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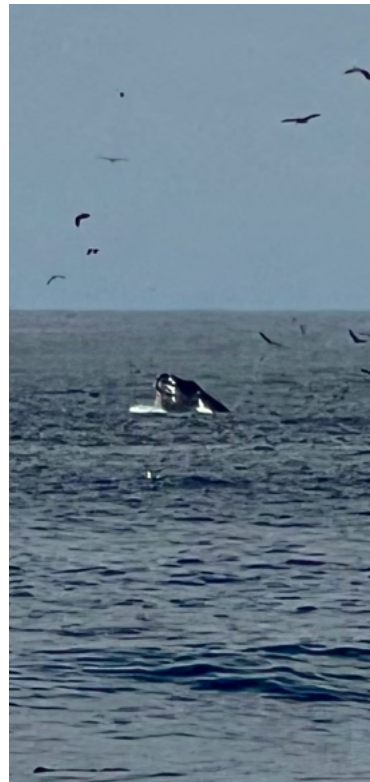
Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto Club

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Here are a few good pix from our recent tour to HMB, the Lantos Tunnel & Trail, and Whale Watching in Pacifica.

Attendees included Ed Wong, Ted & Marilyn Panofsky, Ed & Karen Archer, and me (Charlie). We missed a few other members whose plans changed just before the tour.



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The Magnolia in Millbrae hosted a mini concours. Several MPOTAC members brought their cars to show residents of The Magnolia.

Members enjoyed conversations, donuts (thank you Charlie), and a boxed lunch. An easy and enjoyable day.

We'll be back at The Magnolia on November 11th for the installation luncheon. Reservations were due last month, so if you want to attend but did not RSVP – it's too late. But there's always next year.



MPOTAC holds its Board and General meetings at The Highland's Community Club in Redwood City, at 7:30pm, located at 1665 Fernside Street, Redwood City, CA. All members are invited to attend the General membership meeting as well as the Board meeting. Specific meeting dates are located elsewhere in this newsletter.

To make contributions to this newsletter, contact the editor, Jim Remington, mtshastachalet@yahoo.com

**NO GENERAL MEETING IN
NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, what a year! 2024 promises to be an exciting one also, as we welcome new members and continue our fine tradition of celebrating collectible automobiles. We all look forward to a great Installation Luncheon on Saturday, November 11th, at the Magnolia of Millbrae. Assuming we've elected new leadership, we can all rally behind our officers to volunteer for the little jobs that make a big difference, especially as we plan now for Friendship Day 2024.

Many thanks to my family for allowing me to do what I enjoy. Thank you again to all those fantastic members who joined us at regular meetings in 2023, contributed snacks to top-off our tanks at the end of friendly discourse. To those who wrote an article for all to enjoy, gave Ted, Jim or Ferris some photos for our multi-media sharing (especially Vince Perry), and the few who guided us on a short tour ... Thanks again.

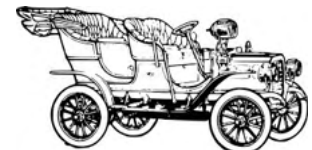
Unlike some clubs, we don't take roll or give points for attending meetings and tours – we operate on the honor system. **News Flash: Everyone's invited!** Next year, we believe the appropriate approach to scheduling tours will be to invite everyone as usual, have a great time with those who attend, and make a few unique memories along the way. No pressure, just come to the meetings or check your email, and stay in touch with whoever's leading the next tour. So please join us when you can and have some fun with your car club.

On Wednesday, December 13th, we'll start at the Hiller Aviation Museum. Then we'll proceed to the It's-It Factory in Burlingame, for a visit to their parlor and gift shop.

On Wednesday evening, December 20th, we'll enjoy dinner together at Harry's Hofbrau (self-pay), prior to travelling in caravan through the local Redwood City Holiday Lights Tour.

Our November meeting is the day after Thanksgiving, and our December meeting is at the beginning of Christmas weekend, hence we've decided to cancel both meetings due to conflicts in scheduling. We will fire-up 2024 when we meet again on Friday, January 26th (my mom's birthday), and look forward to sharing our New Year's resolutions with one another. We will be voting on our revised by-laws and discussing our favorite activities for the calendar year ahead. Please enjoy your holidays and family reunions in the best of health.

Happy Holidays and safe travels our friends,
Charlie and Cynthia Drechsler



Everyone missed the wonderful Ardenwood Farm Tour

By Ed Archer

After Yoshi passed on, long time member Yoshi Kumi's favorite place to go became an annual tradition, going back some 20 plus years. So to honor Yoshi, on Thursday October 26th Karen and I got up at the crack of dawn, got our act together and headed towards Newark, the home of the historic Ardenwood Farm, now a part of the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties East Bay Regional Park District.

Ardenwood Farm began "life" in the 1850s as a lot of our nation's population east of California all headed west to get rich during the forty niner gold rush. George Patterson was no exception and headed west from Indiana. George didn't do that well in the mines but at least he managed to garner enough money to purchase a large parcel of land in Alameda County now known as the Newark district of Fremont. Patterson called his estate Ardenwood, as it resembled the forested area in England known by that name that he remembered from a Shakespeare play.

Thanks to the E.B.R.P. D. who took it over in the 1980s the Patterson farm is still a working entity, producing corn, grain and a small plethora of other misc. vegetables. There's a working blacksmith shop, a variety of farm animals including some beautiful peacocks, and loads of antique farm equipment including an early Moreland truck. A highlight for Karen and I is always the



Victorian Patterson home originally built in the 1850s, with the major Victorian additions added in the 1880s and some remodeling done as late as the 1910s or so. It's fully furnished and beautifully maintained, restored where needed.

Our day began by digging our old 1924 Chevrolet truck out of the garage. First thing is always oil the rockers on the engine before start up, then as expected, the vacuum tank was dry as I haven't had the old truck out since August and the gas either leaks out or evaporates in that period of time. So, I went through the ritual of removing the small cap on top of the tank and pouring a cup or so of gas into it, hit the starter button on the floor and it fired right up. After a little warm up, it was up the driveway and on down the hill, heading into town.

After a few miles as we headed south on the old Oakland Road toward San Jose, the cell phone rang. "Charlie here, are you going to Ardenwood?" "Yeah, we're on our

way, hey, let me pull over, I can't hear you, the truck is too noisy" Well, without going into detail, it turned out that no one else was going and he said "I'll see you there" I said "don't go just on our account. Since no one else is coming we may just turn around and head home" (I really didn't think I would, but no use dragging



anyone else into a non-attending event unless he really wanted to go). Charlie hadn't quite reached the Dumbarton bridge yet so I convinced him not to go, and Karen and I continued on. The weather was perfect, a little brisk in the shade, but driving in the truck we were getting a little heat from the engine so very comfortable.

As we checked in, we found that the first house tour began at 11:30, and it was only 10:40, so we wandered through the farm, watched the blacksmith perform his red-hot iron miracles, admired some of the unique farm equipment, and petted some of the animals. The sheep are never that friendly but the goats are always reaching out for affection. The corn field was turning brown getting ready for a new crop, and there was a gigantic pumpkin patch with thousands of ripe pumpkins and plenty of ready buyers. We got a good docent for our house tour, very knowledgeable and fun. And I was able to assist when he said that the Victrola that he loves to demonstrate to visitors, with era music was non-functional. I offered to help and it turned out to be just a lever that was out of place, so easily fixed right on the spot. The Patterson "mansion" is really a spectacular house with all the original furnishings, and well cared for. After the house tour we found a picnic table amidst the trees and enjoyed our lunch watching all the visiting school kids running around having a gay old time.



After lunch we boarded the old truck and took a different route home and to our delight found a gas station with gas for only \$4.39 a gallon.....WOW! let's filler up! Hard to believe that we're now thrilled at \$4.39 a gallon, but that's reality, modern times. Who knows what the future brings. I remember when people were appalled at 37.9, and the early gas wars where we'd find it at 24.9. Ahh, the changing times. Well, we would have had a better time with more of our friends there, but we made the best of it.

Upcoming MPOTAC Events

November 11 – Installation Luncheon for members that have reserved

November 20 – Board Meeting, no general meeting

December 13 (Wednesday) – Tour to Hiller Aviation & It's It (Burlingame)

December 18 – Board Meeting (tentative)

December 20 – Christmas Lights Tour

January 22 – Board Meeting, 7:30

January 26 – General Meeting, 7:30

May 19, 2024 – Friendship Day

Other Automotive Events

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

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NO DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



MPOTAC BY LAWS REVISIONS

The By Laws committee has completed their review and revisions. The major changes will be highlighted and members will be notified. A complete copy of the revised By Laws will be available electronically. If you receive this newsletter as a paper copy you will receive the new By Laws in the mail to review. If you receive this

newsletter electronically you may request a paper copy of the By Laws by contacting your editor, Jim Remington at mtshastachalet@yahoo.com (by Jan. 1, 2024). The revised By Laws will be voted on at our January meeting.

More information will be forthcoming.

MPOTAC Board Meeting

October 23, 2023

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

Membership: Bill Mitchell was not available but sent a message that annual club dues renewal notices were sent out.

Secretary: Minutes of the September 18th board meeting and September 22nd general meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky reported no major changes. With only \$61.94 for newsletter expenses for the month, the budget is healthy.

Health/Welfare: Tanya Pomposo was not available.

Tours: October 26, 2023-Ardenwood Farms
November 11, 2023-Magnolia Installation Lunch/\$20 per person
December 12, 2023-Hiller Aviation/It's It Ice Cream
December 20, 2023-Christmas Light Tour

Friendship Day: Preparations to begin soon.

Publications: Jim Remington reports no changes.

Webmaster: Ted Panofsky reports no new developments. More pictures of our latest tours were posted.

Social Media: Ferris Lewald was not available.

Unfinish Business: Our by-laws revision draft is being finalized and will be posted for final approval.

New Business: New officers elections are scheduled for October 27, 2023 at our General Meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Monday-November 20, 2023

Next General Meeting: There will be no meeting, as it is the day after Thanksgiving.
No meetings are scheduled for December. Happy Holidays everyone!

Meeting Location: Highlands Community Club, 1665 Fernside St. Redwood City, Ca.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 PM.

Submitted by Co-Secretary: Ed Wong

MPOTAC General Meeting

October 27, 2023

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

Membership: Bill Mitchell was not available.

Secretary: Minutes of the September 18th Board Meeting and September 22nd General Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Only expense for the month was \$61.94 for newsletter printing. Year-to-date balances show no major changes.

Health/Welfare: Tanya Pomposo reported she had a dizzy spell with no long-term symptoms. Vince and Marilyn Perry caught COVID. They are sheltering-in-place as the symptoms are mild. Ed Krantz is still having back problems. A speedy recovery to all.

Tours: 1) October 26, 2023-Ardenwood Farm. 2) November 11, 2023- Magnolia Installation Lunch/\$20 per person. 3) Hiller Museum/It's It Ice Cream Tour. 4) December 20, 2023- Christmas Lights Tour.

Friendship Day: Printed flyers are available to pass out. The suggestion was made to have our event posted on other car club's website forum.

Publications: Jim Remington says everything is okay. There will be no newsletter for December.

Webmaster: Nothing new to report. More pictures were posted from our latest tours.

Social Media: Ferris Lewald was not available. Thank you for posting our Magnolia Mini-Concourse event live on Facebook.

Historian: Ed Krantz was not available due to his ongoing back problem.

Program: Ted Panofsky gave a report on attending the Fez O'Rama car show. His Rotus roadster won an award. Also, giving an explanation on why his vehicle qualifies to be listed with the club. Members agree and his Rotus roadster will be listed in the roster.

Unfinish Business: The revised by-laws draft is being finalized and will be up for final approval.

New Business: Nominations and election for next year's officers were taken. As there were no new changes, the same officers will remain.

Refreshments: Thank you, Tanya Pomposo, Ted Panofsky, Charlie Dreschsler, Jr. for the cakes and cookies.

Next Meetings: Board- November 20, 2023 General- No meeting
There are no meetings for December

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 PM.

Submitted by Co-Secretary: Ed Wong

Stay Healthy and have a very Happy, Happy Holiday and New Year.