

Happy Faces Told the Story at GoF West 2012, The Fourtieth Event in the History Of GoF West

When Larry Long, the Chairman of GoF West 2012, agreed to take on the event, he thought that it would be “duck soup”, as they say, because he had done it in 2005, at the same hotel, and it should be a simple matter to do it again. Right?? Duh, if you agree with that, then you really don’t understand what goes into the planning of such an event.

Back in 2005, Larry nicknamed the event “The Rockin’ T Ranch”, and it sure did rock back then. This time around, knowing that things change after many years, Larry realized that Old Santa Ynez Sam, our mascot in 2005, had probably changed his cattle ranch into a grape vineyard, as almost everybody else in the valley has done. So Sam was still with us in

2012 and was there to greet everybody as they came to the hotel, and showed up everywhere throughout the GoF to make sure all of the attendees were having fun. This time he even had a birthday cake made in our honor since this was the 40th event of GoF West.



Larry asked his good buddy, Jim Bull, to act as co-chair, and solicited help from their local car club: the Paradise British Car Club. Between the two of them sharing responsibilities, and with the generous help from some of the guys and gals from Paradise, the job got done, and done very well.

The event started off on Monday with folks registering at our host hotel, the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott Hotel in Buellton, CA., in the heart of the Santa Ynez Valley. After everybody got settled, Larry led an orientation session in the early evening at



*Steering Committee members
being honored by Larry*



*Pete and Fran with their
Committee Award*

the hotel, and told everyone about the local attractions and what they would find in Buellton, Solvang and the other towns throughout the Santa Ynez Valley. Since this was a special event in the life of GoF West, Larry took the opportunity to present plaques to all of those folks that ever served on the Steering Committee (see page 7) and to recognize a few other folks that have made significant contributions to the GoF.

Out of all of the cars that have ever been to a GoF

West, only one car (and its owner) has been to that of all forty GoF West events, with one slight exception. Butch Taras started on his way to the event in Oregon in 1990 but had a malfunction along the way, so had to return home to get a replacement car. Other than that mishap, he would have been to every GoF West since the beginning with his TD. Therefore, we welcomed him into the “All 40” Club, and presented him with a special plaque to recognize this accomplishment.

Warren Wendt, Fran and Pete Thelander, and Dee Austin were also welcomed into the “All 40” Club with special plaques recognizing their “extreme dedication and perseverance” for this accomplishment.

In addition, one other car that was at the very first GoF West in Santa Barbara was at this event (along with its owners): the MG TC of Rick and Jill Pullen. Warren Wendt intended to have his TD here, as well, but just couldn’t manage getting it on the trailer. So we gave Rick and Jill a special award and made them members of the “1 ‘N 40” Club, with an honorary plaque given to Warren as well.

Dinner was “on your own” for Monday evening, and with thanks to one local restaurant owner who gave us a 10% discount, many of the folks found their way to his establishment as well as others in the local region.

The number of registrants that registered as First Times was impressive: around 20! Many of these showed their cars at the First Timers car display behind the hotel, held in conjunction with the orientation session. It was great to see so many new people and their cars. I’m certain that they were impressed with the weeks ac-

tivities and will be back to many more GoF west events.

The car display is probably the most popular event at the GoF's, and this years car display was no exception. It is hard to find green grass in the summer time in the Valley, especially for parking a large group of cars for dis-



The “Modern” class at the car display

play. We were fortunate that the Santa Ynez Valley Visitors Bureau and Chamber of Commerce offered a nearly brand new park for us for the car display. This was the first time an event like this was held at the park, and the Bureau saw the possibilities of holding more functions like this.

The park grass area is huge! It is so big that we were able to arrange the cars on 15 foot centers, with 15 feet between the rows and still have lots of area left. Larry, being the engineer that he is, had the Paradise Club helpers arrange the cars so that they were all parked at the same angle, with the parkers using giant protractors to get



A great display of beautiful First-Timer cars



Lovely LBCs all in a row

the angle just right. And then he had them line up the radiator caps so every car in a row was in an absolute straight line within plus or minus 1/8 of an inch (or at least an inch or two!). It will be hard for any future GoF West to match the exactness of this display!



There were 64 cars on the field with 18 TCs, 20 TDs, and 9 TFs, with a few of the other classes of cars normally seen at a GoF event.

We want to thank Steve Simmons for taking such marvelous photographs as the cars entered the field, and for all of the photography throughout the week. The photos are available on a CD from Steve for \$15.00.

Larry arranged to have a catered luncheon at the car display, and it was marvelous. Tri-tip BBQs are a standard here in the Valley, so that is what we had, along with fresh corn-on-the-cob, beans, salad and bread. At the last minute, Larry decided to throw in strawberry



shortcake as a desert, with freshly picked strawberries, another staple of the Valley.

Three Technical Sessions were held at the hotel in the afternoon, and all were well attended. Larry had arranged for Kathy Vreeland of the Visitors Bureau to

tell us about the history of Buellton and the Santa Ynez Valley at the first ses-

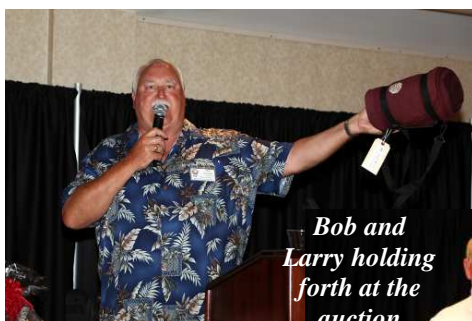


sion. Jerry Felper and Joyce Edgar then held concurrent sessions with Jerry telling folks how they could solve problems with their "electrics" on their T-series cars, and Joyce telling us about the safety concerns and laws about carrying small children in a T-series car.



The savings that folks had from towing instead of driving their cars to the GoF was soon out of their hands on Tuesday evening when they became the high bidders for items at the annual auction. This event provides folks with the opportunity to bid on a variety of MG related items donated by our MG businesses or individuals. Great bargains are to be had at these auctions, such as the one-of-a-kind MG clock or collector art prints. Bob Christian did a superior job as auction-

eer, along with some help from Larry, and kept the auction moving so we finished in the promised two hours. His perseverance in getting the highest bid for the



Bob and Larry holding forth at the auction

items helped insure the financial success of the event. Mike and Jo

Lynn Campbell and Jerry and LaVern Felper did a splendid job getting everybody through the checkout in rapid fashion.

The rally on Wednesday morning couldn't have been better, thanks to the work of Jim Bull and Larry. The roads around the Santa Ynez Valley were made for MG driving. The rally was a combination of observa-



tions and photographs of segments of signs, etc., that needed a

discerning eye to spot the real item. Interspersed with the questions were some tidbits of information



about the locale and history of the Valley. Jim and Karen Bull, of the Paradise Club, managed to score the rally sheets by late afternoon. The remainder of the afternoon was a "free" period for the attendees, giving them an opportunity to see the sights of the Valley, or to just kick back and relax around the pool at the hotel.

The hosts of each GoF are given the opportunity of having discretionary events as well as the mandatory events stated in the GoF West Guidelines. This year, Larry and Barbara arranged to have the group attend the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts theater presentation of Little Women: the Musical, with an optional chicken dinner before hand. This turned out to be one of the most popular events of the week, giving folks an opportunity to get away from car stuff, and enjoy a professional presentation of a popular Broadway show. It did get a little chilly at the outdoor theater, but folks kept warm and seemed to enjoy the production.

The last full day of the event saw folks gathering up real finds at the flea market, with six or eight sellers. They then participated in the funkhana, one of the mandatory events of a GoF West, and a "Carless

Funkhana" organized by Jim and Karen Bull. Larry and Jim continued the vineyard theme



through the funkhana by having the participants take part in tasks that would be performed at any area vineyard: planting the grapes, spraying the bugs, harvesting the grapes, and



finally stomping the grapes to make wine and bottling the wine. With some of the

participants, the grape stomping was a sight to behold. For extra points, we had them sing “I Heard It On The Grapevine” while stomping. It was easy to pick out those folks that probably will never appear on the “Dancing With The Stars” TV show!

The Vintage MG Club folks did a magnificent job handling the regalia sales. Sales were brisk at this GoF, thanks to having the outstanding wares of Cara Briskman. The photo, model, and craft display was in the same room as regalia sales, and was well attended, with the folks admiring several wonderful examples of the fine art of MGs. Barbara Long attended to the hospitality suite, which seemed to be full of people at all the times it was open, giving added credence to the fact that everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

The awards banquet was one to remember, with Stuart Locke and Bob Spencer reprising their performance at the funkhana. Steve Simmons spent almost the



Show us that winning form, Stu and Bob!

entire week taking superb photographs at all of the events,

and had them assembled for a great presentation throughout the evening. One club wanted to have a group photo taken, so Steve accommodated them and soon every club that was present had a group photo taken (See pages 8 and 9). These photos are also on the CD that Steve has put together.



Almost everybody was able to take an award home with them

Awards were plentiful, given for each of the events that took place throughout the week. A listing of awards and the winners is elsewhere in this issue. Jane and Sherwood Parker and Ginny Martin gave a magnificent presentation about next year's GoF West, to be held at Carefree, AZ, from Oct. 28 to Nov 1, 2013; see

the articles elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, we had to say goodbye to each other on Friday morning. This was one week in the lives of the attendees that they didn't want to end, but, alas, all good things must come to an end. The best compliment that was offered was “I don't want to go home; I'm having too much fun!” That said it all!

All-in-all, the goal that Larry had from the onset of the planning for this event—for people to just have fun, make a few new friends, and really enjoy themselves—seemed to have been met. And everybody said they would like to do it again. Larry and Barbara want to expressly thank everybody that was involved from the initial planning to the handling of the events to the hotel personnel, for making this a GoF west to remember. And to thank all of you folks that took the time to attend! We hope to see you next year in Arizona.



Chairman's Chatter

By George Kershaw

The Weather was Perfect, the Area Spectacular, the Hotel Delightful -Yummy Breakfasts- and GoF West 2012 could not have been a Nicer Event. !

Larry Long and Jim Bull, with support from the Paradise Valley British Car Club, treated us to a magnificent week in the beautiful Santa Inez Valley. Larry's experience, hard work, and dedication certainly were evident throughout the event and our 40th GoF West was a smashing success !! Barbara Long and family, coupled with Karen Bull, certainly earned Kudos for their support and efforts. Larry has been working very diligently on this Special Anniversary GoF for several years and the Commemorative Program he produced will surely be a Collector's Item.

GoF West 2012 was truly a Signature Larry Long Event with every one having had just an absolutely wonderful time. Terrifically Done, Larry !!

And if Buellton wasn't enough, for the past 2 years, Larry has been our Chairman of GoF West, Inc. and we are indebted, again, to him for his service and many contributions.

While on the subject of the Steering Committee, I would also like to thank Ed Reynolds and Dave Bradley for their service- and we are grateful that Dave will be returning and continue serving as Secretary.

Also elected this year was Doug Pelton who will fill one of our At Large positions. Rounding out the SC we have:

Ginny Martin, Co-Chair GoF West 2013 (Ken Martin along with Jane and Sherwood Parker all as Co-Chairs are non-Voting Members)

Dave Machovec, At Large

Mike Campbell, Treasurer

Lawrie Alexander, Vice-Chairman

George Kershaw, Chairman

With the glow from Buellton still burning brightly, the allure of Carefree, based on the superb presentation that Ginny and Ken Martin, Jane and Sherwood Parker, along with the other very enthusiastic members of the Arizona MG " T " Roadrunners, gave us, means the anticipation of GoF West 2013 will be very exciting.

Safety Fast, George

*What a day!! Three lovelies,
oh so tired!!*



*Hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil—
these guys apparently are at the right place!!*

Lois McGovern photo

Steering Committee Members Honored at GoF West 2012

The first Steering Committee of GoF West, Inc., was formed following the very first GoF West held in Santa Barbara, CA in 1973. This committee served as a sanctioning body, held the money and gave guidance to clubs putting on further events. At the GoF at Jackson Lake in 1992, the folks that had served since the beginning decided that they had served long enough--20 years, and they decided others should take over. The following year at Tahoe, the GoF was opened to elections for the Steering Committee.

While a lot of the details of a GoF West event are handled by the committee or club that is chairing the event, there are many details that have to be overseen by the Steering Committee.

Needless to say, over the 40 years that GoF West has held an event, there have been a lot of people involved with this committee, and George Kershaw and Larry Long decided to honor all of those people that have given so freely of their time to ensure that the events have been successful.

Larry, as Chairman of the Committee up to GoF West 2012, and as Chairman of GoF West 2012, welcomed the 2012 registrants at an orientation evening at the host hotel. As a surprise to all, Larry invited all participants that had

ever served on the Steering Committee and were present, to come forward to receive a well deserved plaque of recognition for their years of service. The plaques were designed by Larry with input from George and Mike Campbell.

Those in attendance were: Lawrie Alexander, Dave Bradley, Mike Campbell, Jerry Felper, Bill Hiland, George Kershaw, Stuart Locke, Larry Long, Ginny and Ken Martin, Jane and Sherwood Parker, Ed Reynolds, Terry Sanders, Pete Thelander, and Warren Wendt. Both Warren and Pete served on the original committee and for 20 and 21 years, respectively, thereafter.

Bill Bollendonk, Sharon Briskman, Colin Fitzgerald, Ann Hazel, Floyd Inman, Gary Kennedy, Dave Machovec, Al Moss, Chris Nowlan, Mike O'Connor, Lane Rollins, Syd Saperstein, Jim Silva, Bill Tantau,

and Brien Rainville were not present and the awards were mailed to all of them.

In addition, Jerry Austin and Tim Cane have passed away and awards were mailed to Dee and Kay.

The Steering Committee and attendees of the GoF West events are very grateful to all of the above who have been so generous with their time for the benefit of all of us.



More (Past) Chairman's Chatter

By Larry Long

Well, it's time to hang it up for a while, Folks. I have been Editor of the GoF Gazette since October, 2010, and am ready for some changes. So this fall, our newest member of the Steering Committee, Doug Pelton, will be assuming the responsibilities as Editor. I do want to say that, for me, doing that job has been a pleasure; it is something that I enjoy doing and think I know how to do it well, so it hasn't been too difficult most of the time. I'm sure that I will miss it, but am ready to move on. I do hope you all have enjoyed the issues put together twice a year. Be sure to keep Doug informed of news of your clubs, etc.

And, along with that and the completion of GoF West 2012, I am now no longer a member of the Steering Committee. I have been Chairman for the past couple of years, and have served on the Committee for most of the past 12 years, and am looking for some other exciting things to do. The Committee and GoF West will be in good hands with George as Chair and with the current members that are serving. I do want to thank George, Lawrie, Dave and Dave, Mike, and others who have been supporting of me as Chairman. I think we all had the best for GoF West at heart in all we did; "Thank you, Gentlemen, for that!"

Barbara and I are looking forward to seeing you all in Carefree next fall, and hope to be at many more GoF West events to come; maybe now I will have time to finish the restoration of the MG NB! Keep the spirit of GoF alive folks; get your kids and grandkids involved!

I wish all of you the very best—Larry

Club Group Photos at GoF West 2012

The Sacramento Valley MG Club



The TC Motoring Guild

The Arizona MG T Roadrunners



The Sorry Safari Touring Society



The MG Club of Southern California



The Classic MGs of Southern California Club



More Club Group Photos at GoF West 2012

The Sacramento Valley MG Club



The RMMGTR Group, from Florida

The San Diego MG Club



The "Been to All 40" folks



The Vintage MG Club of Southern California



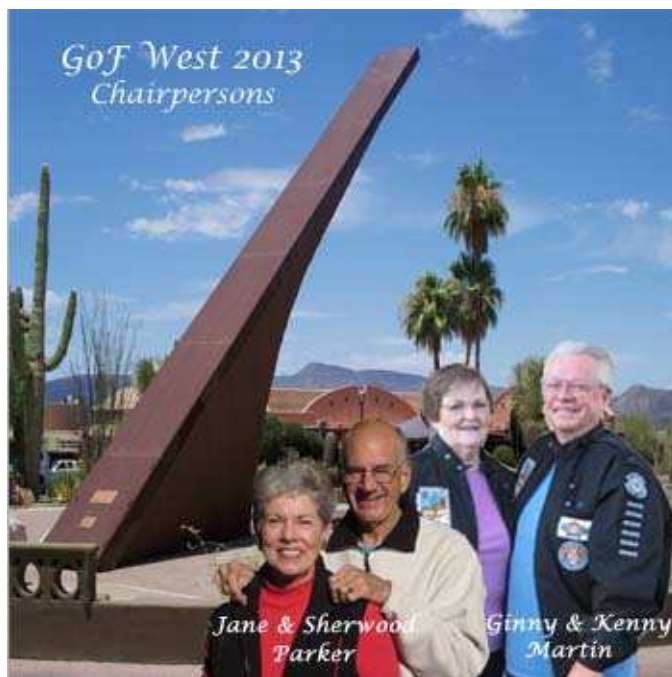
GoF Moves to Arizona for GoF West 2013

The Arizona MG T Roadrunners invite you to Arizona for GoF West 2013.

This next gathering will be held in Carefree, AZ from Oct 28 thru Nov 1. Plan to stay at the beautiful Carefree Resort, nestled within the foothills and boulders of the Sonoran Desert. The accommodations and amenities will surpass your expectations. In addition to stylish, comfortable rooms, there is a full complement of facilities to suit all of your needs.

The four day event will start on Monday with the roundup of all the first timers and a special display of their cars. If you have never attended a GOF then you will be in for a treat because **you** will be our special guests on opening night.

Other events for the week will include car display, tech sessions, "special" ladies tech event, funkana, roadrunner rally, and finally arts and crafts to include photo, model, and dioramas competition. All will culminate with an awards banquet. You can expect a few twists and turns throughout the week but you will have to be here to see what they are. There will be lots going on but there will also be plenty of time to socialize, sightsee, shop and relax. Overall, when you combine the casual Carefree setting, local western flare and the excitement of the MG family, you will have a GoF to remember.



We invite you to be "Carefree in Carefree" in 2013. Be part of the fun!

Jane and Sherwood Parker and Ginny and Ken Martin, Co-Chairs, GoF West 2013



Yeh, I just poured it in my cup. Is that a problem?

You put it in there???
You gotta be kidding!!!



(From GoF West 2012)

All GoF West 2012 photographs are by Steve Simmons unless otherwise noted.

Carefree—The Rest of the Story

The announcement of GoF 2013 location of Carefree, AZ raised a few eyebrows at the GoF 2012. Where the heck is Carefree? What about this Tranquil Trail, Easy Street, Ho-and-Hum Road stuff? Sonoran desert....? Will I need to bring pliers to remove cactus needles from my tires? You may be surprised with the rest of the story.

Carefree is located 35 miles north of Phoenix. In 1950, two entrepreneurs, Palmer and Darlington, acquired the land known today as Carefree and set the stage for development. Their overall goal was to incorporate the striking landscape, with flora and fauna, into a distinctive residential community.

By 1960 the town center was established. It included a loop within the business area; this would be called Easy Street. Within the town center a sundial was erected. It measured 90' diameter and was 35' high. This is the 3rd largest of its kind in the western hemisphere and stands today as an icon of the community. By decades end, approximately 300 homes had been constructed and many roads were now paved. With this development, many of Hollywood fame took an eye to Carefree.

In 1968, a state-of-the-art film studio was erected on 160 acres. It offered soundstages, editing bays, screening rooms, make-up and productions facilities. The "New Dick Van Dyke Show" was one of the first productions filmed in Carefree. Dick remains a resident today. Other notables such as Orson Wells, Bob Hope, Eva St. Marie, Forrest Tucker, Paul Newman, Bill Cosby, and Hugh Downs all had the pleasure to work in



Carefree through the next 2 decades. By the 1980's, Carefree had incorporated as a town.

Today, Carefree is ever growing with a population of approaching 4000. Throughout the year, Carefree offers numerous concerts and events such as world class art shows at their Desert Gardens and Amphitheater. The town center has become a vibrant business district. Easy Street is pedestrian friendly and provides "easy" access to a unique assortment of shops, restaurants, art works, park and fountain. In all there are 15 restaurants making the number of restaurants per capita the highest in the Phoenix metro area.

When you attend GoF 2013, you will find Carefree "The Best Small Town In Arizona".



Roadrunner Restaurant Review

By Carol Pelton

As the planning progresses for GoF West 2013, I wanted to do a little advanced “sampling” of the culinary options for our future guests. Recently I strolled down Easy Street in Carefree, AZ to get a first hand perspective. Immediately my eye caught sight of the Union Jack. This was my choice for a place for lunch.... “English Rose Tea Room”.

Upon entry I was warmly greeted and immediately seated. The ambiance was delightful. Tastefully decorated, England was everywhere. English porcelain, pictures, memorabilia, satin and linens. Patrons were all abuzz in a very soft excited library type quietness. Most all of the ladies were adorned by their finest hats, certainly suitable for an afternoon tea with the Queen. At the rear of the room there was a special fervor where a group of young ladies were trying on....yes hats! from a large box. Ahhh...I see, you select your hat to wear while having tea. How fun!



The menu was equally exciting and distinctly proper for a Tea Room. Earl of Sandwich, Hampshire Chicken, Baker's Jacket... too many choices. The list of teas was also a point of interest for me as I am a tea



lover. The Irish Breakfast Tea, rich, strong, full bodies had an immediate appeal. I was not disappointed.

For lunch I decided on the Veggie Quiche and English Salad and a sampling of the Cottage Pie. Service was prompt and the presentation was regal. The final test would be the taste. In anticipation I took my first bite and my brain went into descriptive hyper-mode: delectable, heavenly, satisfying, and on and on.

I consider the “English Rose Tea Room” a must stop for GOF 13 attendees. I give it 5 stars!

Carol Pelton, AZ MG T Roadrunner – “On the Road Roadrunner Reporter”

No. 1 Registrants for GoF West 2013: Rick and Jill Pullen

Each year there is an auction for Registration #1 for the following year's GoF West event. This has been a long standing tradition with the underlying purpose of helping to generate needed funds. However, this particular auction event also serves to remind us of those who are some of our strongest supporters. This year's winner was Rick and Jill Pullen. They have the distinct privilege of being the first to register for Carefree 2013 and will also receive an assortment of special gratuities. *Thank you both!*

If you would like to register for GoF West 2013 – Carefree AZ please visit our website: <http://gofwest.com>





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

Regist. #

Registration Fee:
\$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: _____ First GoF WEST?: 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: <http://booking.ihotelier.com/istay/istay.jsp?groupID=773251&hotelID=13181>

Additional Help: Group Rooms Coordinator. Cory Pettijohn

1-520-579-9293 / E-mail: cpettijohn@carefree-resort.com

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:

**Ken & Ginny Martin
4846 E. Indianola Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85018
602-840-3554**

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

MINUTES — Advisory Council Meeting

GoF West, Inc., Buellton, CA, June 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by general consensus at 1:05 PM and the following Steering Committee members were present:

Chairman – Larry Long
Vice-Chairman – George Kershaw
Secretary – Dave Bradley
Finance/Treasurer – Mike Campbell
At Large – Lawrie Alexander
At large – Ed Reynolds
At Large – Dave Machovec – Absent because of injuries
GoF West 2013 Chairs – Ken & Ginny Martin

A survey of the clubs present with the following recognized:

San Diego MG T Register, Arizona Roadrunners, Sacramento Valley MG Car Club, TC Motoring Guild, Classic MGs of Southern California, Paradise British Car Club, Southern California MG Club, and Vintage MG of Southern California.

Larry gave a brief rundown on the makeup, purpose and conduct of the Steering Committee meetings.

Ed Reynolds commented that a map of suggested restaurants may have been helpful and a map to the events. He also suggested that a video of the answers to the rally may be a nice touch at the banquet.

Adam Lombard (President of So.Cal MG Club), commented that this was his 1st GoF and felt that it was fantastic. He commented that more clubs would probably be in Carefree.

Larry mentioned that he has been working with Doug Pelton on the GoF West email list and now have about 700 names. Ginny Martin mentioned that they would be using that list.

Bob Christian (VMG) suggested that more publicity should be given to the Models, Arts & Crafts (M,A&C) competition and a possible widening of the categories. Larry pointed out that the Red Book lists the minimum categories and an event chair could widen if desired. Lawrie pointed out that the GoF web site could be more useful in disseminating this information (if more would actually use it).

Ginny asked about previous entries in M,A&C and their eligibility for future competition. Larry mentioned that only the winners were not eligible and the items for the auction that were entered should go back and to the display.

Mike mentioned that a monthly email reminder to registrants concerning the need for auction items and the M, A&C are needed.

The question was asked about top line contact info on the GoF West web page. It was pointed out that the info is shown as "CONTACT".

Dave Mathison (TC Motoring Guild) suggested that an information center or bulletin board be placed in the lobby for late arrivals. Ginny mentioned that there will be an info center in Carefree and Fran Thelander suggested a community/message board for notices, sales, etc. It was also suggested that the front desk personnel be more educated as to special parking areas, etc.

Larry mentioned that the hotel made all the special signs and banners at no charge.

Mike and Adam mentioned that it would be nice to include activities for spouses and children and involvement of the younger generation to perpetuate interest in MG cars. Mike also mentioned that the GoF West scheduling should, to the extent possible, be so that it would not interfere with the school schedule.

Discussion was held on the possibility of some type of "Young Persons" award. The AZ Roadrunners were going to take the lead on this and will be working with Doug Pelton. Lawrie mentioned that it is actually our children's children that we have to get them interested as well as the owners of As and Bs if we're concerned with sustainability. We need to make them feel more welcome at the GoFs and encourage ownership in the "T" series cars. A number of attendees commented on various methods to accomplish a sustainability agenda.

George Kershaw asked if there were any sustainability suggestions that could be incorporated into GoF West 2015. Mike suggested that it may be a consideration to make the event a bi-annual affair and that he would discuss this at the Steering Committee meeting immediately following this meeting. Larry pointed out that the GoF West By-laws specifically state that the purpose of GoF West, Inc. is to perpetuate the "T" series and that a deviation from this purpose would require a change in the By-laws.

Larry asked if there were any suggestions for 2015 as to location or organizers and that planning should start soon. Lawrie pointed out that short leads could be handled and that by inviting the clubs with later cars to the next GoFs we could get more involved and increase the possibilities for sponsorship. Mike mentioned several previous GoFs that were successfully done that integrated As & Bs and done by clubs that were not predominantly "T" series clubs.

Larry asked if there were any nominations for the two upcoming vacancies. Larry listed the opening positions as that of Ed Reynolds & Dave Bradley. Larry listed the terms of the present members. Dave Bradley & Doug Pelton were nominated for the openings and seconded and then moved that nominations be closed. Larry moved that Dave & Doug be elected by acclamation, seconded and approved by those present.

Larry moved for adjournment, it was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Bradley, Secretary



Ring around the Rosie, a pocket full of posies...

Linda and Bobbie, a couple of familiar faces at most GoFs



MINUTES — GoF West Steering Committee

GoF West, Inc., Buellton, CA, June 21, 2012

Meeting was convened at 3:05 PM by Larry Long, the outgoing Chairman.

George Kershaw was nominated and elected as Chairman replacing Larry Long. Lawrie Alexander was nominated and elected as Vice Chair.

Introduction of new Committee Members

Doug Pelton fills the position vacated by Ed Reynolds for a three year term.

The assignment of committee responsibilities is as follows:

Chairman – George Kershaw

Vice-Chairman – Lawrie Alexander

Secretary – Dave Bradley

Finance/Treasurer – Mike Campbell

At Large/ Gazette Editor – Doug Pelton

At Large – Dave Machovec – Absent because of injuries

GoF West 2013 Chairs – Ken & Ginny Martin

GoF West 2012 Review

Larry mentioned that while the Paradise club assisted, most of the work was done by Larry & Jim Bull. The hotel did a great job. The registrations started off quickly then flattened out and picked up again shortly before the event. Larry stated that the final report should be available within the next month. Larry said that the final number was 108 and all information would be shared with GoF West 2013. Larry expressed thanks for the help from the AZ folks and Ginny mentioned that they learned a lot from helping.

Ken mentioned that there was only one car eligible for the Premier award and what about the current guide and the 3 year limit. He felt that they (GoF West 2013) may be in the same situation and should some change be considered. Larry felt that things should stay as they are. Larry asked George to present the awards at the banquet.

George asked if Larry has considered an honorarium for the current GoF. Discussion was held as to past practice and decided that the formula used by the red Book would hold.

Secretary's Report

Accepted

Treasurer's Report

Accepted. Discussion was held on the proper accounting for Registration #1. Should that go to the current GoF or the following GoF (that does the presentation). Decision was made that it goes to the GoF that makes the presentation.

GoF West 2013 Update

Ginny reports that they are on schedule. Ginny displayed the proposed award format. Lawrie mentioned that the award levels should be visibly different and Ginny explained that they would be.

George mentioned that GoF West, Inc. was not adverse to assisting with the cost of the orientation costs. Ginny asked about the format and if meals were required. Lawrie said that the goal should be to inform folks about the who, what, and where of the event. George suggested that Ginny submit a proposal on what is planned and the committee would review and make possible suggestions. Mike suggested early for dinner after or late after dinner with desert. Because of the location it may be desirable for dinner on site sub-

sided by GoF West, Inc. George stated that the goal was to have a successful GoF and the Committee would assist as necessary. George stated that "It's your GoF".

Lawrie mentioned previous GoFs had raffles that raised a significant dollar and it's an idea that should be considered.

A brief discussion was held on the concept of "youth awards". Doug mentioned that he would be working with the TC Motoring Guild and the Roadrunners to work out the details. Lawrie stated that if you want to promote the next level of enthusiasm you'll have to aim to an older group that could afford a car. Doug said that we need to encourage the potential "first timers" and work with the clubs to do this.

Lawrie asked if mailings/contacts would be made to other western clubs. Ginny stated that those listed in the Red Book would be contacted and Doug said that he would assist in an updated email list. Doug made some suggestions concerning the current GoF West, Inc web site. It was decided that this would be on hold for the present.

GoF West 2014 Update

Dave stated that we (He, George, & Mike) had been working with Helms/Brisco to identify sites in San Diego and have reduced the hotels to the Holiday Inn on the Bay and the Bahia Resort. It may be possible to utilize the San Diego Maritime Museum. The dates would be August 24 through 29, 2014. Negotiations are on going and rates would be \$139-140 per night and a \$12,000 minimum on meals. Secured parking is available at the Holiday Inn. The area presents itself to many activities from winery tours and bouquet breweries. Both areas are close to shopping and other attractions.

Lawrie inquired if San Diego would encourage more attendees. Dave, Mike, & George will be visiting the venues and further information will be forthcoming.

GoF West 2015 Ideas

No suggestions

Old Business

No old business

New Business

New web site for later discussion. Doug volunteered to develop a plan for marketing GoF West. Doug will coordinate Gazette articles with GoF West 2013 and beyond.

Miscellaneous

Fall meeting

VMG will be having the annual Swap Meet at the Irvine Great Park on Sunday, November 18, 2012. Need feedback on possible attendees.

Other

Lawrie mentioned that they have a program that may assist in ballot count. Dave asked as the program may require some programming and what would be the cost? Lawrie will check.

The question was asked about Steering Committee emails. Dave will send out an update.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Passed and adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Bradley, Secretary

GoF West 2012 Award Winners

Below are listed the winners of the awards at GoF West 2012, but, in reality, we were all winners taking home many fond memories of the week of events.

Arts and Crafts and Photos

General Interest (1st Place): Steve Simmons
General Interest (2nd Place) : Linda Simmons /
Terry Schuller
Humorous / Action (1st Place): Rick Pullen
Humorous / Action (2nd Place): Linda
Simmons

Sewn Goods (1st Place): Kathy Christian
Sewn Goods (2nd Place): Ginny Martin

Craft (1st Place): Larry Long
Craft (2nd Place): Ginny Martin

Models

Best Single Model (1st Place) : Rick Pullen
Best Single Model (2nd Place): George Kershaw

Best MG Model Display (1st Place): George Kershaw
Best MG Model Display (2nd Place): Rick Pullen

Best Diorama (1st Place): George Kershaw
Best Diorama (2nd Place): Rick Pullen

Funkhiana

TC and Earlier
First Place: Steve & Linda Simmons
Second Place: Robert Ford
Third Place: David Mathison
TD and Later
First Place: Bob & Connie Spencer
Second Place: George & Nancy Jackson
Third Place: Ken & Marie Thomas
Modern MG
First Place: Danny & Barbara Young
Second Place: Jim Carlson

Rally

Pre-'56
First Place : Ken Thomas & Mac McDonald
Second Place: Steve & Linda Simmons
Third Place: Jim & Ann Carlson
Modern: Danny & Barbara Young
Dead Last But Finished:
Pete & Fran Thelander

GoF West 2012 Car Display Awards

First Timer: Robert Ford — 1949 TC EXU

Pre-War (Including MMM)

First Place : Bob Alley — 1936 NB
Second Place : Richard Bombard — 1935 PA

MG TC

First Place: Robert Ford
Second Place: Steve & Linda Simmons
Third Place: Gene & Deana Roth
Honorable Mention: Jane & Brian Sonner
Honorable Mention: Linda & Michael Keefe
Honorable Mention: Roy Jones

MG TD

First Place: Cindy Mortesen
Second Place: Ed & Judy Reynolds
Third Place: Tim & Molly Pollidoroff
Honorable Mention: George Steneberg/
Marcia Craford
Honorable Mention: Jim & Karen Bull
Honorable Mention: Ken & Marie Thomas
Honorable Mention: John & Lois McGovern
Honorable Mention: Carl & Mary Haglund

MG TF

First Place: Howard & Sandra Bucey
Second Place: Vicky Kellog
Third Place: Kevin & Pat Gaston
Honorable Mention: Heidi & Robert Ives
Honorable Mention: Marla & Andy Preston
Honorable Mention: Daveen & Sherman Kaplan

Postwar Variant

First Place: Jo Lynn & Mike Campbell — 1952 Arnolt
Second Place: Brian Keene — 1948 Y-Type

Modern (MGA, MGB)

First Place: Kathy & Bob Christian — 1960 MGA
Second Place: Marie and David Johnston —
1967 MGB-GT

Premier

First Place: Dell Hake — 1953 TD

GoF West 2012 High Point Award Winner:

Steve & Linda Simmons