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Can you guess the model of this 1966 Ford?

What? Too easy you say.? A Mustang you say?
WRONG! Yes, it sure looks like a Mustang but it is not. Somewhere inside this newsletter you will find the name of this Mustang look-alike.



President's Message on Page 3

Our club historian, Ed Krantz, will give a walk down memory lane for August meeting. A brief history of club events from the 60's to the present including a list of the longest time members that are still active.

NOT
ANOTHER
TRAFFIC
JAM!
WHEN
WILL IT
EVER
END?

September
1941. "Traffic
on main street
of Hermiston,
Oregon."



The Mustang was introduced at the New York World Fair in April of 1964.

It was aimed at young people and quickly became a very hot item with Ford Motor Company selling thousands of them.



But where, besides in the US, were there a lot of young Americans that would love a sporty Mustang? Well, there were a lot of young, American, potential customers in West Germany. Yes, there were a lot of American GIs stationed in West Germany at the time because of the Cold War.



So, Ford developed a plan to help soldiers buy Mustangs. After the soldier's tour of duty was over the government would ship the car back to the states free of charge. There was only one problem. A German truck maker, Friedrich Krupp AG Hoesch-Krupp, owned the rights to the name. For \$10,000 Ford could have bought the rights to the name but they refused. Instead, Ford called the Mustang the T-5. Ford removed

all Mustang lettering from the car and substituted the T-5 name. Some other small modifications were also made to make the car legal to drive in Germany.

Ford continued to produce T-5 cars for the German market until 1973, when the truck company let the copyright on the Mustang name to expire. After that the German cars were called Mustangs.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Summer to reconnect!

We've travelled to see family and friends, and catch-up for time apart in recent years. We've been all over the Bay Area and California, twice to Oregon, North Carolina, New Mexico and Arizona, and mostly separate trips to celebrate life and a very special 105th birthday for Grandma Anne Thompson in Yountville, CA. If you haven't travelled, I hope you've stayed in touch with friends and family through other means. Our Annual MPOTAC Picnic was a highlight of the month for us, we hope to see you on 9/9 at San Jose's Auto's in History Park, and again on 10/26 for our trip to Ardenwood Farm (more to follow).

Our Election Committee is actively listening to your willingness to join the friendly fold, please let us know if you're ready. For those who care enough to carve out a few hours every week, to make MPOTAC a rewarding space for our members – it's a lot of fun. We are recruiting club officers in August, nominating at the September regular meeting, and counting votes at the October regular meeting. Let's try your ideas, and get you started in our leadership team today.

At a recent meeting, a longtime member asked me "*why do you think more people don't come to our meetings?*" I offer this for your consideration, "he profits most who serves the best". We have 10 to 20 members attending our regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year (from about 100 possible). That's better than the 2 to 10 percent attendance at church, fraternal and professional societies, and other regional car clubs. In the age of declining public interest in volunteer organizations we trust that advice is well-intended, so we value input like a Wikipedia search, which is worthy of testing assumptions made. Summer vacations and holidays will always compete for your family's attention, so let's get the kids back in school and drive safely to our next MPOTAC meeting.

Myron Smith, National VP for the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), wrote an article for their recent 'membership corner' explaining that the "one-to-one approach" to recruiting new members has yielded the best results in his personal experience. He offers a few stories of fun times together in several car clubs, as a legacy member with his father, who got them started and was an admitted "non-joiner". I can relate to these stories as I have many fond memories of early morning travels for swap meets and bean bashes with my dad. Smith continues to say "Be creative when thinking of ways to recruit new members. There is no set way of doing it. To me, the biggest thing is to show people you genuinely care about them and their interests."

Happy Summer,
Charlie Drechsler

FOR SALE – 1934 Ford - Deluxe Fordor Sedan

An unrestored/original rust-free California car as seen in several issues of V8 Times Magazines. Original engine was rebuilt several years back, and it runs like a champ – it does not smoke or use oil, and it runs very cool. Original upholstery is tattered. Original paint is acceptable. Car is equipped with many accessories including Potter Trunk, Ashtray Radio, Dual Windshield Wipers, original Greyhound Dog Hood Ornament (freestanding tail & paws intact) and General Jumbo Wheels. – Original wheels are included as well. Brakes are original mechanical and work well. Many, many extra parts are included. To keep its juices flowing, I've made it a point to drive this car at least once a week. Given its patina, it would be a sin to restore this car. \$35K. For more pictures and info, email – magavin@prodigy.net

Because of the many spare parts included, I'd like the sale to stay in the local area.

Sincerely, Mike Gavin



FOR SALE 1956 DODGE



56 Dodge 4 door in used car condition. Some recent brake work. Runs fine, but I don't drive it much.

This is a car you can drive as you slowly upgrade and fix all its little problems.



For complete details give me a call. Car is located in San Mateo. Price is negotiable, make me an offer. Jim Remington, 650-342-0852.

Upcoming MPOTAC Events

August 21 - Board Meeting

August 25 - General Meeting, 7:30

September 23 - Swap meet at Highlands Club,
CANCELLED for this year

October 14 - Mini Concours, Magnolia in
Millbrae, more info to come

November 11 - Installation Luncheon (this is a
change in the date)

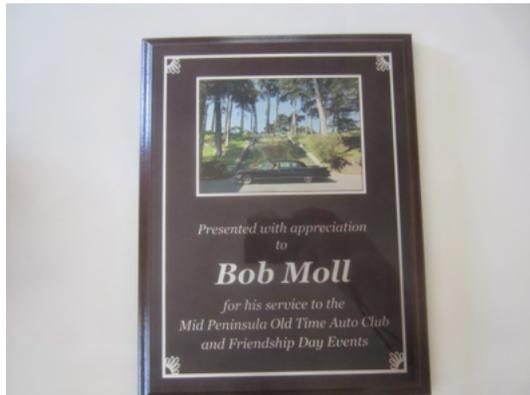
May 19, 2024 - Friendship Day

Other Automotive Events

September 9 - Autos in History Park, San José

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



Recently Bob Moll was recognized for his outstanding leadership organizing Friendship Day these many years. In addition, Bob has supported the club and club members in many ways and is an example of a valuable contributing member of the club.

Your club is always looking for people like Bob to volunteer their time and talents to make our car club the best. Contact our President to discuss how you can become more involved. Perhaps you'd like to help with one of the various committees, or help with Friendship Day, lead a tour, bring a refreshment at a meeting, contribute articles for our newsletter and website, or even become an officer of the club. **Do not wait for some other person or time to volunteer. YOU be the volunteer. YOU are the one we seek!**

REARVIEW MIRROR 1964

BY TOM COMERRO



DODGE'S 880 IS A BIG RIDE WITH CLASSY WORKMANSHIP AT A REASONABLE PRICE. You have a choice of two powerful yet smooth engines in the 361- and 383-cu.in. V-8s with three-speed manual or pushbutton automatic, as well as a four-speed manual for the 383. The scuff-resistant vinyl trim looks like genuine leather without the drawbacks, and the 880 is available in nine different body styles, including this convertible that starts at \$3,264.

CHAMPIONS

Daytona 500	Richard Petty
	(154.334 mph)
Indianapolis 500	A.J. Foyt
	(147.350 mph)
Formula One	John Surtees
	(40 points)



STUDEBAKER BRINGS A FULL LINEUP OF cars that feature the quality and high standards with which the company has become synonymous. Each model offers you a spacious cabin with a comfortable interior and gives you the option of the economical six-cylinder or powerful V-8 engine. Whether you're in the market for a Challenger, Wagonaire, or the spirited Daytona, Studebaker has something for everyone, starting with an affordable price of \$1,935.



LINCOLN'S TIMELESS CONTINENTAL IS available as a four-door sedan or four-door convertible, which is the only one of its kind available on the American market. Its standard equipment brings power all-around, giving you the needed luxury and convenience that you would expect. Each Continental is rigorously tested and must pass 189 performance verifications on the road, including countless examinations during assembly. The luxurious Continental is available for as low as \$6,292.

FACTORY PRICES

Buick	\$2,343-\$4,385
Cadillac	\$5,048-\$6,630
Cadillac Fleetwood	\$9,746
Chevrolet	\$2,011-\$3,073
Chevrolet Corvette	\$4,037-\$4,252
Chrysler	\$2,901-\$5,860
Dodge	\$1,988-\$3,420
Ford	\$1,985-\$3,484
Ford Thunderbird	\$4,486-\$4,853
Lincoln	\$6,292-\$6,938
Mercury	\$2,126-\$3,549
Oldsmobile	\$2,332-\$4,742
Plymouth Valiant	\$1,921-\$3,095
Pontiac	\$2,313-\$3,433
Rambler	\$1,907-\$2,653

EXPENDITURES

(per capita)

New car purchase	\$93.57
Auto parts	\$16.68
Auto usage	\$256.39
Gas and oil	\$70.87
Intercity transport	\$8.86
Local transport	\$10.42

CADILLAC RETURNS WITH A LARGER V-8.

yet maintains its smooth and quiet performance without sacrificing economy. Relaxing travel has not been diminished either as Cadillac introduces its "Comfort Control" automatic heating and air conditioning, giving you the most pleasant driving environment possible. With 11 body styles, 21 colors, and 129 interior selections, you'll enjoy a car tailored to your desires. All this for \$5,048.

SALES RACE

(total model-year production)

1. Chevrolet	2,319,619
2. Ford	1,641,417
3. Pontiac	715,261
4. Plymouth Valiant	548,321
5. Oldsmobile	546,112
6. Buick	511,666
7. Dodge	505,094
8. Rambler	388,551
9. Mercury	299,431
10. Cadillac	165,959

PARTS/SERVICE PRICES

Air conditioner	
(Installation included)	\$289.50
Battery	\$7.88
Brake service	\$12.88
Convertible top	\$31.70
Paint job	\$49.95
Radio	\$29.95
Seat belts	\$5.95
Seat covers	\$23.49
Tires	\$12.77

In next month's newsletter, follow Ed and Karen Archer on another one of their car adventures as they drive Old #4 to the Model T Ford Club of America National Tour Manhattan, Kansas. Experience what it is like to drive a Model T, with no roof, across the country. Is there rain, break downs, kind people and wonderful sites? Be sure to read their story next month. Here is a little teaser:



I was at the computer one morning and Karen came in and said “why don't we drive the race car to the tour. That would be a nice trip, I remember cruising through the mountains in Nevada, such a nice drive.” Of course, without hesitation I said yeah, I love the drive through the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, the Eagle River, and the trains paralleling the highway, great drive in an open car. Somehow, we always forget about the boring, hundreds of miles of flat road in front of you, fading off in the far distance as far as the eye can see, and the hot sun beating down. But among the highlights is the fun of driving through all the small towns. And after you get out of California, seeing a lot of Americana. Front yards with the stars and stripes a wavin', banners reminding people that freedom don't come free, “REMEMBER OUR VETERANS”, “WE LOVE OUR VETERANS”, good appropriate stuff, stuff that we rarely see in California.

MPOTAC Board Meeting July 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Drechsler, Jr. at 7:35 PM.

Membership: Bill Mitchell was not available. We have added one new member. Rich and Susan Horn, from Saratoga, Ca., with a 1946 Ford Woodie. Welcome.

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

Treasurer: No major changes was reported by Ted Panofsky. A \$200.00 donation was sent to Autos in History Park, San Jose. Additional details upon request.

Health/Welfare: Tanya Pomposo was not available.

Tours: Our annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 13, 2023. Attendance sign-up deadline is August 1, 2023. Contact Bill Bratt for more information. Charlie Drechsler, Jr. is gathering information for a swap meet in September at the Highlands Center. Further details to be announced.

Friendship Day: No planning is being done at this time, but a committees meeting will be scheduled around October/November. A thank-you plaque was presented to Bob Moll for all the years being the Friendship Day Chairman. We really appreciate all that you have done.

Publications: Nothing new to report from Jim Remington. Thank you Jim for presenting the plaque to Bob Moll.

Webmaster: Ted Panofsky reports no major changes.

Social Media: Ferris Lewald was not available.

Historian: Ed Krantz will save his report for next month's meeting. We will have a guest speaker, Neil Rodrigues, give a presentation on the history of the Lincoln Highway at our July 28th general meeting.

Unfinish Business: Bill Bratt would appreciate volunteers to help set up our upcoming picnic.

New Business: Review our event calendar for tour ideas. Continue our by-laws review and make changes if necessary.

Adjourned: 8:33 PM, Submitted by Co-Secretary: Ed Wong

MPOTAC General Meeting

July 28, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:27pm by president Charlie Drechsler.

Membership: the club gained two members this past month.

Secretary: The July minutes were approved as printed in the Windshield Post.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky reported the club is solvent.

Health & Welfare: Tonya Pomposo commented again about the passing of Roy Yost.

Tours: Charlie Dreschsler reviewed the scheduled tours that are printed in the newsletter, adding the Harvest Fest in Hayward on Oct. 26th and that we are no longer included in Redwood City's Port Fest. The mini car show at Magnolia has a limited number of parking spaces so we will have to let Charlie know early if you want to participate.

Publications: Jim Remington reported everything is under control.

Web Master: Ted Panofsky reported everything is under control.

Social Media: Ferris Lewald reported he is working on it.

Charlie Drechsler received permission from the Highlands Club to have a swap meet outside on the side lawn on September 23. Venders will pay a nominal fee for a space and must provide their own table. The event will be from 8:00am to 2:00pm and other car clubs will be notified of the event.

Sandy McConnell donated several raffle prizes for this evening's meeting, thank you Sandy.

Entertainment: Our guest speaker is Neil Rodrigues with a presentation about the Lincoln Highway. A very interesting and informative talk, thank you Neil.

Refreshments provided by Ed and Karen Archer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52PM.

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Krantz, co-secretary



These days we can have almost anything delivered to our house – except for caskets. Ahhh, for the good old days when the casket man would come right to your door.



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

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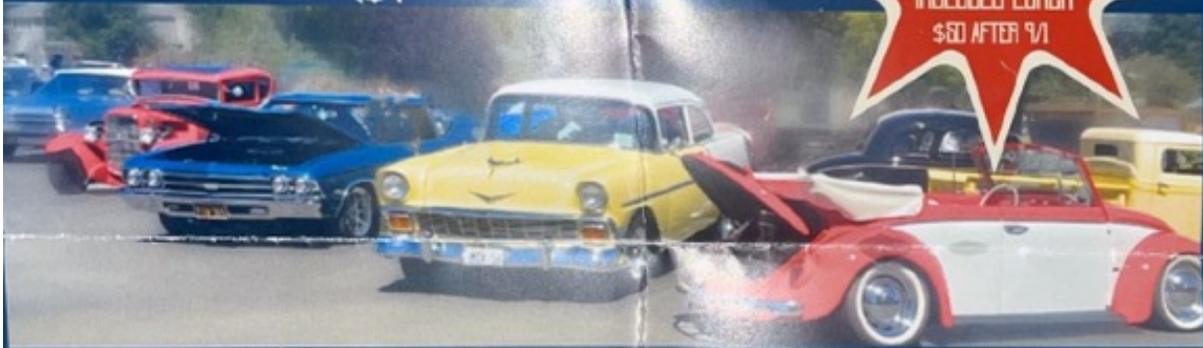
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