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Inside: Ed Archer has a story to tell. Can you spot his car in the above picture?

President's Message

Dear Members,

Lately it seems like there's another local car event, each day of every weekend!

Here's the latest:

Thanks to Frank & Tanya Pomposo, and Ted & Marilyn Panofsky for joining my wife Cynthia & me for our local Hwy 280 Vista Point Tour on July 3rd (see website for pix). We also enjoyed a great lunch at Filoli.

Our July 30th tour of Dick DeLuna's eclectic garage, was added to by his neighbor and long-time club friend Michael Fazio. Both these gentlemen are meticulous with their passion for restoring truly unique and beautiful rolling art, and we are so grateful for their kindness in sharing some memories with us. Special thanks to Ed & Maureen Krantz, Bob Moll, Ted Panofsky, Miles Hampton, Mark Becker, Jim Remington, Jeff Nielsen, and Vince Perry for

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Havin' too much fun

By Ed Archer

There's just not enough hours in a day! I was asked to write a story on our latest venture, and I knew that if I didn't write it up for the club newsletter right away before I really establish myself "back home" it wouldn't happen. Not that our trip was a big deal but it's something to read, and a few pictures, (more pictures of old #4, as if you haven't seen it enough) just consider it a little update on #4s latest escapades.

It all started on Sunday June 12th when we completed another Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club speedster and race car endurance run, and the route was excellent, thanks to route planner Ivan Jorgensen. From the starting line in Niles, the route took us South on the back roads to Milpitas then San Jose, then East up.... up... and up... and over Sierra Rd. eventually heading North to Sunol, East to Livermore, and further to the outskirts of Tracy, yes Tracy! and return to the finish line in Niles arriving there around 1:45 PM. Whew!!! After the award ceremonies, we headed home and I loaded old #4 on the trailer and first thing Monday morning, we headed for Indiana.



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sharing their automotive talents during our Safety Check event. That day, we were happy to welcome Sam & Connie Asaro to our club, adding to a fun day with great people. We finished the day with a great lunch at Auto Vino in San Carlos, and then enjoyed a private tour of their winery and car collection. My apologies for leaving the vehicle inspection forms at home that day (see website for inspection form), please take a few minutes to record the comments shared with you that day.

I hope to see you at our progressive garage tour on August 7th, it'll be a lot of fun!

Please join us at these upcoming events:

August 13th – Planes, Trains & Cool Cars at Hiller Aviation (10am-2pm Museum Visitors only)

August 28th - Annual Picnic at Beresford Park (separate RSVP form)

September 5th – Circus Club Labor Day Luau & Car Show (separate RSVP form)

September 17th - Antique Autos in History Park (San Jose)

October 8th - Mini-Concourse at The Magnolia of Millbrae

November 12th - Annual Installation Luncheon (details to follow)

December Christmas Lights Tour – to be announced

Our next regular club meeting is on August 26th at 7:30 pm, at the Highlands Community Club.

Safe travels,

Charlie Drechsler, Jr.

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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



Ed Archer article continues...

If you own an antique race car, the 2.5 Mile oval, Indianapolis Speedway race track is the holy grail of all race tracks in the world, and if the opportunity arises to run your car there, you jump at the chance. So much racing history there, all the greats, Ralph DePalma, Barney Oldfield, Ralph Mulford, Tommy Milton, the list is endless. So, when the SVRA historic motor racing organization invited us to race there on June 16 thru 19, without question, we jumped!

Departing Monday morning, three long days of driving found us at the Indy speedway in time for registration and paddock set up on Thursday June 16. The sky was mostly cloudy and the humidity was almost unbearable. Karen nearly passed out and I had to sit down a few times myself. Friday's weather was better, with sun and much less humidity. We had 12 cars in our group of early pre-1920 2-man Race cars. Names like Interstate, EMF, Abbott Detroit, Hudson, National, Packard, Sturtevant and of course our Ford. Most with 4 cyl. engines, the Hudson has a 6 and the Sturtevant an 8.

For you that are unfamiliar with the Indianapolis Speedway, there's a 14 turn infield "closed circuit" track that uses part of the big oval straightaway. We ran 2 practice sessions on that track on Friday. Saturday, we ran the infield track at noon and the big oval in the late afternoon. Most cars ran well including old #4, which reached 100 MPH heading down the front straightaway, (the wind was with me, blowing southerly). A couple of exciting things happened, one Saturday and one on Sunday. Sadly, coming down the backstretch on the big oval, the 1916 Hudson (6 cyl.) threw #2 rod right through the side of the aluminum crankcase (see picture). Fortunately, somehow very little oil ended up on the track. Oil on a racetrack is obviously a big no-no and really upsets the track VIP's who have the responsibility to see that it immediately gets thoroughly cleaned up.

Sunday's schedule put us on the infield track at noon and right after we got the green flag, and on our first lap old #4 broke a left rear wheel hub doing about 45 MPH on turn 2, a 90 degree left turn.....and due to the momentum pushing the car to the right, on a left turn, the wheel departed from the axle and as the left rear of the car dropped to the pavement and as we were sliding and slowing down, our wheel began to pass us up on the left. I had to make a quick swerve to the right in order to avoid it colliding with the car. We were sliding on the external brake band and finally came to a stop. At first I thought I broke an axle and I was dreading the thought of pulling the rear end, disassembling etc. but once we came to a stop, a quick look told me that part of the wheel hub was still on the intact axle, "We broke a hub!" (easier fix!) In less than 5 minutes the tow truck had the car up in the air, towing me back to the paddock, with me holding tight to the steering wheel in an effort to keep the front wheels from getting "squirely" as they towed me backward at 25 - 35 MPH.. As I was being towed back into the paddock my mind was going 90 MPH wondering where I



was going to get another wheel hub as I had one more race that day on the oval, and Karen and I had five days of touring ahead in Wisconsin on the Model T Ford Club of America national tour. All of the sudden I thought I remembered seeing an old Model T wheel used as a decorative piece of “period art” in our paddock, and as we arrived and they were backing me into my paddock space, I saw it, and... it had a rear hub! Within an hour and fifteen minutes thanks to the teamwork of all of our crew of enthusiastic drivers and mechanicians, my brake band was straightened, left rear wheel was back on the car with the replacement hub, and I was ready for the 2 o’clock race on the big oval. Without my good friends, I’d be a disaster! But you all know that!

In January when I made the decision to go to Indy, I thought “I wonder if there’s anything else happening back in that area that we can participate in since we’ll already be back there”, and after a short search I found the MTFCA National tour, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Sunday June 19 through Friday June 24, so we signed up for it. That meant that immediately after our last race on Sunday we had to load up and head the 340 Miles Northwest through Chicago on a late Sunday afternoon (yes, lousy major traffic jams) to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and we’d probably arrive there just in time to miss the tour “check in”, where you receive all the latest details, tour routes etc. and I knew we’d also miss their early evening welcoming banquet. But most importantly, we’d be there in time to make the first days tour on Monday. Weather was hot! and humid, compared to California, but for that area, not too bad. As we drove in to the Radisson, host hotel parking lot we lucked out as the check in crew was just leaving, saw us, stopped and got us checked in so we were prepared to begin touring on Monday morning, departing at ugh! 8:30 AM. I was not in the mood for an 8:30 AM departure. Karen and I then attempted to go to dinner. After roaming around finding very little open after 9 PM on a Sunday night, nothing with inside seating, we finally settled for DQ topped off by a refreshing chocolate milk shake for desert.

This national tour was hosted by the Dairyland Chapter of the MTFCA and their organization and teamwork was impeccable. They really had their act together. Absolutely beautiful tour country, and I won’t complain about the rough roads in California for a while. Beautiful 2 lane road scenery back there but we hit some pretty rough bumps every day. What made it worse is #4 has real stiff suspension. Our local friends David and Becky Harrison were there with their Model T coupe, and the only other Northern Ca. people that were there was John and Carole Padlo from Martinez in a Model T tudor. Both Harrisons coupe, Padlo’s sedan, and our old #4 ran splendidly. Approx. 125 Model T’s in total were there with the usual few daily tinkering repairs seen in the parking lot and on the road. The worst thing I saw was a roadster being hauled in on the trouble trailer without a right rear wire wheel. Never did hear what happened. Most daily tours were less than 100 miles. Went to Elkhart Lake where the original road races were held in the old days and Al Capone used to hang out, a couple of parade laps at Road America (current closed circuit race track), the outstanding enormous EAA airplane museum, traversed part of the original historic Yellowstone Trail automobile route, Wisconsin Automotive Museum, housing the worlds largest collection of Kissel automobiles, made from 1907-31 (our local friend Lynn Kissel has a couple of his cars there) and several smaller museums and historic places. And..... in order to keep the masses from rioting..... an

adequate amount of ice cream and Gillies frozen custard stops. All in all, just a fantastic tour and as usual a great bunch of people. Perfect weather during the five days of touring but as we pulled out Saturday morning to head home it was overcast with rain predicted, and after driving a few miles..... rain! for the next couple of hours.

I guess the biggest thrill of all for Karen and me was on our drive out, second day, long one, finally stopped in York, Nebraska, around 9 PM and found a Motel. Applebee's was next door and we hadn't had dinner. Sky was overcast, and as we began our walk across the parking lot from the motel to the restaurant the breeze became a strong swirling wind, I heard a loud "clunk" and Karen yelled out "a piece of ice just came down" I thought "what is she talking about" when immediately multiple "clunks" were heard and seen as we ran for cover, the entrance overhang, we got bombarded a couple of times. Fortunately for us they were glance hits, hurt but no injury. People at the entrance opened the door for us and said "are you okay?" Wow, I finally got to see a real hail storm! Hail stones almost the size of golf balls. Amazing!!! I always wanted to see big hail stones but never thought of what might happen to some poor suckers that might get caught out in one of those storms. And when those things hit the ground they don't break up, they're solid! Unfortunately, I didn't think of shooting any pictures and as we were sitting waiting for our dinner it dawned on me, so I walked out to the entrance but it had already stopped. After dinner and it was all over, walking back to the motel I looked at the cars in the parking lot and the hoods and tops were loaded with dents. Fortunately our van with the short hood and maybe thicker? metal almost no visual dents. I didn't, and won't inspect the top. Nice to be back home again and kick back for a while.

Photo graphs/page

1. Parade laps Road America. Caption: Part of the MTFCA National Tour. 125 Model T's parading behind a pace car, "oiling up" the Road America race track.
2. Old #4 coming in. Caption: Exiting off the oval and the famous back ground. More infield track action. 1916 Hudson, 1916 Sturtevant, and Old #4. Line up of cars with the great backdrop, Thursday getting set up. Moving old #4 from the paddock space into the garage and the much-needed shade.

Club Newsletter

This newsletter is 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. Deadline for submission is the end of the month. This newsletter is published once a month except in December.

MPOTAC – Picnic

Summer is fading, Fall is near. Time for our club picnic is here. August 28th is the date, we are so sorry we had to increase our rate. \$25 it is now, some of you will say WOW!

Our menu held true, bread n' butter to spread, beans in a pot, steak on the BBQ, trying to stay hot. We hope you will come, bring an instrument to strum. Provide a salad or dessert. One or the other will not hurt. The picnic will start at 11:00 for sure, if you are early take a short tour. Look at your calendar, circle the date. Look forward to seeing you, we can't wait. Bring your plates and utensils so you can eat. The menu below will be a treat.

Menu provided:

New York steak, beans, bread & butter, wine, beer and soft drinks. You can help with salad and dessert – and bring your appetite.

August 15th is the date to reply. Some of you will wonder why. It gives us time to find a grand buy. Reply to Bill Bratt at 737 27th Avenue, San Mateo CA 94403 – 650 341-8859. August 15th is our last date, and can't accept your order if you are late.

Time is an issue that is true and the responsibility is placed on you.

Cut Here To Mail

Name _____

Number of People _____ X \$25 _____

Please make checks out to MPOTAC

Send to:

Bill Bratt
737 27th Avenue
San Mateo, CA
94403

I will bring to share: Salad Desert

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Other Automotive EVENTS

August 13, Saturday – Hiller Aviation Museum, Planes, Trains, and Cars. Go to their website: hiller.org

September 17, Saturday – Antique Autos in History Park. 635 Phelan Ave, San José, 11-4. Vehicles pre-1946. See info in last month's newsletter

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



Kevin at the 4th of July parade

Welcome to new members Sam & Connie Asaro.

1931, Ford, Deluxe Tudor, Model #55-B

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1957, Ford, Ranchero

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1965, Ford, Ranchero

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1967, Oldsmobile, Cutlass

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1970, Chevrolet, Pick Up

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MPOTAC Board Meeting July 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Dreschsler, Jr. at 7:35 pm. Membership: Bill Mitchell was not present.

Secretary: Minutes of the June 20th 2022 board meeting taken by Maureen Krantz was approved.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky reported no major changes. A \$15 fee was discovered for not maintaining a minimum balance in our checking account. The situation was remedied and the fee was removed.

Tours: Scheduled for July 30th is the SafetyCheck Tour to be held at Dick Deluna's San Carlos warehouse. Next is the Garage Tour scheduled for August 7th handled by Jim Remington. Check our website for more information. Local wineries and Ed Archer's historical house were suggestions for future tours.

Publications: Jim Remington was not available. Webmaster: Ted Panofsky is still working on the g-mail problem. Historian: Ed Krantz will have material at our July 22nd General Meeting.

Annual Picnic: Our picnic is scheduled for August 28th, 2022. \$25.00 per person was discussed and approved. August 15th is the deadline to attend, no exceptions. All information will be posted on our website.

Unfinished Business: Reviewing our By-laws and make changes as necessary. Establishing a nominating committee for next year's officers.

New Business: A \$200.00 donation to Antiques In The Park was discussed and approved.

Adjourned: 9:02 pm Submitted by Co-Secretary: Ed Wong

MPOTAC General Meeting July 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Dreschsler, Jr. at 7:32 pm.
Membership: Bill Mitchell reported no new activity.

Secretary: Co-secretary Ed Wong read the minutes of the June 24th general meeting and was approved as read.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky reported no major changes. We are solvent, with a positive cash flow.

Health/Welfare: Tanya Pomposo reported everyone is well. We welcome back Len Flaherty. Jim Remington was not present as a precaution from a positive COVID test.

Tours: July 30th is the Safety-check Tour. Meet at Dick Deluna's warehouse and afterwards to AutoVino for food. August 7th is the Garage Tour, ending at the Toy Store for food. Contact Jim Remington for more info. Discussions for future tours were: San Mateo County Wineries, Redwood City's Portfest on October 1st, 2022 and the Bonnie Dunne craft community.

Publications: Jim Remington was not available. Webmaster: Ted Panofsky is still dealing with the G-mail situation.

Picnic: Our annual picnic is scheduled for August 28th, 2022 (Sunday). Price is set at \$25.00 per person. A firm August 15th deadline is necessary for those who will attend. All information is posted on our website.

Historian: Ed Krantz gave a report on the 1933-1942 Willys/Overland. Information sheets and pictures were passed around.

Old Business: Work is ongoing on our by-laws, budget and nominating committees.

Raffle: Automotive books donated by Len Flaherty. Refreshment: Thank you Len and Debbie Flaherty for the brownies and cookies. Adjourned: 8:58 pm

Submitted by Co-secretary: Ed Wong

Redwood City Elks Lodge Presents

FAST EDDY GRANADOS MEMORIAL CAR SHOW ENTRY FORM

Saturday, September 24th, 2022, 10am-3pm

938 Wilmington Way, Redwood City

Liability Release: I/We hereby release Redwood City Elks #1991, or any/all organizations, sponsors, and volunteers for the Fast Eddy Granados Car Show from any/all liability associated with the Show and that I/we have the minimum necessary insurance required by the state of CA-DMV.
SIGNATURE _____

NAME _____

PHONE NO. _____

EMAIL _____

VEHICLE _____

Cars Must Arrive 8-9:30am

Make checks payable to:

Redwood City Elks Lodge
#1991

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
VEHICLE ENTRY - EARLY (BY 9/10)		\$30	
VEHICLE ENTRY - DAY OF (9/24)		\$40	
ADDITIONAL LUNCHES*		\$15	
*paid registration includes one lunch			TOTAL



Mail form with payment or register online at <https://tinyurl.com/fasteddygranados> :
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