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FRIENDSHIP DAY CHAIRMAN NEEDED!

MOST FRIENDSHIP DAY POSITIONS ARE ALREADY IN PLACE. WE JUST NEED SOMEONE TO MAKE SURE IT ALL COMES TOGETHER. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – JUST MAKE SURE CERTAIN TASKS ARE PLANNED AND COMPLETED. CONTACT PRESIDENT TED NOW!

WANT FUN AND EXCITING CLUB ACTIVITIES???

ASSUMING YOUR ANSWER IS YES
WE NEED AN ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN TO HELP DEVELOP AND ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES

PONTIACS!

1963 Pontiac Bonneville Sport Coupe. Pontiac's new styling for 63 included stacked quad-headlights and a narrow -split front grille. Named after the famed racing salt flats

in Utah, the top-of-the-line Bonneville had plenty of power with a 389 V8. It also offered more luxurious interior upgrades including vinyl and cloth fabric, bucket seats, center console, and wood grain trim. Pontiac place third among automakers in 1963 selling almost 600,000 units world wide

"LeMay – America's Car Museum (ACM), located in Tacoma, Washington, is one of the largest automobile museums in the world. ACM is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history and culture of the automobile in America. With a collection of more than 300 vehicles and engaging exhibits, ACM offers a dynamic experience for visitors of all ages, promoting automotive heritage through its educational programs, exhibits, and events."

Your editor visited the museum last year and will include photographs as space permits.

Presidents Message

Happy New Year! I hope all enjoyed the holidays with family and friends.

Let's kick off the New Year with a bang at the New Year Brunch, announced in this issue of the newsletter. Thanks to Jim Remington for organizing it. I hope to see everyone there. Bring your old car if the weather permits.

Our big event of the year is coming up in May: Friendship Day. Please plan to come enjoy the day on the 17th; your help with organizing and on the day will be most appreciated. Please let me know how you can help.

I may sound like a broken record, but with the empty chair for activities director, our calendar has a number of empty slots available for tours and events in the new year. Ideas and organizers are most appreciated.

Thank you for your support.
Ted Panofsky, President

January MPOTAC Event

MPOTAC presents: The New Year Brunch.

An annual tradition since 2026!

Date: Sunday, January 25th
Place: Hobee's restaurant in Belmont
Time: 11 o'clock
Old car accessible? Yes, if it is not raining drive your old car.
Old people accessible? Yes, some uneven pavement and one step to enter
Cost: Typical costs, figure $18 to $26, including tax and tip

You can order off the menu and receive individual bills. We'll need at least 15 people to sign up to avoid a room charge.

Reservations are required. Please sign up early. If you change your mind, you must let Jim know.

Contact: Jim Remington, with name and number of persons attending. Email is mtshastachalet@yahoo.com, phone is 650-342-0852
Deadline: January 15, but somewhat flexible

MPOTAC Board Meeting
November 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Ted Panofsky at 7:03 PM.

Membership: Membership renewal forms were sent out. Returns are slowly being returned reports Bill Mitchell.

Meeting minutes: Minutes of October 20, 2025 Board Meeting and October 24, 2025 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Mark Barchus reported no major expenses. The $1000.00 deposit check was returned for Friendship Day. The Model A Club sent a thank-you note for our donation.

Tours/Activities: No tours are scheduled for December. An old/new officers' lunch is planned for January. Updates as we receive them.

Friendship Day: The Port of Redwood City has approved May 17, 2026, as our event date. Discussions are beginning for the following sections: front gate (money, volunteers), CHP Booth, Coffee and Doughnuts, Garbage cans and Porto-potties, Advertising (other clubs, websites), flyer distribution. We will stay with about a dozen door prizes. No event plaques, but a more interesting decal.

Other Business: Ted Panofsky is working with Highlands on our storage and meeting cost contract.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 PM
Submitted by Secretary: Ed Wong

Our next Board Meeting, scheduled for January 19, 2026, will be on ZOOM.

We need an activities chairman!

Thank you to FactSlides for these interesting statistics on the vehicles in our world.

There are 1 billion cars currently in use on the planet.

About 165,000 cars are produced every day.

The new car smell is produced by over 50 volatile organic compounds.

It would take less than 6 months to get to the moon by car at 60mph.

Up to 19 girls can be crammed into a Smart car.

The average car has 30,000 parts.

Volkswagen owns Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Audi, Ducati and Porsche.

The average American spends about 38 hours a year stuck in traffic.

The first car accident occurred in 1891, in Ohio.

The odds of dying in a car accident are around 1 in 5,000.

When the car radio was introduced, some states wanted to ban it, arguing that it could distract drivers and cause accidents.

Car wrecks are the number one cause of death for Americans under 35.

There are more cars than people in Los Angeles.

The inventor of the cruise control was blind.

The vehicle with the highest mileage covered a total of 2,850,000 miles (4,586,630 km).

It is a criminal offense to drive around in a dirty car in Russia.

In 1941, Henry Ford made a car out of soy beans.

Some new cars fake engine noise through speakers. They are quite silent otherwise.

DUES ARE DUE. RENEWAL FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL MEMBERS. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES PROMPLY SO THAT YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN OUR ROSTER AND CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER.

Upcoming MPOTAC Events

January 19th – Board meeting, 7:00 by Zoom

January 23rd -- General membership meeting at Highlands Community Club, 7:30

January 25th – New Year Brunch at Hobee's Restaurant in Belmont. See information in this newsletter

AS OF THIS TIME THERE IS NO ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SO NO OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE SCHEDULED.

MPOTAC holds its General meeting 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 held at a different location and time.

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