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The MTM has purchased four warehouse buildings that were previously owned by San Diego County. These buildings were built as stables for Camp Lockett, the last U. S. Cavalry base to use horses. The Camp flourished during World War II when these buildings were built and they have either been torn down or put to other uses since then. MTM is planning an opportunity for members to take a close look at our new acquisition and suggest uses for the buildings as described below.

Camp Lockett Warehouse Buildings

This past year the County of San Diego offered four Camp Lockett warehouse buildings for sale. These buildings were used during WW II as stables in the Camp Lockett military complex. The buildings are the remnants of twenty-five used to house the horses for the 10th and 28th Cavalry Regiments



View of horses in front of Camp Lockett stable buildings during World War II. (from MEHS collection)

of the “Buffalo Soldiers,” the African-American regiments which were the last U. S Army Cavalry units equipped with horses. The buildings are about 8,750 square feet each and sit on 4.14 Acres.

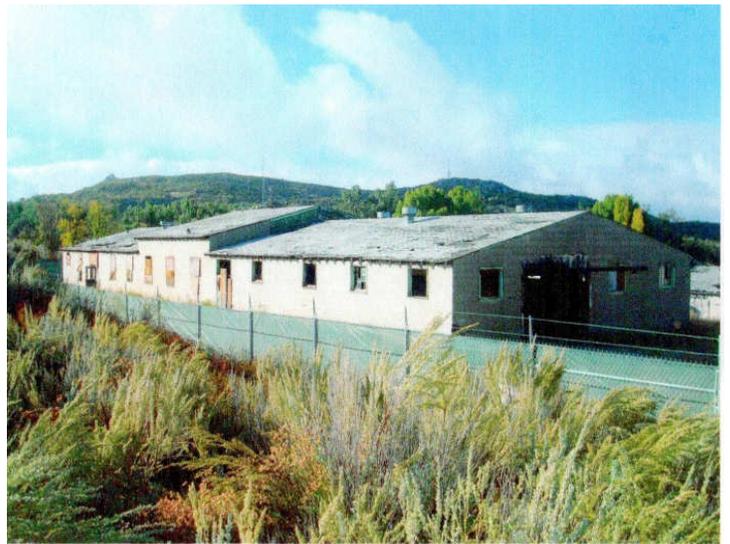
The buildings are about two miles south of the Mill, just north of the main part of Campo. They have water, sewer, and electric on the property and each of them has a bathroom. The roofs are in serious disrepair, and the windows and doors need repair or replacement.

MTM submitted a written bid of \$25,000, the minimum acceptable to the County. The bids were opened on August 7 and the MTM was revealed to be the only bidder.

Although the buildings are structurally sound, there is considerable deferred maintenance. MTM is planning on submitting a grant request to replace the roofs. We have several estimates that range from \$30,000 to \$60,000 on each building. This work must be completed first to protect the interior of the buildings. The window and door repair is a less

serious problem. The property is currently fenced with good security.

Our interest in acquiring the buildings is to have a good and



Exterior view of one of the four Camp Lockett buildings showing the badly deteriorated roof.



Typical interior of the Camp Lockett stable buildings. The structure is sound but there is a lot of deferred maintenance.

secure area to store our small engines and artifacts that are now stored outside at the Mill. Since the space available exceeds our present needs, we are interested in finding local organizations that need space and will lease the excess. We believe some of the local car clubs, military collectors and other non-profit organizations would be interested in space. We also could eventually set up a public display of our WW II vehicles representing the Camp Lockett era.

In order to finalize the acquisition of these warehouse buildings, we will need to find a way to raise the money for the purchase. Our options are to pay cash from our reserves, obtain bank financing, or obtain private financing. This purchase is going to take several months, so we have time to think about our use and financing. If you have any suggestions, call Carl Calvert at (619) 993-1220.

What a Difference a Century Makes

The year is 1912 – One hundred years ago. On February 20th, 1912 in Allentown, PA the Mack International Company, today called the Mack Truck Company built this half-truck, half-bus four seat vehicle called “A Combination Car” or stage for Joe Foster of the Julian Stage Lines. Mr. Foster ordered two of them. The rear seat could be removed to carry mail, freight or passengers’ baggage in the pickup-like bed. It was a



The restored 1912 Mack stage.

special order made to replace the horse drawn spring wagons in use by the Julian Stage Line up to this time.

In those days to go from San Diego to Julian, CA most folks took the train, the San Diego, Arizona and Eastern Railroad, a branch line, from downtown San Diego to the little town of Foster, the end of the line. There the passengers boarded the Julian Stage Lines’ 1912 Mack stage for the 40-mile ride to Julian. The other stage set out from Julian in the morning headed for Foster. They met in Ramona. The trip took all day each way because of the rough, muddy roads. John D. Spreckels, a sugar magnate and owner of the railroad had dreamed of extending the railroad to Julian, but too many obstacles prevailed and it was never built. In 1941 San Diego

County purchased the town of Foster and built the San Vicente Dam which flooded the town.

About 30 years ago long time Julian resident Dick Zerbe, a member of the Julian Historical Society (JHS), discovered the remains of an early Mack Brothers vehicle on a ranch in the Cuyamaca mountains. Recalling that Julian was once served by a pair of 1912 Mack stages Dick acquired the remains and brought them to Julian. Over the next 20 years or so he and his wife, Betty, built up an impressive collection of appropriate parts with restoration in mind. Critical parts were still missing, however, which continued to delay commencement of the project. At long last a transaxle of correct vintage was found which made a restoration project feasible.

By this time Dick's health was failing but he was able to take meticulous measurements from old photographs and created a complete set of engineering drawings from which to re-create a 1912 Mack Brothers "Combination Car." He also had the use of an illustrated parts list, the factory photograph of the finished stage and the build record from the Mack Truck Co. which listed every part on the stage as well as the paint color. Dick and Betty donated all acquired parts and drawings to the Julian Historical Society, which formed a partnership with the San Diego Motor Transport Museum for the purpose of re-creating the stage. The project was funded by a grant from San Diego County Transient Occupancy Tax collections and covered a period of three years of effort at the MTM facility at Campo, CA. The labor was provided by volunteers from the MTM and the JHS. In addition numerous outside sources were resorted to when specialized expertise was needed.

The work was completed in 2000. The stage is now housed in the Carriage House in Julian and can be seen in operation at various Julian Community events including the 4th of July Parade.

Here are some statistics for the United States for 1912.

- The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- Fuel for this stage was sold in drug stores only.
- Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- The average wage in 1912 was 22 cents per hour.
- The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
- Ninety percent of all doctors had no college education.
- Eggs were 14 cents a dozen.
- Coffee was 15 cents a pound
- Most women washed their hair only once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- The American flag had 45 stars.
- The population in Las Vegas was 30!

What a difference 100 years has made! Can you imagine what it will be like in another 100 years!

Tour of the Camp Lockett Buildings

On Saturday September 15th the MTM will conduct a tour of the four recently acquired Camp Lockett buildings in Campo.

Meet at the Mill at 10:00 am and we will caravan from there to the site of the buildings. After the tour we will return to the Mill for lunch which will be provided by MTM.

Recent Donations

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

- Two antique gasoline pumps from Wally Barber of La



Antique Bennett gasoline pumps donated by Wally Barber.



Portable welder donated by Alan Gobel.

Mesa, CA

- A portable Miller welder donated by Alan Gobel of San Diego.

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

Campo Lake Morena Roundup

The Mountain Empire Business Association will hold its sixth annual roundup at the Camp Lockett Event and Equestrian Facility on Campo on October 13th . There will be an authentic western gunfight demonstration, mutton busting, team sorting, a horse-shoe tournament and food and merchandise vendors. Gates open at 7:00 am. Directions: from San Diego take I-8 east to Buckman Springs Road, travel south to State Route 94. Turn right on SR 94 to Forrest Gate Rd. (where the railroad tracks cross SR 94). Turn left and follow the signs. For details please visit www.mtneba.org/roundup.

Upcoming Events.

The **Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum** will hold its bi-annual Antique Engine and tractor Show on October 20, 21, 27 and 28 at its museum in Vista, CA. For details please visit www.agsem.com

The **MTM Board of Directors'** meetings for the fall 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:

October 18th November 15th December 20th

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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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

Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.

Will Rogers

MTM Officers and Directors

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

Officers: Greg Long, President
 John Thomas, Secretary
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 John Thomas, Jim Hamilton, Carl Calvert , Bryan Butler,
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

New Renewal

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

General Membership	1Yr \$20 _____	2Yr \$40 _____	3Yr \$60 _____
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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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