



# MOTOR TRANSPORT MUSEUM NEWS

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The MTM volunteers spent the winter working on several projects as described below. There were a number of improvements to the Mill property such as the fence project and the new septic system. The restoration of the 1924 Cadillac stage for the Julian Historical Society is nearing its conclusion.

The MTM Board of Directors' has appointed new Board members to fill two vacancies. See the article below for details.

The Motor Transport Museum will hold its annual membership meeting and open house on Saturday **April 14**. See the enclosed flyer for time and directions. All members and their friends and families are welcome to attend.

## A Fence for the New Addition

Last spring the Museum bought an additional 2.5 acres of land adjacent to the western boundary of the present yard. Before this land can be used to store trucks on it must be fenced and graded. There is about 1350 ft. of fencing needed requiring 135 new fence posts. Carl Calvert, Andy Andrews and Jonathon Mateos are busy installing the fence. Each fence post is 9 ft. tall with 2 ft. buried in concrete in the



*Jonathon Mateos and Andy Andrews setting fence post on the west side of the new addition*

ground. Each of the holes was dug by hand so that part of the project is labor-intensive. The fencing was donated by Teddy Davis of Campo.

Brian Elmore has begun the grading after which the addition will be ready for use. The addition will double the yard space available to display our collection.

## New MTM Directors

**Bryan Butler** and **Bill Fields** have been appointed by the Board of Directors to fill vacancies on the Board. Bryan has been the resident docent at the Mill for five years and

Bill is a collector and has been a member for ten years.

We welcome these fine additions to our Board and are sure all the members will give them their full co-operation in all of the Museum's projects and activities.

## The 1924 Cadillac Stage

The restoration of the 1924 Cadillac stage for the Julian Historical Society has been progressing slowly but the end is in sight. The body has been returned from a stay of several months at the El Cajon Trim upholstery shop where the blue leather seats, interior and exterior upholstery was completed. It looks like a real beauty now with its shiny new paint that reflects the sun like a mirror.



*Carl Calvert admires the paint job on the 1924 Cadillac stage body after its return from the upholstery shop.*

Frank Ball spent some time at the shop during the upholstery work installing window glass, roof-mounted air vents and the trim around the doors and windows .

The stage body made the trip from the upholstery shop to the museum in Campo on Friday March 16th. Andy Andrews drove the Museum's Ford pickup pulling a trailer borrowed from Rick Northcote. The loading and unloading was accomplished by Carl, Andy, Frank, Sherman, Jonathan and Anthony

. The major items in the vehicle's reconstruction have now

been accomplished. The chassis, engine, brakes and running gear are all functional. Still to be completed are some wiring, door handles and fenders, minor in themselves but many in number. These are the details that make the project come together with sophisticated authenticity.

### **Jaguars Visit the Mill**

*By Bryan Butler*

For 7 days Jaguar sponsored a “breaking out” event for their new XKR-S model convertible. Reporters from auto magazines in Germany, England, Russia, Austria and China test drove the new cars from San Diego to El Centro by route of Highway 94. In El Centro each of the daily 14 drivers got the opportunity to race the new Jaguar “balls out” on the runway of the El Centro Naval Air Station. Top speed was reported to be 191 mph within a one mile stretch.



*A new Jaguar in front of the MTM visitor center*

The Motor Transport Museum was used as a rest stop where the participants’ could stretch their legs, have refreshments and utilize supplied executive restroom facilities. Due to event scheduling the participants’ were only allotted a 20 minute stop at the museum. However, many of the participants’ were so excited with what they saw here at the museum, that the event coordinators had difficulties getting them to leave in time.

I represented the museum supplying information and history to the 100-plus reporters and visitors participating in the event. They were all very inquisitive about the museum and our work here, especially those from China. Many of the reporters have written very favorable articles about the Museum. One such article can be viewed online on the magazine “Piston Heads” at [www.pistonheads.com/news/default.asp?storyId=25220](http://www.pistonheads.com/news/default.asp?storyId=25220)

The event has boosted our international notoriety.

Special thanks to Linda Levy from “Automotive Events” for thinking of us and for their generous donation to the museum.

### **New Septic System**

*By Carl Calvert*

We have just completed the installation of our new septic system at the museum. The old system had a small 500 gallon tank and about 50 feet of leach line. It serves the two live-on’s and the public bathroom. The old system was inadequate and part of the system was located on railroad property. The County had asked us to relocate the system and move it to our property.

In 2009 and again in 2010 we applied to San Diego County for a grant to install the new system . This past year the grant was approved thanks to the efforts of our County Supervisor, Dianne Jacob .We received a Community Enhancement Grant of \$12,575 for the new system and in March the installation was completed. This system has a 1,500 gallon tank and 73 feet of rock filled pit leach system. The project was completed thanks to the help of Gary Maxwell, for the percolation tests, Ernie Hobbs, of San Diego Septic Systems, Brian Elmore for tractor work, Andy Andrews, Jonathan Mateos, and Anthony Newton and other museum members. Installation of the new system caused a major disruption of our existing underground electric and water line service and it took several days to repair and reconnect these damaged lines. Now that the work has been completed we have a great system for the volunteers and visiting public.

### **Recent Donations**

The following items have been donated to the Museum since publication of the last newsletter.



*The 1937 Diamond T tank truck donated by Bob Bardin*

- A 1937 Diamond T Tanker truck by Bob Bardin of Coronado, CA.
- A 1972 Chevrolet pickup truck and a large commercial clothes washing machine (see article below), donated by Wally Barber of La Mesa, CA.



*The 1953 Chevrolet from Wally Barber*



*The 1971 Chevrolet Step Van donated by Ray Staniforth*

•A 1971 Chevrolet step van truck by Ray Staniforth of San Diego.

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

**The Washing Machine**

Wally Barber donated fourteen items to the Museum this spring, one of which was an antique commercial washing machine. The machine was made by the American Laundry Machine Company (ALMC) of Rochester, NY prior to 1915. This company was founded by Arthur Hagen as the A. T. Hagen Company in the late 1800s. It became ALMC in approximately 1909 and was the foremost commercial washing machine company in the United States.



These washers were built to be installed in institutions and naval ships. This washer was saved by Wally Barber Construction of La Mesa, CA and donated to the Motor Transport Museum last January. Come by the Mill and take a look at this interesting old machine.

**Upcoming Events**

The **Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum (AGSEM)** will hold its spring tractor show on the weekends of June 16 – 17 and June 23-24 at its museum in Vista, CA. The show will feature working antique farm & construction equipment demonstrations; an ‘N’ scale model railroad exhibit; a weaving exhibit, blacksmithing demonstrations; tractor games: slow tractor race, pedal tractors, potato race; train and wagon rides; a threshing demonstration; Grist Mill; Farmhouse Exhibit and a School House Exhibit. There will be vendor booths, food, drinks and snacks and the Museum gift shop. The grounds will open at 9:00 am and close at 4:30 pm each day. RV camping spots are available. For more information please visit <http://www.agsem.com/tractor-show.php>.

The **ATHS Central California Chapter** will hold its 26th annual Antique Truck Show and BBQ at the Kirkland Ranch in Plymouth, CA on April 27-29. Call Dennis Chan at 916 381 6063 or e-mail [athsgcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:athsgcc@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

The **American Truck Historical Society (ATHS)** will hold its national convention and antique truck show on May 31 thru June 2 at West Springfield, MA. There will be tours, speakers, vendors and trucks of every size - from pickups to 18-wheelers - and from every era, from the early 1900s to the present. The 2012 Antique Truck Auction will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. If you have any questions, just call (816) 891-9900

The **MTM Board of Directors’** meetings for the Spring quarter of 2012 will be held at the Horseless Carriage Foundation Library at 8186 Center Street in La Mesa, CA at 6:30 PM on the following Thursdays:

**April 19th                      May 17th                      June 21st**

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**New Members**

**Bryan Butler**, our live-on docent at the Campo Mill and **William Smith** of Solana Beach, CA have enrolled as a new Life members since publication of the Fall newsletter. **Sam Mitchell** of Campo, and **Carl Emerich** of La Mesa CA have enrolled as new General members of the Museum. We welcome these members to our museum.

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**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**

The best leaders are very often the best listeners. They have an open mind. They are not interested in having their own way but in finding the best way.

*Wilfred Peterson*

**MTM Officers and Directors**

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

Officers:     Greg Long, President  
                  John Thomas, Secretary  
                  Carl E. Calvert, Chief Financial Officer

Directors:   Jim Jensen,, Bill Jellyman,  
                  John Thomas, Jim Hamilton, Carl Calvert , Bryan Butler  
                  and Bill Fields

# MOTOR TRANSPORT MUSEUM

**2012 OPEN HOUSE**  
**Welcome**  
**FOR MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**SATURDAY APRIL 14th, 2012**

**10 AM TO 4 PM**

Lunch at noon!

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Soft Drinks provided by the  
Motor Transport Museum  
A \$3 Lunch Donation

Come and see the restoration progress on the 1924 Cadillac Julian Stage,  
Antique Trucks, and Old Gas and Diesel Engines. We also have some  
surplus vehicles and equipment that will be for sale.

Come out to the Museum at:  
31949 Highway 94,  
Campo, California  
(619) 478-2492

Directions: Campo is approximately 50 miles East of San Diego on State  
Route 94. From San Diego, go east on Interstate 8 to Buckman Springs  
Road. Go South on Buckman Springs 9 miles to the junction of Highway  
94. Turn left at the "T" intersection. Go about 1 mile East on Highway 94.  
The Motor Transport Museum is a nine story tall mill building and 2 ½  
acres of transportation history and **250 old Trucks**.

While in Campo stop you may also see the Stone Store Museum and  
exhibits from the former Camp Locket of WW II fame. Campo is also the  
home of the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum.

For more information call (619) 478-2492, or (619) 993-1220.



# 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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