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President's Message

Dear MPOTAC Family,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our club as president in 2022, I appreciate the trust you've bestowed in me, and the honor of following in great footsteps. We have a wonderful year ahead, with continued social activities, car tours, guest speakers, and great work from our dedicated board members. Our goal of rekindling *Friendship Day in 2022*, will be our primary focus, with "all hands-on deck" to realize this success.

Our individual committees and respective leaders will bring a splash of color to the year, and we're soliciting your unique contributions of personal journeys, restoration tips, and other automotive memorabilia that you can share in writing, a small group presentation, or an interview with our new editor. This has been a year of house cleaning, so if you've got a few automotive photos, books, or interesting trinkets to share, that might enjoy new life as a raffle prize for a regular monthly meeting; please contact me to arrange delivery or bring them to our meetings. I believe that next to the care and love we share with our biological families, that MPOTAC events have supported our mental health during the past two years of global pandemic, and that we have done a stellar job of respecting and supporting each other during very challenging times.

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Thank you for the friendship you have shown my wife and I, and your patience with my dad and I restoring our family vehicle – mom’s 1953 Ford Indy Pace Car Convertible. After two decades in the Tucson heat, it needs some love and polish; we aim to have it on the road again very soon.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season,
Charlie Drechsler, Jr.

The December Tour -- MPOTAC Christmas Lights Tour



We had a full house for dinner at Harry’s Hofbrau, with Alfred & Myra Herpe, Bob Moll, Ed & Maureen Krantz (with daughter Stephanie), Lowell & Jessica Wolfe, Miles Hampton, Bill & Pat Bratt, Charlie Drechsler Sr., Ed & Karen Archer, Mark & Sharon Stewart, Steve Marchegiani, Mike & Janice Chapman, Kevin Enderby, Charlie Jr. & Cynthia (with Michelle & Trevor, and Cheryl). Elaine Elms graciously invited us to coffee at her home, at the end of the tour, weather permitting.



Tour directions were circulated, and the cars left the parking lot, headed for Dewey Street first. Once in the neighborhoods, we practically had the streets to ourselves, but we still managed to lose a few who dispersed along the way. That was a good night for bright headlights, as the rain and wind hampered

visibility slightly, and kept some Christmas displays down. A few members elected to go straight home, and the survivors joining us 'til the end were Ed & Karen Archer, Miles Hampton, and Bill & Pat Bratt (who also enjoyed San Carlos' festive holiday lights on the way home). I learned that we should queue-up for this tour, well away from the restaurant, and maybe use flashers to indicate which vehicles are in the tour (our modern cars aren't as easy to identify us by). This was another great gathering with good food, and happy times shared with our MPOTAC family.

Thank you all for joining & Happy Holidays
PS: Thanks again for donating 85 lbs. of food to Second Harvest Food Bank, from our Installation BBQ.

Friendship Day is May 15, 2022
To have a successful event we will need
many members to volunteer on that date.
More details will be forthcoming.

Message from the editor – Jim Remington

Hello all and HAPPY NEW YEAR! This is my first issue of the MPOTAC newsletter. Len Flaherty did a fantastic job with the newsletter these past years and I hope my efforts will be as good as his.

As you can see by the nameplate, I have returned the newsletter to its previous name, The Windshield Post. I hope to send the newsletter out at the beginning of each month, unless I am out of town, then there could be a delay.

In order to get the newsletter to you on a timely basis I need to receive copy (articles and information) by the end of the month. **So, my deadline is the last day of the month.** Please send me items for the newsletter on or before then.

I invite all members to submit items to be published. More on that in future newsletters. If you have suggestions or comments, please contact me. I want this newsletter to work for you.

Future Tour Survey from Jim Remington

I was thinking of putting together a "garage tour." A garage tour is when we have three club members open up their garage and we tour to that garage to see their car. We don't actually have to go inside the garage.

In our Model A Club, we would meet at a member's house/garage for coffee and donuts. Look at the car(s). Move on to the next garage. Look at the car(s). Then move on to the final garage. Look at the car(s) and have a lunch. Members could do a pot luck at the last stop or pizzas could be ordered with everyone contributing to the cost.



Of course, we could do the tour without food and end up at a restaurant for lunch.

What I would need to put this tour together are three people to volunteer their house/garage. I'll get it started by volunteering my garage for a stop. Now we only need two more people. All you need is to have at least one car to show us. If your garage is worthy of being seen, then we'll take a look at that too. If I get a lot of responses, then perhaps we can make this an annual tour!

Contact Jim Remington by email: mtshatachalet@yahoo.com or by phone: 1-650-342-0852. I'll give you more details. **Please contact me this month** so I can start the planning process.

Renew Your Membership!

Our membership chairman is sending renewal reminders.

Inventory Time!!!

Where is all of our stuff???

Our club has various items that are being stored by various people. For example, your editor has the Friendship Day flags, gate keeper's aprons, and left over goodie bags. Do you have something stored at your house?

We are trying to find everything and consolidate it in one location. Please contact me with what you are storing and I'll add it to the inventory. Later we'll decide how to consolidate it all in one spot.

**Contact Jim Remington, 650-342-0852 or
mtshastachalet@yahoo.com.**

Upcoming MPOTAC Events

Tour event and date not set as of this publication.
Stay tuned!

January 24th – Regular Board meeting, 7:30 (open to all)

January 28th – Regular meeting at the Highlands Clubhouse, 7:30



MAY 15TH 2022

Other Automotive Events

January 25 – Midlife Car Collective, San José Cars and Coffee. 9-12. Located at Bass Pro Shop, 5160 Cherry Ave., San José

Jan. 29 & 30 – Turlock Swap Meet. Stanislaus County Fair, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock.

March 9 to 13 -- Silicon Valley Auto Show, at the Santa Clara Convention Center,

May 21 – Ocean Ave. Antique & Exotic Car Show, 12-3. Beep's Burgers in San Francisco

Oct. 15 -- Fez-O-Rama, 11-5, San Mateo County Fairgrounds

Chapter News

This newsletter your publication. Have an event or article you'd like to submit? An idea for future Club events? News from another club? Please contact your editor Jim Remington at **650-342-0852** or e-mail: mtshastachalet@yahoo.com. This newsletter is published once a month except in December.

Not a member yet?
Would you like to learn more about our club?
Check out our website at: mpotac.com. Or contact our President at 650-270-4925. Dues are \$20 for the calendar year. Meetings and old car events/tours are generally once a month, except in December.

Committee Chairs

Membership -- Bill Mitchell

Webmaster -- Ted Panofsky

Publications -- Jim Remington

Programs – Charlie Drechsler Sr.

Refreshments – Bill Bratt

Friendship Day – Bob Moll

Historian -- Ed Krantz

Health & Welfare -- Tanya Pomposo



MPOTAC BOARD MEETING

Nov.22,2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 by president Charlie Drechsler. There were 11 members present. Charlie had three handouts to be reviewed by the board. First thing he addressed was to conduct the meetings using the agenda that is set up in the by-laws and have a printout for each meeting. Charlie went over a list of things that he wants to accomplish during his presidency this coming year; such as Friendship Day and several ideas for a variety of tours that will have something for everyone, he also handed out a spread sheet with a suggested itinerary for the year. Friendship Day will be our biggest event and we will need many members participating to make it run smoothly. Bob Moll has been in contact with 3 Lagoon to secure our usual site but it will depend on them completing their renovation in time for our use which is May 15th, 2022. Charlie suggested using the Port of RC but it was pointed out that there is only half the parking that 3 Lagoon has and would probably not work. Facebook was another suggestion. None of these three places charge for the use of their space. Bob Moll will work on completing the F. D flyer design that Kathleen Lorist has set up. Jim Remington will need volunteers to help with the parking.

Membership: Bill Mitchell reported we have 80 registered members. There will be a new roster printed this year and explained the process he uses to keep the membership list current. Members have through Feb to pay their dues to be included in the roster. Bill mentioned that he has a slush fund that he uses for expenses incurred for printing. Dues collected from new members at F. D. will be good through the following year.

Treasurers report: Ted Panofsky reported that this is the end of the fiscal year. There is \$2,324.29 in checking, \$14,803.35 in savings, \$117.31 in cash for a total of \$17,244.95.

Publications: Len Flaherty and Jim Remington wrote the last newsletter together and now Jim will take over as editor. Jim is bringing back the name of Windshield Post, publishing it every other month. Jim also suggested that the meeting minutes be published in the newsletter or sent out via e-mail or snail mail for members to review before the meeting to eliminate the reading of them at the meeting.

Web Master: This position should be included in the by-laws.

Ed Wong read the Oct 18th board meeting minutes and they were approved.

Charlie Drechsler brought up the topic of inviting guest speakers who could give us informative talks about car related subjects for our meetings and it was recommended that we have another car inspection event.

It was discussed whether we should raise the dues or not as they have not been raised for a number of years. But instead of raising them this year Bill Mitchell will add a flyer to the dues renewal asking for donations instead.

Bob Moll reported that the Highlands Club has lost a lot of members and maybe some of our members could join so they can keep it solvent. Their dues are \$20.00 a year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41, respectfully submitted Maureen

Krantz, co-secretary

MPOTAC General
Meeting

November 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by president Charlie

Drechsler. No minutes were read due to Ed Wong's absence.

Charlie's announcements: for the coming year the board meetings will be held at the Highlands Community Club. He suggested and encouraged our members to consider joining the Highlands club to help support them as their membership has been declining. They are having a boutique sale this coming Sat. We are going to inquire the possibility of using their PA system for our meetings. Our next board meeting is Dec. 20th.

Christmas Lights tour: Bob Moll reported that we will meet at Harry's about 5:30pm if you want to have dinner there then leave approximately at 7:00pm, date TBA.

We will be working on setting up a budget for 2022. Charlie also announced that Franz and Kathleen Lorist are taking a leave of absence this coming year. Bob Moll has agreed to resume his chairmanship of Friendship Day for 2022 so the web site will need to be updated.

Membership: Bill Mitchell reported 81 members have renewed their membership including one newmember who joined today.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky is our new treasurer.

Web Master: This new position needs to be included in our by-laws. Ted also holds this office. Refreshments: Bill Bratt provided cookies and Holiday Cheer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Krantz,

**MPOTAC BOARD
MEETING**

December 20,
2021

Call to order - 7:34 pm, by Charlie

Drechsler, Jr. Membership- absent.

Minutes - absent.

Treasurer's Report- Ted reported that we've got \$16.367 in the bank, and he's been working with Rob Guzzetta for establishing historical data on the club's annual budget.

Reports from Officers &

Committees: Health &

Welfare - absent.

Tour Director - Charlie Jr. deferred to Bill Bratt, who announced that we may be invited to join the Model T club on a January tour; more information to follow, via a website update to all members.

Friendship Day - absent.

Publications - Jim provided an update on the Windshield Post assembly and article deadlines. Jim's been reaching out to our members, seeking contributions of written articles of interest.

Webmaster- Ted is always interested in written articles and photos of past and recent events, for posting on the club's website.

Historian - absent.

Program - Charlie Sr. said he's calling on guest speakers for regular club meetings.

Refreshments - Bill said we're covered for the next couple meetings.

Unfinished Business - Cleaning the club closet & consolidating supplies (not a priority).

New Business - It was agreed by general consent, that based on discussion at prior board and regular meetings, MPOTAC would join the Highland's Community Club.

Announcements, reminders, birthdays & anniversaries:

Special Meetings- No regular meeting on 12/24/21, Board meeting on 1/24/22 at HCC, and Regular meeting on 1/28/22 at HCC.

Next Event - January Car Tour with Model T Club (info to be posted on website).

Adjourn meeting - 8:21 pm.