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VA OLD CAR SHOW

Some MPOTAC members attended this event connected to the Lowland Tour.



See photos on the next page.



JULY TOUR AND BBQ INFO ON PAGE 5. SIGN UP NOW! GET YOUR OLD CAR OUT FOR AN EASY AND SHORT TOUR.



Tip of the month:

If your coffee cup is stolen go immediately to the police station to look at mug shots.



VA PHOTOS



SEE PAGE 4 FOR VA ARTICLE



I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July Celebration.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Jim's place for the BBQ on the 12th, and seeing Jim's great house.

I am working to set up a tour in August, I'll send out details when it is firmed up.

Our club picnic will be held September 6th. Bill Mitchell has stepped up to be the picnic chairman, please give him your support in the many tasks required to put the picnic together, there are a lot of details to putting this together, he will be reaching out for volunteers to make the event a success.

The Magnolia of Millbrae has again invited us to participate in the Magnolia Summer Social and Mini-Concourse on October 18th, starting at 10:30. Lunch will be provided. The location is 201 Chadbourne Avenue Millbrae, CA. I hope to see many of our old cars on display.

Thank you for your support.
Ted Panofsky, President

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



THE VA CAR DISPLAY

A “SHOW” OF THANKS by Kevin Enderby

In 2024 the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club started and finished its annual endurance run and low land tour at the VA Medical Center in Palo Alto, CA. Not only is this a beautiful campus with its multitude of American Flags proudly displayed on either side of the entry road, but it is also a gateway to some of the most scenic mountain and coastal roads in the Bay Area. Additionally, it gave the Club the opportunity to show support to the many veterans who are residing there on a short-term or long-term basis. The thinking was they would be entertained by watching the green flag drop while the speedster engines roared and the low land tour cars pulled out behind them. Later in the day they could watch again as the antique autos returned from their journey. The hope was that the Club and its cars might provide a little joy to the heroes. And it did. Nevertheless, upon reflection, it occurred to Endurance Run Chairman, Chris Bhirdo, that something had been missing. He felt they needed something to fill the void between the start of the day and the finish. Thus, the Veterans Appreciation Car Show was born.

On June 8, 2025, the green flag dropped as usual and the 54th Annual Endurance Run and Low Land Tour began. But, instead of having to wait until late in the day to see the old cars again, the Veterans Appreciation Car Show took place on the VA Medical Center campus. It was no ordinary car show. It felt more like a small county fair or town square picnic. Live music played throughout the day, courtesy of Crossing Dana, a Bay Area rock cover band. “Proud Mary,” “Lay Down Sally” and “While My Guitar Gently Weeps” filled the air from one side of the show. On the other side stood Club member Jim Lukash with a couple of antique automobile horns. He was encouraging passersby to try the horns for themselves. So, every so often, above the band’s melody, you would hear a loud “HONK-HONK” or “AH-OO-GAH.” You could see the delight on the faces of those creating the sounds. Such a little thing, but such a big hit.

Since many of the Club’s members and vehicles were participating in the endurance run and tour, the Club recruited members of the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club, the Greater South Bay Chevy Club and the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the Model A Club of America to participate in the car show. This made for a wonderful array of automobiles for the veterans to enjoy. Everything from a 1909 Maxwell horseless carriage to a 1941 Chevrolet Sedan Special Edition were on display. There was a 1913 Model T Touring Car, a 1924 Pierce Arrow and a 1934 Chevrolet Master Sedan, just to name a few. There was even a 1925 Model TT Fire Truck for their viewing pleasure.

Veterans and their families and caregivers enthusiastically studied each of them. I would have to say, though, the star of the show was Larry Wolfeson’s Circus Wagon. What started out as a 1914 Model TT Truck off the assembly line was meticulously and masterfully turned into a one-of-a-kind shiny red circus wagon that pulls a trailer fashioned to look like a box car. It was delightful. As Larry’s son Lawrence sat in the wagon providing bags of free popcorn, Larry’s other son Taylor sat in the trailer offering lollipops, gum balls and colorful pinwheels. The pinwheels were quite a hit — children carried them playfully while veterans used them to adorn their backpacks and wheelchairs.

Right next to the circus wagon stood the Model T Club’s president, Lynn Alens, acting as grill master. While he tended to cooking up hotdogs, two other Club members, Mary Beaman and Lucy Greenberg, served them and assisted with condiments. The veterans were tickled with the free lunch and their expressive faces looked as though they had struck gold. The car show was open to all veterans and their families. Some came by car, others walked in, but the majority

of our visitors came from inside the hospital building. The Medical Center set it up so that six caregivers brought six patients out at a time. Some of them ventured on their own if they were able to negotiate their wheelchairs while others spent 20-30 minutes with us before the caregivers took them back and escorted six more out to the show. There was a steady stream of attendees while never being uncomfortably crowded.

Along with the circus wagon treats and hotdogs, the Veteran's Administration offered various bags of chips & cookies and bottled water & Gatorade, all free for the taking. The VA also took the opportunity to showcase some of the assistance it has available to veterans and their families. Some non-profit organizations such as Team RWB (Red, White & Blue) which concentrates on promoting a health and wellness community and The Cost of Courage Foundation that supports the needs of veterans and families as they transition back to civilian life manned information booths as well. Of course, the local chapter of the American Legion was set up to answer questions and pass out those all too familiar red poppies, reminding us that we should never forget the sacrifices American Service Members make to keep us safe and free.

As I walked the grounds capturing the day with my camera, I had several encounters with military veterans who shook my hand exuberantly and thanked me over and over again for the festivities. The weekends are boring, they told me, and time just drags on. This was a much appreciated respite from that. I have to admit that more than one of these brave heroes moved me to tears. The day was lovely and so much fun. Our Club's gift of one afternoon filled with olds cars, hotdogs and music had such a powerful impact on those who had given our country so much. It was our show of thanks.



Upcoming MPOTAC Events

July 12 - BBQ and potluck. Mini tour. Jim's house.
Drive your old car - local event. See info in this newsletter

August - Being planned

September 6 - Annual picnic, Beresford Park shelter

October 18 - Magnolia mini car show, 10:30-3



Other Events

July 27 - Don Frolich Memorial Meet, Sunday, July 27. Gates open at 9, BBQ at noon. Put on by the Northern California Region, Cadillac & La Salle Club. Portal Park, Cupertino. For information and application contact MPOTAC member, Jeff Nielsen, 650-740-5204

August 16 - Women of the Moose car show, Pacifica Moose Lodge, 776 Bradford Way, Pacifica. For more info contact

chapter1595@mooseunits.org \$30 per vehicle, includes lunch.

September 13 - Cars in the Park in San José



BBQ and Mini Old Car Tour

You are invited to attend a July MPOTAC event

On Saturday, July 12, get your old car out for a short and easy mini tour led by MPOTAC member Vince Perry and ending up at Jim Remington's house for a barbeque and pot luck (and time to show off your car).

The Tour: Meet at Mid Peninsula's traditional meeting place, Wellesley Crescent in Redwood City (one block from Stacks restaurant on El Camino Real in Redwood City). Parking is difficult so park along the side streets. Vince will meet everyone in the Crescent (on the grass in the park). He will line up cars that will park in the back yard (if any) of Jim's house at the head of the tour. Departure time will be 10:30. At that time Vince will follow MPOTAC tradition and make two loops around the park with cars joining in, then start the journey. The route will follow Edgewood to Cañada Road then on to Jim's house – easy and scenic. If you will not join the tour, only the BBQ, please note that on the sign-up form.

The BBQ and Potluck: I (Jim) will provide hamburgers. We are asking attendees to bring one of the following: a salad, appetizer, chips/dip, dessert, drinks, or something else. I will have utensils, cups, napkins, plates, condiments, coffee, and BBQ stuff. I will ask for some help organizing all the food and helping barbeque the meat (see choices on next page).

NOTE: My house is on a slightly sloping street (my driveway also has a slope). If you are driving an older car and concerned about parking on a slope just let me know and I'll park you in the backyard, which will make for easy viewing but may block you in until someone moves their car. Please park in the driveway or in front of my house on the sidewalk if space permits. If there are a lot of old cars I'll direct you. Enter through the garage or gate to the right of the garage and find your way to the patio. Food set up will be in the dining room off the patio.

Mobility issues: Aside from the slight slope getting to my house, there are no stairs and only one step to enter the house.

I have limited space in the refrigerator, but if you can find room go for it! An oven is available, first come first served. If you are bringing cold drinks, please bring them chilled – I will have an ice bucket

See next page for sign up and more details

Sign up to attend!



And now **THE SIGN-UP SHEET!**

You can fill out this form and mail it to me or just email me all the information

NAME(S) _____

NAME(S) _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

CHECK EACH ITEM THAT APPLIES:

_____ I AM DRIVING AN OLD CAR _____ I'M DRIVING A MODERN CAR

_____ I WOULD LIKE TO PARK IN THE BACKYARD (OLD CARS ONLY)

I AM PLANNING ON BRINGING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THE POT LUCK (YOU MAY BE ASKED TO CHANGE YOUR CHOICE IF WE GET 20 SIGN UPS FOR POTATO SALAD, ETC.!!)

_____ SALAD, GREEN _____ SALAD, PASTA _____ SALAD POTATO

_____ APPETIZER _____ DRINKS _____ DESSERT

_____ OTHER _____

The BBQ will consist of beef, chicken, or salmon burgers (subject to availability, menu may change) If you are a vegetarian you're out of luck!

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MPOTAC Board Meeting
June 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Ted Panofsky at 7:05 PM.

In attendance: Ted Panofsky, Jim Remington, Mark & Kay Barchas, Ed Wong, Bill Mitchell, and Kevin Enderby.

Membership: Bill Mitchell reported one returning member. Ken & Phyllis Tonna has a 1956 Chevy 210 sedan (S) and a 1973 Pontiac Grandville convertible (S). Welcome back. Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings and tours.

Secretary: Minutes of the May 18, 2025 Board Meeting and May 22, 2025 General Meeting was approved with the following corrections: 1) Apologies to Mark Barchas-sometimes I write Barchus instead of Barchas. 2) Under Tours, the BBQ/Tech Tour should have been retitled BBQ/Mini-Tour.

Treasurer: Mark Barchas reported no major expenses-usual monthly printing and hall rental costs. Board members voted and approved increasing our 3 month CD account from \$10K to \$15K.

Tours/Activities: 1) Saturday-July 12, 2025: BBQ/Mini-Tour (Jim Remington, Vince Perry), 2) Saturday-September 6, 2025: Annual Picnic, 3) Saturday-October 18, 2025: Magnolia Mini-Concourse.

Publications: Nothing major to report from Jim Remington.

Webmaster: Our club and other club events as well as event photos were posted. New club members were also added to our site reports Kevin Enderby.

Miscellaneous Comments:

- 1) Ted Panofsky: How do we make our meetings more interesting?
- 2) Jim Remington: Fix TV to show DVD's of interesting topics.
- 3) Re-start door prizes at our meetings.
- 4) Have speakers talk about other topics, hobbies. Don't have to be car related.

Meeting adjourned: 7:52 PM

Submitted by Secretary: Ed Wong

MPOTAC General Meeting
June 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Ted Panofsky at 7:30 PM.

Membership: Bill Mitchell reported on returning member. Ken & Phyllis Tonna: 1) 1956 Chevy 210 sedan (S), 2) 1973 Pontiac Grandville Convertible (S). Please join our meetings and tours.

Secretary: Minutes of the May 18, 2025 Board Meeting and May 22, 2025 General Meeting was approved as submitted.

Treasurer: The budget is healthy. Mark Barchas reports no major expenses. Details upon request.

Tours/Activities: Scheduled are the following: 1) Saturday-July 12, 2025: BBQ/Mini-Tour (Jim Remington, Vince Perry), 2) Saturday-September 6, 2025: Annual MPOTAC Picnic (Bill Mitchell), 3) Saturday-October 18, 2025: Magnolia Mini-Concourse.

June 8, 2025 Lowland/VA Hospital Tour Comments: Ted Panofsky-Apologized that show was for pre-war cars. Was worried that he brought his Dodge truck, but received positive feedback from attendees. Bill Mitchell-Observed about 25-30 vehicles, mostly Model A's and Speedsters. I wanted to meet more veterans. Found out veterans had to stay inside to receive their meals. Bill Bratt-Had about 30 vehicles, but only 24 cars made it to the first checkpoint. Kevin Enderby-Nice scenic route, down to Pescadero, to 84, to Highway 1. Most of the vehicles were from the Santa Clara Model A's Club.

Publications: Nothing major to report from Jim Remington.

Webmaster: From Kevin Enderby-Latest club, non-club events, photos were downloaded.

New Business: Motion was made and approved for a \$250.00 to Cars-In The Park.

Raffle: 1938 Fire Engine Die Cast Model won by Bill Mitchell.

Refreshments: Thank you, Jim Remington, for the delicious homemade chocolate cookies and chocolate brownies.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Secretary: Ed Wong