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A GoF Event Fit For a Queen

By Jerry Austin

We congratulate all the winners of the car display that was put on by Ken Thomas. Deserving of the prizes they won, the tradition of being honored by their peers continues in great fashion.

Jerry Felper initiated several computer programs that will be passed along to subsequent GoFs, and they were immensely helpful, both prior and during, as well as after the event.

The Rallye/Tour was enjoyed by many of you, and Jerry and I heard exciting comments. The route took everyone through some of the nicest homes on the peninsula west of Long Beach and environs.

And the Funkhana was really fun! A lot of people were hesitant to enter the tunnel, but they all made it through OK. We did hear a few groans about the difficulty of the quiz that each of you had to take, but the deviousness was well thought out, and the discussion between participants afterward was very enlightening as to the history and peculiarities in MGing.

We heard congratulations to the chef for the wonderful dinners we had at the Queen. Thanks to Mimi and Gordon Glass for making all the arrangements, including the clever and creative table decorations.

The auction went well, but a delay in checking out happened because of our computers being hooked up in reverse. But all things worked out there, too.

Plaudits, too, to Tim and Kay Cane, this year's High Point Award winners. They scored the highest



The Car Display at the Queen

WOW! What a great GoF West it was this year! Thanks to all of you who were there, Jerry Felper and I were gratified to the nth degree.

Thanks especially to the MMM folks. The appearance of their spiffy cars added much to make GoF West 2003 a rewarding experience.

There were over 115 cars on display at the Queen Mary's park, and their overall condition was even more improved over last year or the year before or the year before, etc. They just keep getting better and better as the years go by, making this hobby more appealing as time passes.

Enough philosophizing. GoF West 2003 was a financial success, too. We cleared enough to ensure that there will be at least quite a few more GoFs here in the West.

The Queen Mary personnel handled our needs quite nicely as well. Some problems did exist, but these were readily overcome to make the stay enjoyable for everyone.

Jerry and I would like to thank all of our committee chairs for their winning attitudes and superlative results. If it were not for them, GoF West 2003 might have been a huge disappointment.

The task starts usually over a year before an event, and continues with ever increasingly more work by the sponsor club (or individuals) and the people who toil diligently to make sure everything goes according to plan. This year, VMG had over 20 separate committees, and, due to their efforts, things went smoothly with only a couple of minor hitches. Such problems, by the way, should be avoided in subsequent years, as our experiences will be passed along to make things run more smoothly hence.



The TD Line-up



The Rallymasters

cumulative number of points in the three categories that qualified them for their trophy. They ranked high in the car display, the Rallye/Tour, and the Funkhana. Several other attendees were very close to the Canes winning score.

We hope you all enjoyed GoF West 2003, and plan to attend more in the future. If you have concerns or suggestions, please direct them to the GoF Steering Committee or to us. Our email address is:

info@vintagemg.com

With your help, GoF West will continue to improve and make things better for all MG enthusiasts.

On a final note, let me tell you all, that putting on a GoF West is no insignificant job, and next year, we will be visiting Canada once again.

The mother-daughter team who has taken the fearsome responsibility for putting on GoF West 2004 are to be not only congratulated but assisted in any way possible.

You'll want to hurry and register for 2004 if you have not already done so. You can reach their Web site through **GoFWest.com** or VMG's at **vintagemg.com**.

Regards to all,
Jerry Austin

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Jean and Dave
Barnett except as
noted**



Howard and Sandra Bucey



*Tom and Brian Metcalf
with Tom's F2, the best
MMM car*



*Jack Kahler's 12/12 M-
Type (Photo by Mal-
colm Robertson)*



The Saperstein's F3 (Photo by Malcolm Robertson)

GoF West 2003 Committee Chairpersons

Chairmen:	Jerry Austin & Jerry Felper
Registration:	Jim & Jeff Barrington
Food:	Mimi Glass
Awards:	Pete & Fran Thelander
Auction:	John Seim
Regalia:	Rick Pullen
Rallye/tour:	Kevin & George Kershaw
Autojumble:	Lloyd Hendrickson
Audio/Visual:	Jean Barnett

Treasurer:	Ken Blake
Tech sessions:	Carl Cederstrand
Ladies Tech Sessions:	Darlene Cederstrand
Funkhana:	Bob Christian
Car display & Signs:	Ken Thomas
Logo Design & Art:	Don Kosup
Photography/Web site:	Dave & Jean Barnett
Raffle:	Phil Gross
Hospitality:	Liz & Oscar Stankov

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Well, it seems just like yesterday we were all enjoying Long Beach and life aboard the Queen Mary at GoF West 2003!! This great event was hosted by VMG and co-Chaired by Jerry Austin and Jerry Felper (with behind the scenes help from Dee and Laverne).

I'm sure all of the members of VMG were very pleased so many came to join in the fun and activity. It was their pleasure to provide the hospitality.

The weatherman co-operated and it was a joy to see all the little cars darting about. They made quite an array of shining beauties at the Queen Mary Park!

It appears this was the largest turnout for a GoF West

in many years and seems one of the most financially rewarding. A big TIP OF THE HAT to the "Jerrys" and VMG.

GoF West 2004 isn't too far away and I know first hand that the Harrison Hot Springs Hotel will be an absolute treat with magnificent surroundings. This is a very, very popular resort in Western Canada especially in July, so I urge you to book your rooms now and please mention GoF West 2004 so you will get our preferred rates quoted in Canadian Dollars.

Cheers, George

THE GREAT ESCAPE

Malcolm Robertson came from a land down under to attend GoF West 2003. Here is his report.....

My escape to Los Angeles to attend GoF West 2003 was not quite in the league of Steve McQueen's adventures, but after nearly ten years since I last visited Los Angeles, indeed since I had last ventured from the shores of the great south island continent, it seemed like a great escape to me and I was really looking forward to it.

GoF West 2003 was held in typically warm and hazy conditions in Los Angeles during July. The events were centred on that famous old ocean liner, the *Queen Mary*, now a floating hotel and convention centre moored at Long Beach. The ambience of the



*Malcolm at the Queen
(Dave Barnett photo)*

old liner certainly added a touch of charm to the proceedings softening the hard realities of LA's concrete free-ways and the general bustle of one of the world's busiest container terminals.



*Floyd Inman trying his hand at the
Funkhana (Photo by Dave Barnett)*

The meeting was hosted by the Vintage MG Club of Southern California to whom full marks for the organisation, regalia and splendid hospitality. Over 150 cars registered for the events, including some twenty or so cars from the North American MMM Register which had made GoF West the venue for its own annual gathering this year. TDs made up the bulk of entries closely followed by the TCs, but a good range of TFs, three Arnolt TDs, two SVW Pre-War MGs, two Y-types and a lone ZB Varitone Magnette meant that just about all tastes in pre-1956 MGs were catered for. A keen observer would also have seen the occasional MGA and MGB lurking in the background.



Jack Hardy's PA

The Program followed the accepted practice evolved over many GoF Wests. A good selection of social functions was offered to round off each day and to enable participants to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones. Daytime activities included a rallye/tour around the picturesque roads of nearby Palos Verdes Estates, several technical sessions, the major display and the funk-hana. For light relief there was the Ashwood Derby for free-wheeling models and Al Moss's MG Mechanics Contest, and for the bargain hunter the Auto Jumble. Art and craft displays, silent and noisy auctions and a classy range of regalia and MG items for sale rounded off a very full program.

Highlights for a weary traveller from afar were numerous.

Take for example everyone's delight at seeing Jill Gorman and her young son Chandler on the Rallye/tour in her father, Jack Hardy's, 1934 P-type four-seater. Mixing any small MG with those 18-wheeler container rigs takes skill and courage, but to take them on in a tiny Pre-War car with a back-to-front gear-change on its crash box epitomises the spirit of MG living on today. And among the greying heads in many of the other MGs, it was equally a pleasure to see Jill and several other younger participants representing the next generation of enthusiasts coming through in such style - there is hope for our movement after all!



The PA Airline Coupe of Martin Hveem

Take also the rare cars in the MMM display: Jack Kahler's 12/12 Replica M-type (M2273), the PA Airline driven by Martin Hveem and the factory NE racing car - the Thelanders' NA0518 - recently returned from its historic 75th re-enactment at the Ards TT circuit in Ireland. The restoration of Jack's car was equal to any I have seen over many years, nicely topped off with the "accessories" that he had collected for the car.

The fine collection of Pre-War MGs that the NAMMMR had mustered for the occasion was another highlight. Back home in Australia most of our GoFs (we call them National Meetings and there is only one a year) only ever have about ten Pre-War cars unless they are located within two hours drive of the home of MMM cars - Melbourne. Given the relatively few MMM cars sold new into the US, the collection gathered together at the *Queen Mary* is a credit to the enthusiasm of the MG movement in North America. I was especially impressed with Bill Bollendonk's and Mike Franck's P-types, and Tom Metcalf's F2 (F0700), all quality restorations in anyone's language.

However, it was also great to see some well-used examples of the marque, such as the Felper PA four-seater (PA1314) and Kurt



John Kernan's N-Special

Poulson's PA 1526 of which we have read much lately, together with a trio of N-specials, the cars of John Kernan (NA0726), Don Wasserman and Mike Jacobsen (NA0476). Nice to see also the two standard M-types of Bob Zwart (M1336) and Lance Wayman, the latter's car showing for the first time at an NAMMMR meeting.

Chris Nowlan had his partly restored L2 (L2002) on display, looking every bit as though it will be a contender for the best MMM car in another year or so.

While the voters on the day elected the F2 as the best MMM car, a worthy successor to last year's winner, the Saperstein's F3 (F1396), I have to comment that this seems to me to be a pretty loose way to judge the best restoration. Given the blood, sweat and tears that many have put into their restorations, maybe the NAMMMR should consider developing a more objective set of criteria by which to determine their finest representative car for the year. In Australia, cars are judged on four main aspects: exterior, interior, under bonnet and in the boot (that's hood and trunk, I guess), and originality. Each of these aspects is given the same emphasis by judges with each being awarded 100 points maximum. Sometimes roadworthiness is included (ie, does it run and do the lights work, etc) but not with quite the same weight, and sometimes originality attracts double points, depending on who is organising the meeting.



Mike Franck's PA

While not MMM cars, two other Pre-War MGs on display that deserve a mention were Jim Alcorn's VA Tickford and Jean Mason's SA saloon, both fine examples of the SVW range of cars sold between 1936 and 1939. Jean was my host while I was in LA and I had the pleasure of driving her car in the Rally/tour as well as more generally around LA.

And finally, as an overseas visitor, it was a real delight to see the three uniquely American Arnolt TDs, two tourers and a coupe. For some reason the Arnolts were not given a class of their own and so the challenges presented by their quite difficult restorations and on-going maintenance, especially to their fabulous Bertone coachwork, were not recognised and rewarded in the awards. I think Terry Sanders' coupe was probably the most original car of the three, but for sheer outrageous style you couldn't go past Ed Chadroff's red tourer. But I do like black, so I actually voted for Barry Briskman's black tourer!

So, as we say back home, good onya mates for a bonza event and I hope I can make it back again one day.

Malcolm

All photos by Malcolm Robertson
except as noted

The Canadian Rockies Beckon for GoF West 2004

Relax and Rejuvenate: that is the general idea as you spend time at Harrison Hot Springs B.C., Canada for GoF West 2004, from the 12th to the 16th of July. Nestled on the lake, 1-1/2 hours from Vancouver BC, and three hours from Seattle, Harrison Hot Springs Resort is a full service destination property with 339 guest rooms, cottages and suites. Harrison Hot Springs is surrounded by wildlife-filled forests. This is a stop over on the Gold



Rush trail. It is time to renew friendships, body, spirit and also to make some new friends.

We have a busy few days planned along with the already tried and true GoF program. Monday night there will be a Welcoming Orientation BBQ followed by music; wanna dance? After a busy night eating and dancing, you can spend Tuesday enjoying the Spa, looking at the cars, or just taking it easy, visiting the Hospitality Room.

This is not a club hosted GoF, but it is being hosted by a group of MG friends hailing from San Diego, Orange County, British Columbia, Alberta, the UK, all with one idea: to have a good time enjoying the little BRITISH car.

The hotel has a range of rooms all with either a view of the lake or the gardens, with a spa, hot pools, both adult and family, indoor and outdoor. The 339 guestrooms, cottages and suites provide a wide selection of views, bedding and rates to accommodate your individual preference and budget. There are five distinct areas with accommodations located within the property. The **11 cottages** are located in the southeast area of the property and provide a personal driveway for your automobile. Ideal for family gatherings on the adjacent lawns or for your family dog, the cottages are designed with their own master bedroom, living area complete with a television, sofa and comfortable armchairs.

A total of 63 rooms, mini and complete suites and connecting rooms are located in the **main hotel building**. The **West Tower** features six floors, which are accessible by two elevators. A total of 92 rooms and suites are located in the West Tower which feature sliding glass doors and balconies. A recent remodeling of the West Tower rooms and hallways was conducted in 1998.

The **West Wing** was the first addition to the property in 1957

and consists of two stories adjoining the West Tower. A total of 42 rooms and 1 suite are located in the west wing. The recent remodeling of these rooms and hallways includes individual air conditioning units for your comfort.

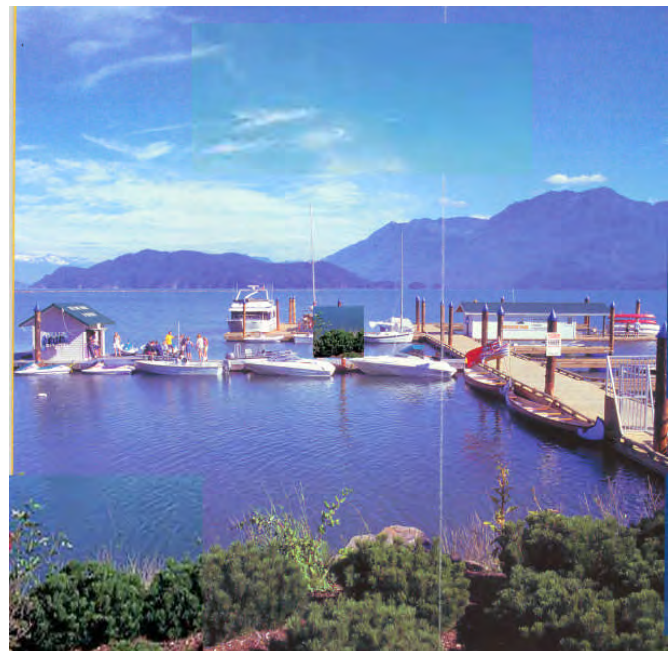
The most recent addition is the **East Tower**, which was constructed in 1988 and is equipped with a total of 92 rooms and 2 suites. All rooms feature sliding glass doors with balcony patio furniture and either a full or partial view of Harrison Lake. All rooms have two fluffy bathrobes for your use during your visit. Additionally, all rooms are equipped with central air conditioning for your comfort. As this is the most recent addition, the decor and furnishing are modern and feature accents of Cherry wood throughout the room.

Call the hotel at 1-800-663-2266 to make your reservations and to check the rate of your room preference. Be sure to mention that you are with the GoF West 2004 group.

The natural mineral hot spring pools are one of the resorts best known facilities and, to accommodate personal preferences, there are five indoor and outdoor pools that have a temperature range of 30° - 40°C (85° - 104°F). To further your relaxation the Healing Springs Spa provides full spa services. The indoor pool is open for 20 hours a day and there is a lap pool. This is a great water play ground for the children, and a children's program is available to keep them busy day and night.

You can also enjoy many of the local provincial parks that include Hicks & Deer Lakes. The Cheam Wetlands Park is a great place for the bird watcher, or for people who just enjoy the outdoors. In the Bridal Falls area, less than 15 minutes from the Resort you will find many different attractions like Dinotown, a dinosaur adventure for the kid in all of us. Minter Gardens known all over the world, at the foot of Mt. Cheam, has something for everyone. For those hot days, try the Waterslides.

If golf is more your game, the resort's own course, the Harrison Resort Golf Course is only minutes away. For a challenging mountain





course try the Falls G.C.C. or play next to the Harrison River at the Sandpiper golf club.

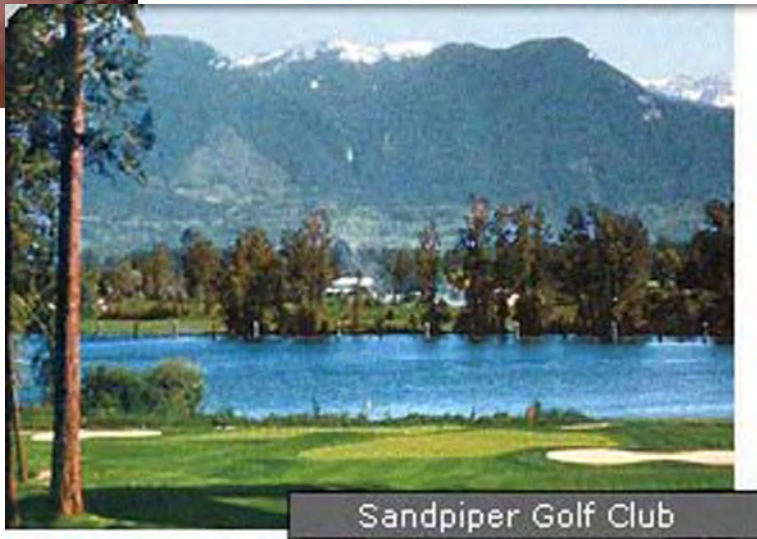
This is a dog friendly hotel, however we will have to ask that our four legged friends have room service, and stay out of the people dining rooms. The hotel also provides doggie pick up bags, and the dogs are encouraged not to swim in the pools. But they can swim in the lake.

We have rooms blocked for the four days and a few held for the Sunday night if you want to start the GoF early.

We will be having the rallye, funkana and swap meet along with the car show and the first timers show. We are also working on an afternoon tea at the hotel; this does depend on numbers. We will also have the usual tech sessions, and, of

course, the auction and awards dinners. The winners circle will be on Friday morning. And for the ladies (due to the fact that the co-chairs are ladies!) we will be bring back the Sacajawea award. Guys: encourage the ladies to drive, just sit back relax and enjoy the views. This award is for the lady who logs the most mileage in a T- Series or earlier MG on the way to the GoF with miles driven within 5 days of the first day.

The resort has donated four free nights that cover the days of the GoF as a prize for the raffle. If you register early before the 28th of February you will get two free tickets in your registration package. We will also be selling tickets throughout the GoF. Remember: the more you buy, the better your chances. The draw will be at the awards dinner after the 2005 presentation. Good luck to you all.



We look forward to seeing many new and old faces at the 2004 GoF. If you have any question regarding the GoF, please contact:

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gofwest2004@yahoo.ca (email)

For registration: Mike Campbell
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619-472-5199 (evenings)
mlc226@pacbell.net (email)

For auction: John Seim
949-786-5697
kingseim@earthlink.net(email)

Auction Items Needed for GoF West 2004

As you probably know, the auction during the GoF west provides, in part, needed seed money for following GoFs. We would like to make the auction of GoF West 2004 one of the best ever, and are now asking for donations for the auction. Any item will be accepted for auction, but it is desirable that the item be MG related, or at least car related (preferably British car). Please don't give us old worn-out or greasy parts; they kind of mess up the clothing in the suitcase on the trip home. You may bring the items to the auction, or contact John Seim at 949-786-5697 or email at kingseim@earthlink.net for instructions where to send the items.

GoF West 2003 Trophy Winners

The following is a list of folks that took home a trophy for their contributions to making the GoF west 2003 a very successful event. I think you would all agree, however, that everyone that was there and participated in this great event was a winner. Congratulations to all!!

Photo Awards

Photo—Humor	1st	Don Kosup
Photo – General Int'st	1st	Howard Sunderland
Photo – General Int'st	2nd	Sherm Spier
Photo – MG Action	1st	Pete Thelander
Photo – MG Action	2nd	Rick Pullen
Brian Alder Award		Howard Sunderland

Crafts & Sewn Goods

Sewn Goods	1st	Jill Pullen
Crafts	1st	Howard Sunderland
Crafts	2nd	Bill Henderson

Collection of MG Related Items

	1st	Rick Malsed
	2nd	Fran Thelander

Models

Single Model	1st	Don Kosup
Model Display	1st	Steve & Diana Kirby
Best Diorama	1st	Dave Gaston

Ashwood Derby

1st	Rick Pullen
2nd	Chandler Gorman
3rd	Gordon Glass
Best Looking	Jim Franks

Funkahana

Coil Sprung	1st	Tim & Kay Cane
	2nd	Ken Bake & Jay Clark
	3rd	George Jackson & John Hobbs
Cart Sprung	1st	David & Joyce Edgar
	2nd	John Seim & Howard Sunderland
	3rd	Don & Amanda Wasserman
Modern	1st	Megan Astrella & Nancy Gaston

Rallye / Tour

	1st	Syd & Mickey Saperstein
	2nd	John & Jim Franks
	3rd	Gordon & Mimi Glass

Dead Last but finished! Howard & Sandy Bucey

AI Moss Mechanics Contest

	1st	Dennis Rainey
	Runner-up	Howard Sunderland

The High Point Award

Tim & Kay Cane

Long Dist. Award

Brian & Lenora Sigsworth

Monterey Cup

Vintage MG of Southern California

San Diego Cup

Classic MG of Southern California

Santa Barbara Cup

Vancouver Pre-56 Unclub

Hard Luck Award

Dave & Jean Barnett

The Car Display

First Timers 1st Howard & Sandy Bucey

Premier Mickey & Stella Saperstein

M M M 1st Tom Metcalf
2nd Jack Hardy & Jill Gorman
3rd Jack Kahler
Merit Martin & Lorraine Hveem

Other Pre-War 1st Jim & Barbara Alcorn

TC's 1st Gene & Deana Roth
2nd Rick & Jill Pullen
3rd Lloyd & Carolyn Hendrickson
Merit John & Phyllis Barnard
Merit Colin & Ayreon Fitzgerald
Merit Larry & Barbara Long

TD's 1st Ed Reynolds
2nd George & Kevin Kershaw
3rd Charles & Mary Garver
Merit Dave & Jean Barnett
Merit Shirley & Dennis Bowman
Merit Tim & Kay Cane
Merit Warren & Bernice Wendt

TF's 1st Willie Williams
2nd Kevin & Pat Gaston
3rd Jim & Gayle Melvin
Merit Dennis & Pat Rainey

Post-war MG Maila Felper

Modern Steve & Diana Kirby

Minutes of the GoF West, Inc. Advisory Committee Meeting Long Beach, CA, July 24, 2003

Meeting was called to order by George Kershaw at approximately 2:30 PM. No formal agenda was prepared.

Present from the Steering Committee were:

Chairman: George Kershaw
Vice Chairman: Jerry Austin
Secretary and Gazette editor: Larry Long
Club Liason & Mailing List: Terry Sanders
Member-at-large: Lane Rollins

Approximately 20 people from the Voting Membership of several clubs were in attendance; names of attendees were not recorded.

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. Items were tabulated and are included as Attachment 1. The Committee agreed that the list will be published and given to the chairman of next year's GoF.

Nominations for two Steering Committee members were opened. Nominated were: Colin Fitzgerald and Mike Campbell.

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

Thanks were given to Jerry Austin and Terry Sanders for their contributions to the Committee. Jerry will continue in his role as webmaster.

Thanks were given to the Steering Committee for recognition of the GoF West founders at the orientation session.

A suggestion was made to put the history of the start of the GoF information into the Gazette. The Secretary will attempt to do so with the next issue of the Gazette.

A suggestion was made to change the name to GoF West, International, at least for next year since the event will be held in Canada. Steering Committee will consider this.

A suggestion was made to get publicity about the current GoF to local newspapers etc. This was followed by a discussion about whether we should or need to encourage outsiders to come to see the cars. There were mixed comments about this topic, including the idea that such publicity might encourage more young people to come, and the position that the GoF is not a public event. No resolution was made at this meeting. The Committee will take the comments under advisement.

A suggestion was made that the treasurer position be a non-committee position so that the Committee can retain a person in that position for an indefinite period of time, rather than having a new Treasurer every three years. This suggestion was tabled until the next Committee meeting.

Thanks were given to Jerry and Dee Austin and Jerry and LaVerne Felper for their hard work in making the GoF 2003 a successful event.

No further business was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Long, Secretary



Jim and Barbara Alcorn's VA Tickford
(Dave Barnett photo)



Pete Thelander's NE
(Malcolm Robertson photo)

Minutes of the GoF West, Inc. Steering Committee Meeting

Long Beach, California, July 24, 2003

Meeting was called to order by George Kershaw at approximately 3:00 PM. George presented the following agenda for the meeting:

1. New Committee Assignments
2. 2003 GoF West Miscellaneous
3. 2004 GoF West Presentation
4. 2005 GoF West Report
5. 2006 GoF West Venue and Who ?
6. Nov Meeting Location
7. Suggestions-----

Present from the Steering Committee were:

Chairman: George Kershaw
Vice Chairman: Jerry Austin
Secretary and Gazette editor: Larry Long
Club Liaison & Mailing List Terry Sanders
Member-at-large: Lane Rollins
(Treasurer Syd Saperstein was not present)

Other attendees were:

Colin Fitzgerald--newly elected Committee member
Mike Campbell-- newly elected Committee member
Jerry Austin, Co-Chair GoF West 2003
Gerry Felper, Co-Chair GoF West 2003
Ann Hazel, Chair, GoF West 2004

Secretary's report:

The secretary reviewed minutes from the previous meeting and they were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report:

- 1) The Treasurer presented a recap of event costs for GoF Wests 2000 through 2005 (chart attached) to give a better understanding of the flow of funds and the need for advance money for upcoming GoFs.
- 2) The Treasurer presented a balance sheet (attached) showing the total assets and liabilities at \$20,599.26, with no further comment
- 3) A statement of operations for 1/1/02 through 11/15/02 was presented (attached) showing income of \$8,362.37 and expenses of \$2,641.48, leaving a cash surplus position of \$3,540.89. Details of the above financial position can be found in the Financial Secretary's Report, attached. The report from the Treasurer was accepted as submitted and discussed.

A **welcome** was made to the new members of the committee, Colin Fitzgerald and Mike Campbell. Mike will have the position of Vice-chairman, and Colin will take over the position of Club Liaison.

Old Business

No old business was discussed

Current Business

Re: GoF 2003:

Approximately \$8,500 was made at the auction. Income from regalia sales is not known at this time. A percentage of the sales is from the Vintage club regalia.

Re: GoF 2004:

No report was made.

Re: GoF 2005:

Larry Long reported that planning is well underway for GoF 2004, and that Buellton/Santa Ynez Valley has been selected as the site. The Marriott Hotel in Buellton offers good rates, the Firestone Winery will be a good venue for the car display, and there are several good roads that can be used for the rally. Further details will be made at the next committee meeting.

Re: GoF 2006:

Lane Rollins presented a slide show showing possible locations for GoF 2006. One of the venues, The Resort at the Mountain, located on Mt. Hood, is where this years MGB national meet was held. Hotel rates are good (approximately \$100/night), and the site has beautiful scenery. Lane reported that he can not chair the event, but will find someone to do so. Further details at the next Committee meeting.

Re: the Gazette:

It was agreed that the Gazette should be published in November and February.

New Business

The next meeting was planned for November 23 at the site of the annual swap meet.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 PM.

Attachments (Available upon request from the Secretary: emgeeguy@aol.com or 805-937-3784):

Financial Secretary's report
Income statement
Balance sheet
Statement of operations
Net Results of GoF West History

Respectfully submitted
Larry Long, secretary

Minutes of the GoF West, Inc. Steering Committee Meeting Fullerton, CA (Site of the Vintage MG Swap Meet), November 23, 2003

Meeting was called to order by George Kershaw at approximately 10:00 AM. George had an agenda for the meeting as noted with the items below:

Present from the Steering Committee were:

Chairman: George Kershaw
Vice Chairman: Mike Campbell
Secretary and Gazette editor: Larry Long
Club Liaison & Mailing List: Colin Fitzgerald
Ann Hazel, Chair, GoF West 2004
(Member-at-large: Lane Rollins was not present)
(Treasurer Syd Saperstein was not present)

Other attendees were:

Terry Sanders, former Committee member
Jerry Felper, Co-Chair GoF West 2003

Secretary's report:

The secretary reviewed minutes from the previous meeting and they were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report:

Due to an unexpected family emergency, the Treasurer was not present but submitted a report by FAX. The FAX was reviewed for the Committee by Terry. The Treasurer will email the report to all committee members. There is currently approximately \$15,300 in the bank account. The report was accepted as presented.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Current Business

Re: GoF 2003:

Jerry Felper reported that the net from the GoF 2003 was \$10,988.01, with approximately \$8,900 coming from the auction. A check for this amount was presented to the Chairman for transmittal to the Treasurer. On behalf of the Vintage Club, sponsor of the GoF 2003, Jerry requested a 15% reimbursement in accordance with the Red Book allowance.

Jerry will forward specific financial data as noted to the following:

Detailed cost/income data to Colin for his continuing tabulation of GoF historical data
Detailed final financial report data to each Committee member
Filemaker Program discs and GoF financial templates to Mike for use for GoF 2004
GoF financial templates to Larry for use for GoF 2005. (Mike is to send the Filemaker program discs and manuals to Larry).

Later in the meeting, Jerry Austin, chairman of GoF West 2003, presented detailed final reports (except for the financial report) to the Committee. These reports were accepted with thanks.

Re: GoF 2004:

Ann Hazel, chair of GoF 2004, reviewed the status of the planning for the GoF. All seems to be going well. Meal costs need to be finalized, and all other details are being attended to. Ann showed us the logo patch and the sweaters and vests that will be available at the GoF. Hotel rates need to be added to the article in the GoF, with a note that early registration and reservations at the hotel are encouraged.

Ann and Mike Campbell (Treasurer and Registration Co-chair for the event) were requested to have a detailed financial balance sheet (i.e., estimated income vs estimated expenditures by line item for the event) available for the next Committee meeting.

Ann requested help with advertising in magazines, etc. Committee members will email to Ann lists of magazines and other periodicals to which she can send information regarding the GoF. This list will be compiled and included in the Red Book for future reference.

Re: GoF 2005:

Larry Long, Chairman for GoF 2005, presented a handout showing photographs of the Marriott Hotel in Buellton and the Firestone Winery, venues for the GoF 2005 and car display. He reported that contracts have been signed for both places. Preliminary details on the planning for this event were presented. Budgets have not yet been established but this data will be available at the next Committee meeting. No significant comments were offered by the Committee at this time.

Re: GoF 2006:

Lane Rollins was not present but had submitted an email with the contract to the hotel as an attachment. Although there seemed to be some significant changes in the contract from the initial meetings with the hotel, these seem to be working out. No other comments were offered by the Committee at this time.

Red Book update:

Larry stated that, although he thought that all of the suggested corrections had been made to the Red Book prior to issuing it to the Committee members, he had missed a few changes. These and any new changes will be made in the near future, a PDF file will be generated, and copies of the PDF file will be forwarded to all Committee members.

Larry presented a "Change Record Page" that he suggested be used for future changes. The intent of this page is to record changes to the red Book (without changing the Red Book itself) until a significant number of changes have been recorded that warrant a re-issue of the Red Book. This will minimize the number of times the format of the Red Book has to be changed to accommodate approved changes. This format was approved by the Committee.

New Business

Registration

A discussion about whether there should be two registration fees (one amount for singles and another amount for couples). This discussion resulted in a motion to have a single fee for all GoFs following the 2004 GoF. The motion was voted and passed with a vote of 3 for, 2 against. The Red Book will be amended to show this and to show that each registration packet should contain two patches, pins, etc.

Spring meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held at the site of the GoF 2004, Harrison Hot Springs, on Saturday, April 3, 2004.

Web site

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

Mailing list update

Terry has updated the mailing list (of approximately 443 names) and had emailed it to all Committee members. Discussion about the list resulted in accepting it as it now exists, with any known new corrections to be sent to Terry. He will keep the list up to date. Terry has volunteered to mail the next issue of the Gazette. The Committee expressed their appreciation of Terry's efforts in these important tasks.

SC Committee publicity function

(See comments in the GoF 2004 report above)

High Point Award calculation Formula

Concern was expressed that the High Point Award formula as stated in the Red Book was hard to understand and should be corrected. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that it is

acceptable as stated in the Red Book and no change is necessary. It was noted, however, that the organizers of each GoF need to have the Rally, Funkhana and Car Display data readily available for use in determining the High Point award winner for presentation of the award at the current GoF.

Financial report form

Colin presented a financial form to show expected revenues and expenses for GoF planning and final reporting. It was the consensus of the Committee that this form be used by all GoF planners, and that it be included in the Red Book. (Note: the Secretary will compare this form with the one that is currently in the Red Book and make adjustments as necessary. Any significant adjustments will be sent to Committee members prior to making the changes).

Miscellaneous

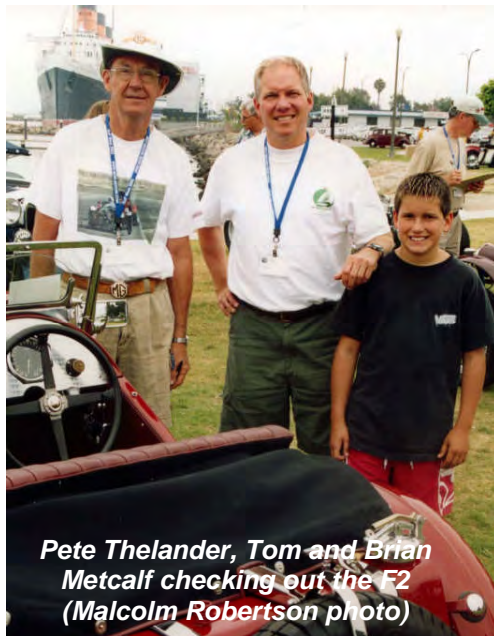
Two items suggested at the last Advisory Committee meeting were considered:

A suggestion had been made to change the name to "GoF West, International", since the next GoF will be held in Canada. A vote to NOT make this change was unanimous.

A suggestion had been made to have the Treasurer position be a non-committee position. This would allow the Committee to retain a person as Treasurer even though that person would not be a Committee member in future years. A discussion resulted in a motion, seconded and passed, that the Treasurer position need not be an elected member of the Committee. This allows the flexibility of the Committee to either elect a Committee member to that position, or select a treasurer from the general GoF West membership list.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Larry Long, Secretary



Pete Thelander, Tom and Brian Metcalf checking out the F2 (Malcolm Robertson photo)



Micky and Stella Saperstein's F3 (Dave Barnett Photo)

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