

April News 2021

Upcoming Events

Your Board is exploring several invitations for our Club to participate in civic and private events. Stay tuned.

Other Automotive Events

[Recurring]

Sunday, April 14th - (2nd Sunday of each month) **Cars at Kaffeehaus** 3rd Avenue San Mateo 7 AM to 10 AM
650-347-4242 - No charge

since Last Issue

Saturday - March 13th - **Silicon Valley Motor Club & Friends Cars and Coffee** - 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 815 Portola Road Portola Valley, CA, 94028 Member Russ Genna attended, reporting he had to "park down the road" from this crowded event and "many high end sports cars there". Event is free and open to all. www.svmotorclub.com

Saturday - March 20th - **CALIFORNIA Auto Museum** – Reopened; see website below for events. *Outdoor car display April 17th!*
<https://www.calautomuseum.org/>

SF & North County History Tour

Sunday, March 21st - **SF & North County History Tour** –This first MPOTAC tour of the year assembled at the Caltrans commuter park by HWY 280 in Hillsborough for a chilly sunrise.



A little past 8 AM Karen & Ed Archer, Cynthia and Charlie Drechsler Jr, Chuck



Green, Sandy McConnell, Bob Moll, Marilyn & Ted Panofsky, Phil Pollio, Tanya & Frank & Frank Pomposo, Jim

Remington, Ed Wong and I proceeded in eight cars up two-lane Hwy 35, a short distance on FWY 280 and then Skyline Boulevard to Fort Funston.



We found parking in their crowded lot near the sky-diving point. Those green bluffs were the biggest dog park some of us had seen.

Next was an easy drive around Lake Merced, older neighborhoods, Golden Gate



Park, Lincoln Park Golf course, finally reaching San Francisco's Palace of The Legion of Honor. The Golden Gate Bridge gleamed in the background as we all parked together, walked the beautiful grounds and took pictures.

After walking, photography, and visiting, we started the final leg to lunch at South San Francisco's historic Molloy's Restaurant.



Just as we motored away from the Legion,



mechanical breakdown struck! See Ted Panofsky's **MY STORY**, next.

We thank **Cynthia and VP Charlie Drechsler Jr.** for organizing and leading this tour. Find more photos on your MPOTAC website.



MY STORY

By: *Ted Panofsky*

The Sunday tour of San Francisco was great, beautiful weather, excellent club attendance, interesting route, and wonderful seeing club members again. Unfortunately, my truck suffered a **breakdown** after our stop at the Palace. While we were staging for photos of the



attending cars in front of the Golden Gate Bridge, great volumes of smoke billowed up from under my

truck, and the engine stalled. Several members jumped out, brandishing fire extinguishers which fortunately were not needed as the smoke stopped and there were no flames. However, the truck was disabled, and I called AAA for a tow.

The tour moved on to the lunch spot while Marilyn and I waited for the tow.



What followed was a massive failure of the AAA dispatching system but we finally got home with the truck at 7PM. Huge thanks to Charlie and Cynthia Drechsler for returning to us after lunch, enduring the long wait and helping with the AAA communications. We were not allowed to ride in the tow truck due to COVID concerns, the Drechslers drove us, following the tow truck, all the way to our house. They went well beyond the call of duty to help us out, we owe them big time.

With the truck in my shop, I figured out what happened. It has a starter button on the floorboard. A small set screw backed out and when I started it up, the button jammed down keeping the starter engaged! I didn't notice the stuck button, or the starter noise (*how did I miss that?*). During the photo maneuvers, the starter finally overheated, smoked, and then melted the windings, stopping the motor. The starter relay was still activated, disabling all the electrical accessories which made the situation seem worse than it was. Inspection of the wiring showed no damage, a new starter has been ordered which should bring everything back to life. I have unjammed the starter switch and the set screw now has Loctite holding it. Hope that will prevent a recurrence.

Next tour, we'll be there.

Ted

Friday, March 26th – Board of Directors Meeting was combined with the Club's General Meeting. MAIN TOPICS:
1. Finding a Post-COVID Club meeting location.
2. Recruiting a future **Friendship Day** Chairperson and FSD volunteers.
Members, the Board needs your ideas! Contact any Board Member with your thoughts.

* * **Rear View Mirror** * *

1956 Corvette and Dinah Shore



Courtesy of Bill Bratt

