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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 18, 2001 (Mon)

Registration
Models, Photos,
Crafts, Arts
Hospitality
Safety Inspections
Orientation (No host
bar)
Dinner, your choice

June 19, 2001 (Tue)

Hospitality
Registration
Sears Point Raceway
Rallye/Tour
Regalia
Models, Photos
Crafts, Arts
Napa Train Tour
(evening)
First Timer's Display
Fashion Show
Dinner, your choice

June 20, 2001 (Wed)

Hospitality
Registration
Winery tour
Car Display
Regalia
Models, Photos,
Crafts, Arts
Pinewood Derby
(Prelims)
No Host Cocktails
Auction Dinner
Auction

June 21, 2001 (Thu)

Hospitality
Registration
Technical Sessions
Flea Market
Models, Photos,
Crafts, Arts
Mechanic's Contest
Funkhana
Pinewood Derby
(Finals)
No Host Cocktails
Awards Dinner

June 22, 2001 (Fri)

Winner's Circle
Farewell Breakfast

The Gathering Heads North!!

The **GoF West 2001** promises to be a unique event in MG annals. For the very first time we will gather in the heart of the world-renowned wine country of Northern California, long considered to be excellent MG driving territory.

Headquarters for the **GoF West** will be the recently remodeled Napa Valley Marriott Hotel on the outskirts of Napa. The hotel offers deluxe rooms, pool, work-out room, several restaurants, and secure off-street parking. The photos show the entry to the hotel, and the courtyard patio where we will have the welcome and orientation.



While headquartered at the Napa Marriott Hotel, most day's events will have us driving the main and back roads of both the Napa and Sonoma valleys, resplendent in all their June glory. Expect the days to be warm, and the evenings very pleasant. To whet your appetite, following is the preliminary schedule of events per day:

Day One – Monday, June 18:

Arrival day; Check-in at Napa Marriott; Safety Inspections in the afternoon (by appointment only on your application form); Wine Welcome and orientation in courtyard, 4-6 PM; dinner on your own.

Day Two – Tuesday, June 19:

AM – Proceed by caravan to Sears Point Raceway, and drive the course! NASCAR will be holding one of its premier events there this week so we'll be driving our "cute little toys" under the eyes of the monster cars and their intrepid drivers and crews. Please do not respond to any catcalls or other choice epithets! The Rallye/Tour will continue afterwards, with

a lunch/shopping stop enroute. We will be returning to Napa Marriott in the afternoon in time for the Napa Valley Wine Train Tour.

The train tour promises to be the **Crown Jewel** at this year's **GoF West**, offering the opportunity to ride and dine on one of the **World's Most Magnificent Trains** while it makes its leisurely trip up the Valley for a three hour trip from Napa to St. Helena and back. No need to trek to the Continent to savor the amenities of elegant rail travel and distinguished service. The round trip of 36 miles takes us through California's most elite wine grape vineyards and past many of the 300+ wineries that make their home in the prestigious Napa Valley appellation.



You will board the train directly in front of the Marriott Hotel entrance, and, once under way, savor the view of the sun setting over the Mayacamas Range as you savor some of the world's best examples of the vintner's art and feast on the gourmet 4-course dinner. A typical menu might include herbed goat cheese crustini, pate, or smoked salmon appetizers... a fresh seasonal salad with hazelnut and sherry vinaigrette and a wedge of cambazola cheese... and a palate cleansing harlequine sorbet. With our appetites properly teased and refreshed we will possibly choose from Roast Sonoma Lamb, Farm Raised Sturgeon or Atlantic Salmon, Fresh Veal Loin, or Angus Filet Mignon, each accompanied by an appropriate sauce or demi-glaze to round out the award winning gustatory experience. All meals will include their daily dessert choices and coffees as well.



The train itself features cars ranging from the meticulously restored 1917 Pullman diner to the more "modern" Vista dome observation car, many resplendent in polished mahogany, fine fabrics, brass and etched glass. Our meal will be served with all the accoutrements of fine dining... bone china, silver flatware, and lead crystal ware. The cost of the Wine train experience will be \$75 (by reservation only on your application form) ... \$30 allocated for the train and \$45 for the dinner .

But, this is California after all, so formal wear is not required. And, we will schedule the Train's departure to allow ample time to relax and unwind from the ralley/tour that will precede the Tuesday evening Train experience.

All abooooaaarrrd!!

Day Three – Wednesday, June 20:

AM – Drive to Sebastiani Winery, three blocks from the town square in the historic town of Sonoma. Here we will have our Car Show, with tour of winery, optional lunch on site, and easy access to the historic Sonoma town square (via cable-car like trolley shuttle) to visit the resort shops and restaurants.



PM – Return to Napa Marriott. Back by popular demand is the Pinewood Derby, with the preliminary races held today. All existing or first timers are welcome. We'll also have the photo contest, arts and crafts display, and a silent auction and auction dinner banquet at the Napa Marriott.

Day Four – Thursday, June 21:

AM and PM – All events today will be held at the Napa Marriott with the **Funkhana** in the morning; **Tech Sessions** all day where you can learn some of the secrets of keeping the breed alive; **Flea Market**; **Mechanic's Contest**; **Regalia sales**; **"Pinewood Derby"** finals, and time to do additional Valley touring and unscheduled nap time! A **No-host Cocktail party** will be held in the evening, followed by the annual **Awards Banquet**. We'll have a digital picture display at the banquet, and a commemorative CD ROM of the display will be available after the event.



Day five—Friday June 22:

AM – Continental breakfast on getaway day at the Winner's Circle display of cars; Check-out of Hotel and depart for all points North, South, East, or West (Whew!), or ...stay on for your own personal touring in this marvelous region while you are here!

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Bob Kramer at tckramer@aol.com. Also, Check out our web site at Gofwest2001.org.

Contact Napa Marriott Hotel directly for reservations: Phone: 707-253-7433 Ask for Reservations, and state your group is "MG GOF 2001" (Approximate discounted hotel room rate is \$155 per night.)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The GoF West treasury remains in solid condition. The wisdom of the GoF West Board of Directors in establishing adequate reserve and contingency funds above the amount required to support 2 to 3 year's future GoF West meets paid off in 2000. These reserves made it possible to subsidize a modest shortfall in the results of the San Marcos GoF West. They also made it possible to "front" the purchase of better Auction items than might otherwise have been donated. While space does not permit reproducing the full financial statements here, GoF "Westers" should know that the Treasury stands at \$10,586.49 before the return of advances made for GoF West 2000 of \$3,241.20. Presently there is an outstanding advance for GoF West 2001 of \$1500.

We are still pursuing an approval of our 501-(c) (7) status with the IRS that will exempt GoF West Inc. from filing federal income tax returns. (This should not be confused in any way with making donations or payments to GoF West, Inc. by members or attendees tax

deductible.) The application has been submitted and we await a decision. While refunds of taxes we paid in 3 of the last 4 years are by no means automatic, we are hopeful that we can convince the IRS to return some portion.

GoF West funds are used primarily to front the organization, reservation and other expenses of upcoming GoF West gatherings for up to 2 years in advance of the scheduled events. Based on past experience, we appear to have adequate funds to carry out this mission for the foreseeable future.

A full Treasurer's Report is presented at the annual meeting held during GoF West gatherings. In addition, members wishing more information prior to that time should contact the Financial Secretary directly via email at tcsyd@ix.netcom.com.

Syd Saperstein
Financial Secretary

Campbell Meets the Challenge with GoF 2000

Mike Campbell and able crew hosted a fine example of GoF West hospitality with GoF 2000. The venue was the Quails Inn located on beautiful Lake San Marcos, and it provided a wonderful backdrop for the GoF. Situated approximately 45 miles north of San Diego, California, the community of San Marcos was full of surprises: an university, a community college, a micro-brewery (Arrogant Bastard Ale), not one but two British pubs and a country club that all became a part of the various MG events during the week.



On Monday, the first official day of GoF West 2000, the participants and their cars started rolling in from far and wide. All hands were on deck to welcome new and old friends. The hospitality suite was in full swing under the capable hands of Glenn and Jeannie Shafer and Bob and Eunice Schimmel. That evening a cocktail and orientation party was held at the country club under the guidance of Dick Moss.

Tuesday's main event was the rallye. Steve Kirby, the wagon master, ran the rallye all around San Marcos and beyond. It featured colleges, hill climbs, views and heat! A respite was arranged in the middle of the tour at a the micro-brewery where each participant received a free bottle of the Arrogant Bastard Ale (the unofficial beer of GoF West 2000). Despite a mysterious gate that appeared and disappeared, all weary ralliers ended up at the Penny Lane Pub for lunch and a cool beer.

Wednesday morning saw cars being washed and polished at a very early hour, and the car show was in full swing by 8:00 am. What a beautiful display of cars that attracted passerbys as well as voters.

By 11:30 am on Wednesday, the gals were disappearing to be transformed into models for their appearance at a fancy, but relaxing, fashion show and lunch. The clothing was arranged by Linda Harmer from the Draper's & Damons fine clothing store.

That evening a well attended dinner and auction was held. While this event was fun, educational and fulfilling (meals that is), it provided the seed money for next year's GoF West 2001 in Napa Valley.

On Thursday, the flea market began about the same time that the sun was rising. For those car owners willing to risk their vehicles and let Al Moss pull his shenanigans, a mechanic's contest was enjoyed by the spectators, but not necessarily so for the owners. Then it was off to the funkana where Jo Lynn Campbell proceeded to create some very tricky driving situations. While these events are typical of those normally encountered on tours or on the way to the GoF, it was noted that many drivers and navigators were not speaking to each other at the conclusion.

Interspersed during the week, were three outstanding technical sessions arranged by Bill Harkins and presented by experts in their areas (John Seim, Jerry Felper, Charles Bledsoe and John Dormer).



On exhibit during the entire week were beautiful photographs, works of art and home made crafts all focusing on the MG theme. These items were spectacular and most participants found it quite difficult to choose a definite winner.



A new event made its debut this year. The "Ashwood Derby" was created under the watchful, but seasoned eye of Dan Harmer. The participants, ranging in age from 10 to 80, were given the car kit with their pre-registration packets. While this event was designed for young children attending the event, it was discovered that all participants were young at heart.

Thursday evening was a culmination of the whole week. The dinner, awards, raffle and speeches made for a long and hot evening. However, the food was delicious, the setting beautiful at the county club's 18th green, and the company fantastic. Thanks to Jerry Felper and his family for computerizing the balloting and to Dave and Jean Barnett for their great photographs and slide presentation of the winners.

Friday morning saw the winning MG's at the Winners' Circle in a beautiful location on the green next to Lake San Marcos. It was time to gape at the winners, enjoy a great continental breakfast and bid farewell to our new and old friends.

A complete list of winners in all categories at GoF 2000 can be found on our web site at **Gofwest2001.org**.



(All photographs are through the courtesy of Dave and Jean Barnett.)



The San Diego MG

"T" Register hosted the event with the very capable assistance of the Vintage MG Club of Southern California. The committees in charge of GoF West 2000 were the following:

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| Chair and Treasurer: | Mike Campbell | Dinners: | Anita Johnson |
| Registration & Facilities: | Jo Lynn Campbell | Maps: | Carl Cederstrand |
| Hospitality: | Jeannie Shafer/Eunice Schimmel | Flea Market: | John Barnard |
| Balloting: | Jerry Felper | Trophies: | Diane Kirby |
| Regalia: | Rudy Shappee | Car Display: | Ken Yenter |
| Models, etc: | George Kershaw/Rick Pullen | Raffle: | Lynn Moss |
| Rallye/Tour: | Steve Kirby | Mechanic's Contest: | Al Moss |
| Funkhana: | By Committee | Photography: | Dave Barnett |
| Tech Sessions: | Bill Harkins | Ashwood Derby: | Dan Harmer/Scot Campbell |
| Fashion Show: | Linda Harmer/Jo Lynn Campbell | Signs: | Carroll Dorschel |
| Auction: | Jerry Austin | Graphics: | Art and Gail Wilson |
| Orientation: | Dick Moss | | |

MINUTES GoF West, Inc. Advisory Committee Meeting Lake San Marcos, California June 28, 2000

Meeting was called to order by Mike Campbell at 2:37 PM

Present from the Steering Committee were Mike Campbell, Colin Fitzgerald, Floyd Inman, Terry Sanders, Dave Bradley.

Voting Membership in Attendance were **S.F. Peninsula MGTR:** Mike O'Connor; **Classic MG's of SC:** Warren Wendt; **Vintage MG:** Charles Bledsoe; **BMCU:** Doug Wimer; **Pre '56 Vancouver:** Gary Rombough; **Rocky Mtn "T" Register:** Tom Cox; **Santa Barbara MG Club:** Chris Nowlan; **Abington Rough Riders:** Bob Kramer; **Cypress MG:** Bruce Obbink.

Mike Campbell offered a brief orientation for those first time attendees and introduced the Steering Committee.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

Financial Statement from April 1, 2000 meeting was read by Floyd Inman in Syd Saperstein's absence. Mike Campbell discussed various financial issues, including the increase in front money requirements for future GoF West events, followed by an explanation of the Steering Committee's expenditures for auction items and the extended Hospitality Room.

Charles Bledsoe asked what happens to funds should GoF West fold. Mike Campbell responded that as far as he is aware all monies goes back to membership.

Discussion continued on profits and how best to distribute them back to the membership without consensus.

Mike Campbell discussed status of present GoF and the feelings of the membership about the Ashwood Derby. All had positive comments, however, felt such activities should be left the responsibility of the sponsoring group. The membership also gave a positive

response to the extended Hospitality Room.

The Car Show activities were discussed and it was felt that any changes to balloting should be noted, in both the program and at Orientation.

Membership had several comments on "Time of Year" for GoF West. It is recommended that the event be held in July/August time frame but it seems to moving toward June/July time frame due to hotel availability and costs. Weekend GoF West was addressed and it was felt that a Survey of the membership should be published with (or in) the Gazette.

Nominations were opened for the Steering Committee positions presently held by Dave Bradley and Floyd Inman. Nominated were: Charles Bledsoe nominated Jerry Austin; Mike O'Conner nominated Floyd Inman. Charles Bledsoe moved Nominations be closed. Motion seconded by Mike O'Conner.

Above were elected to three year terms by unanimous acclamation.

Bill Tantau will represent GoF West 2001 on the Steering Committee.

Bill Tantau and Bob Kramer discussed next year's event to be held in Napa, California on June 18-22, 2001.

Bill Bollendonk discussed GoF West 2002 to be held in Dorango, Colorado June 24-28, 2002.

Jerry Felper and Jerry Austin are considering GoF 2003. Will follow up at Pasadena meeting.

GoF West 2004 will most likely be held in Calgary, Canada. Jim Herbert will probably chair the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Floyd Inman, Secretary

Auction Items Needed for GoF West 2001

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 2001 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 send them to Terry Sanders at Box 16, Post one, 499 Embarcadero, Oakland, CA 94606. You can send terry an e-mail message at TA-

MINUTES GoF West, Inc. Steering Committee Meeting Lake San Marcos, California June 28, 2000

Meeting was called to order by Mike Campbell at 4:20 PM

Present from the Steering Committee were: Mike Campbell, Jerry Austin, Colin Fitzgerald, Floyd Inman, Terry Sanders, and Bill Tantau. Guests present were Bob Kramer, Al Moss, and Sally Tantau

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the last Gazette.

Discussion of financial condition was discussed. It was felt that we should continue the present course through the close of GoF West 2000 financials then take another close look to see where we are and where we should go.

Larry Long will assume the duties as Gazette Editor.

Terry Sanders to coordinate the building of a mailing list for the Gazette and Colin Fitzgerald to discuss distribution options with Moss Motors. Al

Moss suggested he start with Chris Nolan.

GoF West 2001 logo was discussed and it was suggested that they rethink the use of the word "wine". Final decision is theirs.

GoF West 2001 finances were discussed. Bill Tantau felt they were OK for the present. They will contact Syd should they need to increase their draw.

It was felt that the Gazette should be used as a Marketing Tool to promote upcoming GoF West events and that it should be noted in the Gazette that the Financial Statements would be available upon request of the membership. Motion to above was made, seconded and passed.

Officers elected: Jerry Austin moved and Colin Fitzgerald seconded a motion that status be maintained.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Floyd Inman, Secretary

GoF West 2001 Slated to Host MMM Class Cars

GoF West 2001 will see a slight change in the grouping of pre-war MGs. This year there will be a separate class for the MMM cars. For those that are not familiar with the term, "MMM " stands for Midget, Magna, and Magnette, cars produced by MG from 1929 to 1936. The MMM cars differ from other pre-war MGs in that they are powered by an overhead camshaft engine in which the camshaft is driven through a vertical dynamo.



Back in 1961, several owners of MMM cars in England formed the MMM Register with aims to provide a register for these cars and to provide social events and a bank of technical data. The North American MMM Register was formed several years ago to provide a means of communication among owners of MMM MG cars in North America. Currently some 230 members participate in the Register (including several "Friends" who

do not at present own a MMM car but have an abiding interest therein). The members own a total of 250+ cars encompassing 22 different models. Some of these cars were at the GoF West last year at Lake San Marcos.



We are hoping that all of you within the western area of the US and Canada that own a MMM car will welcome this opportunity to participate in a separate MMM class and enjoy the fellowship of others in this group. So get that MMM car tuned and polished, and bring it along to Napa. Lets make this the largest gathering of MMM cars that any GoF has ever seen!

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The Premiere Class of GoF West 2000 at Lake San Marcos