



# The Windshield Post

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## Happy New Year!!!

### What is this little thing?

Keep reading to find out



## President's Message

Dear MPOTAC members,

Please join us in making 2023 a year of great memories and growth for Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto Club. We'll have a short presentation on January 27<sup>th</sup> about the recent car show benefiting local NFL Player Alumni, given by our very own Steve Marchegiani. We've also invited another member to join us, to share some books from a local collector's estate, after the meeting.

If you haven't visited our website or Facebook page in a while, please check out the latest postings soon. Here's a big thanks to our new member Ferris Lewald, who has agreed to manage this social media platform for our club. We had to wait until January 3<sup>rd</sup> to confirm our Annual Picnic event, which will be held Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at Beresford Park in San Mateo (more details in the future).

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# What is this little thing?

Why it's a Subaru  
of course!



## More specifically, a 1970 Sambar 360

Fuji Heavy Industries, which launched the Subaru brand, began in 1953 selling motor scooters. By 1958 the company had launched its first automobile called the 360. By the late 60's, Subarus started to be exported to the United States. At the time, Consumer Reports called it "the most unsafe car on the market."

The 360 Sambar Van and pickup were the smallest highway legal passenger trucks. This was in 1961. The 61 to 66 Sambars were rear-engine vehicles and had a "cab-over" design like other trucks at that time, including the Chevrolet Greenbriar, Ford Econoline, and the Volkswagon Van.

The second generation Sambar debuted in January of 1966 and ran until 1973. Top speed of the 1970 Sambar was around 59 MPH and weighed in at 1,180 pounds. The base price was \$1,366.

The Sambar is still being built today by Daihatsu/Toyota and is a larger version than the original.

*1970 Sambar Interior*



*2022 Sambar Jumbo*



# President's Message Continued...

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Christmas Lights tour, after a very well attended dinner at Harry's Hofbrau. We hope you're staying safe, warm and dry during these winter storms, and encourage everyone to bring a friend to our next meeting. Car pooling makes for an enjoyable ride, and helps a few more members attend whom might have otherwise missed our wonderful company.

We're looking forward to seeing you on the 27<sup>th</sup>,  
Charlie & Cynthia

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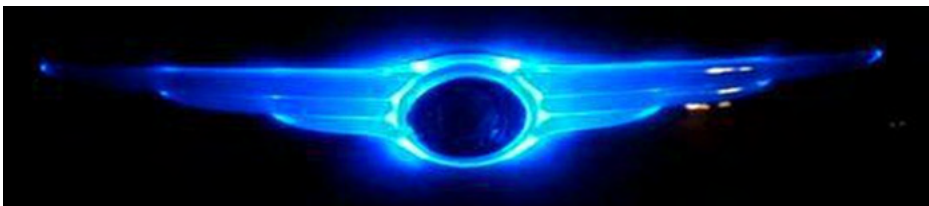
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the brand.



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*Find the answers elsewhere in this newsletter.*

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## 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](mailto:mtshastachalet@yahoo.com). Deadline for submission is the end of the month. This newsletter is published once a month except in December.



# Installation of Officers Luncheon Photos



Magnolia of Millbrae did a wonderful job of hosting our luncheon. Photos by MPOTAC official photographer Vince.



## Upcoming MPOTAC Events

January 23 – Board Meeting, all invited  
January 27 – Regular meeting, 7:30, Highlands Club  
August 13 – Annual club picnic, Beresford Park, San Mateo

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Answers to match the logo:

A) Fiat B) Packard C) Saab D) Alfa Romeo E) Chrysler

# Antique Autos in History Park

The largest annual antique auto show in the West  
"A Living History Day"

Greetings Antique Auto Enthusiasts and Friends,

The largest annual antique auto show in the West is planned for **Saturday**, September 9, 2023. Save the date and also pass the date to your club members and friends.

The 23rd annual Antique Autos in History Park (AAHP), 693 Phelan Ave., San José, CA. 95112 ... a Living History Day... is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José. AAHP welcomes all period-correct pre-1946 vehicles.



In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, displays of Early Crafts and Antique Collectibles, a Dixieland Band, Singers, Dancers, Barbershop Quartet, Vintage Clothing, Blacksmith Shop Demos, Trolley Rides, History San José Open Houses, and Kids Activities.

Bring the family for a day of viewing, entertainment, and fun. More information to follow.

## What's a Euclid?

The Euclid Company of Ohio was a company that specialized in heavy equipment for earthmoving, namely dump trucks, loaders and wheel tractor-scrappers. It operated in the US from the 1920s to the 1950s, when it was purchased by General Motors. It was later purchased by Hitachi Construction Machinery.



Your new tires... would you like a black wall, white wall, red wall, blue wall, orange wall, yellow wall, green wall.....???



Date line, 1933, B.F. Goodrich announces “New beauty for this year’s smart car, BF Goodrich custom-built Silvertowns in colors!”



These new tires casings were treated in a number of color combinations that Goodrich guaranteed would retain their brilliance throughout the life of the tire. They called the process of applying the colored sidewalls “Color-Weld.” The sidewalls were ingrained with pigmented rubber and don’t appear to be completely smooth like regular black and whitewall tires are.

These tires were special order only. However, it is unknown whether this promotion was a gimmick, a ruse, or the real thing. Black and white photographs from the day only indicate blackwalls or whitewalls.

By the way, the name “Silvertown” came from an industrial area a few miles east of central London where a tire called the Palmer Cord was developed. B.F. Goodrich purchased rights and introduced its version in the United States as the Silvertown Cord.



**Have an idea for a tour and someone to organize it?**

**Send a message to your editor with the details.**

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## Committee Chairs

Membership – Bill Mitchell  
Webmaster – Ted Panofsky  
Publications – Jim Remington  
Programs – Charlie Drechsler Jr.  
Refreshments – Bill Bratt  
Friendship Day – Bob Moll  
Historian – Ed Krantz  
Health & Welfare – Tanya Pomposo



## OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART

### HOW TO INTERPRET

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### ANTIQUUE CAR ADS

#### IF IT SAYS:

#### IT REALLY MEANS:

Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

## MPOTAC Board Meeting

November 21, 2022

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

Membership: Bill Mitchell was not present, but provided Ted Panofsky with an update. Membership dues statements were sent out. Currently, 25 renewals have been received, with 8 requesting snail mail.

Minutes: Corrections were made for the October 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes. Under Treasurer, first line "showing a positive balance of &162.00" should read "showing a balance increase of \$162.00. The rest of the October 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes and the October 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky provided the October monthly and 2022 yearly reports. October expenses included payment of our hall rental, Magnolia Concourse supplies, and newsletter printing. The budget should be much healthier for the coming year with our increases from membership dues and Friendship Day gate fees.

Health/Welfare: Vince Perry is well after his fainting spell. Lowell Wolfe is recovering from bi-pass surgery.

Tours: Charlie Dreschsler, Jr. and Bob Moll are working out details for our Christmas Lights tour, scheduled for Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. More details to follow.

Friendship Day: Bob Moll had nothing new to report. Charlie Dreschsler, Jr. has agreed to assist Bob Moll.

Publications: Jim Remington requested members to provide suggestion/feedback for tours to be published in our January 2023 newsletter.

Webmaster: Funds for the much-needed web update was approved and Ted Panofsky can start the process.

Programs: Charlie Dreschsler, Jr. has scheduled Steve Marchigiani to give a report on the NFL Veterans car show for our January 2023 meeting.

Unfinished Business: Our by-laws reviews and revisions are ongoing.

New Business: Bill Bratt will check on securing our 2023 annual picnic date. Suggested were Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

There are no meetings for December. Meeting adjourned: 8:29 PM

Submitted by co-secretary: Ed Wong





Sunday, April 30th, 10am-4pm  
Half Moon Bay Airport  
New Event Layout This Year!

There are car shows, air shows, motorcycle shows, tractor shows, maker fairs, music festivals, food festivals, and living history festivals galore. Mix them all together in one venue on one day and you've got Half Moon Bay California's remarkable, one and only Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show—marking its 30th year in 2023 with a massive celebration of mechanical ingenuity, power and style.