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**Santa Maria,
here we come
for MG fun!
July 10-14**

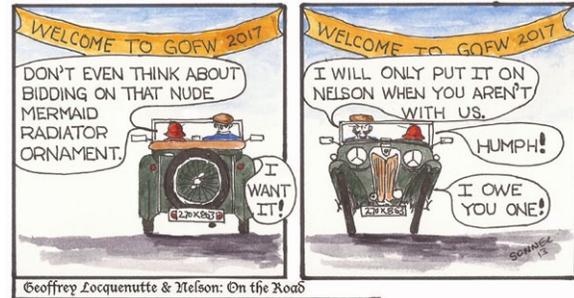
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What is GoF West?

GoF stands for Gathering of the Faithful and we pronounce it Gee Oh Eff. The idea of gathering vintage MG owners together from a broad area for MG fun 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 43 years now. While it started as a T-Type and older event, all MGs through the B's have been included for several years now. Our 44th annual event will be in Santa Maria, California in 2017 and 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 car display but here are a few teasers on some other activities.



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road



One of several tech sessions

Want a K3 as Your Every Day Driver?

Experience the enjoyment of a preselector gearbox, crank-driven supercharger power, and the feel of a pre-war race car. I think most MG faithful would jump at the chance. But there are some real challenges.

Firstly, you'd have to find an owner willing to part with one and then, come up with \$600 to \$750k to pay for it. Even then, running around town, Safeway & Starbucks etc, in a car at that price is not for the feint of heart.

An alternative? Build a period-appropriate T-based Special along the lines of a Le Man's winning, 1934 boat-tailed K3. Yes, it's not a true K3, but the feel is simply amazing and the car is an absolute joy to drive

No, it's really not that difficult. There are some easy ways to get the job done, and avoid some costly mistakes.. Join me at the Tech Session, and I'll share my own experience breathing life back into BNR 547.

Robert Ford - I've been an avid MG fan since my late teens, when I bought my first MG. A 1957 ZB Magnette. That was followed by several MGA's, which I raced, rallied, restored etc. Currently own TC9851/EXU (which I rebuilt around five years ago, and which has won best in class awards at GOF) and my TA-based special BNR 547. I've begun work on my next project which I hope to have completed by this GOF West.

Our Auction

Thank you Brian Sonner for the great cartoons



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Car Display

And it is not a concourse, but a chance to view both show and driver MGs as well as meet some proud owners.



The ladies have asked that Bunco be brought back to GoF West just for entertainment. We have a great area set aside for the game which is in the bar area before it opens up to the public. Comfy seating, cosy atmosphere and of course eager participants will make for a very fun time.

However, our chairperson stepped down so we are looking for someone to take the lead and continue on. The room is reserved so just need an organizer. If you willing to help, please contact us.

Joyce or David Edgar -
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Funkhana



Between the seriousness of some competitors and the silliness of others, it can be hilarious for spectators.



The Sorry Safari Touring Society, a Bay Area MG club has volunteered to produce this years Funkhana.

The theme this year will be the **Wide World of Sports**. You may remember the ABC TV show an "Anthology of American Sports" that aired from 1961-1968.

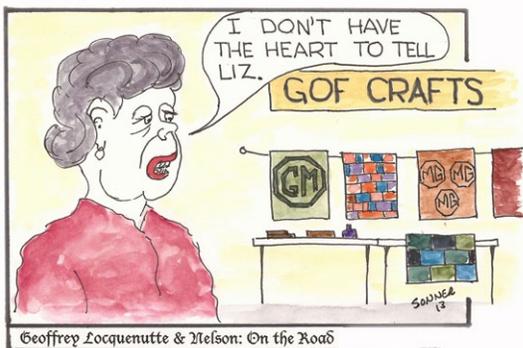
Our version will consist of five or six events, some new ideas and some old tricks. We are organizing a committees to help make the props and work out all the other details. Our club has had lots of experience with competing

in funkhanas and winning our fair share. This time we will be the ones with the stop watches and clipboards. So ready those MGs and be prepared for the thrill of victory... and the agony of defeat. We hope to see you all there at the GOF in Santa Maria this summer.

Event Coordinator, Ben Lenci



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Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

Plan Now for Arts & Crafts, Photos & Model Competitions

by Rick Pullen

A slightly revised list of categories for Arts & Crafts, Photos, Models and Collections competition in an attempt to accommodate MG limited space will be featured at the 2017 GoF West in Santa Maria.

Arts & Crafts categories will remain the same with **Art**, **Sewn Goods** and **Crafts**. However, **Models** has dropped the diorama category given that design and creation of such requires multiple items and such simply don't fit into most MGs when they are driven great distances. The categories have been reduced to **Single Model** and **Model Display**.

Photos, too, has been adapted to encourage more entries. Added will be a "**Snap Shot**" category, which will feature 3x5 and 4x6 photos. Larger photos must be entered into either **General Interest** or **Humorous** categories. Given that many MG enthusiasts take pictures of club events and activities, it is hoped that many entries will be featured.

Finally, the **MG collections** will continue as is. This category features collections of all kinds, including easy to transport pins, patches, cards, stamps, etc., all easily carried in small areas of the MG. Of course, larger items are always welcome.

All entries will be displayed in the Hospitality Room, which not only increases opportunities to view the displays but also vote for your favorites. Last year's competition

featured quality entries, and as a result, voting was at an all-time high.

Organizers look forward to a "record" number of entries this year. Plan now for the entry you want to feature.



We are excited to be putting on this wonderful GoF West 2017 and we certainly do hope you will join us in Santa Maria, California come July 10-14



There will be loads of fun for those who are participating at GoF West 2017 as we meet up once more with MGs from all over the west (some from farther away too). We have volunteers from multiple MG clubs helping to make the 44th GoF West to be one of the best ever. Expect this GoF to be a blending of tradition with change.

Santa Maria is situated in a lovely area with sea breezes to help cool it off. The average weather for the area at that time of year is highs of 72° to 73° with a low of 54°...how is that for perfect MG weather??? There is an abundance of GREAT MG roads to travel, lots of local history, and the Radisson Hotel is a wonderful venue to meet and share our common MG interest. We don't want to "waste" Monday, so there will be a guided TOUR of the local area in the afternoon along with self-guided tour route sheets to see the local sights. Our Santa Maria expert Jim Bull promises there is so much to see without going on the same roads that he uses for the rallye... Perfect weather and perfect roads, save the dates now.

WELCOMING PARTY - to be held on Monday evening to start us off. The main focus will be to welcome everyone, especially the First Timers. Their cars will be on display as we enjoy a tasty Santa Maria BBQ dinner. Please plan to be there as we will go over the week's activities as well.

CAR DISPLAY - Tuesday morning. We will have the usual display of all the MGs with voting, but our twist is to insure volunteer and participant comfort. The display will be in the hotel auxiliary parking lot, so close enough to walk back and forth from hotel facilities. We will be providing shaded areas to sit and visit, water and music. We will sell high resolution digital images of your car on a flash drive, which you can use to have posters or smaller photos printed.

RALLYE - Wednesday morning. We encourage you to go on the route just to see the lovely surrounding area, and do hope you will find at least some of the answers to the posed questions. But answering the questions is not a requirement (unless you want to place in the competition), but we will welcome creative answers too. We just want you to have fun (and stay married if that applies). And if you are doing the Moss Motoring Challenge, this will be a perfect time to gather some of the photos to use for that.

FUNKHANA - Thursday morning. We know that this is not everyone's forte, so if you just want to have fun and drive the course without any blindfolds, spilling water, or leaning out of the side of your MG, then please do so. Just have fun and let the rest of us enjoy watching MGs in motion. But if you are out to get an award then, be prepared as the Sorry Safari Touring Society is in charge of this and will put you to the TEST.



AUCTION – Wednesday evening. As many of you know, the people donating and purchasing auction items provides the funds to keep the GoF West events going. The first “auction item” for 2017 was the #1 registration auctioned off in Redmond at GoF West 2016. We thank Robert Ford for his generous winning bid of \$300 for the privilege of being #1. The Sorry Safari Touring Society has come up with a dynamic auctioneer with a fantastic voice and sense of humor. He married into an MG family and is looking forward to making the auction night fun and profitable. We will be putting photos of the items being auctioned on a large screen so everyone can see them better. We could sure use some help with the collection and organization of the Auction. Please give us a call (or email) if you are willing to help.

DINNERS – We will have auction and award dinners at the hotel. Their food is great and the price will be \$45 each (or \$23 for children 11 and under). Our twist for 2017 is to allow you to reserve a table of 10 (all meals will need to be paid for before the table assignment is made). So if it is important for you to be with specific people, plan ahead.

TECH SESSIONS - As mentioned earlier, Robert Ford will explain how to fashion up a 1934 MG K3 replica. We also have an British (yes, born in the UK) mechanic with many, many, years of experience of keeping our MGs (and other British autos) going with some very creative solutions. Moss Motors will have an interesting session focused on the more “Modern Vintage MG’s”. For the ladies we have a jewelry making session (we have to have at least fifteen people interested in this though to hold it), plus a session on repurposing T-shirts. No sewing skill required, so don’t miss it.

OTHER ACTIVITIES, include the Monday guided tour and individual Route Sheets for self-guided touring [thank you to GoF West 2015 for the idea], the Arts & Crafts & Photos displays, Carless Funkhana and Bunco. We are still investigating other activities. Please let us know if you have ideas and the talent to make it work.

Contact your co-chairs, David & Joyce Edgar at GoFWest2017@gmail.com or 619-593-8255

David & Joyce



Santa Maria Radisson



**Waller Park Lakeside Terrace,
site of the Welcoming Party**

Special Note Regarding Lodging in Santa Maria

We encourage you to make your reservations direct with the hotel requesting the "GoF West Group" rate. The special rate is \$125+ tax and fees. We are guaranteed this will be the lowest rate offered through any travel industry website through June 24th. After June 24th, any rooms available will be charged at the prevailing rate, so be sure to make your reservations early.

The more rooms that the event participants use, the less we are charged for the various hotel facilities we are using, thus helping to keep registration fees low.

Thank You

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The Co-Chairs for GoF West 2017 are David and Joyce Edgar, members of the TC Motoring Guild. Please let us know if you can help and we will find a place for you. Just let us know your wishes or limitations.

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Thank You to these volunteers who are helping make GoF West 2017 fun. Some are doing lots of pre-event work, some taking on larger rolls at the event and some helping out in smaller tasks (but still valuable help). As we get closer, we can always use more help with various things so, please contact us and we will gladly find a spot for you an to your liking in whatever you would like to do, so everyone has FUN.

Lots of hands make for lighter work.



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GoF WEST 2017 Registration Form Santa Maria, California July 10-14, 2017

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Registration Fee:
\$45 US before March 1, 2017
\$55 US after February 28, 2017
In-Sprit \$25

Save \$10
and register ASAP

Cancellations before March 1st will revert to In-Spirit Registration, with the balance refunded. Due to advanced planning requirements, no refunds will be given after February 28th.

Names — as you want them on your name tag and the event guide

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Co-driver _____ First Name _____

Children, under 12, (or dependents) who will be attending with you: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Country _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Primary Club Affiliation (if any) _____

Other Club Affiliations (if any) _____

Have attended _____ GoF Wests or this is my First GoF West

Bringing

MG: Year _____ Model _____ Color _____ more than one MG (list others on back)

Will you be bringing a trailer? Yes No

Will you be staying at the Radisson? Yes No

Method of Payment: Cash PayPal Check

send to
gofwest2017@gmail.com

Make checks payable
to GoF West 2017

Hotel Information:

Radisson Santa Maria
3455 Skyway Drive
Santa Maria, CA 93455
Phone - 805-928-8000

"GoF West Group" rate of \$125 plus tax and fees

To get group rate, reserve by June 24, 2017.

Reservations must be guaranteed with credit or debit card.

Send registration to:

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El Cajon, CA 92020

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To register on-line, please visit our web site at www.GoFWest.org

Email questions to gofwest2017@gmail.com or call 619-593-8255 (leave message)

Looking ahead at Gof West 2018



We're happy to announce that GoF West 2018 will be held at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Stateline, NV (South Lake Tahoe) from Sept. 10-15, 2018. We have reserved 100 rooms at \$99 per room - an outstanding rate. However the hotel has extended this rate for the weekend prior and after the event for those that wish to further explore all that the Lake Tahoe area has to offer. The car show, Funkhana, flea market, and rally (start/end) will be on the property in a 5 acre parking lot to the rear of the hotel. We're also in the initial stages of planning a valve cover race (more to follow on that). There will ample space for trailers and Rvs in the parking lot.

September at Lake Tahoe can be one of the best times of year to visit the area. Schools are in session so crowds are down, fall foliage is starting, boating and swimming are still going on, and September offers warm days and cool nights. The chairmen are planning outings to the Vikingholm Mansion on Emerald Bay, a private boat tour (can hold up to 24 passengers at a time) of the south lake and Emerald Bay, a picnic to Sand Harbor and a stop at the Thunderbird Castle, a visit to Wally's Hot Springs, a guided tour of Virginia City via an 1880s train departing from Carson City and a special visitor to our awards banquet in the form of a gentlemen by the name of Samuel Clemens (aka Mark Twain). We expect other surprises to be announced as we move closer to the event date.

The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino has 454 rooms, 4 restaurants, an outdoor pool, indoor gym and lots of meetings space. The hotel has recently undergone a 60 Million Dollar renovation and all rooms have modern flat screen TVs, new furniture, Wi-Fi, and other resort-like amenities. There are opportunities within walking distance from the hotel to play golf, walk on the shores of Lake Tahoe, or take the gondola up to the top of Heavenly Valley for a million dollar view of the High Sierras.

So please pencil in these dates as we expect this GoF West to be one of most memorable car shows in the recent past. Hold your reservations just yet as we will provide further information on how to do that in future editions of the Gazette.



Co-Hosts, Tom Doyle and Andy Killian



Reno British Car Club Support

Future GoF West Events

If planning for GoF West 2017 is not enough we are always looking well ahead as putting together an event like this does take time. Plans for 2018 are shaping up nicely as you can read above. But we would like be thinking about 2019 as well. If you have a location idea or even a specific location, we would love to hear from you or your club. We do like to move around the western states (even Canada) so don't be afraid.

Contact our current GoF West Steering Committee chair with your ideas. Larry Long: emgeeguy@aol.com or 805-868-8169



Larry Long

Nevada

Utah

Washington

Redwoods

???

Idaho

ARIZONA

Canada

Clubs represented at GoF West 2017 as of press date:

Abingdon Rough Riders
 Arizona MG "T" Roadrunners
 Arizona MG Club
 MG Club of South Australia
 MG Owners of No. Calif
 MG Car Club
 Paradise British Car Club
 Reno British Car Club
 Sorry Safari Touring Society
 TC Motoring Guild
 Vancouver Pre 56 UnClub
 Vintage MG of So. Calif.
 New England MG T Register
 NAMGAR
 NAMGBR
 Mile High British

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Share this with you club members if you have not done so already. Send to your webmaster, newsletter editor, keeper of your club email list, bring to a meeting or whatever. Please just spread the word in whatever way you feel comfortable with. We appreciate it.

More info at GoFWest.org
 or write to GoFWest2017@gmail.com

Does your club
 get a say?

GoF West Advisory Council

Each year at our GoF West events, we hold a meeting with representatives of all participating clubs to discuss, how we can make GoF West better for participants as well as clubs. We truly want to hear what you have to say, good or bad. We also talk about future GoF West locations and a number of other things. It roughly is an hour long and while everyone is invited, only the designated club representative can vote. Please decide on who will represent your club (your choice) and impress upon them that they should attend this meeting. To be held Thursday afternoon.

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Other Major MG Events in 2017

We REALLY want you to be at our GoF West 2017 event, but in the interest of sharing information, we list other major MG events of interest.

NAMGAR - June 19-23, 2017 - Solvang

NAMGBR - June 25-28, 2017 - San Diego

NAMMMR - July 11-15, 2017 - Akron, Ohio

REGISTRATION NOTE: Confirmations of registrations go out by email if an email address is listed. If you've registered but not received a confirmation of the registration with a registration number, please contact Joyce Edgar, email preferred. GoFWest2017@gmail.com or 619-593-8255

In addition to each entrant having a chance at winning awards, your club has a chance of winning an award as well. Start talking about these awards with your club members and plan your strategy to win.

Club Awards



Monterey Cup

To the club with the highest number of members in attendance at the GoF Event

2016 Vintage MG
 2015 Sorry Safari
 2014 Vintage MG
 2013 Vintage MG



San Diego Cup

To the club with the highest percentage of their members at the GoF West (so smaller clubs have a chance at this)

2016 Sorry Safari
 2015 Sorry Safari
 2014 San Diego MGT Reg.
 2013 Arizona MGT Roadrunners



Santa Barbara Cup

To the club that racks up the highest number of combined miles driven in MGs to the GoF Event

2016 Vintage MG
 2015 Vancouver Pre 56 MG
 2014 Vintage MG
 2013 Vintage MG