

January News 2021

Upcoming Events

Monday January 18th – Board of Directors Meeting - (Virtual) via Zoom at 7:00 PM. Treasurer Rob Guzzetta will send out the link.

Friday, January 22nd - General Meeting (also Virtual) via Zoom at 7:30 PM. Treasurer Rob Guzzetta will send out the link. *President Franz Lorist will discuss 2021.*



Other Automotive Events

[Recurring]

(1st Sunday @ month) - Menlo Park Cars & Coffee 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, 1149 Chestnut Street, parking lot, Corner of Oak Grove – MPOTAC



member **Kevin Enderby** (at left) attends. He is in contact with the organizer and

reports future meetings are “on hold”, pending relaxation of current health guidelines.

[www.facebook.com > events > cars-coffee-Menlo-park](https://www.facebook.com/events/cars-coffee-Menlo-park)

Car Events After COVID?

YUP!

Sunday, September 19th – Annual **Antique Autos in History Park** - San Jose 11AM to 4 PM – See attached flyer from **Alan Greenberg**.

Post COVID Travel?

Photo courtesy of Vince Perry



Since Last Issue

Holiday Lights Tour – This annual favorite was not held due to COVID-19 health guidelines. Bob Moll reported well decorated residential displays at Velota Road & Vera Avenue, also at Altamont Way and Midfield Way – both in Redwood City. Did you find any notable lighting this year?



<https://norcalcarmaculture.com/>

Tim Newey's publication currently lists mostly "Cars & Coffee" events with a few Swap meets in distant locations - no SF Peninsula or Santa Clara Valley happenings. Know of any nearby events? Let us hear from you.

**** Feature ****

George Tuck Estate Sale

By Ed Archer

If any of you went to this sale send Len a story so we'll all get someone else's take on it.

Meanwhile here's my take. I know Ted Panofsky was there, anyone else go? Buy anything? Anyway, back to this story. George was an acquaintance of mine, lived in Hillsborough and accumulated an abundance of cars and parts, mainly Ford Model T and A



stuff. He had a 20s Model T Ford speedster, a Model T touring, roadster and coupe and a Model A or two.

Although the speedster was presentable and runnable, the others that I knew of were derelicts needing restoration, and were at this estate sale, for sale, parked in the yard around the front of his house. Unfortunately, Karen and I didn't take any pictures as I didn't expect to write this story, so you'll have to use your imagination. Or ask Ted next time you see him. Dates of the sale were Nov. 19, 20, 21. The sale was handled by Grandsons Estate Sales. Hours of the sale were 9 AM to 1 PM. Prices were as marked, or quoted when you asked, and generally not negotiable. On Saturday final day of the sale, prices were to be cut in half, so 50% of the marked price. Karen and I went on Thursday, the first day of the sale. We arrived around 10 AM and the street was full of people out in front of the house as they were only allowing a small number of buyers in at one time. You had to sign up when you arrived and as someone left with their goods (or without) they would allow the next buyer in. When we signed in they were calling buyer number 27

and we were number 72. Listening to people as they departed, it sounded like prices were on the high side but we stuck around just to see, and you never know, maybe there's something in there that you can't live without. Ha! So much for that! We finally got in around 11:45 AM and were out by 12 noon. Lots of stuff, household vintage, antique, collectables and a 2-car garage full of tools, car parts and the T speedster. The other cars were outside and really didn't warrant inside storage. I'm mad at myself because I didn't ask the price on any of the cars (so that I could get a good laugh) but from my view point I laughed at the prices of most of the parts. Same old thing, if you really need the part or tool it's probably an okay price. One of the laughables was a T iron transmission cover for \$200.00. (I would be happy to sell any of mine for \$50.00 each). There was also a nice clean large drum 2 speed Ruckstell rear end (for Model T) there for \$950.00 and really, that's not a bad price. For Karen and me, we went away with nothing, stopped and had a nice lunch and headed home (There's a bright side.....I didn't have to try to make room in my garage for more stuff!). Another friend of mine from the Model T Club was there on Friday and he picked up a model T starter and a Generator for \$20.00 each, so, there was some bargains. George would be happy knowing that he was able to help some people out. I'm curious about what was left by Saturday and whether everything was marked down 50% but had better things to do than make another trip over to Hillsborough.

