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## GoF WEST 2010, Big Bear Lake, California—July 12-16

The weather could not have been any better with clear blue skies, near perfect temps for the lovely mountain air, greenery all about, and the lake almost full to make a terrific setting for the lucky MG'ers who were able to attend!

On Sunday, more than 30 of our Committee Chairs and spouses (members of the host club- Vintage MG Club of Southern California) arrived at the Northwoods Resort for the final preparations. After a wonderful evening BBQ at the cabin of Ken and Karen Blake, (Ken has now served his 3rd. stint as Treasurer of a VMG GoF) all re-assembled at the Lodge for room set ups, registration pack stuffing, etc.

Monday morn, bright and very early, Roy Jones and crew had the car wash area ready and equipped. It was busy all day and Tues. AM, primping our little gems.

Before 10 AM, Pete and Fran Thelander, with their assistants, had Registration open to an awaiting group. Jack and Rosie Arntzen



were busy laying out the Arts & Crafts, Photos, and Models area and were very pleased with the number of items received, especially the crafts (seems like the most in recent memory) that were entered for competition. A little later in the afternoon, most of the regalia items arrived and Rick and Jill Pullen and crew were doing a brisk business with treasures being quickly snapped up. Reg., A & C, etc. and Registration were open at various hours during GoF and were very well handled.

The First Timers Display, which Kevin Gaston and team organized, was located just outside the pool area and made for a striking display. Pat Gaston did a wonderful job of making all the First Timers feel welcomed throughout our GoF.



Bill and Sally offer a cup of Good Cheer to the GoF



Part of the TD line-up at Big Bear



A bunch of TC's all in a row

The official business of the day concluded with a BBQ buffet followed by an Orientation Presentation by VMG Chairman Dave Bradley (Publicity Chair) welcoming everyone. Pete and Fran Thelander did a great job of explaining the week's 'goings on' and introduced the vari-

Kathy Christian introduced MG Bingo - Big Bear Style - which proved to be great fun and an excellent mixer. Everyone was amazed at how quickly Chandler Gorman (age 10 or so) completed and shouted "Bingo!" Not sure of how the prize of a bottle of wine

was handled though. During the evening, Bob Christian, assisted by Rick Pullen, added more enjoyment by giving our folks the opportunity to purchase Raffle Tickets! These were drawn for some terrific prizes at the Awards Banquet.

At the conclusion of the festivities, many adjourned to the Hospitality Suite with Barbara Gallegos as hostess for treats and libation. We would like to acknowledge her hubby Richard's contributions even though he was unable to attend. During the entire GoF, Barbara and helpers, provided delicious breakfasts, tons of food, snacks, and beverages for the great enjoyment of all.

By Tuesday, most everyone had arrived, and the first item for the day was the always popular Car Display and this year was particularly memorable. The cars were asked to circle the hotel so they would arrive at the designated back drop for photos by Ray Stebanski with assistance from wife Pat. It should be noted that Ray was a first timer, and he was brave enough to do this - and he proved to be 'supah!' After the pics, CD Chair Ken Thomas directed the MGs to their designated category area and many were nestled in shady areas 'neath the pines. Where shade wasn't natural, Ken and wife Marie, along with their dedicated staff, erected 'pop ups' and chairs which were enjoyed, not only by the displayers, but the viewers as well. Many conversations were observed and no doubt centered on the quality of cars and how hard it was to choose. The MG Area ID



Pre-War cars get a close inspection

ous Committee Chairs who described their events.

The BBQ was merely the first of four excellent meals that Kay Cane very professionally arranged - and our group ate heartily in the mountain atmosphere. The hotel staff was a bit surprised by our appetites but quickly regrouped and all were more than satiated.



These cars were part of the Winners Circle



signs were spectacular and so attractive that the City of Big Bear Lake asked if they could be left. Ken did oblige by arranging to have the bases and uprights donated. The park-like setting with table/benches and convenient rest rooms, along with a lovely selection of restaurants close by, made for a terrific event and morning.

We would like to recognize, at this point, Gerry Felper and Howard Sunderland for their contributions making signs, printing, and other art work.

During the afternoon, most of

the guys attended the first two (of four) Tech Sessions that Gerry Felper had coordinated. They were presented by two extremely knowledgeable MGers: John Seim on brakes and Carl Cederstrand on transmissions.

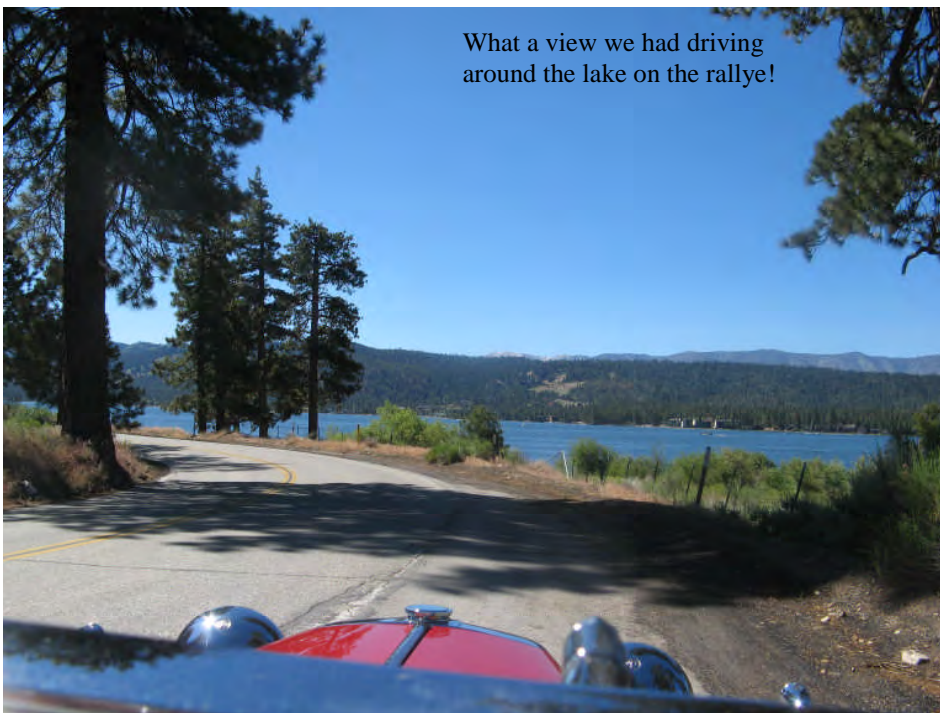
Meanwhile, upstairs in the Timbers Room, just about all the gals went to the Ladies Tech Session which Darlene Cederstrand and Margie Zwart had cleverly disguised as a Bunko Game! Much laughter and glee could be heard. Along with tea and cookies we learned firsthand that it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The evening was open and most took advantage of the local faire.

Wednesday morning the skies were again bright and blue for the Rallye/Tour. Cars were lined up and ready and before the official start time. Chairs Dave and Nancy Gaston, with committee, greeted each entrant from their pop up tent and gave directions along with the Rallye questions.

It was a perfect day for the event and the routing provided for spectacular viewings of Big Bear Lake (part of the inspiration for Don Kosup's design for our logo). The route took one through the rocky west end, across the dam to the north side and eastwards up nearly the entire valley and back into town. The stop at the Discovery Center on the north shore gave an opportunity to learn about the history of Big Bear Lake and was a timely rest stop. The questions along the way called one's attention to the beauty of the area and tested one's skills to spot the oddities and points of interest. It was a wonderful event and, with those desiring, gave another chance to enjoy some more of the gastronomical treats in the area.

The Rallye/Tour was just the start of a very full day as the second round of Tech Sessions kicked in. A two hour presentation by Art Nisson on extracting 160 HP from the XPAG





engine drew the attention of most of the guys! Great interest there and this talk was followed by another well known MG engine guru: Jerry Austin on "Bits and Pieces."

Promptly at 5 PM the doors to the dining room opened and there before us were tables along the two main walls containing 85 Silent Auction items that our veteran Auctioneer, John Seim, had amassed thru the generosity of our MG community and suppliers.

A yummy dinner followed and then the fun started. John was in full howl and soon he and master salesman, Bob Christian, were re-

galing us with their wit, knowledge, and guile. Together they successfully sold 71 items within the 2 hours John had promised! By 10:15, the Auction Committee had all the transactions completed-- a tribute to their well oiled machine. All in all, it was a great evening. Kindly see the list of donors whose contribu-

tions make these auctions possible. (A huge Thank you to all the buyers as well!)

Before dawn Thursday morning, Jay Clark was setting up the tables for the Flea Market. Very brisk activity took place and much stuff moved happily from garage to garage.

Then it was off to the Funkhana where Bob and Kathy Christian - a very busy couple - along with their cohorts in devilry tried to stump all who were brave enough to run the gauntlet! (Several even went back for more.) Kathy had made a terrific bear hood that would have done extremely well in the auction but somehow I'm thinking their new granddaughter will be the recipient. A super time was had by all and once again Bob & Kathy showed their extreme

cleverness and creativity.

From the driving Funkhana we moved to the Carless Funkhana where Jim and Karen Bull and aides thoroughly tested our MG Parts and GoF memories as well as our dexterity and marksmanship. Thanks to Jim and Karen, this event has become a staple at our GoFs and is a fantastic addition---Thanks Guys.

For the remainder of the afternoon it was either pool time or attending the Advisory Council and Steering Committee meetings.



Happy Hour soon arrived and the dining room was aglow with the centerpieces that Kate Maxey designed and, with able assistance from Fran and Sandy McClain, set up on every table. I can't remember ever having illuminated creations and they helped light the lovely



seating charts that Kay Cane had made.

The delicious dinner was followed by the Award Presentations that Pete Thelander emceed with assistance from Fran and the various Committee Chairs. The trophy design was done by Howard Sunderland in keeping with the rustic décor of the Northwoods Resort. They were fabricated with the help of Phil Gross, Lloyd Hendrikson and Pete Thelander. Each of the more than 100 award recipients was photographed by Marie Thomas.

Friday morning arrived all too quickly and it was then time for the Farewell Brunch and Winner's Circle that Lloyd and Carolyn Hendrickson had graciously arranged.

On behalf of the Vintage MG Club of Southern California, we want to thank all who participated and contributed. It was our pleasure - and very rewarding to see the enjoyment of all.

**Co-Chairs, George and Kevin Kershaw, Pete and Fran Thelander**

PS: I would like to Thank Pete and Fran for their extraordinary help in taking over from June 18 when I was hospitalized with a herniated disc. They are true and great friends and, as always, demonstrated their magnificent MG Spirit.

Also, I will be ever grateful for the love, help, and encouragement that Kevin and our daughter Jennifer Astrella provided. With their support, I was able to enjoy GoF West 2010.

**George**



## GoF West 2010 Auction Donors

The following people and companies donated material for the auction at the event. Funds raised from the auction provide seed money for the next GoF West, and funds to help meet expenses of the current GoF, if necessary. The event organizers and the steering Committee want to thank you all for your generous donations:

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## GoF West Advisory Council Minutes, Big Bear, California -- July 15, 2010

George Kershaw called the meeting to order 1PM.

Members of the Steering Committee were introduced: George Kershaw, Tim Cane, Stuart Locke, Gary Kennedy, Larry Long, David Machovec, Advisor Mike Campbell.

Open Meeting for Comments / Suggestions:

1. July is too hot, consider having the GoF in the Spring or Fall.
2. Consider having one in Arizona in the Fall.
3. Consider having extra activities/tours before and after GoF West.
4. Distance. How far to travel.
5. Find cheaper Hotels.
6. Consider a Weekend format, 3 days VS 4 or 5.
7. Along the Coast is cooler.
8. Suggestion of doing Eureka Summer of 2013. However, don't pick a date that is close to the Portland Club TMG Rendezvous. Their dates are not the same each year.

9. Jenny Kershaw Astrella suggested we encourage First Timers to come to these Advisory Council Meetings and give us their input. GOOD IDEA. Gary Kennedy volunteered to call the first Timers and get their ideas, thoughts, views, suggestions.

GoF West 2011 Committee Chairman Gary Kennedy will do a Show & Tell tonight at the Awards banquet for all to see. Sacramento Valley MG Car Club volunteered to be the Host Club and help GARY.

Nominations:

Mike Campbell for 1 year term replacing Ann Hazel  
Dave Bradley for 2 year term replacing Stuart Locke  
Lawrie Alexander for 3 year term replaces Tim Cane  
David Machovec re-elected to another 3 year term.  
The nominees were elected by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned.  
Secretary Stuart Locke

## GoF West Steering Committee Minutes, Big Bear, California -- July 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by general consensus at 3:05 PM and the following Steering Committee assignments were agreed upon:

Chairman – Larry Long  
Vice-Chairman – Gary Kennedy  
Secretary – Dave Bradley  
Finance/Treasurer – Ed Reynolds  
At Large – Lawrie Alexander  
At large – Mike Campbell  
At Large – Dave Machovec

The Committee express their kudos to George Kershaw and Pete Thelander as co-chairs of the excellent Gof 2010 and to George for his service and guidance as Steering Committee Chairman.

Larry Long discussed the publication of the GoF West Gazette (which he agreed to edit, for the time being) and that there should be at least three issues between now and GoF West 2011.

Larry mentioned that he is currently assisting Jean Barnett with web site maintenance and would appreciate relief. Lawrie volunteered that his club had an individual that may be willing to assist. Lawrie would make contact and report back to the committee.

### OLD Business

Revised copies of the Red Book were distributed to the committee members.

### New Business

2010 Update – Successful and enjoyed by all

2011 Update – GoF West will participate as a part of the "T" Register in conjunction with the MG2011 meet sponsored by the North American Council of MG Registers. Gary Kennedy will be "Chairperson" representing GoF West in this event scheduled for June 12 through 16, 2011 in Reno, NV.

2012 Update – A very favorable contract has been signed with the Santa Inez Valley Marriott in Buellton. The dates selected were June 18-21, 2012.

2013 Update – The Red Lion Inn in Eureka, CA appears to be an acceptable venue, possibly June. Mike Campbell will investigate further and report back to the committee.

2014 Update – The possibility of an Arizona GoF was discussed with possible dates in late spring or early fall to avoid the heat.

Misc – Larry will distribute copies of the current By-Laws to Committee members

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 PM

Respectfully submitted, David Bradley, Secretary

# GoF 2011 June 13-17, 2011

## A "Western Experience" with MG2011

If you think that the past few GoF Wests have been terrific—Squaw Valley, Big Bear, Buellton, Monterey—just wait until I tell you of the exciting time we have planned for you for the 2011 GoF West! Are you ready for this? We will be going to Reno, Nevada—Reno, the "Biggest Little City in America"! This GoF West promises to be one of the best for opportunities for everybody from gambling to enjoying the scenery of the Sierra Nevada to just relaxing in a first class hotel and enjoying the camaraderie of your fellow MG owners.

We will have the normal events that we usually have at a GoF West—the funkhana, car display and rally—but a lot more that will make this a truly memorable event for you. We originally planned this event for Buellton again, but discovered that the MG Council had their pentennial (that's every five years!) event planned for the week before our GoF. It didn't make sense for us to have two events back to back, so we proposed, and the Council agreed, that GoF West 2011 could be a significant part of their event, MG2011.

The MG Council represents the five registers for MG owners in the US: NAMGA Register, NAMGB Register, AMGC Register, NAMMM Register, and the New England MGT



Register. Every five years the Council sponsors a gathering of folks from all five of these registers. This is a really big event with around 800 cars expected to the Reno event. Our GoF West will be a significant player for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; it is doubtful that this event will be held again in the western US in the next several years.

MG2011 will have a lot more than what a normal GoF West can supply. There will be several opportunities for tech sessions; a vendor's area with a lot of MG goods for sale; an auto jumble for parts ranging from early to late MGs; additional self-guided tours of the area; a model car, craft and photo contest; an auction; and visits to a local auto-

mobile museum. Add to that the evening dinner that you can attend, the ambience of a first class hotel (at a very good rate, I might add), the opportunity to meet many more people—all MG lovers like yourself—than you would see at any other GoF, and the gaming opportunities and shows that Reno has to offer, and I think that you would agree with me that this promises to be one of our most outstanding GoF West events in recent memory.

The event will start on Monday afternoon with the opening of registration and a welcoming gathering that evening at the National Auto Museum featuring the Harrah Collection where we will have a mixer for those all who have made the journey to Reno. This will be a very reasonably priced activity for you and yours to enjoy.



There were over 600 cars at MG2006 in Gatlinberg



Part of the TC line-up at Gatlinberg in 2006

On Tuesday and Wednesday there will be multiple tech sessions at the hotel complex, sight seeing and driving tours throughout the Reno-Tahoe area, including tours around Lake Tahoe and to some of the historic Nevada Mining towns. Confirmations have been received to provide tech sessions from such well known MG gurus as Lloyd Faust, Kelvin Dodd, Ken Smith, Jeff

Schlemmer, John Seim, and Mike Jacobsen. The Council is still working with other well known personalities to fill the schedule.

We will have our Funkhana on Tuesday at the hotel complex. Tuesday evening will be "Register Night"; the GoF West 2011 folks, including those from the NEMGTR, will meet at the Silver Legacy for their dinner and time to meet and greet other MG T owners.



More MGBs than you could shake a stick at!

Our rally will be on Wednesday this year, and Wednesday evening we will be entertained by the Morris Garage Band. You will NOT want to miss this performance. There will also be an auction on Wednesday evening with plenty of bargains to be had, I guarantee!

The Council is also looking into a "performance driving experience" and an "introduction to autocross" for those of you wanting to push yourself and your MG a bit in a controlled environment.

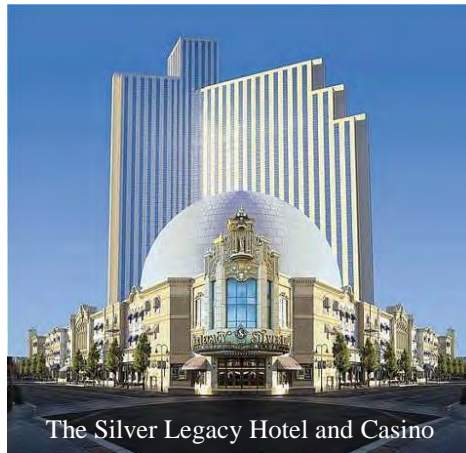
But wait---there's more!! With all of this, you'll be having a hard time choosing exactly what to do each day!

On Thursday, we'll make a short (less than 2 mile) drive to the beautiful Rancho San Rafael Park where the MGs will be on display for a popular vote car show. The car display will include cars from all registers. The portion for the T-series, including all of those folks from GoF West and the NEMGTR, will probably be bigger than most of our GoF West displays, so will offer the op-

portunity for GoF West people to see cars from other areas as well as those that normally appear at a GoF West. This display will be open to the public; cars will be arranged by model and sub-class within model.

Topping off the week's activities will be the gala banquet on Thursday evening. The awards banquet will be held at the hotel complex.

So, what about the hotel, you might ask? Well, the MG2011 Committee has arranged our stay at the downtown Reno Tri-Property complex, comprised of three first class hotels and casinos: the Silver Legacy, the Eldorado, and Circus-Circus. A stay at any one of these three promises to be a memorable event, and you can



The Silver Legacy Hotel and Casino

choose whichever one meets your fancy. Each of them offers amenities that will make your stay enjoyable.

For example, the Silver Legacy is home to Reno's best entertainment and was voted Best Entertainment, Best Concerts and Best Comedy Club by Casino Player Magazine. You will be able to watch headline entertainment from celebrated musicians to popular comedians and witness



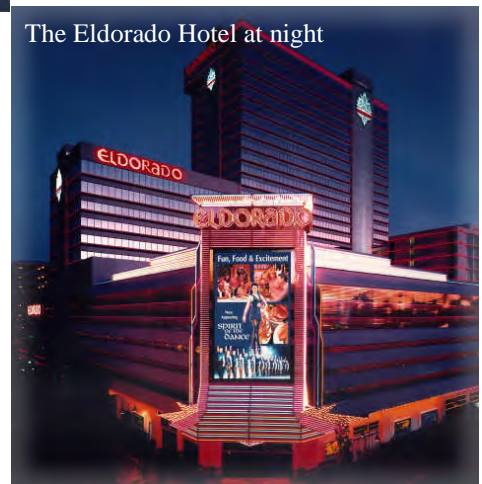
There were MGs of every type imaginable at MG2006

truly great acts in an up close and personal environment.

Located in the heart of downtown Reno, the Silver Legacy offers 1720 luxury rooms and when combined with the other hotels in the tri-property complex (Circus/Circus & Eldorado) the number of available rooms jumps to 4,200.

There are twenty-eight unique restaurants within the tri-properties complex. The hotels offer complimentary self/valet parking and complimentary airport shuttle (less than five miles from the airport). The hotels are well within walking distance to the Truckee River Arts District, outdoor recreation, entertainment, and museums.

The Eldorado is the perfect boutique property for this event. Enjoy fine dining, nightlife, theater and a high level of service in a sophisticated and intimate atmosphere. You will not be disappointed by the service in this family owned and operated hotel located in the



The Eldorado Hotel at night

This is the Circus Circus Hotel



for tours, sign up for banquets – all through the click of the keys on your computer. Please note that you will need to register for the event before reserving a hotel room (and we have some great rates available at the Silver Legacy, the El Dorado, and Circus-Circus.) Also, keep in mind that you can not call the hotel to make a reservation; you must do it on the registration form at the web site.

Be sure to pick the Register that you would like to be associated with, and make certain that you note whether you will participate in the rally and funkhana and the register dinner.

What more can I tell you to convince you that this will be a once-in-a-lifetime event for GoF West? Register early, and plan to have the time of your life at the “Biggest Little City in the World”!

heart of downtown Reno!

Finally, The Circus Circus is a family friendly hotel with plenty of activities for young and old with live Circus acts and atmosphere in the mid-way.

Registration for MG2011 (as well as hotel reservations) has already started through the **MG2011.com** website. You can register your car, pick your hotel room, order regalia, register for the automobile museum mixer, sign up for the Register night activity, sign up

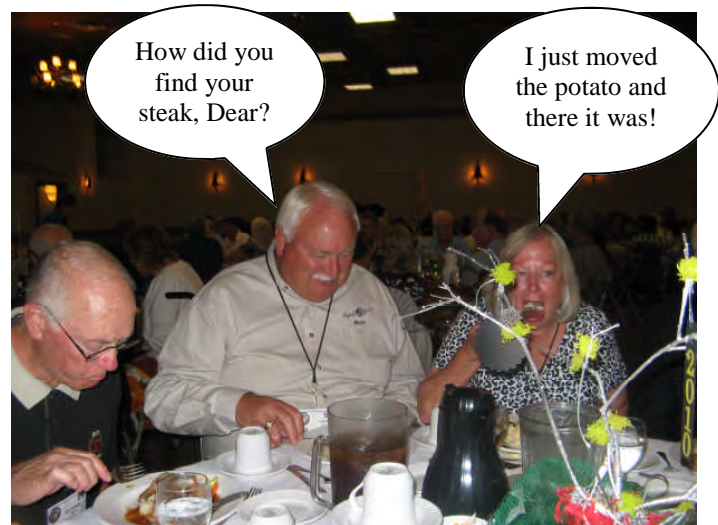


Deluxe Room Pictured

The rooms in all three hotels are very similar

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## GoF West 2010 Folks just having a good time-- that's what it's all about, isn't it?



# Winners of GoF West 2010 Trophies

Below are listed the winners of the awards at GoF West 2010, but, in reality, we were all winners taking home many fond memories of the week of events.

<b>Car Display</b>	<i>Reg.#</i>	<i>Name</i>	<b>Carless Funkhana</b>		
<i>FIRST TIMER</i>	Reg # 112	Lisa Stove	Couple: Reg # 72	Gene & Karen Olsen	
<i>PREWAR</i>			Ladies: Reg # 4	Elizabeth Page	
1st Place:	Reg # 57	Bob & Margie Zwart	Men: Reg # 25	John Seim	
<b>MG TC</b>			<b>Rallye</b>	<i>Reg #.</i>	<i>Driver</i>
1st Place:	Reg # 114	Barry & Cara Briskman	<i>Pre-'56</i>		<i>Navigator</i>
2nd Place:	Reg # 89	Michael & Linda Keeffe	1st	Reg # 41	Mike Jacobsen # 42 Lief Jacobsen
3rd Place:	Reg # 24	Lloyd & Carolyn Hendrickson	2nd	Reg # 112	Lisa Stove #4 Elizabeth Page
Honorable Mention:			3rd	Reg # 21	Roy Jones #29 Kate Maxey
Reg # 82	Brian & Jane Sonner		<i>Modern MG</i>		
Reg # 21	Roy Jones		1st place	Reg # 86	Jim Bull Karen Bull
Reg # 76	Charles Lusch & Suzanne Elmassian		<i>Dead Last But Finished</i>	Reg # 100	Larry Rice Vivian Rice
<b>MG TD</b>			<b>Models</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Reg # 104	Art & Lee Kaplan	<i>Single Model</i>		
2nd Place:	Reg # 85	George Stenneberg	1st place:	Reg # 105	Bill Tantau
3rd Place:	Reg #87	Ed Reynolds	2nd place	Reg # 5	George Kershaw
Honorable Mention			<i>MG Model Display</i>		
Reg # 95	Nancy Leavenworth		1st place	Reg # 36	Rick Pullen
Reg #94	Jenny & George Parchman		2nd place	not awarded - too few entries	
Reg # 13	Warren & Bernice Wendt		<i>MG Diorama</i>		
Reg # 35	John & Lois McGovern		1st place	Reg # 36	Rick Pullen
<b>MG TF</b>			2nd place	not awarded - too few entries	
1st Place:	Reg #112	Lisa Stove	<b>Photos</b>		
2nd Place:	Reg #49	Howard & Sandy Bucey	<i>Single MG Car Photo</i>		
3rd Place:	Reg # 10	Jack & Rosie Arntzen	1st place	Reg # 35	Lois McGovern
Honorable Mention:			2nd place	Reg # 35	Rick Pullen
Reg # 88	Kevin & Pat Gaston		<i>MG Related Scene</i>		
Reg # 119	George & Nancy Jackson		1st place	Reg #34	Sherri Hardy
<b>POST-WAR VARIANT</b>			2nd place	Reg #34	Sherri Hardy
1st Place: None Entered			3rd place	Reg # 22	Don Hibbard
<b>MODERN (MGA, MGB, MGC, MIDGET)</b>			3rd place	Reg # 35	Lois McGovern
Reg # 50	Fran McClain & Sandi Campbell				
<b>PREMIER</b>			<b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>		
Winner:	Reg # 36	Rick & Jill Pullen	<i>MG Sewn Goods</i>		
			1st Place	Reg #55	Kathy Christian
<b>Funkhana</b>	<i>Reg #.</i>	<i>Driver</i>	2nd Place	Reg #22	Jan Hibbard
<i>TC &amp; Earlier</i>			<i>MG Crafts</i>		
1st	Reg # 4	Ernie Page	1st place	Reg # 4	Elizabeth Page
2nd	Reg # 28	Jill Gorman	2nd place	Reg # 100	Larry Rice
3rd	Reg # 71	Larry Long	#64 Sheila Hogg		
<b>TD &amp; Later</b>			<b>MG Related Collection</b> (pins, literature, etc)		
1st	Reg # 73	Michael Boswell	1st Place:	Reg #36 Rick Pullen	
2nd	Reg # 40	Ken Blake			
3rd	Reg # 63	Carrie Cardenas			
<b>Modern MG</b>					
1st	Reg # 50	Fran McClain			
		Sandi Campbell			

## Special Awards

**Long distance**—Reg # 82 Brian & Jane Sonner 507 miles--farthest distance from their residence to the event.

**Nomad Award**--No entries

**Sacajawea**—Reg # 53 Cindy Mortesen 133 miles--lady driver who accumulated the most miles driving to the event.

**Hard Luck Award**--Reg #35 Lois McGovern & Reg # 30 Gene Wescott--break down enroute to the event.

## Perpetual Awards

**Monterey Cup**—Vintage MG Club of Southern California 51 members--Club with the largest number of members in attendance.

**San Diego Cup**—Vintage MG Club of Southern California--Greatest percentage of members in attendance. 25.1%

**Santa Barbara Cup**—Vintage MG Club of Southern California 3427 miles--Club with the highest cumulative mileage of pre-1956 MGs driven to the GoF.

**High Point Award**—Reg # 112 Lisa Stove--accumulated the highest cumulative score for the three competitive events of Car Display, Funkhana and Rallye, as determined by the Awards Chair.

## New GoF West Website Now Up & Running!

After several years in the capable hands of Jean Barnette, the GoF West website has a new webmaster - Gary Hoss, a longtime member of the Sacramento Valley MG Car club, ex-TC owner and professional website builder. With the planned involvement of SVMGCC in GoF West 2011, Gary volunteered to take over the job of updating and maintaining the GoF West site. The result is a new look, with many more pages and pictures telling all about GoF West. The aim is to make all pre-1956 MG owners aware of how the organization works and the opportunities the annual events provide for camaraderie and good times with their MGs.



Gary has devoted a tremendous number of hours to developing the new site, aided by Lawrie Alexander who contributed much of the written material. Please take some time to visit the website ([www.gofwest.com](http://www.gofwest.com)). If you are an occasional or regular registrant at these events, you may see a picture of your car. If you're still planning to one day attend a GoF West, we hope this new website will answer any questions you might have about the events and encourage you to sign up for one soon. If there are MG owners in your club who do not attend GoF Wests, please encourage them to visit the site, too. The more people we can get to see what GoF Wests are all about, the more likely the event will continue to thrive.

The Steering Committee would like to thank Gary for the time and skill he has put into developing such a great new website for all pre-'56 MG owners to enjoy!

### PREVIEW FROM THE WEB SITE:



**"GoF West"** is the name given to a regularly held "Gathering of the Faithful" for owners of pre-1956 MG cars in the western U. S. and Canada. Assemblies like this had previously been held exclusively in the eastern United States. Outside a few local clubs in western North America, the only way to regularly interface with other MG owners was to travel long distances to places like New York, Pennsylvania, and so on, all in the east.

One day in 1972, members from several Southern California clubs got together and decided to begin their own version of the east coast gathering. A committee was formed, preparations were made, and the first GoF West was presented. Santa Barbara, California, was the site chosen, and word was spread to MG car clubs throughout the western hemisphere. News of the initial event in 1973 was welcomed by vintage MG enthusiasts from everywhere. The first GoF West established a tradition of annual gatherings that has not been interrupted since.

As a result of these annual festivals, held only in locales in the western U. S. and Canada, hundreds of pre-1956 MGs have been presented to other MG owners and to the public, most of them from the western U. S., but also MG aficionados from around the world. In fact, from the very first GoF West, where a nice assortment of classic MGs (mostly "drivers" that had not been restored) gathered, each succeeding year produced many more vintage MG cars that had been restored to pristine condition, until the vast majority of those brought to these events are better than when they rolled from the assembly lines at Abingdon-on-Thames. If you are an automobile buff for any marque, these events are really something you should see and enjoy. If you own a pre-1956 MG, even one in less than pristine condition, you should definitely register for a GoF West to learn more about your car, have some good fun with fellow enthusiasts, and make some new friends.

# CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

As my last official acts in wearing the Chairman's Hat, I would like to THANK THE VINTAGE MG CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA for the Excellent job they did in hosting GoF West 2010 at Big Bear, CA. They were most gracious in doing whatever they could to insure that every one there had a very enjoyable experience. From both an operational and financial perspective, it was a very successful GoF West.

I would especially like to Thank Pete and Fran Thelander for all their help in Co Chairing this event with Kevin and me.

Lastly, I want to express my whole hearted Appreciation to Stuart Locke for his service as Secretary on the Steering Committee these past 4 years and also to Tim Cane for his efforts as our Co-Chairman (since 2008) and as Keeper of the GoF West Mailing List. Both of these Gentlemen have served our GoF West Community with distinction.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve and, once again, in passing the baton to the very capable hands of Larry Long, I am happy to report that our next few GoFs are planned and that we are in a strong fiscal position.

*George Kershaw*

I'd also like to thank the Vintage MG Club for the hard work in planning and conducting a wonderful event, and the co-chairs--George and Kevin and Pete and Fran--for making sure that everything came together. And while I am at it, our thanks go to George for acting as Chairman of the Steering Committee for the past few years. His tireless efforts at helping to make every GoF a success have not gone unnoticed; I'm sure you will all agree. It isn't an easy job to coordinate efforts from many miles away from the venues and the folks that chair the events. Thank you, George, for an outstanding job!

*Larry Long*

## Future GoF West Events

**2011 June 12-18 Reno, Nev.** In conjunction with MG2011--Details are being smoothed out . This promises to be a really great event, with us sharing the venue with 600+ other MGs of all models and years. Save the date!!

**2012 June 18-21, 2012 Buellton, CA** Our 40th GoF West. This is going to be a biggie, as well, celebrating our 40th year. If you enjoyed Buellton and the Santa Ynez Valley in 2005, you'll be sure to enjoy this one-- Lots of good things in store for our celebration.

**2013 Eureka, CA** is being considered for this one. Possible venues for this are currently being checked out. **Somewhere in Arizona** is also being considered as a venue for 2013 Or 2014.

**2014 Pismo Beach, CA, (tentative)** has a couple of great hotels that can accommodate our group--right on the bluff overlooking the beach and ocean--and there is a fantastic private ranch where we can have the car display ON THE GRASS!! And the drives in the back country through the Edna Valley can't be surpassed.

**2015 thru 2052:** If you have a suggestion for a venue for a future GoF West event, or if you or your local club or group of friends would like to chair or sponsor a future GoF West event, please let one of the Committee members know of your desires. We need the suggestions and help!!