

January News 2018

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 13th - Train Tour to Sacramento with 5 other car clubs. Contact President Ed Archer 510-581-4911. The flyer is on the MPOTAC website

Friday, January 26th - General Meeting
7:30 PM at the Highlands Community Center
1665 Fernside Redwood City

Saturday, January 27th - A Celebration Of Life
for Manuel R. "Manny" Fortes - 11:30 to 4:00
PM At the **Highlands Community Club**

February, weekend TBD – Valentine's Brunch will be held at a location to be determined.

Other Automotive Events

[Recurring]

Sunday, January 14th (2nd Sunday of each)
Cars At Kaffeehaus 3rd Avenue San Mateo
7 AM to 10 AM – 650-347-4242
contact@mykaffeehaus.com - No charge

[Fixed Date]

Sunday, January 21st - Downtown Sunday Drives is 10am to 12noon at the California Automobile Museum, 2200 Front Street in Sacramento.

Saturday-Sunday, January 27th-28th
Turlock, CA: **52nd Annual Turlock Swap Meet**; At the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds.
Info: www.turlockswapmeet.com

Since Last Issue

Thursday, December 21st – Holiday Lights



Tour – 16 members and guests met at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City for a 5:30 dinner. Past President Bob Moll then led the 7 PM tour through some well decorated

neighborhoods. Thanks to member Joe Kirley, tour participants convened at the nearby home of his daughter Amanda and husband Jason for hot chocolate and dessert. **Members:** Lauren Righini, Bob Moll and Vince Perry shown.

**** Feature ****

1956 G.M. Motorama

A boy's dream: Experiencing GM's Motorama in person



"I couldn't believe my good luck. A junior-high friend invited me to join him and his father on a journey into New York City to see the 1956 General Motors "Motorama."

This was billed as the biggest car show in the world and considered by aficionados to be the "grand pooh-bah" of automobile braggadocio. I was a GM fan even at age five... about the time I started naming every car and model in GM's post-WWII lineup . . . "

Source: Hemmings Daily of 12/07/17 [an online Hemmings Motor News publication] carried this story under: [dream cars, show cars and prototypes](#)

I hope you'll read this excellent article. It brought back your editor's own freezing cold winter



memories of the same show. Dad

bundled up the family in our '53 Plymouth, driving us from Weymouth, MA up to that same "Motorama" held in Boston's Commonwealth Armory. The cars excited me and my younger brother beyond anything our 7 and 9 year old eyes had yet seen. I can't recall Mom's reaction, but the cost (free) pleased Dad.

NOTE: Gold keys were given out at that long ago show. The scratched and weathered example shown is my own - now safely back in the sock drawer.

New & Renewing Members in 2017

Six new members joined MPOTAC during last May's Friendship Day and one more joined in August. Please welcome Mitch Johnson of Palo Alto. We hope to see you at 2018 Club activities, Mitch!



Winter Motoring?

Sub-freezing mornings at your place lately? Frosty Windshields on the street? Is there antifreeze in your coolant? Are you keeping the gas tank at least half full? Are your freeze plugs in good shape? Battery charged? Are there covers for the cars stored outside?



Sure, you appreciate vintage cars, but do you "let them out" for exercise



in cold weather? Please find recent pic's of some "vintage" guys with an old car in the January cold. Can you identify the car? the guys?



Today's Quote

"If you don't look back at your car after you park it, you own the wrong car" (anonymous).

News is your publication. Have an event or article you'd like to submit? An idea for future Club events? News from another club? Please contact Publications Chair Len Flaherty. 650-759-4129 leonard1068@gmail.com