

August News 2020

Upcoming Events

Friday, August 14th – Tour to The Coast - Dust off the old cars and join other club members for a safe social distancing tour. **Ed Krantz** will lead.

We start at Wellesley Crescent, head up the hills, cross Skyline Boulevard and then motor down to the Coast Highway (Hwy 1). We'll stop for a picnic lunch (bring your own) and then the route takes us back over the hill to Redwood City.



Tour speeds will be comfortable for the slowest participant - 35 miles per hour or so.



Time: 10:00 AM start
Contact: Ed Krantz to sign up
650-366-4868

Other Automotive Events (dates subject to change)

Saturday, August 29th – CRUZ 19 Car Cruz – Join this easy 19-mile tour from Los Gatos to Campbell's Edith Moley Park. See flyer, sent with this email.
www.hotsanjoseneights.com

Sunday, September 20th - 20th annual Antique Autos in History Park, San Jose
CANCELLED

Since Last Issue

Saturday, July 4th – Willow Glen Auto Parade – Treasurer Rob Guzzetta (1932 Pontiac Deluxe Sport Coupe) member Frank Giordano 1930 Packard and Past President Ed and Karen Archer (Model T Racer), drove in this event. We thank Rob for sending a link to photos of this event:
<https://adobe.ly/2DazxwV>

Monday July 13th – Board of Directors Meeting met online via ZOOM. The principal discussion was the health of our members. Board voted to cancel both the Saturday, August 1st Mini Concourse at The Magnolia of Millbrae and MPOTAC's Sunday, August 2nd Annual Picnic, San Mateo's Beresford Park. Note: San Mateo had by then closed all its parks.

Friday July 24th – General Meeting was conducted online via ZOOM. Members again enjoyed social time in this "shelter in place" period. Club Business discussion included health precautions and the planned Nominating Committee Meeting (date & place TBD).

2020 Calendar

(dates subject to change)

Saturday, August 1st – Mini Concourse
The Magnolia of Millbrae CANCELLED

Sunday, August 2nd – MPOTAC Annual
Picnic, San Mateo - CANCELLED

Sunday, November 8th – Annual
MPOTAC Officers Installation/Holiday
Luncheon, The Magnolia of Millbrae

Nominating Committee

Your Committee reports that candidates have stepped forward to fill the 2021 offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. MPOTAC Bylaws state that ***“additional nominations may be made from the floor at the September meeting.”*** This means any and all members may nominate additional candidates of their choice for these offices prior to that meeting. MPOTAC is a democracy, so don't be shy. Contact any Committee member with your nomination.

Nominating Committee Members:

Len Flaherty
Rob Guzzetta
Maureen Krantz
Bob Moll
Vince Perry
Hal Schuette

Member News

Bob Moll shared a story of his first car in an earlier NEWS; this one describes his second car.

It was 1961 Plymouth Savoy 4 dr. sedan. 225 CID slant 6, 3 sp. Column



shift, light yellow with gray striped interior. I went with my folks to buy it in 1961. The salesman was

pushing a Valiant, however Dad wanted a larger car, as we had planned a family trip to Seattle. We ended up with the Savoy which became our regular family car, running several long trips.

Receiving my learners permit at age 15 & ½, I was told *“No more taking a car out for a joy ride”* and if I was caught, no “real” license until I was 18. That did it, only driving with a licensed person in the car. My 16th Birthday Card from Dad read *“Pick me up at the depot at 6:20. Mrs. Nolan will take you to get your license.”* She and my Mom took me to DMV, and I scored a 98. I would take Dad to the train depot weekday mornings and pick him up at night;

the Plymouth was mine to use during the day. By 1964 Dad was looking for a new car. In November he came home with the most beautiful car I had ever seen. It was a 1965 Ford LTD 2dr. Hardtop. Maroon (Vintage Burgundy) with matching interior. 390 CID, 4BBL, dual exhaust. What a car, I thought Wow, I'll get to use it during the day.

No such luck; Dad handed me the keys to the Plymouth, saying "it's yours".

My girlfriend and I took the car to Church Camp Verdant Vales near Middletown two years in a row.



Another time, going to SFO to pick up a friend, a wise guy tried to flag me down . . . (Yellow Plymouth sedan)

My buddy Dana and I took a fishing trip up near Waterford, deciding on a short-cut to the river; it was raining hard. The road went from pavement to gravel, to red rock and finally to just a slippery red mud; I planned to turn around at the next rise in the road. Once there I put on the brakes and we slid onto the bridge, by then under almost 3 feet of water. After walking and hitching a few miles, we found a store with an old-fashioned pot-bellied stove. The owner let us dry off and knew exactly where we were, telling us the bridge flooded every year. She called a tow truck. After a few hours we were back on the road again, heading home. The water mark was a few inches above the seats and still there when I sold the car.

I sold that car 3 times!

1st was to a couple from Australia. They drove the car to Texas and hated the place. On returning, they called and said they wanted to go back to Australia, asking me to buy the car back for the price of their luggage fee. I agreed.

2nd was to a friend who needed a commuter car to U.C. Santa Cruz. He drove it for a year and then transferred to a college back east. He just asked me to come and get the car. I agreed.

3rd buyer was my boss; he wanted a car for his mother. I had just installed a new clutch and he paid me the same amount as had the 1st buyer. I agreed and never saw my yellow Plymouth after that.

This is your own Club publication. We'd like to hear about your happy, interesting . . . or painful automobile experiences.

Send us your story!

