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Friendship Day Sunday, May 19th

Your editor has sent to each member an announcement asking for volunteers to help with this club's most important event. We need volunteers for the gate – collecting money and directing traffic. Contact Jim Remington if you can help – mtshastachalet@yahoo.com.

We also need people to help set up everything early in the morning, help with the coffee, man the hospitality tent, and put things away at the end of the show. Contact our President Charlie if you can help, drechslercd@hotmail.com

As a bonus, if you work during Friendship Day you don't have to pay to enter! What a deal! Plus, the pre-war alley of cars returns (there was a rumor that there would be a red car alley, but no, not this year, I don't think so anyway)

All members are invited to attend this show. Admission is only \$25 (unless you are working) and there are donuts and coffee. And the main event – lots of beautiful cars. There will be a food vender or you can bring your own food and drink. Bring as many guests in your car as you wish. Encourage your friends that have an old car to attend.



If you are new to the club and have any questions please feel free to call me, Jim Remington, 650-342-0852.

Picture at left...

Traffic can get heavy coming to Friendship Day so come early

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Old Cars Magazine Survey

Recently *Old Cars* magazine surveyed its members and came up with some interesting statistics that may represent the car collecting hobby as a whole – or not, but interesting anyway:

About 45% of *Old Cars* readers have 1-2 collector vehicles, and 21% have 3-4 collector vehicles. 10% have 5-9 vehicles.

Regarding what people are interested in reading about/or owning... 66% of *Old Cars* readers are interested in the 1960's; 53% the 1950's; 40% the 1970's; 29% 1916-1945, equal to those with an interest in the 1980's, and 1990's; 23% 1946-1949. Only 5% of readers were interested in brass-era cars.

With the above percentages in mind, I believe that when targeting people to join our club we should pay special attention to the owners of 50's, 60's cars, with the 70's gaining popularity. Of course, our club must be relevant to all old car lovers, but we can't ignore the trends in popular years of collection.

Jim Remington
Editor

AD OF THE MONTH

CURVES OF YOUTH
will be yours if you will
“Pull the Cords”

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The advertisement features a central illustration of a woman's face wearing a chin reducer device. The device consists of a headband with two vertical cords that pass over the cheeks and are attached to a chin strap. The woman is looking directly at the viewer with a neutral expression. The text is arranged around the illustration, with the main title at the top, benefits on the left and right, and the product name at the bottom.

Attention paper copy members...

This month your newsletter is completely in black and white. Why? Your editor is planning on showing lots of cars from Friendship Day in beautiful color, which is expensive. So, I'm saving a bit of money this month to print in color later on.

Jim Remington
Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish you a Peaceful Passover, and a Happy Earth Day and Arbor Day.

We had a great meeting last month, with a brief video presentation by our illustrious Treasurer, Ted Panofsky. We had the privilege of perusing some great books and magazines, donated from Lloyd Gano's library (Past President, 1964), which Ted promised to find good homes for. Finally, Ted offered a model wooden car as the raffle prize for the night, which was produced with his new laser skills. We enjoyed great refreshments from Alfred and Myra Lee Herpe. We welcomed some new and returning members, and had a lively discussion about local and regional tours. We reviewed Friendship Day Plans (see separate volunteer flier in mail), and updates on upcoming club tours and activities. Ferris Lewald gave a brief explanation of his hosted tour of the Computer History Museum, which you'll read about in accompanying articles. Please plan to attend our June 24th tour, joining Kevin Enderby, as we celebrate his family's 50th Anniversary of great memories with a special Model A.

Friendship Day is just a month away, and our board members have been busy at work putting the finishing touches on the important details. Please contact Jim Remington if you can volunteer at the gate on Sunday, May 19th, and help us "tell a friend" about our non-profit and family friendly car show. Working the gate is the best and most important way to help our club, especially if you want the first look at all the cars. We'll set-up at 7am, and have a great day with friends from 8am to 2pm, with clean-up starting at 2pm. If you have anything to donate for our raffle, we'd appreciate your consideration, as we've stream-lined the process with only ten prizes, and all announced at 1:00pm, at our Hospitality Tent.

We look forward to seeing you at our 4/26 meeting at 7:30pm,
Charlie and Cynthia Drechsler

Upcoming MPOTAC Events

April 22 - Board Meeting, 7:30

April 26 - General Meeting, 7:30

May 19, 2024 - Friendship Day. Port of Redwood City. 7:30 to 2:00. Entrance fee \$25. NO CHARGE to MPOTAC members who are signed up in advance to volunteer at the event. Coffee and donuts while they last.

June 24, (Monday) - Enderby Model A Tour (other types of cars welcomed!). More information coming as the date gets closer.

October 19 (Sat.) - The Magnolia of Millbrae mini car show

November 17 (Sun.) - Installation of officers at The Magnolia of Millbrae

Other Automotive Events

Cars and Coffee Peninsula is every 2nd Sunday from 7am to 10am at Breaker's Cafe, 270 Woodside Road. Bring your car, truck or motorcycle and mingle with other auto enthusiasts! All makes and models welcome.

May 5, Maltese Heritage Association - At CSM, car show. Complete info was in last month's newsletter.

June 23, Hillsborough Concours

September 14, Antique Autos in History Park, San José

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



History Museum Tour Reports...

First report from Ted -

On Wednesday March 27th the club held a tour to the Computer History Museum in Mountain View. The group included our tour organizer and host, Ferris Lewald, Charlie Drechsler, Kevin Enderby, Ted Panofsky, Georg Hellerich, Ed Wong, and Donna Samford. the museum has something for everyone, from the earliest computation methods using sticks with numbers on them, all the way to super computers, with examples of everything in between from amazing mechanical devices, early calculators, video games, early attempts at robots, and software developments, plus profiles of the many people that made it happen.

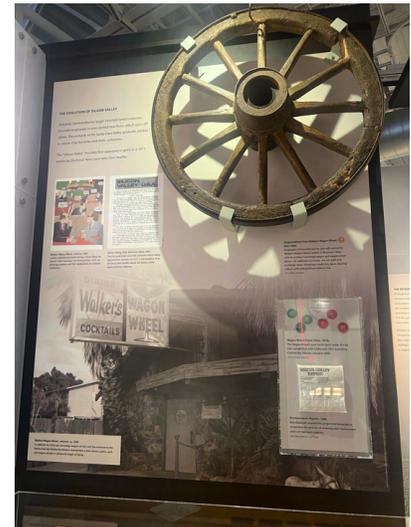
The techies among us, Ted, Kevin, Ferris, and Georg shared stories of early developments in the Valley (including the horrible traffic, it hasn't gotten any better), successes and failures of companies and products, and shared experiences and knowledge with the others on the tour. We ended the tour with a lunch in the museum coffee shop (Thanks Ferris!), with more sharing of stories of the Valley.

Second, a letter from Kevin –

Thanks Ferris for the fun morning and lunch at the Computer History Museum today

Always makes me feel old when I go to the Computer History Museum. So much stuff I worked on is in there.

Even the plaque outside about IEEE floating point software. As the standard was being developed and approved in 1980 when I first started writing floating point software. That software was the down payment on my house. I have a framed bits of stuff from that time with the oldest date Sep 18 15:58 1980 when I finished up my summer at Onyx Systems and was headed back to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Eventually I did that software as a senior project, rewrote it in assembly for Onyx, sold it a few more times. Re-wrote it two more times, one for the Motorola 68000 processor and one more time for the first MIPS processor. MIPS was right down the street from the museum. I was employee 15 there and bought my first Ferrari with that company's stock. That is the car I drove today to the museum.



MPOTAC Board Meeting

March 18, 2023

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

Membership: Bill was not available. 2024 membership rosters were mailed out and should have been received.

Secretary: Due to miscommunication, the February board and general meeting minutes were not submitted in time for publication. Instead, Charlie, Jr. read the minutes of both meetings. Both were approved.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky reported expenses for the month were \$248.22 for newsletter and roster printing. A \$100.00 donation was made to the Association of California Car Club. Our bank has been bought out by another bank and is causing some problems. Discussion is ongoing to see if a need to change banks is necessary.

Health/Welfare: Ed Krantz is continuing to make progress from his fall.

Tours: 1) Computer History Museum Tour is scheduled for March 27, 2024. Meet directly at the museum @ 10:00 AM. Contact Ferris Lewald for more info. 2) Jeremiah O'Brien Tour is being planned for a June timeline.

Friendship Day: Bill Bratt was asked by the Model A Club for a discounted entry fee of \$10.00/car if the club made the event a tour. After much discussion, it was voted a YES for this year only. Charlie, Jr. is still working on garbage cans (Recology). Bill Bratt is still shopping around for the best price for Porta-potties. A QR code sign (Venmo) was made by Ted Panofsky to speed up entrance fee payments. A lot of people do not carry cash anymore.

Publications: Jim Remington reports no changes.

Webmaster: Ted Panofsky reports no major changes also.

Historian: Ed Krantz was not available. Still recovering from his fall.

Social media: Ferris Lewald was not available.

Programs: Ted Panofsky will give a presentation on the testing of the 1934 Chrysler Airflow.

Unfinish Business: Charlie, Jr. will continue working on the club's revised by-laws.

New Business: The Magnolia Concourse is scheduled for October 29, 2024 and the Installation Dinner is November 17, 2024. A \$100.00 donation was made to the Association of California Car Clubs.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

Submitted by Co: Secretary: Ed Wong

MPOTAC General Meeting

March 23, 2024

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

Membership: Bill Mitchell was not available. Still recovering from Covid-like symptoms.

Secretary: Late to publish, Charlie Jr. read the February 19, 2024 Board Meeting and February 23, 2024 General Meeting minutes. Both minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky reports \$248.22 was spent for newsletter and new rosters printing. Our bank has been bought out by another bank and is causing some problems. Will wait for the change to be completed. The possibility of changing banks was discussed.

Health/Welfare: Vince Perry reports Marilyn is doing fine. Ed Krantz is continuing his rehab. His daughter had a heart attack while taking care of her dad. Updates as we receive them.

Tours: 1) Computer Museum Tour/March 27, 2024. Meet directly at the museum-10:00 AM. Contact Ferris Lewald for more info. 2) 50th Anniversary Tour/June 24,2024. Contact Kevin Enderby for more info. 3) Jeremiah O'Brien Tour-to be announced.

Friendship Day: The Model A Club will receive a special \$10:00/Car entrance, for this year only. Jim Remington passed out the sign-up sheet for volunteers. Charlie, Jr. is still working on getting a reduced rate for our garbage cans (Recology). Bill Bratt is still shopping for Porta-potties rental prices. Bill Constantino suggested a section for antique motorcycles.

Publications: Nothing major to report from Jim Remington.

Webmaster: Same for Ted Panofsky.

Social Media: From Ferris Lewald, we have 1300+ followers on Facebook.

Historian: Ed Krantz was not available. Still recovering from his fall.

Programs: Ted Panofsky showed a short 15 minute DVD video on the testing of a 1934 Chrysler Airflow.

Unfinished Business: Charlie, Jr. will continue finalizing the club's revised by-laws.

New Business: Magnolia Concourse is set for October 29, 2024 and the Installation Dinner is on November 17, 2024. A \$100.00 donation was made to the Association of California Car Clubs.

Refreshments: Thank you, Alfred and Myra Herpe for the doughnuts.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 PM.

Submitted by Co-Secretary: Ed Wong

The Monday June 24th Enderby Family 50th Anniversary Model A Tour



Our family's Model A was bought by my Dad on June 24th 1974. To celebrate the family's 50 years of ownership middle son Kevin Enderby will be leading a tour starting from his home in Redwood City.

It will be an easy drive on city streets suitable for old cars of about 40 miles total and two hours of driving time. With an early first stop at The Alpine Inn in Portola Valley for a no host lunch.

After lunch we will tour through Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto and back to Redwood City for cake.

We will start the tour at Kevin's house and leave at 10:45am from:

158 Fulton St
Redwood City, CA 94062

All are welcome to come by before the tour as early as 10am and check out the house and the many car trophies, car pictures and art. And the garage full of Ferraris and interesting broken car parts.

If you would like to join the tour send email to Kevin at enderby@mac.com. Bring a smart phone and a credit card on the tour as ordering food at The Alpine Inn will require them.

The tour will go by points of family interest. And we are planning to have a fun set of questions to be answered along the tour. With prizes at the end for the most right answers.

Tour directions will be sent out by email to those that emailed Kevin that they are joining the tour. Along with a couple of pages family history on the points of interest along the tour route that will help with the fun questions.

