today. A supercharged, doorless, 746 cc model with outside exhaust, manual gearbox and full racing dashboard layout. Chassis Numbers J-4001 to J-4009.



C-TYPE



J4-TYPE



QA-TYPE

QA [1934]

A spartan 2 seat racing car offered from the factory in ready-to-race form. From the 746 cc engine, which utilized a P type block and head, an amazing 110 bhp was achieved. Fitted with a Wilson pre-select gearbox and blown by a Zoller supercharger, the car was raced with great success but only 8 customers were attracted. Chassis Numbers QA-0251 to QA-0258.



RA-TYPE

RA [1935]

A revolutionary mono-sports design, utilizing for the first time a 'Y' shaped chassis and wishbone suspension. Its limited success was due to instability under braking;

but were it not for the Nuffield take-over of MG in 1936 it is likely these early set-backs would have been quickly rectified and a highly successful race car produced. Alas it was not to be and only 10 were completed. Chassis Numbers RA-0251 to RA-0260.

These 4 cylinder Midgets were the true predecessors of the TA Midget of 1936.

And, the PB Midgets were the last of the OHC MG's - the true legacy of Cecil Kimber.

GoF West News

GoF Website:

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

GoF West 2013 Carefree:

- 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

GoF West Steering Committee:

The committee held its semi annual meeting on Mar 23 at the Carefree Resort in Arizona. The purpose was to review ongoing planning for future events. Committee member reports were given for: Treasury, Gazette schedule, website improvements, and administrative changes to the Red Book. Detailed updates were then given by event chairs for GoF West 2013— Carefree and GoF West 1014 - San Diego. The meeting concluded with a site survey of the Carefree Resort facilities.

The Steering Committee is pleased to report that GoF West Events are on track for being hugely successful by being well ahead in their planning processes. Next meeting is a scheduled teleconference Jun 17th.

Others GoF's:

GOOF Ontario—Milton, ON May 31— Jun2 (Gathering of ON Faithful)

GoF NEMGTR—North Conway, NH Jun 5-9

GoF Ohio - New Philadelphia, OH Jun 14-16

GoF Central—St. Louis, MO Jul 15-19

GoF NEMGTR—Oneonta, NY Sep 11-15

For information for these and other events visit: www.GoFWest.org

Carefree Becomes International Event

It is now official that GoF West 2013 has been re-categorized as an International Event. Aside from major participation for all across the US, there are now registered attendees from as far as Canada, Australia, Switzerland, and Texas!



It is easy to register for GoF West 2013

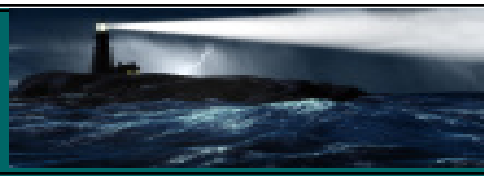
Everything can be done online. Check it out!

Go to: www.GoFWest.com

Click on: GoF West 2013

Click on: Registration (GoF) or Resort Reservations (Hotel)

Don't miss the fun!



San Diego MGT Register Helps Fight Parkinson's Disease

By Bruce McIntyre, Chapter President

The San Diego MGT Register recently completed its eighth year of fundraising to help fight Parkinson's disease.

Our group has a special interest in finding a cure because one of our long-time members, **Dick Moss**, suffers from the disease. Over the past eight years, the San Diego MGT Register, in combination with the San Diego MG Club, and under the enthusiastic direction of Dan and Linda Harmer, has raised over \$50,000. This year, we placed third overall in fundraising, with a total of \$8,200.



In honor of Dick, our nickname for the walk is the.....

San Diego Mosskeeters.

The fundraising culminates with a 5K walk sponsored by the local Parkinson's chapter. The walk travels along scenic San Diego Bay starting from Liberty Station, which is the site of old Naval Training Center. This year we also displayed some of our cars, and enjoyed the oohs and aahs as participants walked past. During the walk, our group is easy to spot proudly marching behind the MG flag.



In past walks, one of our club members, Robbie McKnight, has added to the occasion by dressing in full Scottish regalia and playing the bagpipes while walking the entire 5K. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to participate this year. Once we completed the walk, we all gathered at the Moss's home for a pot luck lunch to celebrate another successful fundraising campaign occasion and, of course, talk about our cars.

The San Diego MGT Register was formed in 1972. Our group currently has 59 members and 27 MGTs. Club activities include monthly meetings, tours and rallies as well as periodic "tech" sessions where we can share our collective knowledge to keep our cars in tip-top condition. The Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Marie Callender's restaurant in La Mesa. Be sure and stop by if you are in town.

Please tell us about your club special news and future events. *You could be in the "Spot Light"*

Send club information to editor@GoFWest.org

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

Hosted by:



MG Car Club
Rocky Mountain Centre



Here is what you do not want to miss!

DAY 1: Friday Rallye to Glenwood Springs. Start line is at Arvada, Colorado.

This will be a Time, Speed Distance (TSD) Rallye. The Route is anticipated to be about 300 miles on mostly paved roads, although some well maintained dirt roads may be encountered. The first car will start at 8:01 AM and should arrive in Glenwood Springs about 4:00 PM.

DAY 2: Saturday Glenwood to Glenwood Rallye Tour will be approximately 150 miles full of scenery and questions.

DAY 3: Sunday: Glenwood Springs Car Show, Funkhana, and Awards

For more information visit www.MGCC.org

Don't Forget to Teach the Next-Next Generation



Carefree Registration:

Visit the website at: www.GoFWest.org (preferred)
By mail: Use registration form below (alternate)



GoF WEST 2013 Registration Form Carefree, Arizona October 28-November 1, 2013

Regist. #

Registration Fee:

Check payable to GoF West 2013

\$50 USD before July 1, 2013

\$60 USD after July 1, 2013

In Spirit \$25

Cancellations after July 1 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 under 12 who will be attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Have you previously attended a GoF WEST? Yes _____ No _____

Has the car previously attended a GoF WEST? Yes _____ No _____

Bringing a Trailer? Yes _____ No _____

Primary Club Affiliation: _____

Car: Year: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____ License Number: _____

Method of Payment: Check _____ VISA _____ Master Card _____

Name on card: _____ Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Three Digit Security Number: _____

Hotel Information:

Carefree Resort & Conference Center
37220 Mule Train Road Carefree, AZ 85377

Hotel Phone: (480) 488-5300

Online Link to hotel registration: www.GoFWEST.org

Please refer to GoF West 2013 to get these rates.

Resort queen, double queen, king: \$142

Plus applicable taxes and fees. Resort fees waived at checkout.

Includes up to two \$5.00 off Breakfast Buffet coupons per paid resort room.

Send form to:

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**In October 2013 the Arizona MG 'T' Roadrunners hope
to see YOU "care free" in Carefree, Arizona.**