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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Having been working on GoF West 2010 - Big Bear Lake, CA - for what seems like for ever, it is hard to believe that it is just around the corner! On behalf of the Vintage MG Club of Southern California, Pete Thelander and I would like to invite all of you to join us in what promises to be an exciting and fun event !

Typically the Spring Gazette is devoted primarily to the up coming GoF West and this one is no exception.

Throughout this edition, you will read about what will be happening and why we hope you will come to the cool mountains of South Eastern California for a great time and chance to reconnect with all the super folks who make up the terrific GoF West Community.

A couple of items I'd like to mention are that the Registration fee goes to \$ 65.00 after April 1, and we have reserved 100 of Northwoods 148 rooms and after June 28, they will be released so book your rooms now in order not to be disappointed. Certainly would be great if we could fill the Hotel !

On Thursday afternoon, July 15, we will be holding the Advisory Council meeting and every attendee is invited to share your thoughts on how we can improve our GoF West's and one appointed delegate from each Club will nominate candidates for election to serve the 2 three year terms open on your Steering Committee.

See you in Big Bear-----George

Big Bear Lake Beckons for GoF West 2010

GoF West 2010

Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16

The recent rains in Southern California guarantee that not only will the verdant green of the mountains greet you as you arrive at North Woods Resort, but the lake itself should be several feet higher for those of you seeking aquatic activities before or after our get together. A distinct advantage is that Big Bear is easily accessible from all directions without going through the LA metropolitan area.

Opening Monday with a **First Timers Car Display** followed by **orientation** and a BBQ, we'll kick off the week in grand style.

Upon arrival and registration you'll be welcomed in the **Hospitality center** where various refreshments will be available to cut the road dust. Located on the second floor of the lodge with the **Regalia, Arts & Crafts, Photos & Models**, it will be our gathering place for many activities including **four tech sessions** and a special La-



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dies' Tech Session with an English Tea, with Bunko, Prizes...AND Surprises offered during the afternoon. This Tech Session will most certainly enlighten you on the 'nitty-gritty' facts of life...please plan on joining us for this afternoon session!

Arts & Crafts this year will be similar to prior years, with a new category added. There will be two Photo Categories: Best Single MG Photo, and Best MG Related Scene. The Model Category will include three classes: Best Single MG Model, Best MG Car Model Collection, and Best MG-Related Diorama. And finally, in the Crafts Category: Best MG Sewn goods, and Best MG Crafts.

The new category for this year is: **Best MG Related Collection**. However, as we don't know how many participants there will be, we are limiting the space for each entry to 3' by 4'.

So, dust off your models, pick out your best photos, get out your needle and thread, and buy some new glue for your crafts. This should be a fun event, and I hope you will enter at least one of these categories.

Taking your MG out on a crisp mountain morning can be the highlight of your visit to California's Big Bear Lake and the way to compliment a great week of GOF activities! The **Rallye/Tour**, scheduled for Wednesday morning is a well planned drive that will let you view the Lake and the surrounding mountain vistas and test your abilities to answer questions and compete for one of the GOF historic driving awards. You are cordially invited to join your fellow MGer's in this most enjoyable driving event.

Our Wednesday activities will be capped off by the ever popular **Auction Dinner**. There will be a silent auction concluding before the auction dinner. The live auction will be two hours long, and ending at 10:00 p.m. We promise it to be a fun-filled evening, and not drawn out too long. The auction revenue offsets the expenses incurred to put together events like this and it is a more entertaining way to generate extra funds, rather than just charging more for registration. Obviously none of the items provided for the auction arrive out of thin air and your participation is requested.

We will be sending out a letter of request for item donations for the GoF West 2010 to all businesses and attendees. Look for this in a registration packet that you will receive. Many of you will send your items for the auction before the event. Many of you will bring the donation items for the auction to the event, to save postage. That is great. Just let John Seim know in advance if you are going to donate something, and what the item(s) is/are.



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If you would like to donate an item(s) for the event, you can contact John at kingseim@earthlink.net, or mail the item to: John Seim, 7 Mann Street, Irvine, CA 92612-2747. Please let him know who is donating the item (individual, club) so that he can recognize the donor. Businesses who donate will be listed in the GoF West 2010 program.

On Thursday we lead off with a favorite, the **Flea Market**. What an opportunity to acquire that part you've so long been looking for and at a reasonable price. You may even find that some of your no longer needed or excess parts may be someone else's treasure. Concurrently, always one of the most exciting events, whether participating or viewing, is the **Funkhana**. A challenge for both driver and navigator, it tests driving skills, communication ability and everyone's sense of humor. You may even find out the answer to that age old question "What does a bear do in the woods?"

For the third year in a row our Funkhana will be complimented with a **Driverless and Carless Funkhana**, held on the grounds next to the driving event. This activity is designed to provide a fun, and perhaps somewhat challenging event while waiting to participate in the driving Funkhana, or after you have completed the course. Samples of the previous carless activities have included driving a remote controlled toy race car through a slalom course, deciding what five different parts have been placed inside a "feelie bag", putting spark plugs into a head while being timed, putting together a picture of a T series car while timed, or pushing a tire and wheel through a slalom cone course for time. Some new and surprising activities are planned for this year's Carless Funkhana.

Closing Thursday's activities will be the **Awards Banquet** with meal selections, surely to please all.

The North Woods Resort is a first class resort, by any measure, with reasonable rates, well appointed rooms, and conveniently located near the Village of Big Bear. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Future GoF West Events

2011 June 12-18 Reno, Nev. In conjunction with MG2011--Details are being worked out (See Steering Committee Minutes, page 4). This promises to be a really great event, with us sharing the venue with 500+ other MGs of all models and years. Save the date!!

2012 Tentative date: June 10-15, 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.

2014 Pismo Beach, CA, 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!!

GoF West Steering Committee Minutes, Fullerton, California -- Nov. 22, 2010

George Kershaw called the meeting to order at 9.30am.

Present at the meeting were George Kershaw, Tim Cane, Stuart Locke, Mike Campbell, Ed Reynolds, Gary Kennedy.

1. Opening Comments

2. Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report approved as submitted.

Silent Auction discussion:

Mike's suggestions: Have additional silent auction in the Hospitality Room running a day or two prior. Some good items, some routine items. Might get better returns. Items would need to be protected.

3. Financial/Treasurer's Report

Mike sent out the report ahead of time for review. George appreciated that since it saves time at the meeting. New Treasurer Ed needs to sign the bank signature card. Ed's cellphone is 818 - 421 - 8946. Treasurer's Report approved.

4. Vice Chair's Comments--None right now.

5. Gazette Report

No Gazette Report yet. Ann Hazel moved to Calgary. Her cellphone is out, no word from Ann. Gary Kennedy is volunteering to help her by finishing it up if she will send him the write-ups, etc. to put together. Mike will try to contact Ann to see if she has completed it.

6. Old Business

- Mailing List Update--Tim said the mailing list is pretty much updated. Gary submitted everything he had.
- Website Update--George: I didn't hear back from Jean Barnett but I think everything is okay. I will stay on top of it. But I don't think there is problem.

7. 2009 GoF West Final Report

Mike sent out the final report. We netted \$2,696.00.

Tim: We had a lot of people who gave a lot of stuff like Steve Simmons donated photos. We had 115 registrants. The hotel nickled and dimed us on every little thing, like \$60.00 per day for a pull-down video screen. We should never guarantee a hotel the number of rooms again.

8. 2010 GoF West Update -- Big Bear Lake -- July 12 - 16

George: 36 people have registered so far. All chairs have been filled. I'm going to ask the Bulls to run the Carless Funkhana. We still have to finalize the place for the Car Show. Dash Plaques are ordered. We will have a traditional Auction Dinner. Silent Auction may be in the convention area. There is an area at the hotel for first-timers with an outdoor BBQ and an area for the Winners' Circle. We have several tech sessions with a special session for the Ladies. Meal prices will be considerably lower than what we have seen. The hotel has 148 rooms. 100 rooms are blocked but we don't have to guarantee them.

9. 2011 GoF West Update (Summary of items discussed)

There was a lively discussion among the attendees regarding all aspects of having a GoF West 2011 combined with MG2011, a national MG event to be held in Reno. A summary of the points discussed is as follows:

- Coordination between GoF West and MG2011 is being done by George with Hank Rippert representing MG2011.
- Whether there will be a separate registration for GoF West, and a registration for MG2011 has not yet been worked out. There are advantages to having one registration, and some advantage to having a separate GoF West registration. Registration details at the hotel need to be worked out.
- Accounting details for the two organizations—whether there is a combined accounting or separate accounting—needs to be worked out. Who ever does the accounting must consider the extra items (patches, dash plaques, etc.) for GoF West 2011 folks.
- Revenue sharing was discussed. This is one advantage to GoF West connecting with MG2011. Details of this will be discussed with the MG2011 committee.
- Details of how the GoF West people will be recognized at the

registration in Reno has to be resolved.

- A logo for the event was discussed. We may combine our logo with the MG2011 logo, or may do a separate logo. Some on the committee would like to have a separate GoF West jacket patch and dash plaque.
- Consideration was given to having all T-series cars fall under the auspices of GoF West. If that is done, GoF West would probably be responsible for that part of the car display. Consideration has to be given to the identification of GoF West cars if this is not done. Details to be worked out. It is our understanding GoF West would be handling most of the functions the NEMGTR usually covers.
- GoF West always has a rally; MG2011 has a drive, but not a rally. Several options of a combined drive/rally, etc., will be considered.
- George stated that MG2011 will do the Car Show. MG2011 will provide the car display trophies.
- Tim read from the MG2011 response: "We require that car show awards from ALL Registers to be given at the awards banquet Thursday evening. Any special awards that GoF West may give out for participation, rallies, etc. can be given at any time/location mutually agreeable between the Council and GoF West. Those unique awards would furnished by GoF West. We will also expect that GoF West would staff the car display area and direct the placement of all Vintage and T-Series MGs. The Council will provide ballots and will expect GoF West to handle the counting for Vintage and T-Series MGs. The Council will provide ballot boxes. Car class awards will be provided by the Council. Traditionally, the 'T' Register Council representative has announced the award winner and in this unique circumstance, would hope that a GoF West representative would present the award to the winner."
- Stuart summarized by stating that the idea would be to keep it as simple as we can but still do everything we need to do to make it qualify for a GoF West. Funkhana, Rally.
- Gary stated that the plan is to farm out responsibilities to different clubs: like SSTS do Funkhana, MGOC do Car Show, Sacramento Club does the Rally.

10. 2012 Location

It was decided to tell Larry to proceed with Buelton; give us a contract to look at.

11. 2013 Location

Mike will look into a potential location.

12. New Business

Warren Wendt's idea: Add MG Collections to the Arts & Crafts, Photos and Models Displays. Motion passed.

Voted to eliminate Spirit of MG photo award.

Motion passed.

Stuart: I would like to make a motion. I move that we accept Mike's proposed changes to the Redbook with Larry's technical changes and change Merit to 1 TC, 3 TD and 1 TF.

Mike: Redbook items are not mandatory: these are suggestions to the chairs of the GoF West.

Motion passed.

13. Miscellaneous

Spring meeting will be Saturday agreed to revise the Redbook. Tim will forward Microsoft Word documents of the Redbook revisions (as of November 08) to Mike.

11.30am Meeting adjourned April 17, 2010 in Big Bear.

Respectfully submitted, Stuart Locke, Secretary

GoF WEST 2010

Tentative Schedule

Monday, July 12

8:00am – 4:00pm	Car Wash
10:00 – 6:00pm	Registration Open
10:00 – 6:00	Regalia Sales
10:00 – 4:00	Arts & Crafts, Models and Photos drop off
12:00 – 4:00	Hospitality
4:00 – 6:00pm	First Timers Car Display
6:00 - 7:00	Orientation
7:00 – 8:00	BBQ
8:00 – 10:00	Hospitality

Tuesday, July 13

7:00 – 9:00	Registration Open
7:00 - 10:00	Car Wash
8:00 – 9:45	Regalia, Arts & Crafts, Photos and Models
10:00 – 2:00	Car Display
2:00 – 5:00	Regalia, Arts & Crafts, Models Display
2:00 – 5:00	Hospitality
2:00 – 4:00	Ladies Tech Sessions
2:00 – 4:00	Tech Sessions
	2-3PM John Seim on Brakes
	3-4PM Carl Cederstrand on Transmissions

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, July 14

7:00 – 8:30	Hospitality
8:00 – 9:00	Regalia
9:00 – 12:00	Rallye/Tour Lunch on your own
1:00 – 4:00	Arts & Crafts, Photos and Models display
1:00 - 4:00	Tech Sessions
	1-3PM Art Nissan on 160HP XPAG Engines
	3-4PM Jerry Austin on Bits and Pieces
5:30 - 6:30	Silent Auction
6:30 – 8:00	Dinner
8:00 – 10:00	Auction

Thursday, July 15

7:00 – 10:00	Flea Market
8:00 – 11:00??	Funkhanas – with and without cars
10:00 – 12:00	Arts & Crafts, Photos and Models voting ends at noon
1:00 – 2:00	Advisory Council
1:00 – 3:00	Pick up Arts & Crafts, Photos and Models Regalia
2:00 – 3:00	Steering Committee Meeting
6:00	Happy Hour
7:00	Awards Banquet

Friday, July 16

8:00 – 10:00	Winner's Circle Display/Continental Breakfast
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**GoF WEST 2010
Registration Form
Big Bear Lake, California
July 12-16, 2010**

Registration Fee:
\$55 US before April 1, 2010
\$65 US after April 1, 2010
In Spirit \$25

Cancellations after April 1 will revert to In-Spirit
Registration, with the balance refunded

Names—as you want them on your name tag and in the booklet:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Co-driver: _____ First Name: _____

Children under 12 who will be attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ First GoF WEST?: yes ___ no ___

Primary Club Affiliation: _____

Car: Year: ___ Model: ___ Color: ___ License Number: _____

Method of Payment: Cash ___ Check ___ VISA ___ Master Card ___

Name on card: _____ Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

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Single/Double: \$124 Triple: \$134 Jr suite: \$174
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