

# August News 2017

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual Picnic** -10:30 to ?? at Beresford Park, 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo (use upper parking lot)

**Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting** 7:30 PM at the Highlands Community Center 1665 Fernside Redwood City.

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> - The 17th annual Antique Autos in History Park:** San Jose, CA: The largest annual antique auto show in the West happens at 635 Phelan Ave. Open to all pre-1946 original or restored to original condition vehicles. No registration or entry fee for this family event. Contact: [www.scvmfmc.org](http://www.scvmfmc.org) or email [allang@pacbell.net](mailto:allang@pacbell.net)

**Friday-Saturday, October 13-14<sup>th</sup> – "Overnight Sacramento River Tour"** will be a treat! We cross the Bay and enjoy a tour of Fairfield's Jelly Belly Factory, a trip on Rio Vista's Ryer Island Car Ferry and overnight at the Best Western Cordelia Inn. On Saturday we head for the Western Railway Museum in Suisun City and then on to a lunch on the river at Rio Vista's The Point Restaurant. After lunch we head home. The round trip is about 255 miles. Watch for the flyer. **Sign up with VP Bill Bratt: 650-504-3280 or [bbratt456@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bbratt456@sbcglobal.net)**

## Other Automotive Events

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Millbrae Machines** – Downtown Millbrae, La Cruz to Meadow Glen 8 AM to 3 PM Presented by Millbrae Lions, \$40.00 registration fee includes 2 breakfast tickets, dash plaque, goody bag and photo of you and your car. contact: Anthony Caccia at [lions.millbraemachines@gmail.com](mailto:lions.millbraemachines@gmail.com)

**Friday to Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Good Guys West Coast Nationals:** Pleasanton, CA – Contact: [www.goodguys.com](http://www.goodguys.com)

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> - HORSEPOWER Inaugural Car Show & Street Fair** – Presented by San Carlos Chamber; 8 AM to 3 PM on Washington Street between Old County and Industrial Road - Kids fun zone, food & beverages, goody bags and vendors. \$35 early bird car registration fee Contact: Chamber at 650-593-1068 or [sancarloschamber.org/carshow](http://sancarloschamber.org/carshow)

[Same Date](#)

**Kimochi, Inc. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Show 'N Shine Car Show** - College of San Mateo 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd. 1976 and earlier American and foreign made cars and trucks, 10 AM till 2 PM in the main campus parking lot, adjacent to the San Mateo Farmers' Market. Spectator admission is free. Car preregistration is \$35.00 due Aug. 18; \$40.00 after. Contact: [jtran2ikimochi-inc.org](http://jtran2ikimochi-inc.org) or [dveekimochi-inc.org](http://dveekimochi-inc.org)

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun in the Sun Car Show** - corner of Skyline Blvd & Sneath Lane in San Bruno. Staging: 7– 8:30; show is 10 AM to 4 PM. Live band, kid's games, food truck and **No Car Entry Fee!** Sponsored by Church of the Highlands; contact Pastor Ted Melendez at 650-266-4486 or [ted@highlands.us](mailto:ted@highlands.us)

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**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Hospital Car Show** — staging 8:30 – 9:30; show 9:30 – 2 PM followed by Parade - 3801 Miranda, Palo Alto. This family oriented show is sponsored by **Reveille** group of the Peninsula Covenant Church in Redwood City. \$20 per car includes hot dog, chips & soda. Contact: Leo Jacques 650-871-6406 or [ljacques1244@gmail.com](mailto:ljacques1244@gmail.com)

# Since Last Issue

## - In Memoriam -

John Meyer, MPOTAC Member since 1993, passed away on July 15<sup>th</sup>

**"Classified Ads"** link is now working on your MPOTAC website, thanks to Webmaster Ted Panofsky. Two cars are currently offered plus some Model T parts. Members, add your own "wanted" and "for sale" items.

**Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** – our Annual Swap Meet worked its magic again: spare parts became cash.

**Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>** – The Annual **DON FROLICH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MEET** BBQ picnic at Cupertino's grassy Portal Park was a fun event. CLC members displayed their Cadillacs; a large number of Packards arrived



as did several Hudsons, Mercury's and Buicks. Many more vintage cars rounded out the field.



MPOTAC participants included Kay & Mark



Barchas, Jeff & Jeanene Nielsen, Kevin Enderby, Russ & Marie Genna, Don Barnes and the Flahertys.

We plan to sign up again next year; like to join us?

**Thursday, August 10** – Your **Board of Directors** met 7:30 at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City. Note - All members are welcome.

**Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>** - **Cars & Coffee** started at a chilly 07:00, but cars of many ages rolled in



for coffee and fellowship. MPOTAC

member Jim Remington joined me in this crowd. It happens the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each Month. Sponsored by Kaffeehaus on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue San Mateo 7-10 AM - No charge (650) 347-4242 [contact@mykaffeehaus.com](mailto:contact@mykaffeehaus.com)

## **\*\* Feature \*\***

The Last "real" Packards \* arrived as 1956 models: two door hardtops & convertibles plus four door



sedans, in several series. This Gold and Cream example appeared at the July 30<sup>th</sup> Portal

Park Picnic. It carried the Packard-built "Ultramatic" transmission with a lock-up torque converter and push-button controls. Smooth new in-house 320, 352 & 374 c.i.d. V-8's powered '55 & '56 Packards. Creature comforts, including "Torsion-Level" (electric load leveling) abounded.



Styling cues showed GM influence. The thoughtfully updated 1951 body by designer John Reinhart still looked good.

\* Sadly, 1957 and '58 saw the Packard name appear on dressed up Studebaker President Sedans, two door hardtops and Hawk coupes. Their dismal sales reflected the motoring public's reaction: these were not bad cars; they just weren't Packards. There would be no more Packard automobiles after that.

