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California Dreamin' is Getting Close

My son just told me that the movie "Sideways" is coming out on DVD on April 5th. Now, I have not seen the movie, have no stock in the movie company that produced it, nor do I drink the wine that is being pushed at the restaurant, so I am not endorsing the movie except for one thing. I have been told that it is a very good showing of the Santa Ynez Valley where the GoF West 2005 will be held this coming summer. So, if you want an advance look at where you will be spending the week of July 11 through the 15th, go get the movie. If you do come, you can walk to the Hitching Post Restaurant from the hotel to pick up a bottle of the wine that the players are drinking in the movie; that is, if there is any left!

The Santa Ynez Valley is one of the most beautiful locations in California where we could have a GoF West. I'm sure that the early settlers had MGs in mind when they laid out the roads in the Valley; they are superb sports car roads. We have a dandy rally planned for you that will



show you most areas of the Valley, and take you through the wine country of this coastal area, with time to stop at some of the best wineries if you desire. We have two of California's old missions not too far from



the hotel, and both are worth a visit. The La Purisima Mission is one of the best restored missions, and I'm sure you will enjoy seeing the crafts persons at work there. We have several other places that you might enjoy, as well, including a gasoline pump museum, a motorcycle museum, and the many shops of the Danish town of Solvang.

Also, the nearby towns of Santa Ynez with its western shops, Los Alamos for antiquing, Los Olivos and its several art galleries, and Ballard are worth taking a peek at.

All of this is going to be covered during the Monday evening orientation session, where we will orient you as to what you can see and do while you are here for the GoF West. We will also let you know of the activities we have planned for the GoF and what they are all about: the car display, funk-hana, rally, and other activities. Be sure to come to find out how the funk-hana got started! This will all take place following an dinner at the hotel, subsidized, in part, by

the GoF West Steering Committee.

The car display will be held on Tuesday at Firestone Meadows, one of the most beautiful and most photographed wineries in the area. And it will be on a green lawn!! Since it is so far away from town, we have arranged to have the Marriott Hotel cater one of their superb lunches that features their famous Marriott burger, as well as hot dogs, sausages, potato salad, other salads, dessert—a really grand picnic lunch. And the cost to you, thanks again to the GoF West Committee, is only \$5.00!

On Tuesday evening, we will have our auction dinner followed by the auction. This is always a lively event, with folks trying to out bid one another for quality MG related merchandise.

We have arranged the rally on Wednesday to be a nice leisurely drive for you, with plenty of time to visit at some of the local wineries if you desire, or to stop to see the miniature horses, or to shop at the stores in Solvang. The afternoon should be relatively free for you to enjoy all that the Valley has to offer. We have arranged a special treat for the evening: an evening at the theater. The Pacific Coast Performing Arts (PCPA) Theater, a professional



theater group, will be offering the Broadway show "Guys and Dolls". The theater itself is an outdoor Shakespearean theater. We have arranged a special rate of \$16.00 per person for that, and have arranged a special catered chicken dinner—chicken, salads, etc.—to be served at the theater prior to the play; this is only \$10.00 per person.

On Thursday, we will have the other normal GoF events, including a flea market and the ever-popular funkhana. In the evening, come prepared to dance to your favorite 1950's music as performed by a local band. There will be a special prize given for the best 1950's costume, so get out those white bucks and poodle skirts, folks! This will all take place during our annual awards banquet.

Did I mention the Tech(nical) sessions? We have three superb sessions lined up—one specifically for the ladies, one for the men, and a really good one that will appeal to everybody.

Naturally, we will also have the photo, model and craft displays, with awards given for the best in several categories, and we will offer several items of regalia for sale.

That little guy in the cartoons on the first page, drawn by our friend Phil Franks, will be greeting you at the Marriott Hotel in Buellton, just off Highway 101. He'll be seen else-

where as well, directing you to the various events, and showing up on T-shirts, vests, and who knows where. By the time the GoF is over, you will have become fast friends with him!

Rooms are still available at the hotel, but are going fast. Call the hotel directly at 805-688-1000 or 1-800-638-8882 for reservations. DO NOT call the Marriott central reservation system; call the hotel directly. Be sure to tell them that you are with the GoF West event. At the time of publication of this issue, there were around 50 rooms left for our group. If you have problems, please contact me.

Incidentally, if you are coming from the south up Highway 101, exit at Buellton at Highway 246, take a right, then an immediate left to the hotel. If you come from the north, exit at the Avenue of the Flags exit, take the first left (McMurray Road) to go across the highway, then a right at the stop sign to the hotel. If you come up Highway 154, take Highway 246 through Solvang to Buellton, and take a right at McMurray Road just before the freeway on-ramp.

There is room for trailer parking in the rear parking lot of a restaurant beside, and to the north, of the hotel. Please park in the area at the western edge, and as far to the north as you can. We will also

have trailer parking at the car display venue if you need to tow your cars there.

For more details about this event, visit our web site at Gof-west.com, then select 2005 events. There you will find a reservation form that can be emailed directly to me.

We do hope you haven't forgotten to plan for this yearly event. Do come, see your old—or I should say, young, formerly met—friends, and plan to meet some new ones. We know that you will have a good time here.

If you have sent in a reservation, you will receive a confirmation for that by mid-April. If you do not receive that, please let me know by phone, letter, or email. I don't want to lose anybody.

If you have not registered, the registration form is attached, as is the form for ordering meals and regalia. Please note the deadline on ordering the PCPA theater night and dinner as well as the regalia.

Thank you, and we hope to see you in July!
Larry Long,
Chairman.



CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

In just a few months we will again be amassing, this time in Central California, to enjoy our great little cars and renew friendships. GoF West 2005 promises to be another wonderful Gathering of the Faithful! We have booked the entire hotel (except for Marriott holding a few rooms for their Rewards program) so just about everyone there will be a GoF'er, and MG apparel will be abundant.

The location Larry Long and Co. have selected is one of the most beautiful in California – even chosen by an Oscar nominated movie – and with its bucolic setting, winding roads and gorgeous vistas this will be a magnificent area for our event.

One of the most picturesque Wineries in the area (Firestone) has been reserved for our Car Display and will be a marvelous background for pictures of our shining little beauties. (Wine tasting won't be bad either).

All of the fun activities, usually associated with our gatherings will occur and Larry has included a few extra for your enjoyment!

As is always the case, the Advisory Council Meeting is open to all and you are encouraged to come. There will be two people elected to serve on the Steering Committee and we can always use volunteers.

Looking forward to seeing you at the California Central Coast Santa Inez Valley GoF and if you haven't already registered and booked your room, there is no time like the present to do so – you won't want to miss out!!! See you there,

Cheers, George

Dinners, Etc.

Orientation Dinner:.....\$18.00 per person

Entrée Choice of:

Boneless Breast of Chicken ParmesanNo. of meals: _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____
 Homemade Cheese Lasagna.....No. of meals: _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____
 Vegetarian Plate.....No. of meals: _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____

Car Display Lunch:.....\$5.00 per person

.....No. of meals: _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____

Auction Dinner:.....\$35.00 per person

.....No. of meals: _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____
 Vegetarian Plate.....No. of meals: _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Awards Banquet\$35.00 per person

Choice of:

Chicken Cordon BlueNo. of meals: _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____
 Pacific Salmon with Creamy Dill Sauce.....No. of meals: _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____
 Sliced Prime rib of Beef au jusNo. of meals: _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____
 Vegetarian Plate.....No. of meals: _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____

PCPA Theater (Guys and Dolls):

Catered chicken dinner at the theater:.....\$10.00 per person

No. of meals: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Theater tickets.....\$16.00 per person (Sr. rate)

No. of tickets: _____ X \$16.00 = \$ _____

Total Meals (Add the numbers in the column).....\$ _____

Regalia—See our web site at GOFWEST.COM for photos

T-shirt:—Constructed from 6.1-ounce heavyweight 100% cotton; taped shoulder to shoulder, cover seamed neck, double needle hem. Small 2005 GoF octagon logo on front, large “Bucking MG” on back. Unisex sizes: S-6XL. Color: Natural only. Cost: Only \$9.95.

Quantity	Size	Cost
T-SHIRTS:		
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

Polo Shirt:—Made by Tri-Mountain®. 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. Small logo above pocket. Color; natural only. **Mens' Sizes:** XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL. Also a version specially cut for women., same material, 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). Cost: only \$24.95 each. Please state Men's (M) or Women's

POLO SHIRTS:		
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

Vest:—Made by Port Authority® - Fleece Vest. Comfortable, soft, versatile, with an anti-pill finish for longer lasting wear. Light enough to layer, but warm enough to wear alone. 13-ounce, 100% filament polyester R-Tek™ fleece offers lightweight warmth; twill taping inside the neck with the armholes and waistband trimmed in Lycra; zip-close pockets. Small “Bucking MG” logo on front. Unisex sizes: XS-4XL. Color: Royal blue only. Cost: only \$29.95 each.

VESTS:		
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

TOTAL REGALIA ORDER:

(Sum of above) \$ _____

Payment by check is preferred, however Visa and Mastercards will be accepted.

Total of meals and regalia: \$ _____

Names _____

Registration fee included (\$45.00): \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Visa Mastercard Name on card: _____

Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____

Please complete and return this form and reverse side (This side only if you have already registered) by May 15, 2005 to allow enough time for the supplier to fill the order.

**Please send completed form to:
 Larry Long
 1411 Foxenwood Drive
 Santa Maria, CA 93455**

GoF West 2005 Registration Form
California Central Coast
Santa Ynez Valley—Buellton, CA July 11-15, 2005

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____
Co-Driver's Last Name: _____ **Co-Driver's First Name:** _____
Street Address: _____ **City:** _____
State: _____ **Postal (Zip) Code:** _____ **Country:** _____
Vehicle Type: _____ **and Year:** _____ **Color:** _____
License No.: _____ **State/province:** _____
Club affiliation: _____ **E-mail Address:** _____
Telephone No.: _____ **Is this your first GoF West?:** _____
Names of children Under 12 that will be here: _____
Comments/Questions: _____

Guys and Dolls Theater Night

Yes—I am interested:
_____ for the dinner @ \$10.00 per
_____ For the show at \$16.00 per (sr. rate)

Hotel Information

Rancho Santa Barbara Marriott
555 McMurray Road
Buellton, CA 93427
805-688-1000 or 1-800-638-8882
Standard room: \$109.00 Suites: \$129.00 per night



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