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**Why is this woman so happy to be driving her new motor carriage?
Turn to page four to find out!**

MPOTAC Officer Nominations. We must choose new officers. We need a new President and Vice President. Please consider volunteering.

**What is a “Plodge?” Find out in next month’s exciting edition of
The Windshield Post**

President’s Message on Page 3

Would you like some entertainment or an interesting talk/presentation after our general meeting? YES? Well then, plan something for us. Bring your idea to the next meeting.



Can you identify the year of these car backs?



AD OF THE MONTH



THE WORLD'S LARGEST SELLING V-8

...and Lifeguard Design is another reason why!



This Lifeguard steering wheel has a new deep-center construction to reduce the possibility of driver being thrown hard against the steering post in case of an accident. Our Ford engineers have mounted the rim of the wheel high above the recessed steering post to help "cushion" your chest against severe injuries from impact.



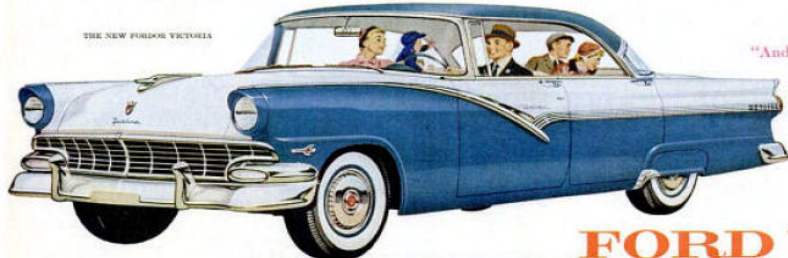
Optional Lifeguard padding protects you against accident injuries by providing a "crash cushion" on both the instrument panel and sun visors. It is five times more shock absorbent than foam rubber. New Lifeguard double-swivel rearview mirror that "gives" on impact and resists shattering is standard on all '56 Ford models.



You're twice as safe if you stay inside the car in an accident. Statistics prove it conclusively. So our Ford engineers have designed these new Lifeguard door latches with a double grip to reduce the possibility of doors springing open in a collision.



Look at this Ford seat belt! One-third stronger than required for airlines, it is securely anchored to reinforced, all-steel floor structure. Optional Ford seat belts can be adjusted or released with one hand ... are available in colors to harmonize with interiors.



THE NEW FORD VICTORIAS

"And you'll drive safer ever after!"



FORD V-8
Sells More because it's Worth More!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations on celebrating another successful year with MPOTAC, our annual picnic was a great event with friends and family. Special thanks to our Chairman, Bill Bratt and his dedicated crew of helpers, Vince Perry, Frank Pomposo, Ed Wong, and let's remember the Lady behind the genius of it all, our favorite Pat Bratt. Thanks to all who attended and provided a salad or dessert to share.

This month and coming soon, we have a club event supporting The American Cancer Society at Burgess Park in Menlo Park, and other community events like the Pacifica Moose Lodge Car Show, and the St. Pious Church Fundraiser. Look forward to our Mini-Concourse on Saturday 10/19, which is always a great time. Please check the Windshield Post calendar of events and website for dates and times of each activity.

This month we'll nominate our new president, for election in October and installation at our annual November luncheon. We'll also be reviewing and voting on By-Laws revisions presented by the Board of Directors.

We hope to see you at our Friday, 9/27 meeting at 7:30pm.

Charlie and Cynthia Drechsler



For sale: a single axel car trailer for a 100" wheel base car. . Asking \$400.00.
Call Ed Krantz for details.
(650) 366-4868.





The First Woman (Motorcar) Mechanic? First Motorcar Road Trip?

What's an 1888 woman to do when she wants to visit her mother 60 miles away and her husband doesn't want to take her? Well, if you're 39 year old Bertha Benz, you hop in your husband's new invention, the "Patent Motor Wagon" and off you go (without husband's permission of course).

The 60-mile trip took 12 hours to complete and might be considered the first motorized road trip. Along the way a great deal of attention was garnered for this motor wagon as well as for Bertha's ability to repair it. At one point on the trip the fuel line became clogged and she deftly unclogged it by using a hatpin. She also had to cover a worn ignition cable. But what to use? Well, her garter of course!



So, thanks to Karl Benz and his gutsy wife, we have the first woman driver, first woman mechanic, and first road trip in a motorized passenger vehicle.



The Mountain View neighborhood association in downtown Mountain View is holding a 1920s themed celebration on the evening of **Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 4-8pm** to celebrate the centennial of 'Palmita Park' and its founding by the Minton family (of Minton Lumber fame).

The celebration will include neighborly mingling, cocktails, and food, but they are also paying homage to the history through period music, a newly written history chronicling the development of the neighborhood, and a historic home walk that evening highlighting the substantial intact period architecture in the area homes. The event organizers would love to compliment the ambiance of the homes and celebrate the importance of the automobile in the growth of new neighborhoods with the presence of vintage automobiles 1920-1940. If you're interested in partaking in and contributing to an evening of period fun with us, please reach out to Matthew Hill (mdhill@gmail.com) for more details.

Upcoming MPOTAC Events

September 23, 2024 - Board meeting, 7:30

September 27, General membership meeting, Highlands Club, 7:30

September 28, American Cancer Society Car Show, Burgess Park, Menlo Park. Info in newsletter

October 19 (Sat.) - The Magnolia of Millbrae mini car show

November 17 (Sun.) - Installation of officers at The Magnolia of Millbrae

December, no general meeting

Other Automotive Events

September 14, The 24th annual Cars in the Park presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 693 Phelan Ave, San José, CA) with 200 period-correct through 1949 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles, and motorcycles of all makes. More info, call Allan, 408-997-0879.

September 21, Mt.View Palmita Park event, info on previous page

October 5, Fezorama Car Show, 1925 Elkhorn Ct., San Mateo. More info at fezorama.org.

October 5, CarFest 2024 will be held on Saturday, October 5th in Redwood City. A great day is planned with live classic rock music, food, a 50/50 raffle, and a live raffle. The gates open at 7:00 a.m. for parking. Trophies will be awarded at 2:00 p.m. with a red-carpet drive-by. You can go online and register at pius.org/carfest. All proceeds from this show go towards school and scholarship programs.

MPOTAC holds its Board and General meetings at The Highland's Community Club in Redwood City, at 7:30pm, located at 1665 Fernside Street, Redwood City, CA. All members are invited to attend the General membership meeting as well as the Board meeting. Specific meeting dates are located elsewhere in this newsletter.

To make contributions to this newsletter, contact the editor, Jim Remington, mtshastachalet@yahoo.com





American Cancer Society Relay for Life Car Show

September 28, 2024

Burgess Park, Menlo Park

The American Cancer Society has invited the Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club to participate in their annual Relay For Life event by displaying a group of our old cars.

Amy Boggs from the ACS has provided the following information about the event:

Location: Burgess Park, parking lot on Alma closest to Burgess Drive. There are 20-30 spaces—I'll get an exact count. We will block off the entrance to that area around midday so as to let it clear out, and then we will admit your cars only. There are some trees for shade and you can also bring pop ups and chairs.

Food: we solicit donations from local businesses and set up snacks and coffee. And generally the firefighters bring dinner at 6pm. Teams also bring their own snacks/drinks. I'll have lemonade for a small donation.

Timing: Check-in and on-site registration starts at 1pm. Opening ceremony is at 2pm. We will have at least one band. The participants walk laps that will go right by your parking area. Raffle 5pm and Dinner 6pm. Luminaria ceremony at dusk (sunset is 6:55 that day). I suggest you get the cars there between 1pm and 2pm, and I understand most people like to get them home before dark.

The exact planning for this event is still in progress, but we would like to have a great showing for this worthy cause.

If you are interested in attending this event, please let Ted Panofsky know in an email to rotus8@sonic.net.

More information about the event can be found at the AKC website:

<https://www.cancer.org/involved/fundraise/relay-for-life.html>

MPOTAC Board Meeting
August 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Drechsler, Jr. at 7:32 PM.

Membership: Bill Mitchell was not available.

Secretary: Minutes of the July 22, 2024, Board Meeting and July 26, 2024 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky reports expenses for April 2024 included: Meeting Hall rental, Newsletter printing, and a \$100.00 donation to the SCV Model T Club to support History Park. We are still \$1944.00 ahead for the year.

Health/Welfare: Condolences to Ted Panofsky and his family as his mother passed away recently. Marilyn Perry is in hospice care.

Tours: 1) September 1, 2024-MPOTAC Picnic (Bill Bratt). 2) September 28, 2024-American Cancer Society Car Show (Ted Panofsky).

Friendship Day: On track for May 18, 2025. Planning will start soon.

Publications: Jim Remington was not available. There were some problems with printing the color cover page and pictures.

Webmaster: Ted Panofsky reports no major developments.

Social media: Ferris Lewald was not available.

Historian: Ed Krantz was not available.

Programs: Nothing is scheduled currently.

Unfinished Business: Finalizing our by-laws revisions.

New Business: New officers' nominations for 2025.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 PM

Submitted by Co-Secretary: Ed Wong

MPOTAC General Meeting

August 23, 2024

Due to a scheduling conflict, President Charlie Drechsler, Jr. was not available. Thank you, Bill Bratt, for substituting. The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Membership: Bill Mitchell was not available.

Secretary: Minutes of the July 22, 2024, Board Meeting and July 26, 2024 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Ted Panofsky was not available due to family matters.

Health/Welfare: Condolences to Ted Panofsky and his family as his mother passed away recently. Marilyn Perry is in hospice care.

Tours: 1) September 1, 2024/MPOTAC Annual Picnic (Bill Bratt). 2) September 28, 2024-American Cancer Society Car Show (Ted Panofsky).

Friendship Day: Scheduled for May 18, 2025, planning and preparations will start soon.

Publications: Jim Remington reports no major changes.

Webmaster: Ted Panofsky was not available.

Social media: Ferris Lewald was not available.

Historian: Ed Krantz gave a report on obtaining and restoring his 1922 Overland that was used for his drapery cleaning business.

Programs: For now, nothing is scheduled

Unfinished Business: Picnic RSVP returns are being counted. As of August 23, 2024, 32 people have signed up.

New Business: Officers nominations for 2025.

Refreshments: Thank you, Dennis Fong, for the delicious homemade brownies and mini apple pies.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Co-Secretary: Ed Wong