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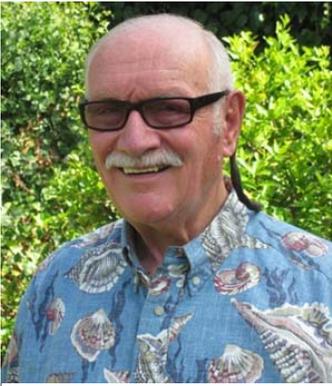
## GoF West 2013—COME TO ARIZONA!

The next GOF West gathering will be held in Carefree, AZ from Oct 28 thru Nov 1. Plan to stay at the beautiful Carefree Resort, nestled within the foothills and boulders of the Sonoran Desert. The accommodations and amenities will surpass your expectations. In addition to stylish, comfortable rooms, there is a full complement of facilities to suit all of your needs.

The four day event will start on Monday with the roundup of all the first timers and a special display of their cars. If you have never attended a GOF then you will be in for a treat because **you** will be our special guests on opening night.

Other events for the week will include car display, tech sessions, “special” ladies tech event, funkana, roadrunner rally, and finally arts and crafts competition. All will culminate with an awards banquet. You can expect a few twists and turns throughout the week but you will have to be here to see what they are. There will be lots going on but there will also be plenty of time to socialize, sightsee, shop and relax. Overall, when you combine the casual Carefree setting, local western flare and the excitement of the MG family, you will have a GoF to remember.

***Come be “carefree in Carefree” . Be part of the fun!***



## Chairman's Chatter

George Kershaw

Hello GoF Westers,

We are indeed very fortunate to have an Editor such as Doug Pelton who is so Able and Enthusiastic about increasing the number of Editions of our GoF West Gazette !

The main Focus of this Issue, is about getting as many of us as possible to attend GoF West 2013 in Carefree, Arizona and enjoy the Fun and Camaraderie that our Wee Cars encourage.

In the 30 + years now that I have attended and been involved with the Administration of GoF West, I can't remember a Club who is anymore committed or excited about putting on a GoF West than our Hosts-- the Arizona Road Runners !!

The Venue they have selected is outstanding, the weather should be near perfect, and the Evening Skies in Arizona will be fantastic. This Event promises to have it All.

So Register now and if you haven't already made your Hotel Reservations, suggest you do it ASAP so as not to be disappointed. With this being a Fall Event, a conservative approach was taken to the number of Rooms committed to.

Looking Forward to seeing you in Carefree.

Safety Fast,

George

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## Letters to the EDITOR

*The previous Special Edition of the Gazette , honoring our friend Al Moss brought many emails. Below is a small sampling.*

Special Edition was wonderful. I met Al in the early 70ies at a GOF on the east coast and met him many times after that at GOFs. I always wished that I would have known him better and seen him more often. Thank you for your great tribute to him. Allan W.

Hello there Doug. Very nice issue of the GoF West Gazette. Read all the way through it with interest and brought back some memories of Al. David E.

The first issue was great, wish I knew Al other than a casual meeting at GOF and an event at Laguna Seca. Jack B.

Thanks for the smiles and memories. Pat G.

I did not get the first Edition of the Gazette, but it sounds interesting, what would it cost to subscribe to your group. Thanks, Rey N. (Editor's note: Gazette is free.)

What a terrific issue on Al! Enjoyed it immensely. Loved the stories about the man who I met on a trip out west many years ago. We stopped in Goleta and took pictures with Al. We touched base over the years and never lost contact. He will be missed! Thanks again, Dave H.

What a nice Tribute to a real good man. Rey

I learned more about him than I ever know before. I also learned more about Mike Goodman than before even though I've known him for over 40 years. Jim C.

I only got to meet Al once (High Country Tour) but came away wishing I lived in closer proximity. The highlight though was getting his autograph on the cover of the old Moss Motors Catalog. Gene G.

As is invariably the case, I have learned more about Al from the tributes than I never knew in life. The timing of the magazine is propitious. I've been thinking about GoF West this year. Guess I'll have to go ahead and register. Robert G.

Send your letters to: [Editor @ GoFWest.org](mailto:Editor@GoFWest.org)

More of the "Untold Legacy" of Al Moss. By : Doug Pelton

# The Evolution of: MOSS PART NUMBERS

In the early 70's, Alan Moss was faced with a dilemma. His business was growing, his inventory was expanding, and he had expanded beyond the MG marquee. He now had to manage parts for numerous makes and models. How could he keep track of all of these parts? The following will give you some insight as to how brilliant Al Moss was as a businessman.

First you must understand that, as with all manufacturers, MG had their own OEM part numbers. Regardless whether they made the part it was their number and the suppliers made those parts to OEM standards. However, MG OEM part numbers changed in 1952. MG was purchased by British Motor Corporation. BMC had to change OEM numbers to standardize inventory for like parts within their company for the various other vehicles they produced. Then in 1967 BMC changed to British Motor Holdings, with more changes to OEM numbers as part of industry consolidation.

Hence the dilemma for Al Moss. In the late 60's, Al knew that the future supply of parts would decrease as time went on so he was buying up whole lots of OEM parts. However, the part numbers could actually be different for a like item. Parts made in the 40's would have one OEM number and then later BMC parts had a different. This was all very confusing – like parts with multiple part numbers. How would it be best to inventory and offer these to the public?

The early Moss Motors catalogs help to chronicle the evolution of the Moss part number. Let's follow the changes to the T-Series Wiper Motor number.

**06/1946** – Factory OEM MG Parts List: Wiper Motor #A1245

**02/1964** - Moss 6th Edition Catalog: The early Moss catalogs used OEM numbers. This wiper motor was used on many models so the Lucas OEM number was best to use Wiper Motor #75051 (Lucas OEM)

52	730185	wiper blade	TC & TD	2
53	730466	Rubber retainer for blade	TC & TD	1
54	736104	Handle & nut for motor	TF	2
55	75051	Knob for wiper control	TC & TD	1
55	✕ 145300	WIPER MOTOR (new-exchange)	TC-TD	
55	✕ 145300	Wiper motor (new-exchange)	TC-TD	
55	✕ 145 300	WIPER MOTOR (new-exchange)	TC-TD	1
67	✕ 145-300	\$319.95 WIPER MOTOR	TC TD	1
	145-325	NA BRUSH SET		
	145-315	NA COVER, with switch & handle		
68	160-500	\$9.95 HANDLE & NUT wiper motor		



**11/1971** – Moss 15th Edition Catalog: Al initiates the transition to the management of inventory using the state-of-the art IBM computer, "Our newly installed IBM computer is working quite happily and we will soon be issuing a completely new catalog with simplified part numbers..." The new part numbers were standardized to a 6 digit number. This catalog had a mix of OEM numbers and new Moss numbers. Wiper Motor # 145300.

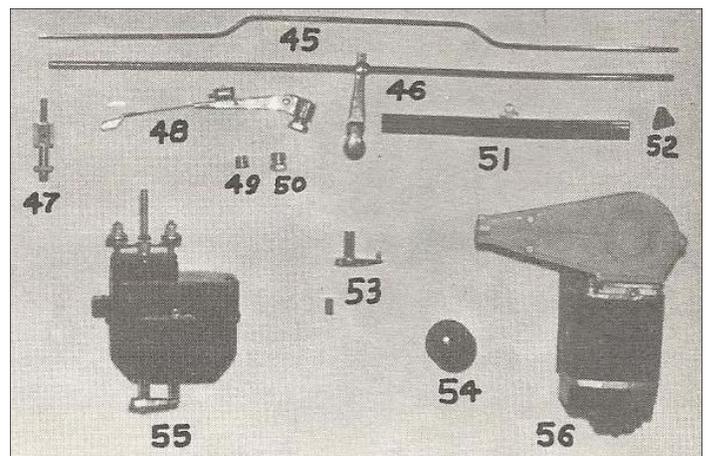
**07/1972** – Moss 16th Edition Catalog: This catalog shows a mix of new and old part numbers. "This catalog is an interim measure prior to publication of our forthcoming all New Edition. About 90% of the part numbers are new computer numbers. Our IBM computer, now in its 2nd year, is proving its worth..." However, the catalog also shows a new style for the new 6 digit computer number: 1 with a mid-space. The new style is good because it is difficult to recognize 6 continuous digits at a glance. Wiper Motor # 145300. (new style 145 300).

**12/1972** – Moss 17th Edition Catalog: The transition is complete to the new numbers with the mid-space. "In July we completed construction of a 3000 SF building for machine shop and warehouse. Our IBM computer project is complete and catalog reflects all the new part numbers". Wiper motor #145 300.

**02/2013** – Moss Spring/Summer Catalog: At some unknown point a hyphen was added to the numbers instead of the space. Overall, today's catalog still reflects the same numbers All Moss institutionalized some 30 years ago. Wiper motor #145-300.

So when you read off a Moss parts number, think of Al Moss.

(Note Al's handwritten numbers below.)



# GoF West 2013 - Carefree, Arizona



## Greetings to All From the AZ MG T-Roadrunners

The most exciting part of hosting GoF 2013 so far has been receiving your registrations. It is wonderful to see new names and those we recognize from years past. For all of us attending GoF West 2013 Carefree, it will be a time to make new friends and renew and enjoy old friendships. We hope you are making plans now to attend and be part of an event that is promising to be enjoyable for all MG enthusiasts. Just this past week, we met with all the committee chairs for this event and realized once again that Arizona MG "T" Roadrunners are creative, enthusiastic, and ready for your visit to our state.

As chairs of this event, our goal has been to involve as many Roadrunners as possible. All their perspectives will create ideas that we could never have imagined on our own. Thank you to all our fellow Roadrunners who are making our job easier and seem to be having fun in the process. We hope there will be something for everyone—interesting tech sessions, women's activities, a rallye that will test your driving skills and also introduce you to the beauties of our state, a Funkhana that may leave you wondering "what just happened?," an auction that will keep you bidding, a flea market that will provide items you just can't live without, arts/crafts/models/photos that will inspire your creativity, and hospitality from all of us that will make you feel welcomed.

Please keep in mind that when you contact the Carefree Resort and Conference Center for hotel reservations, you identify yourself as part of GoF West 2013. We have contracted with the hotel for rooms whose prices include waiving the resort fee at checkout and provide a \$5 breakfast coupon for each registered guest each day of the stay. Any other hotel "specials" you might see on the hotel website will not include the "perks" we receive with our contracted rooms.



**Important Tip!!!** Since this is a fall meet and at a different time of year than most GoFs West, we have been conservative with the number of rooms reserved. **DO NOT DELAY** room reservations. The sooner you make your reservations, the quicker we can respond to additional rooms that we may need to block at the discount rate. We can block more in the future but only if they are available. The resort's sales staff is currently marketing those unbooked rooms. Also note that there are limited rooms available in the outlying vicinity. Even if you are thinking about attending, book now and don't wait until the last minute to register with the hotel.

To all of you, hope to see you in October "carefree" in Carefree, Arizona.

*Sherwood, Jane, Kenny & Ginny*

## CAREFREE AVERAGE OCTOBER WEATHER

27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2
Hist. Avg. 84° Lo 60°	Hist. Avg. 84° Lo 60°	Hist. Avg. 83° Lo 60°	Hist. Avg. 83° Lo 59°	Hist. Avg. 82° Lo 59°	Hist. Avg. 82° Lo 58°	Hist. Avg. 82° Lo 58°

**Don't forget to bring your: Sunglasses, hat, shorts, camera and oh yes..... swim suite with MG Logo!**

## The Development of the GoF West Logo

The Carefree 2013 logo was designed by Arizona Roadrunner, Jan Rons. The criteria he was given was that it had to be 4" diameter, octagonal and have GoF West 2013 on it. Otherwise a blank canvas to paint. Jan was asked to offer his thoughts on how and why it looks as it does. His reply:

"It was an easy task to choose the various elements that most characterize Arizona and specifically Carefree. Arizona's beauty is reflected in the blue sky, desert vegetation, rolling hills of the high Sonoran, and of course the Saguaro Cactus. The sun dial had to be included as it is the icon of Carefree itself. As for the MG TC, it is there simply because it is my favorite model." Thanks Jan for a great logo!



### Carefree Sundial - The Time is Right!

The Sundial was completed in 1959 and is the largest sundial in the country and third-largest in the Western Hemisphere. It stands 35 feet tall, extends 72 feet and is 90 feet in diameter. This huge dial is made of steel and plated with anodized copper. The Carefree Sundial is located in downtown Carefree at 100 Easy Street. A plaque on the dial reads:

"Solar engineer John Yellot and architect Joe Wong designed the sundial for K.T. Palmer in 1959. It stretches 62 feet and points to the North Star. Solar local time is 27.7 minutes behind Mountain Standard Time and the hour markers are adjusted to compensate. The town of Carefree added copper cladding in 1990."

**It is easy to register for GoF West 2013**

Everything can be done online. Check it out!

Go to: [www.GoFWest.com](http://www.GoFWest.com)

Click on: GoF West 2013

Click on: Registration (GoF) or Resort Reservations (Hotel)

**Don't miss the fun!**

# We want to see your Models, Photos and Crafts

What a great chance to show off your special MG related items! Have you put together a model of an MG? Taken some great photos? How about a diorama? Ceramics? Stained glass? Made jewelry? Done a needlework featuring an MG theme? A quilt? There are awards to be given and all of us get to vote. Bring along your favorite items and enter!



If you prefer you can just display them and not have them voted on. So feel free to bring them for just display. Also if you wish, some of these treasures can also be donated for the great auction held during the GoF.

This is an advance notice to start looking around for items to bring, show or donate. Questions?  
Ginny Martin—Kmartin410@cox.net  
Gale McCall – Galemccall@aol.com

## Display Categories and Rules

In both the **Photos** and **Arts and Crafts** categories all items must be (1) MG-related, (2) have been taken by (photos) or made by (arts/crafts) the registrant or a member of the immediate family, and (3) not have been a winner at any previous GoF West. One or more awards shall be given in each of the following categories

### **Photos:**

General Interest – Portrait or scenic, etc.  
Humorous/Action

### **Arts and Crafts:**

Sewn Goods – Needlework, apparel, etc.  
Crafts – Painting, sketching, sculpture, carving, casting, ceramic, jewelry, stained glass, etc.

### **Models:**

Best Single Model – Factory-or entrant-assembled MG  
Best MG Model Display – three to ten models entered as a group  
Best Scene – Diorama

### **MG Collections :**

This may be any collection of MG related items that are not considered to be qualified for any of the above categories. Examples include collections of sales literature or brochures, jacket patches, pins, cigarette cards, memorabilia, etc.

You will be dropping off your photos, models, arts/crafts, and collections on Monday, October 28 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. where we will log your entries and arrange them by categories. Then at specified times on Tuesday, October 29 through noon on Thursday, October 31, GoF West 2013 participants will be able to peruse all the items at their leisure and vote for their favorites. Voting will end on Thursday at noon.

***We can't wait to see what you'll bring to GoF West 2013 in Carefree.***

# Carefree Registration:

Visit the website at: [www.GoFWest.org](http://www.GoFWest.org) (preferred)  
By mail: Use registration form below (alternate)



## GoF WEST 2013 Registration Form Carefree, Arizona October 28-November 1, 2013

Regist. #

Registration Fee:  
Check payable to GoF West 2013  
\$50 USD before July 1, 2013  
\$60 USD after July 1, 2013  
In Spirit \$25  
Cancellations after July 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: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously attended a GoF WEST? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has the car previously attended a GoF WEST? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Bringing a Trailer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Car: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: Check \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Three Digit Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Hotel Information:

Carefree Resort & Conference Center  
37220 Mule Train Road Carefree, AZ 85377

Hotel Phone: (480) 488-5300

Online Link to hotel registration: [www.GoFWEST.org](http://www.GoFWEST.org)

Please refer to GoF West 2013 to get these rates.

Resort queen, double queen, king: \$142

Plus applicable taxes and fees. Resort fees waived at checkout.

Includes up to two \$5.00 off Breakfast Buffet coupons per paid resort room.

### Send form to:

Ken & Ginny Martin  
4846 E. Indianola Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85018  
602-840-3554

**In October 2013 the Arizona MG 'T' Roadrunners hope  
to see YOU "care free" in Carefree, Arizona.**

# MG CLUB MEMBERS: The Next-Next Generation

By: Doug Pelton

It has been noteworthy that many of our MG Clubs are now celebrating 40 and 50 year anniversaries. These clubs were the offspring of many young rascals back in the 50's and 60's who owned MGs. They had boundless enthusiasm for the MG Marque and demonstrated such with meetings, rallies, races, picnics, funkhana, and many other events. That group of young enthusiasts is now 60 or older. To this day they remain the bedrock of our current membership.

As I have attended various club functions over the past few years it has become painfully obvious that our club membership is at risk. Just look for yourself and ask, "In 5 years, how many attending today will not be here?" We are starting to see more emails with subject: "Sad News". There is also that quiet whisper amongst members acknowledging, that time is taking its toll and the strength of the club future is unknown. We can sit back and resign ourselves to reality or we can re-assess and rebuild the enthusiasm. I suggest the latter and offer a solution.

**The Next Generation:** The next generation is those folks aged 30 to 60. Although I would hope that this was the next generation of MG enthusiasts, I consider this generation the lost generation. When they were youngsters, the rage was horsepower and speed and today tout the muscle cars "they grew up with". This is the key phrase: *"They grew up with."*

**The Next-Next Generation:** This generation is today's teenagers. This generation is important because most of our adult interests and values are based our youth experiences. Repeatedly, I hear that someone owns a car because it was their dad's and they remember it as a kid. I first saw my car, TC7670, as a kid when it was owned by my cousin and freshly repainted. This was a memorable event and I was proud to become the next owner.

*So, what can we do as a club to rebuild our membership base?*

**Club Leadership:** The senior leadership and event planners should consider and re-focus on today's youths: our grandchildren and friends of our grandchildren. At a minimum, each club member should be encouraged to bring a "junior member" to each event. This should be a standing rule. If there is a club event, maybe even offer an equivalent junior event for those less than 20 years old. Each club should plan their annual calendar to support the junior membership. Any event chairperson should have a junior assistant (mandatory!) Involve the youth in planning, they will bring their friends.

**Club Members:** You are the mentors. Please involve at every opportunity the participation of our junior members. Don't change the oil without some "junior assistance" even if it is the neighbor kid. Take the time to tell stories about your car when you were a kid. Teach the next-next generation about how to care for, maintain, and enjoy.

**Junior Member Achievement:** Our junior members need to be rewarded. Many clubs have a point system for end of year awards. When was the last time you remember someone under 20 getting an MG achievement award? Me neither. Clubs should set up a tiered awards program for the juniors and identify the different levels. Then outline basic point programs to achieve these awards and finally assign a "Mentor" to each "Junior" to monitor and assist. Example levels: MG apprentice, Shade Tree Mechanic, MG Master Mechanic. Would it not be great fun for a Junior to set up a rally that required at least 1 junior member in each car in order to qualify for as a winner? And then the Junior organizer gets awarded with the title of "Rally Master" for his achievement?

**Junior Liaison:** In order to tie all of the above together I would suggest that each club establish a dedicated position to oversee and implement the concept of Junior membership. This individual would be solely responsible for the coordination of Junior membership events, mentorship, publicity and recognition programs. I cannot overstate the importance of a central figure to bridge the gap between the senior and junior members and institutionalize a local junior membership program.

**Overall,** the main concern is who will be tomorrow's members of our clubs and just as important, who will be the leaders. As today Generals were yesterday's "Boy Scouts", tomorrow's MG Club President can be one of today's *"Next-Next Generation"*.

**THE NEXT-NEXT GENERATION:**

**I HAD LOTS OF FUN LEARNING ABOUT MG'S FROM MY GRANDPA AND TAKING A RIDE WITH MY NANA**

**BY: REAGAN KRAFT, GAZETTE CUB REPORTER**



Install bonnet handles



Check The Air



Check the gas

My Grandpa took my brother and I on a really cool MG car ride. There were two cars, one red and one green. Me and my brother Brady made the hood or the "bonnet" as they call it in England. We used nuts, screws and washers. Next, we serviced the red car. We checked the air, the oil, the gas, and the water. We took some pictures in the process. Finally, we got to ride in the cars. I rode in the green car while my Nana drove. We drove around a big loop around a neighborhood nearby. When we got back, the tires were smoking because my nana had the brakes on the whole way! It was funny. I had lots of fun learning about MG's from my Grandpa and taking a ride with my Nana.

by: Reagan Kraft  
age 9

Feb. 16th, 2013



Doug & Carol Pelton and Reagan & Brady

# MMM MGs to Shine in Carefree, Arizona

The North American MMM Register is joining with GoF West to celebrate our 2013 Western National Meet. We live in a very large country so in order for our membership to have a National Meet we have to have two a year. Our Eastern National Meet is going to be held in Put-in-Bay, Ohio in late August. Our Register was created several years ago by Jerry Keuper to provide a means of communication among owners of MMM MG cars in North America.



"MMM" refers to Midget, Magna, Magnette, the overhead cam MGs produced from 1929 to 1936. Currently some 230 members participate in the Register (including several "Friends" who do not presently own a MMM car but have an abiding interest therein.) The members own a total of 250+ cars encompassing 22 different models.

NAMMMR is an affiliated club of MG Car Club Limited of Abingdon, England and is closely related to The Triple-M-Register in the UK. The MG Car Club of England is one of the largest and longest established one-make clubs in the world.

Midget, Magna, and Magnette - three little words that describe MG in its most exciting and formative years, from the 1928 London Motor show which saw the launch of the first M type Midget, to 1936 when the last overhead cam car came out of the Works. These were the Cecil Kimber years...golden years for automobilia and MG in particular. Kimber was in his prime, an innovative, feisty task master, and a dogged and enthusiastic proponent of automobile excellence through competition. It is said that the early Midget and its following brethren would scarcely have made quite such an impact without the tremendous boost furnished by MGs racing and record-breaking achievements.

Early successes in the Brooklands 12/12 races propelled MG into the forefront on light car racing in the 30's...the men, women and cars were legendary and the accomplishments were legion. Through the 30's MG won more motoring competitions of all sorts than any other marquee!

Of the 11,500+ MMM cars produced between 1928 and 1936 there is one common thread: the strong, small displacement, single OHC engines that were the heart of these four cylinder Midgets and six cylinder Magnas and Magnettes. They are marked by a unique vertical dynamo/bevel gear cam-drive train and range from 746cc to 1271cc.

Today more than 3000 of these historic MGs are in the hands of enthusiastic MMM Register members worldwide, and as it is the mission of the Register to preserve and foster the use and enjoyment of these historic prewar MGs, the North American MMM Register welcomes you to come see, up close and personal, the only MGs that bear Cecil Kimber's fingerprints!



Jack and his PA at Amelia

The Register's activities during our National event will parallel and join the GoF West activities with quite a bit of tire kicking in the parking lots.

On Tuesday evening we will hold our annual BIBULOUS GILMAUPHRY at the Boulders Resort. This party is a presentation of any MMM awards and the consumption of large amounts of British Ale! We will have a separate class for the MMM cars in the car show on Tuesday.

The best part of any GoF is, of course, the MGs regardless of their vintage, and the camaraderie of the folks who own and drive them.

Come join us in Carefree!

**Jack Kahler**, President, NAMMMR



## Sorry Safari Touring Society San Francisco Bay Area Don Cowgill, SSTS President

The SSTS caters to all MG enthusiasts with members at last count owning 34 MGTs, 9 MGAs, 54 MGBs and a smattering of Midgets, Ys, saloons, etc. We currently have 93 family memberships and meet monthly for a dinner meeting with a typical turnout of 10-20 couples. While our membership is mostly interested in touring events, a few are diehard mechanics, continually tinkering to keep their cars on the road and involved in major restorations.

Our tours range from local few-hour drives (usually including a lunch stop) to more extended 2 day, and longer, drives. We often caravan to extended spots as a group, usually leisurely at an MGTD roadster pace. At our planning meeting this January, members volunteered to organize ten local bay area drives (about one each month) and six overnights: to the Forestiere Gardens (Fresno), to NAMGBR's MG-2013 (Corvallis OR), to our annual Rendezvous with Portland OR's Club T-MG (this year in Silverton OR), to the British Fall Classic (Morgan Hill), to our annual fall Sierra Tour (this year at Murphy's Grape Stomp), and to the GoF (Carefree AZ).

Clearly, we like to drive our little cars and have fun enjoying each other's company. We will also participate in car shows at MGOC's MG's by the Bay in Danville and the Scottish Games in Pleasanton, for a calendar total of 21 events. A schedule of the planned events is at [www.sstsmg.com](http://www.sstsmg.com). We welcome non-member MGs and other small British cars to join our caravans by contacting listed tour leaders.

Photos from a few of last years' local tours.

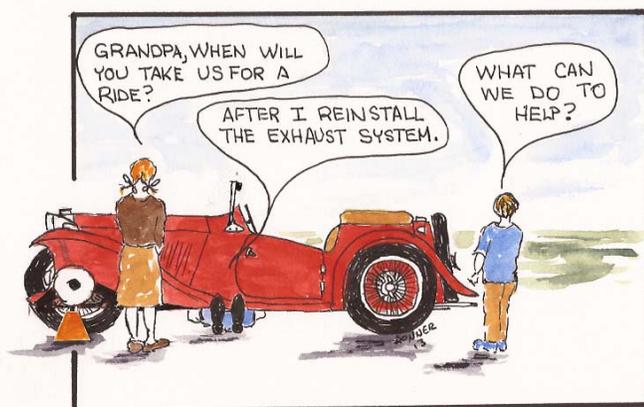
Left: SSTS MGs under the wings of historic planes at the Air Museum at Travis AFT.

Right: SSTS MGs riding 3-abreast on a delta ferryboat.



## THE NEXT-NEXT GENERATION

BY: BRIAN SONNER





# ancestry.club

Do you know the history of your club?

**Club History:** At the present, our history never seems important because it is fresh in our minds. But after time we realize that our history is our heritage. Many of the car clubs of yesterday have gone defunct, many have merged with others clubs. And there are many that continue on with the rich history of the past. Or is it? Does your club have a historian to capture the events of today so they are remembered for tomorrow? Does your club still have charter members who can help chronicle the club's past?

*The Sacramento Valley MG Car Club (SVMGCC) knows exactly how it was started. Here's the story.*

## How the SVMGCC Got Started

By: Paul Lewis

I started work at British Motors of Sacramento in July 1977. I was selling brand new Jaguars, Triumphs and MG's. At that time, the MG car was, to me, simply a transaction. I was a young man in his late twenty's was making a lot of money, just selling MG Sports Cars.

However, all that changed on August 10th 1978. When I actually became an MG owner. I had never owned a new car in my life and this new MG was now my pride and joy.

To get even more enthused about my new purchase, I wrote to the Car Clubs section on the back of my MG Passport to Service document. The handwriting is mine, as I sold this car to myself. The nearest MG Car Club chapter was in the Bay Area. However they did have a local rep that lived in the Sacramento area by the name of Jim Ireland. I telephoned Jim and we got together, we then started on the idea of forming our own MG Club for the Sacramento area.

As I was selling new MG cars at that time, we had a good base too which to start from. At that time, Jim and I met a young lady by the name of Val Howard and a Mr. Paul Kile. From those humble beginnings SVMGCC has evolved into what it is today.

## The SVMGCC Today

By: Lindsey Costigan, Club President

Today our club enjoys 150 numbers, of which, about 117 actively participate in one form or another in club activities.

We have one to four events each month which range from our monthly General Meetings and Natters to our annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet. Our Natters are organized by a different member each month where they pick out a restaurant and make the arrangements, then we gather there to eat and make merry. We also have one day and multiple day runs where a member will pick out a place to visit (ie:a historical site, a coastal destination, or a restaurant in Calistoga) then route a way to get there and back via fun back roads, all in our MG's of course. We try to do very little Freeway driving although it can't be helped at times. Lastly, we have great "get togethers" for pot lucks at members homes for Bingo, Oktoberfest, and Halloween Parties, to name just a few.

We are a very social group that have a lot of fun together and seem to never tire of each others company. I started out not knowing one MG from another 15 years ago to being the current President of the club, going on my second term. I have loved every minute of it.



# GoF West News

## GoF Website:

The GoF West website continues to be improved. [www.GoFWest.org](http://www.GoFWest.org)

GoF West 2013 Carefree:

- Online Video
- Online registration
- Online Hotel registration

Regional Club Info:

Find a club within your area. Over 50 clubs listed in the western region.

Future Events:

- GoF West
- Regional Car Shows
- Other GoF's & National MG Events
- MG Special Events

## GoF West Steering Committee:

The committee will be holding a semi annual meeting on Mar 23. The purpose is to review ongoing planning for future events. If you have any inputs please contact George Kershaw.

2014 GoF West event will be in San Diego, CA. Planning underway.

One of our committee members, Dave Machovec, is under the weather. Dave will be having heart surgery on Mar 20th. All our best to you Dave for a speedy recovery.

## Others GOF's:

GOF South—Ocala, FL April 19-21

GOF Texas—Salado, TX May 9-12

GOF NEMGTR—North Conway, NH Jun 5-9

GOF Central—St. Louis, MO Jun 16-19

GOOF Ontario—Milton, ON May 31– Jun2 (Gathering of ON Faithful)

For information for these and other events visit: [www.GoFWest.org](http://www.GoFWest.org)

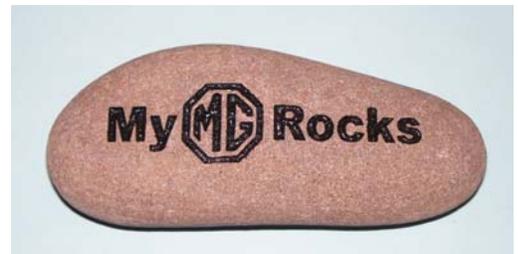
## Contest:

### Your chance to win a Rock!

Identify the location the picture was taken used for the header at: [www.GoFWest.org](http://www.GoFWest.org) (red TC in the mountains)

Send answer to: [editor@gofwest.org](mailto:editor@gofwest.org). Contest ends April 1st. Multiple correct answers will be draw from a hat to determine 1 winner.

Prize is an engraved desktop paperweight made from a river stone. Your chance to own a piece of the rock!



## TC Motoring Guild Honors Joe Douglas

Joe Douglas joined the TCMG in 1959. He has served as Pres, VP, Sec, Treasurer, Wildflower Tour Guide, TC Maintenance Advisor, and the “Keeper of the Key.”

For the past 53 years he has faithfully unlocked the club meeting room door with rare exception.

Joe also still owns his MG TC 7383 which he bought brand new in 1949. He is probably the oldest original MG owner known. He remains active in the club.

Gorden Bundy, TCMG President, presented Joe with a certificate and paid lifetime dues at the last club meeting.

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## MG2013 Is Ready To Roll

By: Jan Whittlesey, Steering Committee

We are up and running: Registration numbers are looking fine. You can see names of registrants on the website under 'attendees'.

If you haven't done so already, please check out the MG-2013 website [mg-2013.com](http://mg-2013.com). Everything you need to know is on the website. Links exist for everything included here.

We know the weather will be perfect. Statistically, the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July is the driest of the year.

If you haven't decided whether to make the trip, consider what will be in store for you ON the way. Pick a route from your house to Oregon. Come in from the south via I-5 if you are in a hurry or enjoy a twisty bits drive up the coast. From the north, north use I-5 or a wander down east or west of I-5.

If you are coming from the east, join other MGers for 'MGs on the Oregon Trail,' with a 6 day guided tour along the Oregon Trail. Books abound for your trip: 'Roadside Geology of Oregon,' 'Roadside History of Oregon,' 'Oregon Geographic Names,' 'Hiking Oregon's Geology,' 'Oregon: Off the Beaten Path,' 'Back Roads of Oregon,' to name just a few. These books are available from Powell's Books in Portland – [powells.com](http://powells.com).

Of course the real treat will be everything we have planned once you arrive in Corvallis. We have some terrific car activities:

**Car show:** check out the live web cam of the quad on the OSU campus <http://webcam.oregonstate.edu/>

**Tech sessions:** Thursday and Friday, with topics ranging from car preparation for hill climbs to a discussion with NAMGBR leaders to ideas for club activities to prepping your car for a show. (Specifics on the website)

**Tours:** guided and unguided - magnificent covered bridges in the valley or lighthouses on the coast. Trips to the high desert, or into the Cascade or coastal range. Visits to vineyards and wineries or stop and see the "Spruce Goose." Plus many other expeditions - all with maps and directions provided;

**Funkhana:** Try your driving and navigational skills;

**Rallye:** And yet another opportunity to test those skills;

**Valve Cover Races** (note to self: decide on paint and graphics for valve cover.)

Four days of car events not to your liking? One of the following will fit the bill!

**Botanical walk:** Through the campus with a Master Gardener;

**Ladies Tea:** Complete with homemade goodies;

**Baseball Game:** Our very own Corvallis Knights will be in town;

**Craft and Photography Show:** Now is the time to peruse all of the photographs of your car!

**Model Competition:** From single subjects to complete dioramas, you make the call!

**Downtown Corvallis:** Shopping, dining, and micro-brew and wine tasting abound. (A great town for just poking around!) Look for our town sponsors for special savings!

**AND don't forget da Vinci Days:** happening within a stone's throw of the campus. ([davincidays.org](http://davincidays.org)) Billed as a 'Weekend of Creativity and Exploration. Just outside the campus is filled with films, music, art, science and technology. So many activities to choose from! AND all in a gorgeous setting of the mid-Willamette Valley.

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# **THE "NEXT" GENERATION HAVING FUN**

*Bill Tantau and the kids!*



# **THE "OLDER" GENERATION HAVING FUN**

*Bud & Ann Silvers w/ newly restored TC  
Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day Parade 2013*

