



# The Windshield Post

Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto Club

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**President's Message on Page 4**

**The traffic in the bay area keeps getting worse!**



# American Compact Cars

After World War II the buying public was ready for a new car. Most people wanted a big car, but there were those that sought economy. On this page I have some economy cars made or designed in America and the years they were produced.

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Can you match the car with its picture? Answers found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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- Crosley – 1946 to 1952
- Henry J – 1950 to 1954
- Allstate – 1952 to 1953
- Hudson Jet Liner – 53 to 54
- Aero Willys – 1952 to 1955
- Studebaker Lark – 1959 to 1965
- Nash Rambler – 1950 to 1954
- AMC Rambler – 1954 to 1969
- Metropolitan – 1954 to 1962

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### Upcoming MPOTAC Events

**July 24** – Board meeting, 7:30, all invited

**July 28** – Regular meeting, 7:30

**August 13** – Club Picnic

**October 14** – Mini Concours, Magnolia in Millbrae

**November 12** – Installation Luncheon



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### Other Automotive Events

**September 9** – Autos in History Park, San José

**October 7** – RC Port Fest, cars requested, 9:30- 2:30

**Redwood City Cars and Coffee** – Every Second Sunday 7AM - 10AM - Breakers Café, 270 Woodside Road. Questions: carsandcoffeepeninsula@gmail.com

**Niles Flying A Classics and Coffee** – Every Second Sunday 7AM - 11AM - Niles Flying A 37810 Niles Blvd, Fremont

### **News Flash:**

**Our next meeting will feature a guest speaker on the history of the "Lincoln Highway", don't miss it!**

## President's Message

Fellow car enthusiasts,

We've had a busy month with kids out of school, fourth of July parades & fireworks, family vacations, and more to come. I hope you're making the most of these hot days of summer and enjoying quality time with family and friends. Our daughter Michelle just graduated Cal State East Bay with her BS in Speech Pathology & Audiology. Last month, Michelle helped us welcome a 1941 Ford pickup into the family, with safe delivery from Oregon.

We've seen a few good friends move away, some new members join our ranks, and while some have gone to the great car museum beyond this earthly plane, we are left to carry the torch in their memory. Please keep the friends and family of Roy Yost in your thoughts and prayers, as we mourn the passing of this kind, gentle and intelligent man.

We appreciate everything our board and members do for the club and encourage new ideas, and leadership. Please let me know what small car tour you'd like to lead, and I'll be glad to assist however possible.

Please join us at our regular monthly meetings, on the fourth Friday of the month at the Highland's Community Club in Redwood City, at 7:30pm. Our guest speaker this month will be Neil Rodrigues, Director of the California Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association, who will give us a fine presentation with history, pictures, and updates on their efforts to preserve the Lincoln Highway. It represents a unique piece in the puzzle of our country's westward expansion. We hope to see you on the 28<sup>th</sup> for another great meeting.

Respectfully,  
Charlie Drechsler

*Answers to guess the compact car.*

1. Crosley 1948
2. Aero Willys 1952
3. Henry J 1950
4. Allstate 52/53  
(Yes, 3 & 4 are practically identical)
5. Studebaker Lark 1960
6. Nash Rambler 1953
7. Hudson Jet Liner
8. AMC Rambler
9. Metropolitan



# MPOTAC Picnic, Save the Date!

August 13<sup>th</sup>, we can't wait for your donation of \$25 per person

The menu is the same,

Hope you remember,

Those who came.

We ask for your help,

We hope you will come through,

Bring a salad or dessert that will do.

The steak will be tender,

We hope you can still chew.

Beans and bread will be served too.

This is Not New!

Beverages: soft drinks, wine, and beer.

Please join us this year,

Bring your smiles and spread good cheer

Deadline Date August 1<sup>st</sup> – Don't be late!

## Sign Up Sheet for the Picnic

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact info in case we need to contact you \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check what you can bring: salad \_\_\_\_ dessert \_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_

**Please reply by August 1, 2023**

Thank you,

Bill Bratt, Vince Perry – the shoppers

**Mail to: Bill Bratt, 737 – 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Mateo, CA. 94403**



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## **Members of MPOTAC:**

A few weeks ago, Roy Yost ("Radio Roy") recently suffered a stroke that left his right side paralyzed and unable to communicate clearly. He seemed to be improving when he developed pneumonia and is now in hospice care at Sequoia Hospital. I went to see him yesterday and he did recognize me. He nodded when I asked him some questions, and he gave a big smile when I sang him part of the song "Dream" (by the Everly Brothers). He used to sing that song with his acapella group.

Roy is a life-long collector of Studebakers, as well as model trains and repairing old radios.

Tanya Pomposo  
Health & Welfare

## **MPOTAC General Meeting**

June 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order by ex-president Bill Bratt at 7:30 PM. Thank you Bill for substituting for Charlie Drechsler, Jr.

Membership: Bill Mitchell was not available.

Secretary: Minutes of the May board meeting and general meeting was approved as submitted.

Treasurer: The budget is healthy. Profits from Friendship Day will provide a cushion for the remainder of the year. Details upon request.

Health/Welfare: Tanya Pomposo sadly reported Roy Yost has passed away from a stroke. Further details as we received them. Our condolences to his family.

Tours: Charlie Drechsler, Jr. is working on a tour scheduled for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Non-club event: From the Cadillac LaSalle Club is the Don Frolich Memorial Meet on July 30, 2023.

Contact Jeff Nielsen at 650-740-5204 for more information.

Friendship Day: Plans are underway for next year's event.

Publication: Jim Remington reports no problems.

Webmaster: Ted Panofsky was not available.

Social Media: Ferris Lewald was not available.

Historian: Ed Krantz will have material at our next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Our annual picnic is scheduled for August 13, 2023. Firm deadline to sign up is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

New Business: Review our event calendar for tour suggestions.

Refreshments: Thank you Georg Hellerich for the delicious homemade cookies.

Guest: Richard Haddock and his daughter Colleen dropped by our meeting for a visit. Talked with our members and gathered information. He has a 1960 Bugeye Sprite.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 PM.

Submitted by Co-Secretary: Ed Wong

## **MPOTAC Board Meeting**

June 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Drechsler, Jr. at 7:30 pm.

Membership: Bill Mitchell was not available.

Secretary: Minutes of the May board meeting and general meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky reports our budget is healthy from Friendship Day returns. Details upon request.

Health/Welfare: Tanya Pomposo was not available but posted Roy Yost suffered a stroke a couple of weeks ago. Has right side paralysis and communication problems. Tanya visited Roy on Sunday, May 18th and was responsive. We wish him all the best.

Tours: No tours are scheduled currently.

Publications: Everything is okay, reports Jim Remington.

Webmaster: Ted Panofsky reports everything is okay too.

Social Media: Ferris Lewald was not available.

Historian: Ed Krantz will have material for the June 23 general meeting.

Programs: Charlie Drechsler, Jr. is doing research for a swap meet in September.

Unfinish Business: Continue working on our by-laws and make changes if necessary. Ted Panofsky suggested a separate By-laws Committee meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM.

Submitted by Co-Secretary: Ed Wong

**In next month's newsletter ---  
Guess the name of this Ford Vehicle.**

*Hint, the name does not begin with M!*



# THE 2023 DON FROLICH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MEET

**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023**

Gates Open - 9 am BBQ - Noon

**PORTAL PARK IN CUPERTINO**



FROLICH FAMILY



*Hosted by the*  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION,  
CADILLAC & LA SALLE CLUB, INC.

## BBQ by South Winchester!

Bring your own umbrella, tents,  
drinks, table and chairs, shaded  
areas have been reduced.

Please return the  
**REGISTRATION FORM**  
by July 21.

*After the deadline, you are still welcome  
to attend, but bring your own food and  
drink and plan to park in the parking lot.*

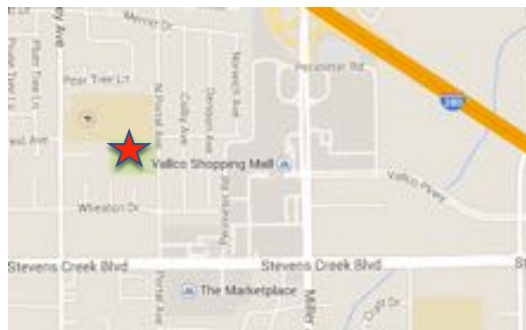
This is a very low key, social and  
fun event. WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!

***QUESTIONS?***  
JEFF NIELSEN 650 740-5204

### DIRECTIONS TO PORTAL PARK

10225 N Portal Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014

From anywhere in the Bay Area:  
Take 280 (between 85 and 880).  
West on **WOLFE ROAD** (toward the hills).  
Go past Cupertino Square Shopping Center,  
to **STEVENS CREEK BLVD**. Right on Stevens  
Creek, go 1 long block (pass 1 stop light) to  
**PORTAL AVE**. Right on Portal Ave., go past the  
round-a-bout and **PORTAL PARK** is on the left.  
There are barriers at the first parking lot  
entrance, so go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance where you  
will see the "CLC BBQ" sign. Left into the lot,  
left again, and follow the (Turn right up a slight  
incline by the debris bins).





# Antique Autos in History Park

*The largest annual antique auto show in the West  
"A Living History Day"*

Join us for the largest annual antique auto show in the West.

*The 23rd annual Antique Autos in History Park presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 693 Phelan Ave, San José, CA) with 200 period-correct pre-1946 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles, and motorcycles of all makes.*

## Requirements for entering an antique vehicle.

*There is no registration required to enter a vehicle. Just bring your antique vehicle to the [gate at History Park](#). All vehicles permitted on the grounds of History Park, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, were manufactured between the late 1800s and 1945 and are period-correct. No vehicle will be allowed on the grounds of History Park during the show that is newer than 1945.*

## The featured vehicles this year are 1916 to 1930 Orphan Autos.

*Also located on the grounds will be the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association. There will be antique crafts demonstrated and antique collectibles displayed. A Dixieland Jazz Band will provide music, songs will be sung by The Fabulous JewelTones, and dancing by the San Francisco Bay Area Vintage Dancers. See toy trains operated, take a trolley ride and see blacksmith demonstrations. Food will be available from food trucks and ice cream from O'Brien's Cafe. Activities are provided for kids.*

Please note there is NO alcohol, NO pets (except service dogs), and NO BBQs allowed inside the park. These are Park rules and must be followed.

## Plan your day around the following:

11:15 Dance Performance  
12:00 The Fabulous JewelTones  
12:30 Music by Toot Sweet Jazz Band  
12:30 Video: Horseless Carriage Brass Tour  
2:00 Model T Put Together  
2:30 Barbershop Quartet  
3:00 Germar the Magician  
3:30 Drawing for Door Prizes

Adults: \$ 10.

Seniors: \$ 8.

Children (6 to 12) & HSJ members: \$5.

Participants & Children under 6: Free

Adjacent City Parking: \$10

### Fees:

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Participants & Children under 6: Free

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REDWOOD CITY ELKS #1991 PRESENTS  
THE 2ND ANNUAL



"FAST" EDDY GRANADOS MEMORIAL



CAR SHOW



SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

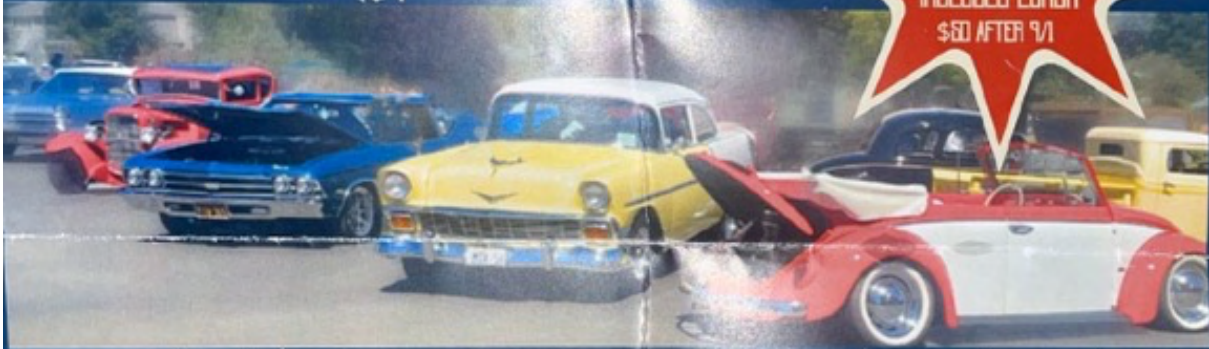
10AM TO 3PM

EARLY ENTRY BY 9/1

\$40

INCLUDES LUNCH

\$60 AFTER 9/1



REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/RWCELKSCARSHOW](https://tinyurl.com/rwcelkscarshow)



DASH PLAQUES AND GOODIE BAGS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST  
EXHIBITOR SPACE LIMITED - REGISTER TODAY!

AWARDS CEREMONY AT 2:30PM

CARS MUST ARRIVE 8-9:30AM

QUESTIONS: [RWCELKSCARSHOW@AOL.COM](mailto:RWCELKSCARSHOW@AOL.COM)



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