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What is GoF West?



“GoF” stands for Gathering of the Faithful and we pronounce it Gee-Oh-Eff. The idea of gathering vintage MG owners together started on the east coast back in 1964. In 1973 a few enthusiasts decided we should have a west coast event as well. We have continued the west coast event each year for 45 years now. Last year we gathered together in Santa Maria, CA and had about 100 entrants but this year we expect to exceed that number.

While it started as a T-Type and older event, all MGs through the B’s have been included for several years now. Our 46th annual event will be held in Stateline, Nevada on the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe 10-14 September 2018 and is being hosted at the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino. We hope you join your fellow MG enthusiast for lots of fun.

So what do we have in store for you this year? Of course there is a MG car show but there will be **so much more to do and see!**



Our 2018 GoF West chairmen are Andy Killian, (far left) & Tom Doyle. Tom is also your GoF West Gazette Editor. Should need to contact either of them send an email to gofwest2018@gmail.com

What's new for GoF West?



We are proud to announce that Jonathan Twist, formerly of University Motors, (pictured on the right) will be doing his rolling tech show Tuesday-Thursday afternoons. We have also invited him to do a tech session or two. As a reminder, Jonathan Twist doesn't charge for his diagnostic and repair services, but a donation is strongly encouraged to help defray his travel costs.



About the Reno British Car Club



“Welcome to the best little car club in the Biggest Little City” the website says. Reno British means just that: All British cars welcome. Reno British Car Club is honored to be the lead sponsoring club for GoF West 2018.

The Reno British Car Club, was formally known as the Reno MG Car Club, and The Reno All British Car Club. The car club was formed in 1985. It has supported the restoration and driving of British Cars for many years. It has also been a long supporter of Reno’s National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection) and a founding member of the “Adopt-a-Car” program. As with any club, membership has moved up and down and its currently at a high of over 80 families. The club has over 150 British car’s of all marques in its inventory, from MGs to Rolls Royce's and everything in between. The Reno British Car Club is a supporter of not only the National Automobile Museum but the Nevada State Railroad Museum, The Celtic Celebration of Reno, and the Masonic lodge of Northern Nevada. The goal of the club is to keep the spirt of British cars alive and well. The current President is Andy Killian he has been a member since 1992. For more information about the club, check out their website at www.Renoallbritish.org

The Hard Rock Hotel/Casino



About the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino at Stateline, NV:

- 539 Deluxe rooms, some with spectacular views of Lake Tahoe
- 3 Restaurants, a coffee shop, and 4 full service bars
- Company store for all your Hard Rock merchandise
- Access to the Vinyl Lounge for private parties and meetings
- 15,150 sf Banquet facilities with catering services
- Secure dedicated parking outside (in a roped off area)
- Free covered parking & valet parking
- Free RV and Trailer parking on site
- Negotiated daily room rates of \$99 for single king bed & \$119 for two queen beds for 9-14 September 2018
- Reduced resort fee \$11 per day (normally \$22)
- Hotel has extended room rate for the weekend before and the weekend after GoF West 2018
- Contracted Hospitality Suite overlooking rear parking lot
- Heated swimming pool
- 24-hour front desk & concierge service
- Free Wi-Fi and now 100% pet friendly
- 24 Hour Casino with slots, sports book & table games
- Our group reservations code is “**GOFWEST18**” with no spaces
- For more information on the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino or to make reservations visit: <https://hardrockcasinolaketahoe.com/>

On Site Registration



You can pick up your registration packet in the Vinyl Lounge starting at noon on Sunday. The Vinyl Lounge is located to the left of the hotel registration desk and “GoF West 2018” will be proudly displayed on the marquee outside of the Vinyl Lounge.

The Registration Desk will be open all day Monday 11 September and until noon on Tuesday September 12th in the Vinyl Lounge. If for whatever reason you need registration or wish to purchase tickets after Tuesday at noon those services will be moved to our hotel suite (suite SSK275) located in the rear of the hotel overlooking the parking lot. We are happy to announce that the Sorry Safari Touring Society, Ltd will be providing registration services Sunday-Tuesday. We would like to thank them for helping make GoF West 2018 one great car show.

At the Registration Desk you can purchase regalia, excursion tickets, banquet tickets, and tickets to the Sand Harbor BBQ. The Registration Desk will accept cash, check or credit card for payment.





We would like to invite all our GoF West entrants and their guests to a welcome reception in the Vinyl Lounge at 6pm on the 10th of September. We will have some light snacks, a special grand opening cake, and a cash bar. During the reception we will go into details on the week's events and you will get a chance to mingle with your fellow GoF West attendees.

At 7pm attendees will walk to the rear parking lot and vote for their favorite GoF West 1st timer car. Sounds like lots of fun!



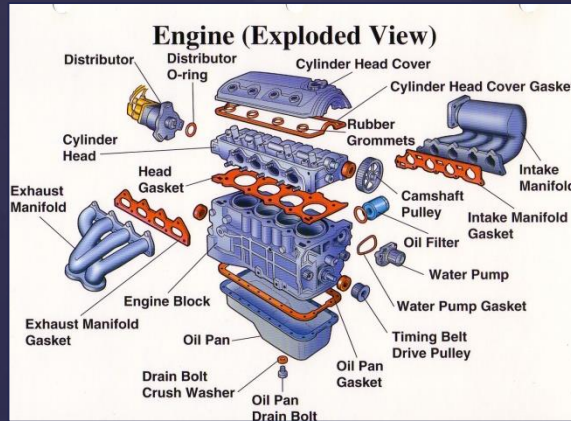


Jonathan Twist is legendary for his rolling tech sessions at numerous national MG events throughout the country over the years. Johnathan will “set up camp” in the hotel’s rear parking lot starting at 2pm on Tuesday, 1pm on Wednesday, and 10am on Thursday. He will go about fixing, tweaking and adjusting your car which is something to behold while at same time lecturing to those in attendance on what exactly his is doing and why.



Jonathan Twist has been in the MG trade for over 45 years. He worked at an MG dealership in the US; he worked in England at the largest MG dealer in the world, the original University Motors; and he has operated his own University Motors in Michigan since 1975. John’s University Motors has worked on MGs from nearly all the states, including Alaska and Hawaii. They perform bench, line, and restoration services.

Jonathan Twist is an MG author, writing technical articles since 1979. His articles have been published in all the national automobile magazines. He is the former tech chairman of the American MGB Association and was tech coordinator for the North American MGB Register (NAMGBR).



Tech sessions will be held in the Vinyl Lounge in the afternoons Tuesday-Thursday from 1pm-4pm, 11-13 September 2018. The schedule of speakers to date has not been firmed up however, we have asked Moss Motors technical reps, Jonathan Twist, Collins Classics, and a few members of Reno British Car Club to provide tech session discussions.

Car Wash Station



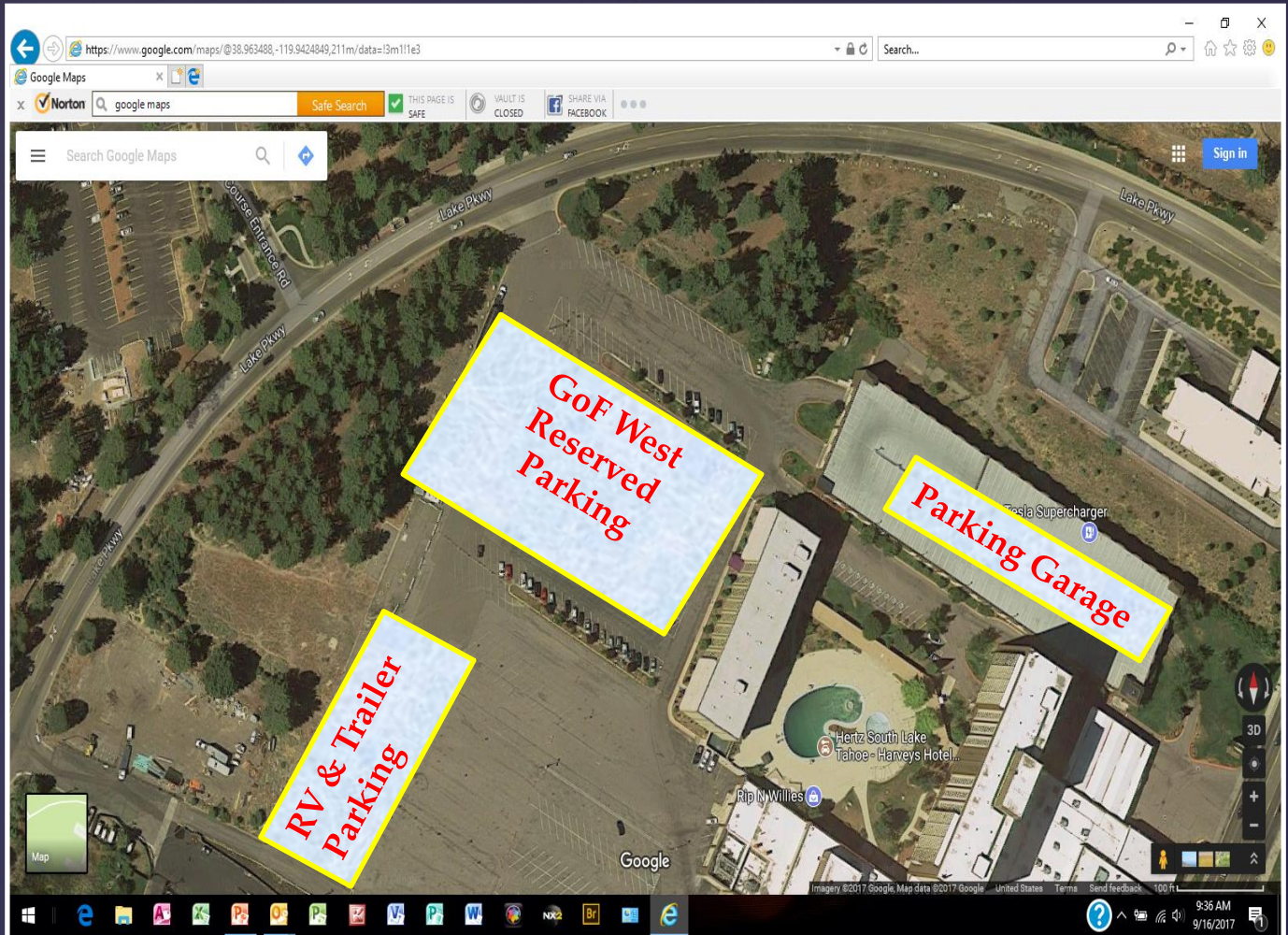
Wash Station

The Hard Rock Hotel/Casino has agreed to allow us to operate a wash station at the north end of the utility shed in the rear parking lot.

We will have hoses and buckets available for you to wash your car on 9-14 Sept 2018 during normal business hours.

There are a number of drive thru and self serve car washes in South Lake Tahoe, CA. They are:

1. **Edgin Coin-op Car Wash**,
2281 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA
2. **Safeway Gas Station:**
3372 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA
3. **Blue Water Wash:**
2596 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA
4. **Sierra Suds (two locations):**
2685 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe &
1119 Emerald Bay Rd, South Lake Tahoe



GoF West has contracted for use of the rear parking area from 9-14 September. The covered parking garage with 4 floors will also be available for our use on a first come first serve basis. Upon your arrival, you can park near the hotel entrance, unload your luggage, remove your valuables, and check into the hotel. After checking in, we request that you park your vehicle in our designated marked area or in the parking garage. Hotel Security will patrol the parking regularly. If you are bringing a RV or trailer, park in the southwest corner of the parking lot. There is no charge for parking on the property.



The Operations Center will be located in Suite SK275 in the rear tower of the Hard Rock Hotel near the north elevator overlooking the rear parking lot.

The purpose of The Operations Center is to monitor GoF West activities and be able to provide information regarding any aspect of GoF West to anyone needing it.

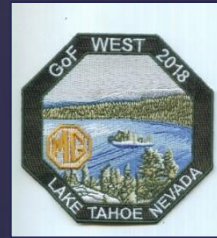
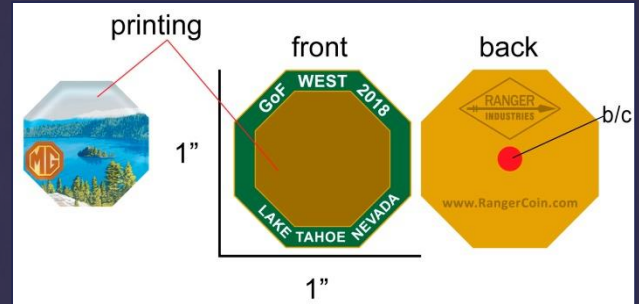
The Operations Center will be open Sunday September 9 2018 starting at noon until 6pm and during Business Hours (8am-6pm) during the week.

The Operations Center will have complementary light snacks and beverages for GoF West registered entrants.

The Operations Center will also serve as the Arts and the Craft Display area and this will be where you can vote for your favorite piece of art up until noon on Wednesday.



Regalia



With your paid registration you will get in your packet:

- ✓ Goodie Bag with promotional material
- ✓ GoF West 2018 Program & Directory
- ✓ 2 GoF West 2018 patches
- ✓ 2 GoF West 2018 Lapel Pins
- ✓ 1 GoF West Dash Plaque with granite stand
- ✓ Welcome gift from the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino

You will be able to purchase on site:

- ✓ GoF West 2018 Limited Edition Commemorative Coins
- ✓ Polo Shirts, Hats, T-Shirts, and other outerwear through our onsite vendor
- ✓ The Self-Guided Tour Book (might be free based on ads)
- ✓ Limited supply of pins, dash plaques, and patches

We will have two vendors on site for clothing regalia: one vendor to order customized Polo Shirts, Hats, T-Shirts, and other outerwear and another vendor who will sew your patches and other regalia on your own garments.

GoF WEST 2018

SELF GUIDED TOURS GUIDE & SELECTED ACTIVITIES



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Our GoF West 2018 staff has created a 32 page booklet of 26 self-guided tours you can take starting from the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino. Each tour has the grade, one way mileage, nearby tours, a short description of the destination, step by step driving directions, and a map. The booklet also has a welcome letter from the co-chairmen, information about the towns of Stateline, South Lake Tahoe, a brief history of Lake Tahoe, and some fun facts about Lake Tahoe. We hope you take advantage of these tours because the Lake Tahoe basin has a lot to offer us British car fanatics. We're trying to make it so this document is free through ad funding. More to follow on this as we get closer September.

Sand Harbor Sunset BBQ



GoF West 2018 has reserved the Group Area at Sand Harbor State Park for the Sunset BBQ on 11 September 2018 starting at around 4:30pm and lasting until 7:30. The Group Area is set next to the lake; and has a covered veranda with 100 seats, and can accommodate groups of up to 200. The Group Area is equipped with electricity, water and tables, including two BBQs. We will have this event catered and will provide soft drinks. Alcohol is permitted but this will be a BYOB event.

It's about a 30 minute drive north of the Hard Rock Hotel Casino to Sand Harbor State Park. Upon entering the park just show your GoF West 2018 badge to the park aide and he/she will let you enter without a paying fee. After the driving past park kiosk, proceed straight ahead another 500 ft. and the group area will be on your right.

Tickets can be purchased at www.gofwest.org or at the Registration Desk 9-11 Sept. The cost is \$25 per person.

Vikingsholm Tour



GoF West 2018 is excited to be able to offer this unique tour of Vikingsholm Mansion on the shores of Emerald Bay State Park. This tour is limited to 15 cars registered at GoF West. Those ticketed will meet at DL Bliss State Park parking lot at 4pm and will be escorted down to the mansion via a state park service road. There is a small parking area next to the mansion where our tour will park.

Participants will be provided a private tour inside the mansion followed by appetizers and wine served in the courtyard. There will be ample time for participants to stroll the shores of Emerald Bay. This event supports the Sierra State Parks Foundation and the ongoing restoration of Vikingsholm. For more on the Sierra State Parks Foundation visit <https://sierrastateparks.org/>

Tickets can be purchased at www.gofwest.org or at the Registration Desk in the Vinyl Lounge 9-11 Sept. The cost is \$100 per car. Only GoF West 2018 registered cars will be allowed down the service road due to the limited size of the parking area.



Inspired by the original Wild Goose from the gilded age of Lake Tahoe, Wild Goose II is a 36 foot commuter style boat. She was hand-built from Philippine mahogany in Holland, Michigan by Grand-Craft. Wild Goose II is U.S. Coast Guard certified, and can comfortably accommodate up to 12 passengers. The Goose offers seating both inside and out, she even has a heated cabin for those chilly Tahoe evenings.

Cruises will be offered daily from 10-14 September departing the North Tahoe Marina at 2pm in Tahoe Vista. The Wild Goose II cruise will tour the north shore of Lake Tahoe and will last approximately 3 hours. Drinks and snacks will be available on board. The cost for the tour are \$65 per person. Recommend you arrive 30 minutes before departure. Tickets are available on the GoF West website, www.gofwest.org or at the Registration Desk for \$65 per person.



Arts & Crafts categories will remain the same for GoF West 2018 with Art, Sewn Goods, and Crafts. Categories for models will be Single Model and Model Display.

The MG Collection category will feature collections of all kinds, to include pins, memorabilia, knick-knacks, patches, cards, stamps, etc.

We have added an original art category which will include original water color, sketch, pastel, and acrylic art.

Photography will be broken down into two categories: General Interest (scenic/portrait) and Humorous/Action. Request you keep your photo submissions to less than 14"x19" prints and we highly recommend they be mounted or framed.

Entries will be on display in the Operations Center from noon on Sunday until noon on Wednesday when voting closes.

If there is interest, we are considering auctioning off the art/crafts items (with artist consent) Wednesday night to help raise funds for future GoF events.

Car Show



The car show will take place on Tuesday 11 September 2018 from 9am-noon.

We request all vehicles parked in the GoF West 2018 roped off area to move their cars from that area by 8:00am.

We will have a photographer available to take pictures of each exhibited vehicle prior to parking in the roped off area. Volunteers will direct entries to their respective class areas.

We will have soft drinks available in the parking lot, and if you decided to sit outside, we recommend you wear sunscreen.

Voting will be cut off at noon and at that time cars will be released by our volunteers from the car show parking area.

What's a Valve Cover Race?

In valve cover races, each competitor must construct a vehicle using a valve cover from a car's engine. In our case, it should be an MG valve cover of any vintage. Usually, entries should have four wheels and can be decorated. The valve cover is powered by gravity. In a valve cover race, two or more racing vehicles are placed at the top of a specially constructed incline. They are released at the same time and the first to cross a finish line at the bottom of the incline wins the race. If you have seen or participated in a boy scout pinewood derby, valve cover races are very similar.



Photos taken above come from NAMGBR 2017 in San Diego, CA last June.

The valve cover races are scheduled from 9am –noon on 12 Sept 2018 in the rear parking lot of the Hard Rock Hotel /Casino. There will be two vehicles raced per heat and it can take up to three heats to determine a winner. We are planning to have it conducted as double elimination event. So start building your valve cover vehicles now!



No, a Funkhana is not a fancy dance but a slow speed obstacle course using your MG. The Reno British Car Club (RBCC) will be in charge of this year's Funkhana. The 2018 theme will be the Emigrant Trail. RBCC will celebrate those hardy pioneers who braved the elements to cross the county to reach the fertile valleys of central California. They will also pay homage to all those 49ers who ventured west to find gold in "dem thar hills". This years version will consist of several events, some will require driving and communication skills between driver and navigator while others may require skills in problem solving, or even panning for gold. Volunteers from RBCC will time, measure, and judge the events using stop watches, flags, and clipboards. The Funkhana will commence in the rear parking lot of the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino on 12 Sept 2018, at 9am and will conclude at noon. So get your MG ready for an exciting event and pick your navigator wisely.

May the Funkhana be with you!



The GoF West 2018 Flea Market will be held on Wednesday 12 September from 9am-noon in the rear parking lot of the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino.

Tables will rent for \$20 per table, and we request you setup your table between 8am-9am. Tables can be purchased online or at the Registration Desk in the Vinyl Lounge.

If you need additional tables request you inform the Operation Center or Registration Desk of your requirements. There will be no charge for additional tables.



The Reno British Car Club (RBCC) will be hosting *The Amazing Rallye* which will be loosely based on the hit TV show, The Amazing Race. You will start off from the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino's rear parking lot in 10 minutes intervals on 13 September 2018 starting at 8:00am. There will be eight checkpoints to complete. Competitors will be in one of three categories, pre-1955 MGs, post 1955 MGs, and other marques.

You will receive a map, a paint stick, a pencil and a sheet to record scores for each checkpoint. Once your checkpoint task is completed you will be given another clue to the next checkpoint location. There will be no detours and you will not be eliminated from *The Amazing Rallye* as is done on The Amazing Race. Your team will proceed from checkpoint to checkpoint in this fashion until circling around back to hotel..

The Amazing Rallye will have vistas, points of interest, and stunning natural beauty. So make sure you bring your phone, sunscreen, and camera. Check that you have a full tank of gas before you depart, and GoF West 2018 will provide chilled water at each checkpoint. *The Amazing Rallye* is expected to last 3-4 hours and will run under 100 miles in length.

So start forming your teams now to win *The Amazing Rallye*!

Auction Banquet



The Auction Banquet will start at 5:30 in the Hard Rock Hotel Banquet Rooms on the West end of the Hotel on 12 September 2018. We will have a cash bar available the entire evening.

We have arranged for a local pianist, Stan Moore, to play for us before the meal.

The meal will be served at 6:30 and it will be buffet style. On the menu will be a pasta bar with salad, dessert and beverage.

Our emcee for the Auction Banquet will be Mark Twain and he will give us a short talk on the happenings of the day c1908.

There will be a silent auction as well as a live auction during the evening event. The live auction will commence at 8pm. We will have auction items available for bid on tables inside the banquet area. To date, we have a two-night stay at a resort, gift certificates, event tickets, clothing, models, car parts, and so much more. Auction proceeds is GoF West's way of keeping costs down so please donate generously and often.

If you have something you wish to donate contact Andy Killian at gofwest2018@gmail.com or 775-835-0494.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.gofwest.org> or at the Registration Desk for \$50 per person.

Award Categories:

- Arts & Crafts
- Valve Cover Races
- Funkhana
- Car Show
- Rally Around the Lake



Special Individual Awards:

- Long Distance Award
- Sacajawea Award
- Hard Luck Award
- 1,000 Mile Club



In addition to each entrant having a chance at winning an award, your club has a chance of winning an award as well. Start talking about the awards listed below with your club members and plan your strategy to bring home one of these trophies.



The Monterey Cup is awarded to the club with the highest number of members in attendance at GoF West

2017 Vintage MG
2016 Vintage MG
2015 Sorry Safari



The San Diego Cup is awarded to the club with the highest percentage of members in attendance at GoF West

2017 Sorry Safari
2016 Sorry Safari
2015 Sorry Safari



The Santa Barbara Cup is highest number of miles driven to a GoF West event

2017 Vintage MG
2016 Vintage MG
2015 Vancouver Pre 56 MG



The Awards Banquet will start at 5:30pm in the Hard Rock Hotel Banquet Rooms on the West end of the Hotel on 13 September 2018. We will have a cash bar available the entire evening.

We have arranged for a local pianist, Stan Moore, to play for us before the meal.

The meal will be served at 6:30pm and it will be buffet style. On the menu for the Awards Banquet will be the All-American buffet with salad, dessert and beverage.

We will have a special guest speaker but we don't want to spoil the surprise just yet.

Awards will be presented starting at 8:15pm.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.gofwest.org> or at the Registration Desk for \$50 per person.

Winner's Circle



The Winner circle is scheduled for Friday 14 September morning in front of the Hard Rock Hotel from 8-10am. Class winners for the car show will be invited to show their cars one more time in the area pictured above. A complementary continental breakfast will be offered by the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino as a thank you for staying at their facility.

This event will be the last official event of GoF West 2018, so we look forward to seeing you there.

Club Representation to Date:

- Abingdon Rough Ridders
- AZ MGT Roadrunners
- Bakersfield British Car Club
- Columbia Gorge MG Club
- MG Owner's Club of NorCal
- Reno British Car Club
- Sorry Safari Touring Society
- Sacramento Valley MG Car Club
- Vintage MG Club of SoCAL
- SD T Register
- Cypress MG Club of Monterey

Registrations:

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Please Share this GoF West 2018 Gazette!!!

Share this with your club members if you have not done so already. Send to your webmaster, newsletter editor, keeper of your club email list bring to meeting or whatever. We appreciate your help here.

GoF West 2018 Advisory Meeting

Each year at GoF West events, a meeting is held with participants to discuss how GOF West can better serve entrants in the future. A critique of anything & everything GoF West will be conducted. There will also be a discussion on potential future sites for GoF West events. It will last about an hour and we request one vote per club on any items that come up for a vote. This meeting will be held in the Vinyl Lounge on Thursday afternoon.

Future GoF West Events

Plans for GoF West 2018 are taking shape but do you have any ideas for 2019 and beyond? If so, contact our Executive Director for GoF West, Larry Long, at emgeeguy@aol.com. You can also send your comments to gofwest2018@gmail.com.

Thank You



We would like to thank our sponsors:

- Scheels Sporting Goods
- Moss Motors
- British Marque
- Collins Classics
- Hard Rock Hotel/Casino
- Kelly Moore Paints
- National Automobile Museum
- British Parts Northwest
- The Sierra State Parks Foundation
- Hagerty Insurance
- Toiyabe Golf Club



We would like to thank our supporting car clubs:

The Reno British Car Club:

Sorry Safari Touring Club



Thanks to All Our Volunteers!!!