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GoF West 2004 Gave Us Many Fond Memories

Although the crowd at GoF West 2004 was a little smaller than usual, probably as a result of the location and the price of gas, it certainly wasn't lacking in that special magic that draws us and our little cars together. Chairperson Ann Hazel-Goodman and team certainly did a good job pulling things together, and providing us with all of the ingredients that make for an outstanding time together.



Tim and Barbara Long enjoying a quiet moment at Harrison Lake

Approximately 122 registrants were at Harrison Hot Springs, just a little east of Vancouver, BC, for the event. We couldn't have asked for a better venue, or better weather. We had a spot of rain just at the end of the car display, but otherwise the days were bright and sunny. The hotel was really first class, situated right in front of Harrison Lake. The area was once a stopover on the legendary gold rush trail, and the beautiful wooded shoreline has become a renowned Canadian getaway. In fact, while we were there, several yachts from Vancouver came up for a visit. A lot of us took a boat tour on the lake; a few of us found it very relaxing!



The orientation for the GoF took place on Monday evening, but was a little different than most in that we had a dinner as well as the orientation presentation. And what a dinner it was! The cooks really whipped up a feast, grilling steak and mouth-watering salmon right on the spot. Nobody went

away hungry, and everybody kept commenting about the salmon throughout the week. The normal orientation presentations were given, and Larry Long added a few comments about the his-

tory of the GoF West, and some history and comments about each of the major events. If you didn't hear how the Funkhana came about, you must come to GoF west 2005 to hear about it.

The First-timers car display was held just before the orientation dinner, with 5 or 6 cars on display. Robert & Stephanie Kampas won the award for the best car in this display with their beautiful '47 TC.

The 122 registrants, including 15 In-spirit registrants, represented 25 different MG clubs from the West-



Two views of the car display at the hotel



ern US and Canada. Naturally the TC, TD, and TF cars made up the bulk of the cars at the event, with 21, 34, and 21 cars respectively, but we also had a few (9) pre-war cars registered, and a few modern and variant models as well (9 also). This group made for a great display in front of the hotel. Winners of the event are shown on page 3 of this Gazette.

The rally/tour took us on some of



Best First Timer and 1st in the TC Class

Robert & Stephanie Kampas

the most beautiful roads in the area, and was well done by Jim and Karen Hereford. Everybody eventually made it back to the hotel, and nobody hit Jim and Karen over the head, so it must have been a good event.

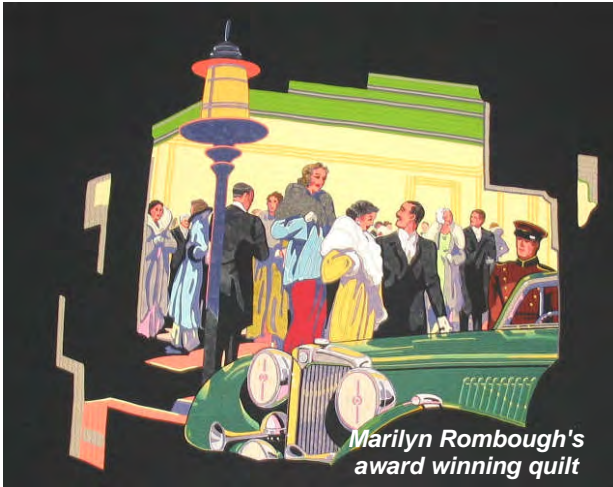
Some really great photos, models, and crafts were on display throughout the week. George Kershaw and Rick Pullen continued their collection of awards, as is usual for them at GoF's. If you didn't see Marilyn Rombough's quilt,

you really missed a masterpiece! It was very well done.

The other activities for the week included the flea market, or autojumble as they are called in England, where one can always find the deal of a lifetime or good original parts to keep your T-car in running condition and looking good. The Funkhana was held as well, and nobody got run over this year!

All in all, the event was very well

run, thanks to Ann and her staff. The food was excellent, as were the hotel accommodations. And even though the numbers were a bit lower than we see when the GoF is held in a more populated area in Southern California, the camaraderie that we see at all GoFs was not lacking. The one thing you can count on at every GoF is the friendliness of the MG owners; this certainly was the case at Harrison Hot Springs.



*Marilyn Rombough's
award winning quilt*



*The car display
from the hotel*



*Kevin and Pat Gaston awaiting
the "off" for the rally/tour*



A discussion on why the Y's are better than TDs



*The First-timers
Car Display*



Jack Hardy with his PA

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

A gorgeous setting, magnificent vistas, great accommodations, outstanding food, beautiful rallye route, an ever challenging Funkhana, an on time auction with many bargains and the "unscheduled car wash" at the end of the car display are among the many fond memories for the attendees of GoF West 2004 at Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia this past July.

Of course all of this, sans the natural car wash, happened because Ann Hazel and Trayce Goodman along with brother John Hazel and the Band of Volunteers stepped forward and kept the unbroken record of GoF West intact since 1972.

To Ann & Co., a huge Thank You and Tip of the Hat are in order!!! Their efforts demonstrate what can be done in a relatively short time span so that we all could gather to see what has been going on in our MG world (restorations etc.) and most importantly – continue the camaraderie of MG'ing.

Now it is time to focus on our eagerly anticipated gathering in the Santa Ynez Valley. Larry Long and his committee are chairing GoF West 2005. He has fabulous events planned in this wonderful location. I know that there will be much more about this great event further in this issue of The Gazette.

Cheers, George Kershaw

Winners of GoF West 2004 Trophies

Below are listed the winners of the awards at GoF West 2004, but, in reality, we were all winners taking home many fond memories of the week of events.

Model Contest

Model Display ----- George Kershaw
Single Model ----- Rick Pullen
Diorama ----- Rick Pullen

Photo Contest

General ----- Steve Blake
Humor/Action ----- Bob & Margie Zwart
Action ----- Rick Pullen
Brian Alder Award -- Steve Blake

Arts & Crafts

Sewn goods, 1st --- Marilyn Rombough
Sewn goods, 2nd --- Margaret Travis
Crafts, 1st ----- Kim Herford
Crafts, 2nd ----- Floyd Inman
Collection ----- Rick Malsed

Funkhana (Driver / Navigator)

Modern ----- Guy Boswell / Carita Boswell

TC / Earlier

First ----- Larry long / Chris Nowlan
Second ----- Pete Thelander / Fran Thelander
Third ----- Jack Hardy / Jill Gorman

TD / TF

First ----- Scott Campbell / Ranella campbell
Second ----- Gerald Gielen / Kathy Gielen
Third ----- Lee Dawes / Betty Dawes

Rallye

First ----- Colin Fitzgerald / Jennifer Crossom
Second ----- Carrie Cardonas / Hector Cardonas
Third ----- Bob McNabb / Donna McNabb
DLBF ----- Jim Franks / Nigel

Car Display

Modern ----- Guy & Carita Boswell ('62 MGA)

First Timer ----- Robert & Stephanie Kampas ('47 TC)

Postwar

First ----- Dick & Judy Scardamaglia ('55 Arnolt)

TF

First ----- Ben & Laura Prince
Second ----- Paul & Joan Good
Third ----- Art Mafli & Marthy Perry

TD

First ----- David & Barbara Fisher-Fleming
Second ----- Warren & Bernice Wendt
Third ----- Jim & Linda Herbert

TC

First ----- Robert & Stephanie Kampas
Second ----- B. Hawkins
Third ----- Peter & Maggie DeBruyn

Prewar

First ----- Bob Earl ('39 VA)

Special Awards

Monterey Cup ----- Vintage MG
San Diego Cup ----- TC Tourers
Santa Barbara Cup ----- Vintage MG
Long Distance ----- Jerry Felper
Sacajawea ----- Jill Hardy Gorman
High Point ----- Larry Long

Thank You From the GoF West 2004 Committee

Without a group of wonderful people and the beautiful views, this GoF would have been just okay. We have to thank you all for coming, and for those who helped we can't even begin to thank, but we are going to try.

Jean and Dave Barnett: what a team, and they are getting better. We are very grateful for the wonderful job. Thank you very much.

John Seim, you saved the day again! Thanks for your support and humor. I owe you big-time.

Mike Campbell, for everything, for keeping us headed in one direction and holding the purses. It must have been hard for him and he was a saint. Thanks, Mike.

Jolyn Campbell: Thank you for being there. I couldn't have done it without you .

Jim Barrington, you were a rock and we are sorry you couldn't make it, but the booklets and ballots were fantastic. Thank you!

The VMG for the support you gave us, Jerry and Laverne Felper, Don Kosup for the logo art, and Howard Sunderland for the printing.

My brother John, who ran the car display and kept me sane from afar, then packed and moved me (I can't find anything!); thanks.

George and Kevin Kershaw for being there when I needed to talk.

Larry Long: now he's funny! Both the orientation and next year's presentation were great. Next year's GoF should be a blast.

Marilyn Rombough and her sister Ayreon from the Unclub of Vancouver, for running the arts and crafts: many thanks; your quilt was beautiful.

Jim and Karen Hereford for the great rally / tour. When I ever find the time and clues, I'll do it myself.

The Campbells and Goodman/Zimmerman group who arranged the funkhana. It seems everyone had a lot of fun and a good time.

Lane Rollins, who brought coffee from Portland .

The hotel staff who did us proud. The food was wonderful.

Last but not least, everyone who came and made this GoF as good as it was. We can't thank you enough.

Ann and Tracy Hazel-Goodman

These Are The Folks That Made It Happen

Arts and Crafts	Marilyn Rombough	Hospitality:	Trayce Hazel-Goodman
Auction & Raffle:	John Seim	Ladies Tech Sessions:	Ann Hazel-Goodman
Audio Visual:	Jean Barnett	Logo Design:	Don Kosup
Awards:	Ann Hazel-Goodman	Photography/Web Site:	Dave & Jean Barnett
Auto Jumble	Tracye Hazel-Goodman & Adam Zimmerman	Printing and Art:	Howard Sunderland
Car Display:	John Hazel	Rallye/Tour:	Kim & Karen Herford
Chairpersons:	Ann & Trayce Hazel-Goodman	Regalia:	Rick & Jill Pullen
Food & Catering:	Ann Hazel-Goodman	Registration/Treasurer:	Mike Campbell
Funkhana:	Campbells & Hazel-Goodmans	Registration Booklet:	Jim Barrington
		Tech Sessions:	Jerry Felper

How GoF's Happen

By George Kershaw

Ideally, a general location would be re-visited every 10 years. About 4 years out, a Chairperson or Club volunteers are selected to carry on our tradition of the Gathering of the Faithful.

A "Red Book" is available to all prospective chairpersons and covers almost all things pertaining to running a GoF West.

Committees are formed and a specific location is selected and preliminary negotiations begin with hotels in the area. The Chairpersons consult with the Steering Committee and they exchange ideas and information. Commitments for a given number of rooms and meals are then made with the selected hotel. Meeting rooms, display rooms, use of tables and grounds and electronics, etc. are usually given at either no charge or a lesser fee, based upon the commitment for the rooms and meals.

The past history of the GoF's does come into play in this process. (The hotel will check our references). After the negotiations have been satisfactorily completed, a contract is signed and deposits from the Steering Committee are made.

It is only with your support that the GoF obligations are met and all participants enjoy a great experience.

Members of the Steering Committee are truly thankful and appreciate the efforts and support of GoF Hosts and Attendees. We all enjoy the camaraderie and different venues. With your help – we will carry on!!!

Cheers—George

MINUTES: GoF West, Inc. Advisory Committee Meeting, Harrison Hot Springs, BC, July 15, 2004

Meeting was called to order by George Kershaw at approximately 2:00 PM. The agenda below, prepared by Chairman George Kershaw, was followed.

Present from the Steering Committee were: George Kershaw, Mike Campbell, Larry Long, Colin Fitzgerald, and Lane Rollins. Others present, representing the clubs shown, were:

Floyd Inman--BMCU
Warren Wendt--Classic MGs of So. Cal.
Chris Nowlan--Santa Barbara MG Club
Pat Gaston--Vintage MG Club of So. Cal.
Pete Thelander--TC Motoring Guild
David Fisher-Fleming--Vancouver Pre-'56 Unclub

The meeting was opened to suggestions from the floor as to how to improve future GoF's West, or to express concerns to the Steering Committee. The following were items of discussion:

An observation was made that the Canadian residents were told that they could not use Canadian money for the GoF transactions, and had to use US dollars. The reason for this was that no one from Canada had volunteered to address this issue. Mike Campbell commented that the bank he uses charges a 15% fee to handle such transactions; this would be a burden on GoF West 2004.

A comment was made that the meal prices seemed high, and that one could go to the Cooper Room at the hotel and buy a good meal for the same price in Canadian dollars. The Committee replied that there had been around 25 cancellations, and that the orientation dinner was subsidized by the GoF Steering Committee. It was also noted that the meal prices were less than in 1999.

A comment was made that the food and service was outstanding. This comment was agreed to by most of the parties present.

Comment was made that the event seemed to have been put

together and run by only a few people instead of a club. Response from the Committee was that this was indeed the case; the event was put on by several local Canadians that wanted to do it. A response from the audience was that there were some club members that wanted to help but weren't asked.

A correction was made to the recorded history of the GoF West event: the 1992 GoF West was held in Grand Teton National Park, not at Jackson Hole as recorded.

Lane Rollins suggested that, for future events, the committee might consider that a team of GoF West members plan and run the key events at the GoF. (This issue has been discussed at Committee meetings, and will no doubt continue in discussion. The reason for this is that many of the clubs from the past seem to be getting smaller, and do not have the staff of people to do the entire event.)

Chris Nowlan suggested that there should be standardization of many of the items that need to be addressed at GoFs. (This is a correct observation, and the intent of the Red Book is to make this happen.)

A comment was made that the signs at the Durango GoF West were superior to some of the other GoFs. This led to comments that there have not been enough signs at the GoFs to alert people where to go for specific events, or locations of rooms for tech sessions, etc.

Nominations for two Steering Committee members were opened. Nominated were: . George Kershaw and Floyd Inman. (George has served his term and is eligible to serve a second term.)

A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The nominees were elected by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Long, Secretary

MINUTES: GoF West, Inc. Steering Committee Meeting, Harrison Hot Springs, BC July 15, 2004

Meeting was called to order by George Kershaw at approximately 3:00 P.M. George had an agenda for the meeting as noted with the items below:

Present from the Steering Committee were:

Chairman: George Kershaw
Secretary and Gazette editor: Larry Long
Club Liaison & Mailing List: Colin Fitzgerald
Member-at-Large: Lane Rollins
Newly elected member: Floyd Inman
Newly elected member: Mike Campbell

Other attendees were: None

Secretary's report: No report was made by the secretary.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer was not present but submitted copies of his report. Following is a summary of that report:

Income (7/2003 to 6/30/2004):	\$12,174.67
Expenses:	\$ 4,738.51
Surplus from operations:	\$ 7,436.16

Assets:

Cash:	\$23,017.33
Other:	\$ 1,185.00
GoF advances	\$ 2,200.00
Total assets:	\$26,402.33

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as submitted.

Old Business

No old business was discussed

Current Business

Re: GoF 2004:

The only comment noted was that neck lanyards be used at future GoF West events rather than name tags as used for GoF 2004.

Re: GoF 2005:

Larry Long, Chairman for GoF 2005, again presented a hand-out showing photographs of the Marriott Hotel in Buellton and the Firestone Winery, venues for the GoF 2005 and car display. He reported on the following:

****Contracts have been signed for both the hotel and the car display venues.**

****Meals have been arranged at the hotel .**

****All major task positions have been filled.**

****Budgets have been established for each task.**

****The logo has been created.**

****In general, planning in all areas is proceeding well and there have been no major problems to deal with.**

****No significant comments were offered by the Committee at this time.**

Re: GoF 2006:

Planning is continuing for this event.

Re: GoF 2007:

Floyd is currently looking into a venue for this event, perhaps in the Heber Valley, or around Park City, UT.

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California Dreamin'—One More Time!!

GoF West 2005 will be held in the heart of California's spectacular Central Coast, with the host hotel, rally, car display and other GoF functions held in the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. Only 3 hours from the Los Angeles area and 5 hours from San Francisco, the Santa Ynez Valley is easily accessible from Highway 101 at the Buellton exit. In addition to it's natural beauty, the Central Coast and the Santa Ynez Valley offers many major tourist attractions and has come into it's own as one of the finest wine producing regions in the country.

Our host hotel will be the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott Hotel in Buellton, just off Highway 101. The hotel offers first class accommodations for the GoF West.



Approximately 120 rooms and 17 suites are available at \$109 or \$129 per night, respectively. Each room offers Individual climate control, speaker-phones with data ports, hair dryers, irons and more. The hotel has an outdoor pool with Jacuzzi, tennis, racquetball and squash courts (with equipment), and a complimentary health club with steam room. Pool, table tennis, and bumper pool are available in the game room. Call the hotel at 1-800-638-8882 for reservations. Be sure to mention that you are with GoF West 2005. In the event that the hotel is filled, there are several other hotels in the immediate area that offer similar accommodations.

Our orientation evening on Monday will feature a dinner with steak and salmon, followed by the orientation program. This is not only for first timers; all attendees will enjoy a bit of history about the GoF West as well as hearing about the weeks events and local attractions, restaurants, wineries, etc. Be sure

to plan on attending this event.

The Car Display will be the main event during the day on Tuesday, to be held at one of the Valley's premier wineries, the Firestone Meadows of the Firestone Vineyard. This is one of the most beautiful locations in the Valley, with lots of room for showing off our cars. A picnic BBQ will be featured for lunch.

In the evening, we



Kirk Irwin Photo

will hold our annual auction dinner and auction of MG related parts and memorabilia.

We have already received some really good items for the auction, and it promises to be an outstanding part of the GoF. This event will be held at the hotel.

The back roads of the Santa Ynez Valley are unsurpassed for driving pleasure in an open-top vintage MG, and we plan to take full advantage of that for our rally/tour on Wednesday. Part of the rally/tour will follow the Foxen Canyon Wine Trail which covers 30 miles of scenic travel through some of the most beautiful scenery on the

Central Coast, and many of the 60 wineries in the region. There will be stops at some of the wineries, and the tour guide will mention some of the historic facts for your entertainment as you travel on the tour. The rally/tour will take place on Wednesday morning, and the remainder of the day, from around noon, will be free of GoF activities, so you can plan on seeing more of the valley attractions on your own.



Kirk Irwin Photo



Kirk Irwin Photo

One of the major attractions of the valley is the Pacific Coast Performing Arts Theater in Solvang, just 3 miles from the hotel. The PCPA theater offers first class Broadway productions in an open air theater, and, during this GoF, will be doing "Guys and Dolls", an outstanding, long-running Broadway musical. We have arranged to set aside a block of seats for this event on Wednesday evening, at just \$16.00 per seat for seniors. In addition, we have arranged to have a really good chicken dinner at the theater prior to the show for only \$10.00 per person. So if you are interested in enjoying the evening in this manner, you should sign up for this event. The number of tickets are limited, and must be arranged for ahead of time. Cut-off date for signing up for this event is the May 30, 2005. (other local eateries)



Kirk Irwin Photo

The autojumble and funkhana will take place on Thursday morning and early afternoon, leaving a little time during the day to enjoy some of the other attractions of the Santa Ynez Valley. The unique Danish city of Solvang is only 3 miles from the hotel, and a brief side trip and short hike to Nojoqui Falls is a good way to enjoy a quiet afternoon. Two of California's historic missions are within a short distance of Buellton. And everybody will enjoy a visit to some of the local horse ranches, especially to see the miniature horses. You might also enjoy a short trip to Lake Cachuma, or consider playing golf on one of the areas championship courses.

Thursday evening will bring our awards

banquet, with a special added attraction of a local dance band playing your favorite tunes from the '50's. Bring your poodle skirts and white bucks; we'll have prizes for the best '50's costumes.

Finally, Friday morning will allow you to see the winners of the car display lined up in front of the hotel, to be enjoyed along with a continental breakfast. Arrangements can be made on your own to stay at the hotel throughout the weekend if you prefer.

We do hope that you will consider

coming to this GoF West. This promises to be a good one, filled with a lot of fun throughout the week, and you will have to look hard to find a better venue that offers first-class accommodations, great driving roads, and a beautiful setting for the car display. We hope to see you here.

Questions about the GoF can be addressed to Larry Long at **emgeeguy@aol.com**.

The reservation form and other information can be found at our web site at **Gofwest.com**, then **events for 2005**. Reservations can be made by either sending the form to Larry, or using the automatic transmittal function from the web site. Checks are preferable to credit cards for payment.

After you register, in the February timeframe, a confirmation will be sent to you, along with a form for commitment for the dinners, etc. However, we do need to have your commitment for the PCPA theater and dinner at the time of your reservation.

GoF West 2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 11, 2005 (Mon)

Registration
Models, Photos, Crafts, Arts
Hospitality
First Timer's Display
Orientation (No host bar)
Orientation Buffet Dinner

July 12, 2005 (Tue)

Hospitality
Registration
Car Display
Regalia
Models, Photos Crafts, Arts
No Host Cocktails
Auction Dinner
Auction

July 13, 2005 (Wed)

Hospitality
Registration
Rallye/Tour Winery tour
Regalia
Models, Photos, Crafts, Arts
Dinner, your choice, or dinner and theater: Guys and Dolls

July 14, 2005 (Thu)

Hospitality
Registration
Technical Sessions
Flea Market
Models, Photos, Crafts, Arts
Funkhana
No Host Cocktails
Awards Dinner

July 15, 2005 (Fri)

Winner's Circle
Farewell Breakfast

(The newly released movie "Sideways" features a wine tour of the Santa Ynez valley; check it out.)



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New Business

Committee Positions

The following committee positions were filled by approval of the committee members:

Chairman--George Kershaw
Vice Chairman--Larry Long (also Gazette Editor)
Secretary--Floyd Inman
Treasurer and Financial secretary--Mike Campbell
Club Liason--Colin Fitzgerald
Member-at-Large--Lane Rollins

It was noted that Floyd may not be present at the November meeting, and Larry agreed to take minutes as necessary.

Red book revisions

It was agreed that the following revisions be made to the Red Book:

1) That the "In-Spirit" fee be a reasonable amount.

2) That any refunds up to the date of the event amount to the full amount paid less the In-Spirit amount.

Web site

The web site is up and running. No discussion was held on this matter.

Gazette and Mailing list update

Larry will continue to publish the Gazette, nominally in November and April, and Terry Sanders will continue with the mailings.

The next Committee meeting will held at the site of the annual swap meet, on Sunday, November 21, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Long, Secretary

1st Place TF



#19 54 TF Red Ben & Laura Prince
Dave Barnett photo

1st place TD



#47 53 TD David & Barbara Fisher-Fleming
Dave Barnett photo

MMM National Meet, July 11-15 : Be There !

GoF West '05, combined with our official MMM National meet promises a record breaking turnout of MMM Cars and owners. GoF West '05 is being chaired by our own Larry Long who has left no stone unturned in his efforts to insure a really well organized event. To be held in scenic Santa Ynez valley, near the coast some 40 miles north of Santa Barbara, the area offers miles of wonderful MMM roads to savor & enjoy. The rural roads and minimal traffic make the area a true delight for the MMM owner and unlike some excellent events in recent years, this event promises to be an excellent driving event as well as an opportunity to show off our cars and get re-acquainted with new and old friends. The car show venue on the Oak studded lawn of the Firestone family home promises to be truly wonderful.

The July 11-16th event should draw a super turnout of both T-type and prewar cars due to it's easily accessible location, rural scenic setting & assurance of great weather. Also, it's been some years since GoF West has been located in central California which always insures excellent support. 225 pre-'55 MG's is a realistic goal and we are counting on at least 10% of those to be MMM models. We will have our own time together sometime during the week, and will have a very special MMM guest if we can swing it--no promises yet!

Your humble scribe, Chris Nowlan has assured Larry that he will personally encourage, bribe, shame or cajole every MMM owner possible into making this event one for the record books. Remember, most of our most active MMM owners cut their teeth on T-types and this is a great opportunity to show our T-type friends what cars are all about. We need to spread our own ranks and this is a perfect opportunity to share our cars and experiences. The big difference between this and other recent west coast events is that we will really get to drive our cars without fighting urban traffic & congestion. I absolutely promise to drive my L2 to the event as will Larry in his freshly completed J2. We will be presenting a MMM distance award so should see some serious competition. Jack Hardy doesn't live far enough away to take the distance award so won't be repeating his 3,000 plus mile round trip drive in his PA as he did to GoF West '04. Our cars were meant to be driven, so get those cars ready and plan for a great event next July. Registration forms can be downloaded at GoF West.com. See you in July!

Chris Nowlan