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Do you know the actual name of this "Any Car"?



The name of this car can be found on page four

Friendship Day is May 18th. Soon you will be asked to volunteer to help. We will be needing people to help direct traffic and collect money. More information coming soon.

Can you guess the make and model of 20 classic cars? If you can do it by just looking at the photo, give yourself 3 points. If you get it right after the multiple-choice answers are shown, give yourself 1 point. Check out this YouTube site to make your guesses.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNK91Osf1ok>



Once again, General Motors has made history.

The 2025 Chevy Corvette ZR1 recently became the fastest car ever built by a U.S. auto manufacturer—and the driver was none other than GM President Mark Reuss.



The GM team traveled to Germany's High-Speed Oval Track at ATP Automotive Testing facility in Papenburg and reached a two-way average speed of 233 mph—they clock you going both ways and take the average to account for wind. Papenburg provides ideal conditions for a high-speed test, like temperature and air density.

The ZR1 is now the fastest current production car priced under \$1 million and the fastest factory-stock Corvette on earth, according to the company. The 2025 ZR1 is expected to start around \$180,000 and go up to \$205,000, according to Car and Driver.

In 2020, Corvette moved to a mid-engine architecture, and the ZR1 has the most powerful V8 engine ever produced by a domestic manufacturer.



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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

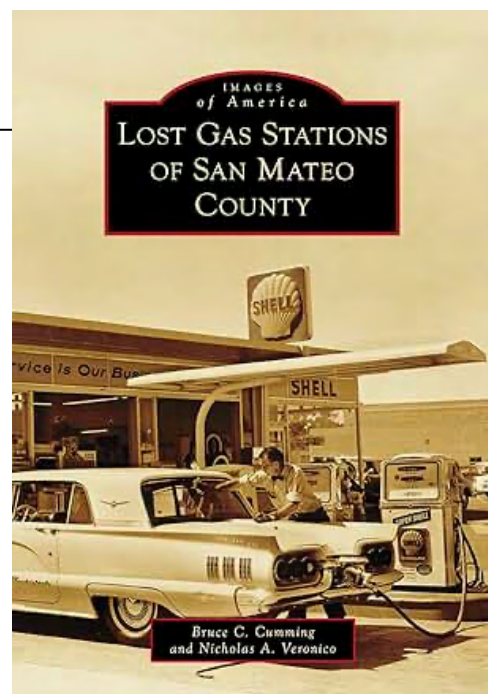
We had a great general meeting in March. We had two speakers, Bruce Cumming and Nick Veronico who have published a book on the history of gas stations in San Mateo County. It was a lively presentation with many pictures from the book and descriptions of the stations, their history, the interesting people who ran them, and the process of obtaining the pictures. Several members commented that they had worked at some of the stations in the book. Thank you, Jim, for arranging for our guest speakers.

Under the direction of Charlie Drechsler and his team, we are well on the way with the planning of Friendship Day which will be May 18th at the Port of Redwood city. This year we will again host the Model T assembly demonstration, an exciting display of mechanical cooperation not to be missed. Tell your friends. Expect a letter from Jim Remington asking you to sign up to help with the event, and remember if you work a shift, you get a free entry! We are also looking for donations for the event door prize drawing; if you have an interesting bit of automotive memorabilia to donate or other item to make the drawing a success, it would be appreciated.

We have a number of other events coming up. Please check out the website calendar and the events section of the newsletter for more information.

Thank you for your support.
Ted Panofsky, President

If you missed your chance to order "Lost Gas Stations of San Mateo County" you can contact your editor, Jim, via email, or at a meeting, and he'll make arrangements – or order from Amazon. Cost is \$25.





The name of this car....

ForChevAmChrysVagen

Also known as the AnyCar made in 1971 from 22 different cars.

There were actually three AnyCars made during three different years. This is AnyCar number one.

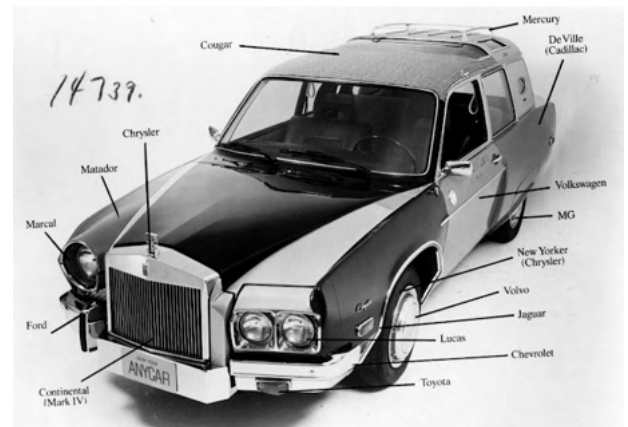
These cars were created for commercials for the Manufacturers Hanover Trust New York Bank.

The cars were displayed at Hanover Banks with the idea that the bank was ready to approve loans for any car you wished.

The two other cars are shown below. The fate of the three cars is not known



AnyCar2, 1972. Made from 50 cars from the 1930's to 1970's



AnyCar3, 1975. Built by George Barris who made many vehicles for movies and television (the Batmobile for example). Made from 40 cars.

Upcoming MPOTAC Events

March 24 - Board Meeting, 7:00, call editor for location

March 28 - General Meeting, 7:30

April 26 - Model Train tour (rain date the 27th)

May 18 - Friendship Day

June 8 - Lowland Tour car show, VA Hospital, Palo Alto. More info to come

July 12, 19, or 26 - BBQ and potluck. Possible mini tour. Jim's house, date TBD. Drive your old car - local event.

September 6 - Annual picnic, Beresford Park shelter

Other Events

April 27 - Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay

May 4 - Maltese Heritage Association Classic Car Show, 10 to 3, College of San Mateo. Free to spectators. Pre-registration \$45. For more information call Debbie Ghiglieri, 650-303-1256.

June 7&8 - Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club Endurance Run and Lowland Tour. New this year - car show for pre-1940's

September 13 - Cars in the Park in San José



The Archer's 10 millionth Model T Ford cross country venture
By Ed Archer

This story is not meant to be a promotion for Henry Ford or Ford Motor Company but the first couple of paragraphs leads you into the purpose of our drive.



Whether you like Fords or not, you gotta hand it to Henry Ford. Among his many attributes, first and foremost, he put America on wheels! Began producing motor vehicles in 1903 with a moderately priced, small 2 cylinder machine called the Model A, (and you thought the first Model A was produced in 1928). The Model A was nothing really special among the many new entries in the fledgling horseless carriage market but he was able to sell enough of them therefore financially enabling him to begin the trek of fulfilling his long-term vision of producing a low priced automobile of good quality, durable and dependable, that everyone

could afford. In those days motor vehicles were only affordable to the more affluent person. His first offering the Model A, was followed in 1904 by a Model C an improved 2 cylinder version, and he also introduced the model B, a little more upscale car with his first 4 cylinder engine, followed by the F, K, N. R and S. Then by late 1908, the one you've all heard of, the Model T. It was introduced at a low price of \$865.00 (Comparable cars, Reo, Overland, EMF, etc. were in the \$11-\$1400.00 price range). With the introduction of the new Model T, Henry Ford had perfected what he considered the perfect simple chassis design, encompassing most of the aforementioned attributes in his original vision. The final ingredient that made this car so special was vanadium steel. A very expensive steel, light weight yet extremely strong, used on a variety of European automobiles. No foundries here in the U.S. were able to produce vanadium



steel. It's a long story, but Henry Ford found a way to produce it here in the U. S. at an affordable low cost, thus his pursuit of building a light weight yet durable, dependable, inexpensive automobile was accomplished. With his increased refining of the mass production assembly line process, as they say, "The rest is history".

As the years passed and Ford's Model T popularity continued to grow, by 1913 Ford Motor Co. was producing an amazing 1,000 cars per day! With his perfected mass production Henry Ford was able to

keep reducing the price of his Model T until by 1924 you could buy a new Model T Ford for only \$265.00. Ford's nearest competitor was Chevrolet at \$495.00! Another amazing fact; by 1924 **50% of all the automobiles in the world were Model T Fords.** So, in 1924 Henry Ford announced the proud completion of the 10 millionth Model T Ford produced, and in order to celebrate that milestone Henry Ford singled out the 10 millionth Model T off the assembly line, a touring car, had it hand lettered "Ten Millionth, New York to San Francisco via the Lincoln Highway" on the side of the body, in large white letters, and appointed his number one "official" driver, Frank Kulic to drive the car on a promotional tour from New York City cross country via the Lincoln Highway to San Francisco's Lincoln Park where the Lincoln Highway ended. (As if the Model T Ford needed promotion/publicity!).

Fast forward to 2024 and the thought of celebrating the centennial of that historical promotional trip, enter, Mike Vaughn of Lincoln Nebraska, past National President of the Model T Ford Club of America, and MTFCA member Mike Bender, volunteered to share the driving, then coerced Clay Smith, owner of Speedway Motors and the Speedway Museum in Lincoln Nebraska, to let them use the museum's restored 1924 Model T Ford touring, identical to the one that made the trip in 1924. They decked it out with appropriate lettering and began planning the route. They all agreed that the route had to include as much of the original Lincoln Highway as possible.

As soon as I heard about the plans I contacted Mike Vaughn and established a plan to meet them as they entered California and accompany them into San Francisco. I thought that it would be fun to participate in some way, adding to this historic celebration. So on June 24, Karen and I departed home at the crack of dawn in old number 4, our 1915 Ford race car, and headed east to meet the Mike's and the 10 millionth Model T as it continued west through State Line, Lake Tahoe. It was a cool brisk morning, but as soon as the sun appeared from behind the eastern horizon it began to warm up a bit.....and then a short time later we were in the Sierra Nevada's and cooled back down by the shade of the tall pine trees. Fortunately, we were kept reasonably warm by our big raccoon coats. Traffic was light and we made good time with the expectation of meeting them in South Lake Tahoe around 10:15 AM. They were early, and around 4 miles west of Tahoe as we crested a small hill and proceeded around a curve, they went flying by. (You're version of "flying" may be different than our Model T version.) We dived around traffic and made a quick U turn and fortunately they found a wide spot in the road and pulled over to wait for us. After a cordial greeting, with a few travel updates, we headed west, for



lunch in Placerville, and enroute were treated to some very interesting roads that I've never been on, which were obscure parts of the old Lincoln Highway. We were considered guests and were treated to a great late lunch at a nice Italian restaurant (I don't remember the name) in Auburn. By the time we left the restaurant and now knowing some of the Lincoln Highway left to travel, I could see that we were not going to reach San Francisco that day and I could only spare the day, so around 5:30 PM as we entered south east Sacramento we departed ways and Karen and I headed for home as they headed to their evening lodgings. With no headlights on old number 4 it's sun up to sundown driving and we arrived home with a little sun left over.....very little!

The two Mikes and the 10 millionth made final destination

Lincoln Park in San Francisco the next day to the delight of a nice welcoming crowd. A welcome sight for them after such an arduous historic adventure.

Picture 1 The 10 millionth as it come off the assembly line in 1924. 2, Mike and Mike in the "token" 10 Millionth.
3. Falling in behind our leader on one of the more obscure paved Lincoln Highway roads.



Concours Seminar – Sacramento

Sunday March 23rd at the California Automobile Museum

By Kevin Enderby - car enthusiast, concours entrant & judge and track hound

I personally love Concours events. It is where you get to talk to all kinds of car people about all kinds of cars in crazy detail. And see some spectacular cars. Concours folks have so much knowledge about their cars, judging and so much more. Being someone that has gone to car shows since I was a toddler on my Dad's shoulders, and one that shows and judges at Concours events, I want to share that fun with others. Two years ago, I got together a number of Concours Chairmen and Chief Judges to do a Concours Seminar. It was tremulously successful. And everyone that attended loved it. Pulling back the curtain on what happens at a Concours and how its many events come together. And how Judging is actually done with mock judging that allows judges to tell folks what they are looking at and have people to ask questions while judging is happening.

So, we are doing this again, this time at the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento on Sunday March 23rd. It will start with a free Cars and Coffee event put on by the EuroSunday group. We will have a classic People's Choice voting and award for those attending the Concours Seminar. There will be two fast paced sessions inside the California Automobile Museum with multiple speakers. Morning sessions talking about four northern California Concours events from their Chairman. We then supply all attendees lunch and award our People's Choice award. The afternoon sessions will be about different styles of judging. From the very simple to the very detailed presented by Chief judges. Then we will break out and do mock judging of three different cars in the museum using three different judging styles. We will be judging a Ford Model A, a Ferrari 308 and a Classic Car.

See the flyer and this web page for sign-ups for more details: <https://www.focnorcal.org/events/concours-seminar>

For those in the Bay Area, there will be a Saturday afternoon back roads delta drive and an overnight in Old Town Sacramento.



MPOTAC Board Meeting
February 24, 2025

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

Present: Jim Remington, Ted Panofsky, Kevin Enderby, Bill Mitchell, Ed Wong, Ed & Karen Archer.

Membership: No new members report Bill Mitchell. Working on membership rosters. Since the membership renewal dues deadline has passed, non-paying members will be deleted on the new rosters.

Secretary: Minutes of the January 20, 2025 Board Meeting and January 24, 2025 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Mark Barkus was not available.

Health/Welfare: Services for Dean Johnson: Saturday-March 22, 2025 @ 11:30 AM. Covenant Presbyterian Church. 670 East Meadow Drive. Palo Alto. 408-781-9030.

Tours/Activities: Planning: Model Train Tour/Portola Valley (Bill Bratt), Local Mini-Tour (Vince Perry), BBQ-Tech (Jim Remington). Maybe having Mini-Tour and end up at Jim's BBQ-Tech. More info and updates as we receive them.

Friendship Day: Charlie Drechsler, Jr. was not available. Board members discussions and recommendations: 1) Gate fees to remain at \$25.00/vehicle. 2) Need about 10-12 items for door prizes. 3) Need for goody bags and plaques?. 4) \$5.00 discount for other car club members if they come in a group. 5) Volunteers will receive free admission. 6) Model A assembly team will also receive free admission.

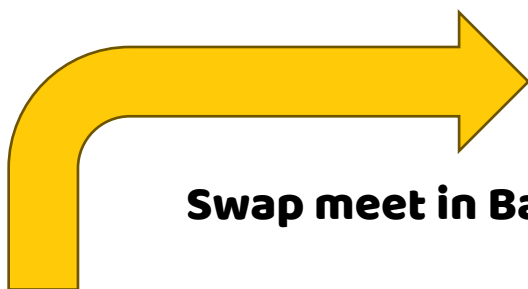
Publications: Need for more articles replied to Jim Remington. Also, Friendship Day Volunteer Forms will be printed in the newsletter.

Webmaster: Kevin Enderby posted more material on the site.

Social media: Ferris Lewald was not available.

Meeting adjourned: 7:58 PM.

Submitted by Secretary: Ed Wong



Swap meet in Bakersfield



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MPOTAC General Meeting
February 28, 2025

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

Membership: Bill Mitchell reported no new members. New rosters are being printed and will be sent out shortly.

Secretary: Minutes of the January 20, 2025 Board Meeting and January 24, 2025 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Mark Barchus's report: Partial savings balance were put into a money market account and a 4-month CD account. Also, the monthly bank service fee was waived.

Health/Welfare: Services for Dean Johnson: Saturday-March 22, 2025 @ 11:30 AM. Covenant Presbyterian Church. 670 East Meadow Drive/Palo Alto. 408-781-9030.

Tours/Activities: Scheduled for April 26, 2025 is the Model Train Railway-Portola Valley Tour. Still planning: Vince Perry Mini-Tour, Jim Remington BBQ-Tech Tour, and June 8 2025 Model T/Veteran's VA Hospital in Palo Alto Tour.

Friendship Day: Gate fee to remain at \$25.00/vehicle. More discussions are needed for the following: car club discounts, need for goody bags and plaques, door prizes, senior discount. Publications: Jim Remington will have Friendship Day volunteer sign-up forms added to our newsletter. As always, more articles and stories are welcomed.

Webmaster: Kevin Enderby was not available.

New Business: \$200.00 donation to the California Auto Museum in Sacramento.

Refreshments: Thank you, Alfred Herpe for the doughnut holes and cupcakes.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM.

Guests: Bruce C. Cumming and Nicholas A. Veronico, authors of "Lost Gas Stations of San Mateo County". 7:55 PM -9:10 PM. Bruce and Nicolas gave a slide presentation of their book.

Submitted by Secretary: Ed Wong