

November News 2019

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 16th – Annual Officers' Installation and Holiday



Luncheon takes place again at The Magnolia of Millbrae. They will host our luncheon and cocktails in their well - appointed Library. **Flyer has been sent**



Other Automotive Events

[Recurring]

Sunday November 10th (2nd Sunday @ month) Cars At Kaffeehaus 3rd Avenue San Mateo 7 AM to 10 AM – 650-347-4242 contact@mykaffeehaus.com - No charge

[Fixed Date]

Sunday November 3rd – 29th Annual Bean Bash – Beresford Park in San Mateo



has been sent



Sponsored by the Early Ford V8 Club - **Flyer**

Same date - 18th Annual Cars and Bikes and Stars and Stripes – 9 AM to 3 PM at Menlo Park VA Hospital grounds. Donate food for lunch or items for Veterans benefit raffle.

busybev@yahoo.com or 650-400-8334

Friday, November 22nd - Monday, November 25th - 61st Annual San Francisco International Auto Show



Moscone Center, 747 Howard St San Francisco – **Flyer to follow**

Since Last Issue

Sunday, October 6th - Niles Canyon Railway Tour – was cancelled due to low participation. **See attached Article by Karen & Ed Archer.**

Saturday, October 19th – Silicon Valley Motor Club - 8:30 - 10:30 AM – Bob



Moll attended this Coffee & Donuts event, finding a largely sports car turnout.

<https://www.siliconvalleymotorclub.com/>

Sunday, October 20th - Silicon Valley VW Pumpkin run to Half Moon Bay 2019 – sponsored by the Golden Gate Chapter of the Vintage Volkswagen Club of America. Did anyone attend this event?

Friday October 25th - General Meeting
7:30 PM at the Highlands Community Club 1665 Fernside Redwood City.
Topics included October / November events and the 2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE meeting.

**** Feature ****

The Niles Canyon Railway

Karen and I had our hearts set on the October 6th Niles/Sunol train trip, and when it was cancelled my first thought was “that’s too bad I was looking forward to that trip” then when I announced it to Karen she said “I was really looking forward to the tour out there and train ride”. A few minutes later we came to our senses. So on Sunday morning I pulled the old 1924 Chevrolet truck out of the garage and headed to Sunol via the old Lincoln Highway, Pergola Dublin Rd. to Pleasanton, then Foothill Rd. to Sunol. Foothill Road is so nice, winding through the tree shrouded foothills on the East side of the Dublin mountain range, a real step back in time. On arrival at the Sunol depot and securing a premier parking spot I could see the steam locomotive sitting there

lightly huffing, exhausting a little steam here and there, water dripping from an apparent overfilled tank, and the engineer, out



of the cab standing alongside one of the driving wheels tapping on an uncooperative stuck valve. Save that, it appeared to be ready to go to work. Weather could not have been better, so after purchasing our tickets we boarded



an open top “coach” and enjoyed the trip down to Niles on the historic remains of the old first

transcontinental railroad right of way that originally continued on into Oakland where you boarded a ferry to your final destination, San Francisco. The leisurely ride was delightful. We had lunch at Joe’s Tavern in Niles with outside “sidewalk” seating, and then only had time to go through one of the many antique shops before it was time to walk back to the depot and board for our return trip back to Sunol. Nothing equals the sound of that locomotive steam whistle and the huffin’ and puffin’ sounds as it pulled us back up the mild grade to Sunol. Once back in Sunol, due

to numerous requests lots of pictures were taken and I've included a few here. Our return trip home took us West, down Niles Canyon Rd. where we followed the train for a while, waving at all the passengers as it wound its way back to Niles, Then just after the road passes under the tracks we turned right and headed up Palomares Rd. which after several miles took us over the hills and into Castro Valley and Hayward. What a wonderful day, so glad we went.



Ed Archer
Past President

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In Memoriam

Patricia Davis

MPOTAC Life Member
We understand there will be no service per her request.

Source:
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