



# The Windshield Post

Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto Club

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## Friendship Day, Sunday May 21, 2023



Same location as last year,  
**Port of Redwood City**

Thank you for all the members that have volunteered to help put on this fabulous show. If you signed up to help at the Gate, report at your assigned time and find Jim Remington. You will be either collecting money (\$25 this year) or be given a flag to direct traffic. Remember your sun screen, hat, and dark glasses. Flagger may want to bring a chair.  
**Questions? Call Jim: 650-342-0852 evening**





**You can now buy these replica oil cans.  
However, it is just paper covering the can, not  
imprinted on the can.**

*(editor).*

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Secretary: Ed Wong and Maureen Krantz  
Treasurer: Ted Panofsky  
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## Upcoming MPOTAC Events

May 21 - Friendship Day, Port of Redwood City  
May 22 - NO Board Meeting (resting from FS day!)  
May 26 - Regular Meeting, 7:30, Highlands Club  
October 14 - Mini Concours, Magnolia in Millbrae

San Carlos Hometown Days Parade, Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
*Not a MPOTAC event*

## Got Oil?



**Yes! This Packard  
only uses the best oil  
from the early days!**

## President's Message

It's finally Springtime on the Peninsula.



Happy Mother's Day and thank you all for joining us at Friendship Day 2023. We need to thank our committee consisting of Tanya Pomposo, Ted Panofsky, Ed Wong, Jim Remington, Bill Bratt, Vince Perry, Ferris Lewald, Phil Constantino, and my wife Cynthia

for their diligence in providing another wonderful event. Thank you to Ed and Maureen Krantz, and our board for donating the door prizes. At our May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, we'll discuss an invitation to the Redwood City fourth of July Parade, and some tour ideas. Finally, we close this month honoring all those who have served in our nation's conflicts here and abroad, may they rest in peace.

Respectfully,  
Charlie Drechsler

### Alpine RR Tour

What a beautiful way to spend Earth Day 2023 than to visit Portola Valley Alpine Rail Road. The Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto Club had 16 people attend and Santa Clara Valley Model T Club had 7 in attendance.

From the comments I heard my impression was that everyone had a good time.



It was so interesting to see the Machinists and Engineers enthusiasm working on their train engines. They were all so happy to share the reasons they adopted this hobby and how they have built their engines.

The Engineers who took all of us on their trains around the vast property shared the vistas that inspired them. Some rides were short and others lasted a half an hour or so.

The property has increased in size since our last visit and there are plans to continue increasing the train runs.

Hope those who attended had a good time, I know I did.

Tour arranger, Bill Brat

More photos in a future  
newsletter -- *Editor*



## Thank you, Oscar Zerk.

Fill in the blanks from the multiple-choice box.

Oscar Zerk was an inventor born on May 16, 1878, in Vienna, which was the capital of \_\_\_\_\_ (1). With the help of the Emperor, \_\_\_\_\_ (2), Zerk was admitted to engineering college in Brno, which is now located in \_\_\_\_\_ (3).

After graduating, he became interested in the emerging automobile industry. He soon designed both a six-cylinder engine and proposed a form of automatic transmission. He traveled to the United States in 1907 to view the steam cars of the White Motor Company. During his trip over he was inspired to improve the system of lubrication then in use on automobiles – grease cups and oilers.

Zerk eventually founded a company in \_\_\_\_\_ (4), Ohio, to produce an early version of what became the Zerk fitting. He was not the first person to think of forcing grease under pressure into joints and bearings, but his designs were very good. Unfortunately, Zerk’s business sense was not as good as his engineering skills and in 1913 he was forced out by his investors.



After the Great War, he became involved in the Allyn-Zerk Company. In 1924 this company was purchased by Stewart-Warner, which also owned Alemite, a market leader in lubrication technology. Zerk became a stockholder and consulting engineer. In 1929 Zerk created a refined version of his lubrication nipple and assigned the patent to Alemite.

Zerk pulled back from the business a bit in 1939 and moved to Kenosha, which is in \_\_\_\_\_ (5). He remodeled a mansion and called it “Dunmovin.” He registered many more patents, over 300 in his lifetime. Oscar Zerk died in 1968, but his name lives on in the grease fitting that we still use to this day.

*Answers: 1)C 2)C 3)A 4)B 5)A How did you do?*

- 1]
  - a) Austria
  - b) Hungary
  - c) Austro-Hungarian Empire
- 2]
  - a) Joseph Leopold
  - b) Napoleon Bonaparte
  - c) Franz Josef
- 3]
  - a) Czechia
  - b) Austria
  - c) Liechtenstein
- 4]
  - a) Kalamazoo
  - b) Cleveland
  - c) York
- 5]
  - a) Wisconsin
  - b) Illinois
  - c) Iowa

MPOTAC Board Meeting  
April 24, 2023

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

Membership: Bill Mitchell was not available.

Secretary: Minutes of the March 20, 2023 Board Meeting and March 24, 2023 General Meeting was approved as posted.

Treasurer: After paying fees and costs pertaining to our upcoming Friendship Day event, the budget remains solvent. Further details upon request.

Health/Welfare: Tanya Pomposo was not available.

Tours: No tours are scheduled at this time.

Friendship Day: All committees are making progress. All remaining Friendship Day dash plaques from past years were inventoried. A decision was made to have stickers for this year, instead of dash plaques. Don't forget to sign up for the volunteer list. There will be a limit of 10 raffle prizes. Donations are welcomed.

Publications: Jim Remington reports nothing new.

Webmaster: Ted Panofsky has posted pictures from the Alpine Railroad tour. Our website update is ongoing with help from Mark Wheeler.

Social Media: QR codes for our website and Facebook are active.

Historian: Ed Krantz will have material at our April 28 general meeting.

Programs: Will resume after Friendship Day.

Unfinished Business: By-laws review and revisions will continue after Friendship Day.

New Business: The Port of Redwood City location is approved for our 2024 Friendship Day event.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 PM.

Submitted by: Edward Wong

## MPOTAC General Meeting

April 28, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Drechsler, Jr. at 7:35 PM.

Membership: Bill Mitchell had nothing new to report.

Secretary: The March 20, 2023 Board Meeting and March 24, 2023 General Meeting minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky was not available.

Health/Welfare: Tanya Pomposo reported everyone is OK. A big happy birthday to Joann Colgate.

Tours: No upcoming tours are planned due to concentrating our efforts for Friendship Day.

Friendship Day: All committees are progressing. Coffee, doughnuts, hospitality tent: Tanya Pomposo, Maureen Krantz, Sandy McConnell, Porta-potties: Bill Bratt, Jim Remington: front gate, volunteers, Ferris Lewald: social media, Ted Panofsky: web page announcements.

Publications: Jim Remington was not available.

Webmaster: Ted Panofsky was not available.

Social Media: Ferris Lewald was not available.

Historian: Kevin Enderby gave a report on the April 1<sup>st</sup> Auto Vino Concourse Seminar Tour. Explanations on the varies types of judging and actual judging were done. About 60 people were in attendance. Also, Bill Mitchell commented on the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Alpine Railroad Tour. Ted Panofsky lead the group up a dead-end road. Frank Pomposo's car overheated. Some trains needed backrests, as some of us have bad backs.

Programs: Will resume after Friendship Day.

Raffle: Maureen Krantz: club t-shirt, Miles Hampton: club t-shirt, Kevin Enderby: mystery box, Ed Krantz: mystery box, Phil Constantino: mystery box.

Refreshments: Thank you Charlie, Jr. and Cynthia Drechsler for the cookies.

Guest: Gary Ferret- past member

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 PM

Submitted by: Edward Wong

No May 22, 2023 Board Meeting