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The Motor Transport Museum volunteers spent the fall working on the 1924 Cadillac stage restoration which is nearing completion. We are now in the process of final paint and upholstery. The seat cushions are at the upholstery shop in El Cajon and will be fitted to the seat frames in a few weeks. We are just weeks away from sending the body to the paint shop for its final coat of “Washington Blue” paint.

Member Roland Smith spent Wednesdays mentoring a group of students from Mountain Empire High School who came to the Mill to get some practical experience in the use of tools and library operations.

A Historic Tour of Borrego Springs

Each year a number of us at the Motor Transport Museum wander off to the desert during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in search of rest, relaxation and new adventure. For the last few years we have stayed at the Butterfield campground south of Borrego Springs on San Diego County highway S-2. This year we organized a last minute tour of the Borrego Springs area to visit some heard-of-in-the-distant places that piqued our interest.

On Saturday November 27th we met with 12 other collectors and MTM members at Christmas Circle in Borrego Springs. With our guides Stuart and Bonnie Resor, we went off



into the desert looking for 1917 Republic truck believed to have been the truck that hauled the mail from Julian to Borrego Springs. We found it on an abandon pioneer homestead in bad need of restoration and replacement of missing parts.

The next stop was to see a 1935 Ford sedan that was used by Eddie Duvall, the first Deputy Sheriff assigned to the town of Borrego Springs. The car is being restored by a group of community volunteers. The group has obtained a parts car and has otherwise rounded up most of the necessary parts to put it on the road again.

We then proceeded to the Duvall home built by the parents of Sherriff Eddie Duvall. They operated a general store and gas station. Although the center of the town, now called Borrego Springs has moved several miles away the house and store with the sign



“Borego” (as the area was known in the ‘20s and ‘30s) still stand.

We then went on to see the remains of a huge ethanol still built around fifteen years ago to produce ethanol to power electric generators. The Government accused the promoters of operating a Ponzi scheme and the investment sources withdrew and the project went into bankruptcy. The facility was abandoned and was sold to the Resor’s who built a nice home next to the plant.



Our last stop was at Doc Woillard’s home, the doctor who owned the 1924 Cadillac stage we are restoring. He kept it on the porch of the Miracle Hotel in “Little Borego” after its life as the Julian Stage was over.

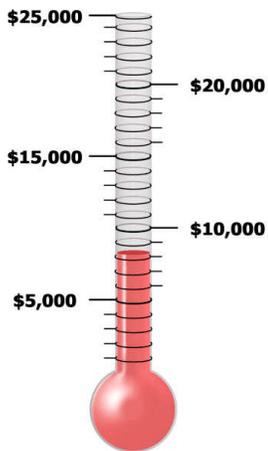
He called it the “Princess Radium Health Car” and used it as an office to give treatments for a great variety of illnesses to people who ventured into the desert in search of better health. It was here that we met Cookie Troutman, the granddaughter of Art Blank who became the owner of the stage after Doc Wolliard died in 1945. She remembered playing in the stage as a child growing up in Borrego at their house where it was parked. Cookie now lives in San Luis Obispo, California

It was a full day of exploring seldom seen sights in the Borrego desert. We are looking forward to more exploration next year. - Article by Carl Calvert

Purchase of Additional Land

The MTM Museum Board of Directors has agreed to purchase approximately 2.5 acres of land for future expansion adjacent to our museum location. We have a tentative agreement with the owner for this purchase and are now attempting to raise \$25,000 for this purchase. This amount will also cover the engineering, county permits, fencing and some grading.

The idea of securing additional space for future expansion has been discussed for some time and has also been in our long range plan. If you see our requests for donations, please do not hesitate to participate in this worthy project. So far we have raised \$8,165 in the month of December. All donations are tax deductible. We thank everyone who has stepped forward to donate.



The light and generator unit was used with a remote distance electronic unit (ears) that sensed the noise of approaching aircraft, and aimed the light toward the noise for illumination.

-Article by Bryan Butler-MTM Docent



Photo still taken from video supplied to us by MTM member and local Campo resident: Jim Palovchik. Jims movie will be able to be viewed on our web site in January of 2011.

MTM Illuminates the Darkness



On the evening of November, 12th MTM made history! We were the first ones to light up Campo's night sky with a 1942 Sperry Carbon Arc Searchlight!

Around 6 pm after sunset the MTM crew fired up the searchlight and probed the night sky. About ten people came by to witness the event and many of Campos residents reported seeing the light from their homes.

The 1942 Sperry Carbon Arc Searchlight was been restored by Carl Calvert and Sherman E. George. Although the searchlight has been fired off several times during the day, this was its first night time operation. Lighting it off at night allowed us to fine tune its focus and various other functions. This searchlight originally displaced a 50 mile beam of light however; because of the ageing of its reflector we estimate the beam of light was around 15 miles. A movie of the searchlights first test run during the day can be viewed on our web site

Ten thousand of these searchlights were built in 1942 and 1943 for use in Europe during World War II. Originally built by Sperry Gyroscope for the U.S. military as Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Units, their purpose was to spot enemy aircraft during night-time air attacks. These units have not been built since 1944. With the invention of Radar, they became obsolete.

Disadvantaged Student Aide Program

MTM has been participating in the Mountain Empire High School's "Disadvantaged Students Mentoring Program". The program gives disadvantaged kids from the school an opportunity to gain hands on experience and skills in "Real World" working environments. This will help prepare them with some practical experience for when it comes time for them to gain employment.

The participant seen in the photo below are: Student Aides: Jackie Grisafi and Keri Parsons. The Students are: Samantha Miller from Boulevard, Tiffany Dinkle also from Boulevard, Alexis Pierce from Jacumba and David Chavez from Pine Valley. MTM is happy to be able to provide a valuable teaching curriculum which is no longer available from schools today.



Recent Donations

The following items were donated to the Museum in the last three months:

A **Rockwell pin Router** by *Jack Hazussinger* of Santee, CA.

A **1957 International COE truck** by *Armando Silvas* of El Cajon, CA.

A **1960 Ford C-600 and a 1973 International truck** by the *AG&SEM Museum* in Vista, CA.

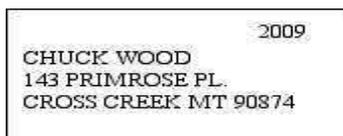
MTM thanks these donors for their generosity in helping the Museum attain its goals.

New Members

Eric Kram of San Diego **Chuck Eakins** of Chula Vista, CA and **Mike Barton** of Valley Center, CA have enrolled as new general members of the Museum since publication of the Fall newsletter. We welcome these new members to our museum.

Dues Reminder

January is the time to renew your membership. You can determine your membership status by the year printed on your address label just above and to the right of your last name. The label should read "2011" or "LIFE" or "COMP". The only time you have to worry is if the label reads any year before 2011. Please use the membership renewal application printed on the back of this newsletter to update your membership or give it to a prospective new member.



Attention All Members

You can donate money towards MTM's cause without spending a dime by simply receiving these quarterly issues of the Motor Transport Museum News by e-mail. This way MTM can save mailing costs and use the savings towards operating expenses. Not only will you get instantaneous delivery of your copy, you will get the photographs in glorious living color, a feat that we have not yet accomplished with the printed copy. Please Email us at motortransportmuseum@gmail.com and subscribe.

Volunteer Help Needed

MTM needs people like you to greet and educate our visitors. Being a docent is fun and rewarding.

Anyone interested in helping on any of the Saturdays during 2010 please call John Thomas at (619) 479-4318 or MTM at (619) 478-2492 to volunteer.

Upcoming Events

The **Big Three Auto Parts Exchange** will be held at the QUALCOMM Stadium parking lot in San Diego on February

25th, 26th and 27th. For more information visit www.big3partsexchange.com.

The **MTM Board of Directors'** meetings for the Winter quarter of 2010 will be held at the Horseless Carriage Foundation library at 8186 Center St. La Mesa, CA at 6:30 PM on the following Thursdays: **January 21st, February 18th, and March 16**. All members are invited to attend.

MTM's Visiting Photographers Photo Contest

The final winners of this years monthly and quarterly "Photo Contest" have been selected and are available for viewing on our MTM Web Site. This past year brought a large amount of photographers to our museum and a great amount of wonderful photos were shared with us. Special thanks to all of those who participated. We look forward to seeing the outcome of our Photo Contests this upcoming year of 2011.

Free Downloadable MTM 2011 Event Calendar

As a part of our appreciation to our Museum Patrons' we have created an interactive computer Event Calendar which can be utilized either as a screensaver or a stand alone desktop event calendar.

This handy calendar will keep you informed of the upcoming years events which MTM will involved with. It also gives you a slide show of all the monthly and quarterly Photo Contest winners' Photos.

Download your Free copy from our website at: motortransport-museum@gmail.com and keep yourself updated on all of the exciting events of 2011. This program is upgradable from year to year.

Hours of Operation

The Museum facility at 31949 Highway 94 in Campo, CA is open to the public every **Saturday** from 9 AM to 5 PM. Admission is free, donations are accepted.

Remember

It is impossible to win an argument with a woman. The best a man can do is to learn to lose gracefully.

Charlie Benard

MTM Officers and Directors

The officers and directors of the Motor Transport Museum are as follows:

Officers: Greg Long: President
John W. Thomas: Secretary
Carl E. Calvert: Chief Financial Officer
Directors: Ed Dilginis, Jim Jensen, Bill Jellyman,
John W. Thomas, Jim Hamilton and Carl Calvert.



Motor Transport Museum

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

New Renewal

Name _____ Spouse _____
Street Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____

General Membership	1Yr \$20 _____	2Yr \$40 _____	3Yr \$60 _____
General - International Membership (Non USA Mailing Address)			1Yr \$25 _____
Corporate Membership			1Yr \$75 _____
Life Membership			\$250 _____
Endowing Life Membership			\$1000 _____
Associate Membership - Non Profit organization			1Yr \$35 _____
Jounior Membership - Children under 18 (non-voting)			1Yr \$1 _____
Student Membership - Full time students, 18 - 25			1Yr \$6 _____

I agree to comply strictly with the By Laws of the Motor Transport Museum; to conduct myself at all times in a manner which will support and promote the best interest of the Motor Transport Museum

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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