

GoF West Gazette

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Help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of famous Route 66 which passes right through Flagstaff. In fact our DoubleTree venue address is 1175 W Route 66, just 7 miles from photo above. You would be welcome to get a photo with your MG at this locaton as it is in the Visitor's Center.



Not in Flagstaff but elsewhere along Route 66 in Kingman and Hackberry, Arizona



Welcoming GOF West to the Mother Road

This edition celebrates our upcoming 2026 event in Flagstaff, Arizona, where we'll honor Route 66's centennial alongside our beloved tradition of bringing together MG enthusiasts across Western North America.

I'm excited to share how this historic milestone - 100 years of America's Mother Road - perfectly aligns with our own 50+ year legacy of MG fellowship. The Route 66 theme promises to deliver something truly special: a rally that challenges your wit while celebrating automotive heritage, plus a car display showcasing the finest examples of MG's through the decades.

Our dedicated committee continues working tirelessly to preserve this gathering that has connected passionate MG owners for over five decades. From technical sessions to social events, we're crafting an experience that honors both British automotive excellence and American highway history.

Don't delay, make your plans to attend today! Registration costs increase on 3/31, and the last day to book hotel rooms with our group rate is 4/11.

This centennial celebration will remind us why we've kept this tradition alive - the shared passion for these remarkable machines and the friendships forged along the way.

See you on the Mother Road!



H Garcia

H. Garcia
Steering Committee Chair
and GOF West 2026 Event Chair

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**Gathering of
the Faithful**

**"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 over 50 years now. We hope you join your fellow MG enthusiast for lots of fun. We have over 80 registrations from about 30 clubs represented so far.

In addition to a car display there are arts & crafts sessions, tech sessions, a fun rallye, a crazy funkhana, dinners, and many places nearby for sightseeing.



Rough layout of GoF West schedule

Will fine tune it as event approaches

Monday, March 11, 2026

- 2:00pm - 4:00pm Registration
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm Hospitality
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm **First Timer Car Display & Welcome Orientation**
Arts, Crafts, & Photos drop off entries

Tuesday, March 12, 2026

- 10:00am - Noon Car Display
- Noon - 2:00pm Hospitality Room Open
- Noon - 2:00pm Arts & Crafts Display open
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm **Tech Session**
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm **Hospitality Room Open**
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm **Arts & Crafts Display**
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm **Social Event TBD**

Wednesday, March 13, 2026

- 10:00am - Noon Funkhanna
- Noon - 2:00pm Hospitality Room Open
- Noon - 2:00pm Arts & Crafts Display open
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm **Tech Session**
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm **Hospitality Room Open**
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm **Arts & Crafts Display**
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm **Auction Dinner**

Thursday, March 14, 2026

- 8:00am - Noon **Rallye**
- Noon - 2:00pm Hospitality Room Open
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm **Advisory Committee Meeting** [EACH Club should send a representative]
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm **Steering Committee** [all are invited to observe]
Arts, Crafts, & Photos **Owner's pick-up of entries time**
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm **Awards Banquet**

Friday, March 15, 2023

- 8:00am - 10:00am **Winner's Circle** - 1st place winners in each class are invited to show



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: Gof West 2013 Craft Show



Geoffrey Locquenutte & Nelson: On the Road

Hotel Venue for GoF West DoubleTree by Hilton 1175 W Route 66 Flagstaff, Arizona

Call the hotel directly at 928-773-8888 or use this [HOT LINK](#) to make your reservation. Use "GoF West 2026" as the group name to get the special rate of \$169 plus tax and fees.

To get the group rate, reserve before allowed rooms are sold out. **All rooms must be booked by 4/11/26.** The hotel requires reserving rooms through them directly to help us with tracking.



Off Historic Route 66, our hotel is close to Riordan Mansion State Historic Park. We are near Northern Arizona University, 10 miles from Arizona Snowbowl, and within an hour and a half of Grand Canyon National Park. We offer a seasonal outdoor pool, whirlpool spa, and fitness center.





GoF West 2026 Registration

Event Dates: May 11-15, 2026

~~\$60 USD thru Dec 31, 2025~~

\$75 USD Jan 1st - Mar 31st

\$100 USD after Apr 1st

Time is running out

*A registration is for two people and up to two MGs. Additional MGs & adults beyond two will need a new registration.

In-Spirit \$30 USD (In-Spirit Registrants will receive a patch, pin, dash plaque, and event guide.)
Cancellations will revert to "In-Spirit". If the request to cancel your registration is received by March 31st, 2026, you will receive a refund less the \$30. If the request to cancel is received at GOFWESTINC@gmail.com after March 31st, 2026, no refund will be given.

<i>List names as you want them on your name tag and the event guide</i>	
Driver's Last Name _____	Driver's First Name _____
Co-Driver's Last Name _____	Co-Driver's First Name _____
Names (and ages) of any children or dependents who will be attending with you: _____	
Address _____	
City _____	State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Country _____	Phone#1 _____ Phone#2 _____
Email _____	Note: Registration confirmation will be sent via email.
Primary Club Affiliation (if any) _____	
Other Club(s) Affiliation (if any) _____	
Have attended (# of) _____ GoF West events in the past. / Is this your first time attending a GoF West? (check box) <input type="checkbox"/>	
First MG you are bringing*: Year _____ Model _____ Color _____	
Second MG you are bringing*: Year _____ Model _____ Color _____	
*Please notify us as soon as possible if you later plan to show a different MG(s), so we can plan out the car display and have adequate class awards.	
If your MG has major modifications from stock, please check here and list changes. Ex. Non-MG engine or exterior resembling a different model. <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
Will you participate in the Arts/Crafts display? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Will you participate in the Rally? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will you participate in the Flea market? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Will you participate in the Funkhana? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will you participate in the Car Display? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Will you stay at the Doubletree (Host hotel)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Send completed Registration form to: EMAIL: GOFWESTINC@GMAIL.COM Or mail USPS: GoF West 2026 1454 CHASE TER EL CAJON, CA 92020-8368 Checks should be made out to GOF West. Once your registration and payment have been received, you will get an email confirmation with your registration number. Zelle payments to: gofwestinc@gmail.com PayPal payments to: gofwestinc@gmail.com	Hotel Information- Doubletree by Hilton, Flagstaff 1175 W Rte 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 Phone: 928-773-8888 Call the hotel directly or use this link https://group.doubletree.com/gbgw1p to make your reservation. Use "GoF West 2026" as the group name to get the special rate of \$169 plus tax and fees. To get the group rate, reserve before allowed rooms are sold out. All rooms must be booked by 4/11/26. The hotel requires reserving rooms through them directly to help us with tracking.

Information will be posted on the www.GoFWest.org website as available

Form date: 08/12/25

Any questions, contact H Garcia (Chair) at hcg1977@gmail.com or 480-540-8302

Registration is not complete until registration fee is paid (see above).

Or register on line at:
<https://site.gofwest.org/index.php/gof-2026-registration>

Car Display



The car display will showcase the finest MG examples, celebrating British automotive craftsmanship and. This judged exhibition highlights restoration excellence.

Competition Classes

Traditional judging categories including T-Series, MGA, MGB, Midget, and other MG models. Vehicles will be voted on by other participants. Exact classes all depend on how many of each model MG pre-register and actually show up. Usually need at least 3 to constitute a class. Large groups may have more awards in the class such as maybe including Honorable Mentions.

Tech Sessions

Expert-led workshops covering different MG and classic car specific topics. Exact topics still being finalized but come and participate. Maybe you have found little tricks that could help others too.



Social Gatherings



Various social gatherings will happen throughout our event. The Welcome Orientation on Monday is one and where you will hear more details happening during our event. Come early to the auction and award banquets to visit with your fellow MG owners beforehand. And the Hospitality area likewise gives you a chance meet up with others in addition to just informal gatherings in the lobby area

Rallye

Puzzle-Solving Adventure on the Mother Road

Get ready for a brain-teasing automotive adventure that combines classic MG driving with Route 66 trivia, navigation puzzles, and observation challenges. This rallye transforms Flagstaff's historic highway corridor into an interactive game board celebrating the Mother Road's 100th anniversary.

Route 66 Trivia

Questions test knowledge of Mother Road history.

What Makes It Special? Find answers along rallye route!



How the Rallye Works

Observation Challenges

Count vintage signs, spot specific architectural details, or identify period automobiles along the route. Questions might include "How many original Burma-Shave signs remain visible?" or "What year appears on the Wigwam Motel's cornerstone?"



Note that images here may or may not be in Arizona nor on our rallye route.



Funkhana

The theme of our funkhana is "Hit the Mother Road." Whether you're a seasoned Funkhana fan or trying it for the first time, this is your chance to enjoy your MG in a whole new way while joining fellow enthusiasts for one of the most memorable events of the week. Come be part of the fun and help us honor a century of open-road adventure.

Most maneuvers in a funkhana are fun, slow tests of your abilities in and out of the MG. Watching is always fun so cheer on your friends as they test their skills.



Please share this GoF West Gazette

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

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

Photography, Arts & Crafts, Models and Collections

There will be several classes for the Arts & Crafts, so everyone should be dusting off their crafty side to make items to enter. In the Photography category, there will be "Best General Interest" - Portrait or Scenic, MG related. For the Arts & Crafts category, "Best Sewn Goods" - Apparel, Macramé, Needlework, etc. MG Related and "Best Craft Item" - painting, sketching, carving, ceramic, jewelry, etc. MG related. Under the Models category, "Best Single MG Model" - assembled kit or hand-built; "Best MG Model Display"-3 to 10 models entered as a group; and "Best MG Model Diorama". Finally the Collections category - "Best MG Collection" - jacket patches, brochures, sales literature, cigarette cards, memorabilia, etc. Please let us know if you will be participating.



GoF West 2026 Meal Ordering

*Please join your
MG friends for
these meals*

Auction Dinner Buffet Wed, May 13th

Grilled chicken with bell peppers, onions, warm flour tortillas, Santa Fe rice, refried beans, tortilla chips, mixed cheese, homemade salsa, shredded cabbage & sour cream. Dessert, and coffee or iced tea \$65/meal

Awards Dinner Thur, May 14th

Pan seared chicken breast, choice of sauce, served with garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable, salad, bread rolls, dessert, and coffee or iced tea. \$70/meal

Note discount on order form if ordering both Auction and Awards Dinners

**See order forms for both dinners
and regalia on next two pages**

GoF West 2026 Regalia



Note that if paying and ordering is done via USPS, allow time for it to be delivered by April 20th (not just mailed by then).



GoF West 2026 Meal and Regalia Order Sheet

Name: _____

Registration# _____

Garment Washed 100% Cotton Twill Baseball Cap in Grey - (GOF West 2026 Logo embroidered on Front)



Qty _____ @ \$25.00 = _____

T-Shirt Men's Sport Grey (full color event logo on left side of chest)

Size S-XXL Size _____ Qty _____ @ \$25.00 = _____



SIZE LABEL	LENGTH	WIDTH	SLEEVE LENGTH
S	28	18	16 3/4
M	29	20	17 3/8
L	30	22	19 1/8
XL	31	24	20 3/8
2XL	32	26	21 3/8

Women's Basic Softstyle Tee Sport Grey - Ladies (full color event logo on left side of chest)

Size S-XXL Size Requested _____ Qty _____ @
\$25.00 = _____



SIZE LABEL	LENGTH	WIDTH
S	25 1/2	17
M	26	19
L	27	21
XL	28	23
2XL	28 1/2	25

Trailer Parking - Will you require trailer parking during GOF West 2026.

Yes: _____ No: _____

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Yes _____ No _____



GoF West 2026 Meal Order Sheet

***You can save \$5.00 if you purchase both the Auction Dinner and Awards Dinner Buffet Combo.**

Wednesday, May 13th Auction Dinner Buffet - Grilled chicken with bell peppers, onions, warm flour tortillas, Santa Fe rice, refried beans, tortilla chips, mixed cheese, homemade salsa, shredded cabbage & sour cream. Dessert, and coffee or iced tea

Quantity _____ of Chicken Fajita Buffet Dinners @ \$65.00 = _____

Thursday, May 14th Awards Dinner - Pan seared chicken breast, choice of sauce, served with garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable, salad, bread rolls, dessert, and coffee or iced tea.

Quantity _____ of Seared Chicken Dinners @ \$70.00 = _____

Dinner Combos* -- - Includes both Auction & Awards Dinner.

Quantity _____ of Dinner Combos (Wed + Thurs) @ \$130.00 = _____

Important Meal and Regalia orders are due by April 20th, 2026.

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GoF West 2026

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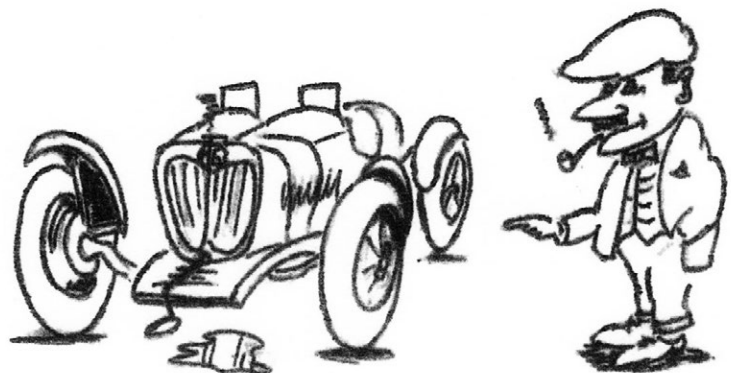
with your check made out to GOF West

or pay via Zelle or PayPal to gofwestinc@gmail.com. Then email your completed form to H. Garcia at hcg1977@gmail.com and note that you have paid with Zelle/PayPal.

Grand Total (Meals + Regalia): _____

Note that if paying and ordering is done via USPS, allow time for it to be delivered by April 20th (not just mailed by then).

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form, print just
pages 10 & 11



The Future of GoF West

GoF West began in 1973 to mimic the successful GoF MG gatherings on the east side of the United States. Only MGs 1956 and earlier were invited and it grew each year. In the late 70's and early 80's there would be over 300 MGs on the field. Oh what a sight it was. We had clubs willing to host the GoF West event lined up three years in advance. And then participation started to dwindle and in the early 2000s we attracted a little more than 100 MGs per gathering. I suppose owners started aging out for one. Too far to travel and other excuses crept in. In 2015 we opened up participation to all vintage MGs since even the Bs were now older than the TFs when we first began. Even with opening it up we never got back to the 300 MGs at a GoF West. Opening up meant creating more classes in the Car Display (Chrome bumper Bs, Rubber Bumper Bs, GTs, Midgets, etc) so about double the number of classes now which means many more awards.

While we are on target to hit about 100 MGs at Flagstaff, we are faced with many clubs now have gone All British to survive. No problem with that, although what benefits do members who have "other British iron" get at our GoF West? We are faced with clubs not willing to host an MG gathering due to leadership hesitant to put the effort in when club leaders don't all have MGs. Most likely their clubs already help host a local All British Car Show (although usually just a one day event) and are tuckered out from that. But that means more class awards or changing existing classes. Maybe MG would be reduced to just pre and post 1955 or even just MG. Similar with Triumph, Jaguar and others. Lots of unknowns for sure. And what about the Funkhana course? Would a large Rolls Royce be able to navigate or would they even want to?

And to put this into perspective, if numbers dwindled even with All British, should we expand even further and include vintage American cars? If we don't get clubs or individuals to host future GoF Wests, then maybe it is time to call it than fight it. Remember we already passed on 2025 (which was a virtual event) and we have nothing in the wings past 2026 right now.

Another possibility is maybe GoF West needs to be scaled back to just 2 days and less activities or whatever. Personally I love the funkhana and put up with the car display, but how many people actually participate in the funkhana or even the Rallye compared to the car display? Where do we cut back?

So what is the future of GoF West?

Do we stay the course? Do we open to All British to maybe gain numbers and support (plus troubles that would go with that)? Do we pare down GoF West to make it easier to put on? Do we adjust how often we hold the event? Do we just let GoF West fade away due to a lack of support?

So who decides?

At GoF West there is an Advisory Council meeting composed of a representatives from each club of each participant at GoF West and they, along with the current Steering Committee, vote on our future events and changes in our By-Laws. Everyone get a vote. So let your club's rep know your thoughts so they can represent you. Note that all GoF West participants are welcome to attend the Advisory Council meeting but only your club's rep can vote. And to be honest, the Advisory Council meetings have not been well attended or represented in the last few years. Assign a rep from your club, ask that they attend the meeting (typically about 45 minutes on the 4th day of GoF West), and give them your input.

David Edgar

GoF Wwst Gazette Editor

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 including selecting new members to the Steering Committee. 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.

See list of clubs represented so far at our GoF West 2026 event on next page.



David Edgar

More Thoughts on Future of GoF West



Sara Barrow

Yes, it's time to remind everyone that events need people to organize them as well as people to show up and participate. Looking back, going All British has come up before, but didn't reach a conclusion about the best way forward! The last time the MG Car Club North West Center hosted a big event was in 2005, but at one of our monthly meetings last year someone mentioned, just in a general conversation, how much it annoyed them that the then president volunteered the club to do that - and that comment was from someone who usually shows up and participates in events. So that's what we're up against!

I think we should continue the current format and duration of GoF West. A shorter event will mean people spend more time travelling to/from the event than actually at the event, which will discourage more people from attending. The 3 full days provide enough activities for those who want to participate, as well as opportunities for some downtime for those who want to relax. Adding a single non-MG class to the car show ("Favorite non-MG?") and the rallye may encourage more

people to attend (and maybe even buy an MG if they don't already own one!), and anything that helps to promote classic car ownership and event participation potentially benefits all clubs.

An annual event or less often? A compromise may be to alternate a full event with a mini event. The Northwest MG T-Register used to hold an annual mini-GoF, usually 2 nights, with a car show and a scenic drive as the main events, plus a dinner. The key point there would be a central location, somewhere near an MG "hub", to minimize travel and encourage attendance. I guess another thing to consider is checking other club calendars to avoid clashing/competing with other big events.

Sara Barrow

GoF West Steering Committee

Special Welcome to all those attending their first Gathering of the Faithful West

Clubs represented at GoF West 2026 as of press date:

Abingdon Rough Riders
Arizona MG Club
Arizona MG "T" Roadrunners
Austin & Houston MG Clubs
Bakersfield British Car Club
British Motor Club of Utah
British Automobile Owners Association
Captial City MG Car Club
Central Coast British Car Club
Desert Centre Triumph Register of Amer.
European Car Club
International Y-Type Register
Jaguar Club of New Mexico
Kansas City MG Car Club
MG Owners Club
MG Owners of No. Calif
Mile Hi MG Club
New England MG T Register
NA MMM Register
NAMGAR

NAMGBR
Octagon Car Club
Old Speckled Hen, MG CC
Paradise British Car Club
Reno British Car Club
Sacramento Valley MG Car Club
San Diego Miata Club
Sorry Safari Touring Society
TC Motoring Guild
Texas MG Register
United British Sports Car Club
Valley British Auto Club, Fresno
Vancouver Pre 56 MG Unclub
Vintage MG Club of So. Calif.

Don't see your club listed? Come join us and talk to your fellow club members about coming.