



Monterey is Ready for us for GoF West 2008

That's right, folks. Monterey is awaiting our arrival for our annual get-together. The Hyatt Regency Monterey has recently completed a \$45 Million renovation of the hotel, and it is really beautiful. I stayed there a few weeks ago and I can tell you with confidence that the rooms are really comfortable, and you will thoroughly enjoy your week there. All rooms have been updated, as are most of the facilities, including the dining areas, the spas, health club, etc.



If you have not yet registered at the hotel or for the GoF, be sure to do so soon. The deadline for getting our preferred rate at the hotel is **June 6**. Find the registration form in this Gazette and send it immediately to Mike Campbell at the address shown. Or, you can register on-line by going to GofWest.com and finding the event and registration form.

We have a full week of events lined up for you, and there will be plenty of time for sight-seeing around the Monterey Peninsula and throughout Monterey County. There is plenty to do in the area, and we anticipate that you will find your visit to the area very enjoyable.

The agenda for this year's GoF is included in this Gazette. Note that the GoF starts on Sunday this year, a departure from most of the prior years when we started on Monday. When you arrive at the hotel, look for our large banner at the Terrace to the right of the hotel main entrance; that is where some of our events will take place. The registration desk will be there, and will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, and from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. on Monday. After picking up your registration packet, cool off in your rooms or come down to the hospitality room for a few snacks and a cool drink. The hospitality room number will be noted in your packet.

If this is the first time you have attended a GoF West, be sure to bring your car (and yourselves!) to the First-Timer's Car Display at 5:00 on Sunday. This will be held in the parking area just to the west of the circle by the main entrance.

Along with the First-timer's Car Display, the weeks events will kick off with the Welcome Reception and Orientation evening on Sunday, starting with a cocktail reception for everybody at 5:00 P.M. The orientation is generally for folks that have not been to a GoF before, but will be of interest to all attendees to learn about the events planned for the week, what can be found at the hotel, where the local restaurants and sight-seeing areas are, and what is in the general area of Monterey and Monterey County for you to see. The Orientation will be held on the terrace and the meeting rooms just inside the hotel from the terrace. We will offer hors d'oeuvres, but dinner will be on your own.

The car display will be on Monday at the Monterey County Fairgrounds, just about 0.7 mile from the hotel. This is a really nice venue for the car display, with lots of shade trees and sitting areas. We have arranged a tri-tip and chicken lunch at a really good price, so be sure to sign up for that. There are no other eating areas close to the fairgrounds. We'll start parking the cars at around 8:00 A.M. Admiring of the cars and judging will take place after 9:00 A.M., and we will leave the area between 1:00 and 2:00 P.M.

At 5:00 P.M. on Monday, you are invited to a no-host cocktail reception on the terrace, followed by dinner prior to the auction evening. The auction is always a fun event, with lots of MG related items that are available for bid. This event will be held in the Monterey Grand Ballroom.

Tuesday will feature the Tour and Rally. This year the rally will be organized by Don Martine, who lives in Pacific Grove and who has put on quite a few rallies for local clubs. You don't have to participate in the question part of the rally, but you will surely enjoy the drive around the local area. The rally/tour will start from the entrance to the hotel at around 9:00 A.M., and, I'm sure, will give you plenty of time to not only enjoy the drive, but will allow you opportunities to stop here and there to enjoy the scenery or to shop. You should be able to be back at the hotel by around 2:00 or 3:00 P.M. to enjoy the rest of the afternoon.

We have a couple of really good "Technical Sessions" lined up for you this year. We have had a lot of sessions on rebuilding your carburetors or doing tune-ups, and are going to depart from that this year to have some of general interest. First will be Don Martine, a long time owner and racer of MGs and resident of the local area, who will tell us about racing in the Monterey area in the early days when they raced on the roads around Pebble Beach. Following this will be Michael Jacobsen, a professor of art history (and also an MG race car driver) who will tell us about the design of the MG cars and its place in the his-

tory of automotive design. Both of these sessions will take place in the Pebble Beach room just off the terrace area. The first will start at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, with the second session following at 4:00 P.M. Dinner will be on your own.

Wednesday will be a fun-filled day starting with the flea market where you will be able to find a lot of treasures with which you can fill your car for the trip home. In the same area, we will have our annual funkhana (ask me about the history of this event!); this is an event not for the weak-hearted, either as a spectator or participant. It is a combination of a display of driving skills and making a fool out of one's self, depending on the whims of the funkhana organizers! Both the flea market and funkhana will be held in the parking lot behind the south-west corner of the hotel.

GoF West, Inc., is overseen by a Steering Committee composed of volunteers that are elected by the Advisory Council. This Council is composed of members from each of the clubs throughout the western US and Canada. At each GoF West, the Advisory Council meets with the Steering Committee to talk about issues that would enhance the GoF experience, or offer other advice to the Steering Committee. The Advisory Council and Steering Committee meetings will be held on Wednesday afternoon starting at 1:00 P.M. in the Pebble Beach Room.

The culmination of the weeks events will take place on Wednesday evening, starting with a no-host cocktail hour at 5:00 P.M., followed by the annual awards banquet. This is the time we give honors to all of those folks that have been judged worthy of an award as determined by their peers. All of you who are registered as GoF participants can vote for the cars in the car display and the items in the photo, model, and craft display. Winners of the funkhana and the rally will be honored as well. A high point award will be given to that participant that scores the highest in the three main events: the car display, the rally, and the funkhana.

And speaking of displays, be sure you bring your MG photographs, model collection, crafts or artwork for display. These will be displayed in the Pacific Grove room just off the terrace, and will be on display all week. Check your schedule for times that the room will be open. We will also have a few regalia items for sale in this area, and, if you haven't filled your car with the flea market treasures, you can take home a few items of regalia.

We will finish the event with a continental breakfast and display of the winning cars on Thursday morning on the terrace. This is also a time that you can register for GoF West 2009 to be held at Squaw Valley, another fantastic venue.

I can't tell you enough about the Monterey area. The city of Monterey won its designation as a Preserve America City early in 2005. Monterey may have more historic adobe buildings than anywhere else in California. The Monterey Bay Aquarium has been rated as the nation's number one aquarium in the Zagat Survey U.S. Family Travel Guide, and the acclaimed aquarium will put you closer to sea life than ever before. Stand at the base of a towering, three-story kelp forest or under a dramatic wave that crashes overhead. This and much

more 21st-century excellence is tucked into the old Hovden Cannery, whose smokestacks dominated Cannery Row for 90 years.

Cannery Row itself is a lively combination of history and commerce. John Steinbeck, author of *Cannery Row* and *Sweet Thursday*, both set in and around the Row, would recognize some canneries but not the new galleries, shops or fine restaurants. The nightlife is considerably cleaned up from the flophouses he lovingly described, too, although Kalisa's La Ida Café still has belly dancers on most Friday evenings.

Some of Monterey's sleekest modern buildings hide historic collections of art and maritime relics. The Monterey Museum of Art has a fine display of early California paintings, while the Maritime Museum of Monterey presents nautical artifacts ranging from the tiny insignia from a Navy officer's uniform to the massive Fresnel lens from Point Sur Light station.

As for those historic sites that helped Monterey win its award, there are 32 noteworthy adobe and wood-frame buildings, including the Royal Presidio Chapel, the oldest church in California in continuous



use; Colton Hall, where the California state constitution was drafted; and Pacific House, now a museum and anchor of the Monterey State Historic Park. The Mexican-era Custom House still guards the foot of Fisherman's Wharf.

There are just too many sites to list here, and I hope that when you arrive at Monterey, you will take some time to peruse the brochures and travel guides that will be available for you so you can take full advantage of your stay here.

Warm, inviting colors and fireplaces throughout the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel will make you feel relaxed and at home, while the many exciting activities at the Monterey resort will beckon you to come and explore. You can play a round on Pebble Beach Company's championship Del Monte Golf Course right next to the hotel, or perhaps a tennis lesson and game is more your style. Take a dip in the pools, followed by a pampering massage. Enjoy a wide array of dining choices, including their famous sports bar and weekend live Summer Jazz Series.

And, they are Pet Friendly, so bring along your friends for Maggie!

The address is 1 Old Golf Course Road, Monterey, California, USA 93940-4908. The telephone number is: 1-831-372-1234 and the Fax number is 1-831-375-3960. Be sure to register early.

If you are bringing a trailer, be sure to check with our registration folks to find out where to park it; parking for trailers is limited.

We'll see you there, and do drive safely on you way. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail Larry Long at emgeeguy@aol.com or give Larry a call at 805-937-3784.

AGENDA--GoF West 2008

Sunday 7/6/08

1:00pm - 5:00pm	Registration	Terrace near hotel entrance
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Regalia Sales	Pacific Grove Room
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Hospitality suite	(Room noted in your packet)
All Day	Car Wash	Rear Parking Lot
5:00pm-7:00pm	First timers display	Parking near the Hotel Entrance
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Orientation	Terrace near hotel entrance
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Registration	Terrace near hotel entrance

Monday 7/7/08

8:00am - 9:00am	Registration	Terrace near hotel entrance
8-9am, 2-5pm	Regalia Sales	Pacific Grove Room
8-9am, 2-5pm	Models, Arts & Crafts Display	Pacific Grove Room
3-5pm	Hospitality suite	(Room noted in your packet)
All Day	Car Wash	Rear Parking lot
10:00am - 2:00pm	Car Display	Monterey County Fairgrounds
11:00am - 1:00pm	Car display lunch	Monterey County Fairgrounds
5:00pm - 6:00pm	No-Host Cocktails	Terrace near hotel entrance
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Auction Dinner	Monterey Grand Ballroom
8:00pm - 10:00pm	Auction	Monterey Grand Ballroom

Tuesday 7/8/08

8-9am, 3-5pm,	Regalia Sales	Pacific Grove Room
8-9am, 3-5pm	Models, Arts & Crafts Display	Pacific Grove Room
(Voting for the arts & Crafts and Model Displays ends at 5:00 PM)		
9:00am-2:00pm	Rallye / Tour	
2:00pm-6:00pm	Hospitality suite	(Room noted in your packet)
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Tech Sessions #1	Pebble Beach Room
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Tech Session #2	Pebble Beach Room
Evening	Self dinner, etc.	

Wednesday 7/9/08

8am-Noon, 3-5pm	Regalia Sales	Pacific Grove Room
8am-Noon, 3-5pm	Models, Arts & Crafts Display	Pacific Grove Room
3-5pm	Hospitality suite	(Room noted in your packet)
7:00am - 10:00am	Flea Market	Rear Parking Lot
9:00am-12:00pm	Funkhana	Rear Parking Lot
1:00pm-2:00pm	Advisory Council Meeting	Pebble Beach Room
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Steering Committee Meeting	Pebble Beach Room
5:00pm - 6:00pm	No-Host Cocktails	Terrace near hotel entrance
6:00pm-10:00pm	Awards Dinner /Awards Presentations	Monterey Grand Ballroom

Thursday 7/10/08

8:00am - 10:00am	Winner's Circle	Front Entrance to Hotel
8:00am - 10:00am	Continental Breakfast	Terrace near hotel entrance

GoF West 2008 Regalia and Meals

Our regalia this year features T-shirts, Polo shirts, and vests, all chosen for the quality of the product. The T-shirt features a large screen printed image of the GoF West logo on the back, and a smaller MG octagon and "GoF 2008 Monterey, CA." on the front. The polo shirt and vest have the smaller version of the logo on the upper front. All of these are available for advance orders only, although there may be a few extras on hand at the regalia table at the GoF. Each item ordered will be in your registration packet to be picked up at the registration table at the hotel.



T-Shirt: Constructed from 6.1 ounce heavyweight 100% cotton; taped shoulder to shoulder, cover seamed neck, double needle hem. Small MG octagon on front, large GoF 2008 logo on back. These can be ordered with or without a pocket.

Unisex sizes: S to 6XL

Color: White **Cost: Without pocket: Only \$9.95**
With pocket: Only \$10.95



Polo Shirt: Men's 8.2 oz 100% combed cotton pique golf shirt, 3 horn buttons, half moon yoke, clean-finished placket and hem with side vents. Double needle stitched for strength. 2" extended tail. GoF 2008 logo embroidered on front upper left, above pocket.

Mens sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2-6XL, ,LT, XLT, 2-6XLT.

Ladies Polo Shirts: A version of the above, specially cut for women. 8.2 oz. 100% combed cotton pique golf shirt. Three horn buttons in reversed placket. Square bottom.

Ladies Sizes: XS (2-4), S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16), XL (18-20), 2XL (22-24), 3XL (26-28), 4XL (30-32).

Color: Forest Green

Cost: Only \$24.95



This Port Authority R-Tek™ Fleece Vest has superior loft and is resiliently anti-pill to keep its good looks. 13-ounce, 100% filament polyester R-Tek™ fleece, Twill taping inside the neck, Lycra-trimmed armholes and waistband, Zip-close pockets, Anti-pill

Adult sizes: XS-4XL

Color: Dark Green

Cost: Only \$29.95

MEALS AT GoF WEST 2008

The following meals will be offered at this year's GoF (Vegetarian and Children's plates are available per request):

Sunday: Hor'dourves at orientation, no charge. Dinner on your own

Monday: Auction dinner--Rosemary crusted chicken breast, potatoes, vegetables and more, green salad, desert.

\$50.00 per person if ordered separately--see note below.

Tuesday: Car display luncheon--Tri-tip and chicken, salads, bread, desert. **\$15.00 per person. Beer and wine:**

\$3.00 each drink.

Wednesday: Awards banquet--(buffet) Roast pork loin, whole fillet of salmon, three cheese lasagna, potato salad, selected greens, assorted pies and cakes. **\$50.00 per person if ordered separately--see note below.**

Thursday: Continental breakfast--no charge.

Note: Order **both** the auction dinner and the awards banquet **together for \$90.00 per person.**

GoF West 2008 Regalia and Meal Order Form

Send completed form and payment to:
Mike Campbell, 3570 Willow Street, Bonita, CA 91902

Regalia

T-Shirts:	Quantity	Size	With Pocket	Without Pocket	X	= Cost
	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$9.95 or \$10.95	_____
	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$9.95 or \$10.95	_____
Polo Shirts:	Quantity	Size	Mens	Womens	X	= Cost
	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$24.95	_____
	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$24.95	_____
Vests:	Quantity	Size			X	= Cost
	_____	_____			\$29.95	_____
	_____	_____			\$29.95	_____

(Please place order by 30 May to ensure delivery at the GoF.)

Total Regalia: _____

Meals:

	Quantity	X	= Cost
Orientation--hors d'oeuvres-- (Dinner on your own)	_____	No charge	\$0.00
Car Display Luncheon	_____	@ \$15.00	_____
Drinks at luncheon (Beer & Wine)	_____	@ \$3.00 Per drink	_____
Auction Dinner (Ordered Alone)	_____	@ \$50.00	_____
No. of Vegetarian meals requested----	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Children's meal	_____	@ \$15.00	_____
Awards Banquet (Ordered Alone)	_____	@ \$50.00	_____
No. of Vegetarian meals requested----	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Children's meal	_____	@ \$15.00	_____
Auction & Awards Dinners (Ordered Together)	_____	@ \$90.00	_____
Continental Breakfast	_____	No Charge	\$0.00

Note: All meals must be ordered by 30 June

Total Meals: _____

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Flea Market Tables:

No. of Tables Requested: _____ X \$15.00 per = \$ _____

Regalia Total (from reverse side): \$ _____

Meals Total (from reverse side): \$ _____

Total Amount Owed: \$ _____

Registration Fee (if not paid): \$ _____

Name(s) _____ Total Paid: \$ _____

Registration No. (if known) _____

Payment by:

Visa MasterCard Check Enclosed

Name on card: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____

For our planning:

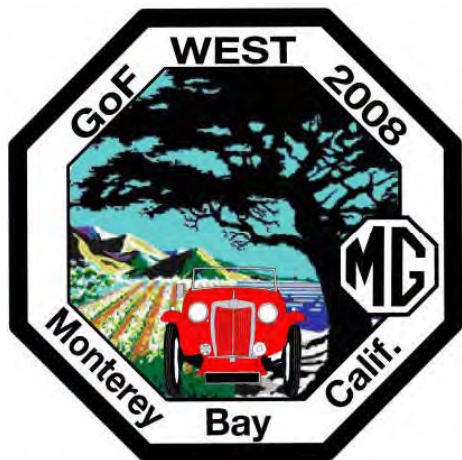
I (We) will will not attend the Orientation Session.

I (We) will will not display our car at the Car Display.

I (We) will will not participate in the Rally.

I (We) will will not participate in the Funkhana.

I (We) plan to bring Art Craft Model(s) Photos for display.



GoF West 2008 Registration Form Monterey Bay, California July 6 - 10, 2008

Registration Fee:
\$45 US before April 1, 2008
\$55 US after April 1, 2008
In-Spirit: \$25

Cancellations after April 1 will revert to In-Spirit registration, with the balance refunded.

Last Name:

First Name:

Co-Driver's Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Postal (Zip) Code:

Country:

Vehicle Type & Year:

License No.:

State/province:

Color:

Club affiliation:

E-mail Address:

Telephone No.:

Is this your first GoF West?: Yes No

Names of children Under 12 that will be here:

Method of Payment: Check Credit Card

Credit Card Type: Visa Master Card Discover Card

Name on Card:

Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Send form to:
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Hotel Information

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Standard room: \$159.00

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