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Retirement Celebration

By Todd Shulman

On October 16th friends, family, and co-workers turned out to honor 11 NPD employees who retired during this past year. Together the group represents over 220 years dedicated to protecting and serving the citizens of Napa. Without the sacrifices made by these individuals over the years the NPD wouldn't be the professional, well-respected agency it is today.

I had the honor of representing the NPHS at the retirement dinner. I presented each retiree with a glass etched plaque that noted their years of service, and extended thanks on behalf of the NPHS.

The retirees honored were:

Andy Lewis - 3/85-7/10
Tim Cantillon - 8/81-4/10
John Kostelac - 7/84-6/10
Tom Pieper - 9/81-6/10
Rich Pharo - 5/00-2/09
Ray Urbano - 6/99-7/10
Annie Snider - 1/96-6/10
Brian McGovern- 12/99 - 8/10
Charann Neu - 11/74-8/10
Cora Steeves - 6/72-8/10
Joyce Davis - 10/00-8/10

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Membership Report

As part of a tradition started two years ago, the NPHS has extended one year memberships to most recent group of retirees who left the NPD, as noted in the article on page #1; we hope they will continue as lifelong members, as other have done in the past.

Vehicle Restoration: Into High Gear

By Todd Shulman

A seatback in August made way for a flood of progress with the vehicle restoration. Hanlees let us know they were closing their body shop, and would not be able to donate the body work as promised; however, Ron Pippert from Soscol Auto Body stepped up and volunteered to complete the body and paint work.

On the heels of the good news about the body work, we made contact with Pat Sweeney of Silver Auto Service, who donated a much-needed carburetor overhaul.

In addition, I made a presentation to the Napa Valley Cruisers, the premier car collectors club in Napa County and they graciously donated \$500 to the restoration efforts.

We are still accepting monetary donations to help finish the restoration; we need about **\$2,000** to complete the work. You can donate on the website, or by sending a check to the NPHS address listed on page 4 of the newsletter. All donations are tax deductible.



1957 Ford prepared for body work at Soscol Auto Body

NPHS: Out & About

Throughout the summer the NPHS was a visible presence in and around Napa. This was primarily due to the on-going vehicle restoration project; however, the response was overwhelmingly positive from citizen in general to the NPD history, and the NPHS dedication to preserving it.

The NPHS has a booth set up at the Main Street Reunion Car Show in downtown Napa in August. We also had a booth set up at the Fun Ford Sunday Car Show in Vallejo in September. Finally, earlier this month, Todd Shulman made the trek to Ripon for the largest emergency vehicle show on the west coast. Although the '57 Ford couldn't make the trip due to on-going body work, Todd brought with him the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria NPD car that the City of Napa donated to the NPHS several years ago.

Several hundred dollars in donations were collected at these events, but perhaps more importantly contacts were made with people within the car restoration community who were willing to help, both with technical know-how and with connections for parts. In fact, one of these contacts was able to secure a very rare authentic Motorola trunk-mounted radio for the car, and donated it to the project.



Napa's Main Street Reunion Car Show

Menlo Park Police and Ripon Police Emergency Vehicle Show 2010



Sponsored by the Menlo Park Police Foundation, the Menlo Park Police Officer's Association, the Ripon Police Officer's Association, and P.G.&E. The show staff of volunteers thanks you for your support.

Certificate from the Ripon Police Car Show

In Memoriam: Harold "Hal" Snook

Harold K. "Hal" Snook passed away on July 28, 2010. The son of John and Mary Snook, Hal was born on April 21, 1925 at Calpella, Calif., the last of six children. He is survived by his wife Barbara and sons Keith, Larry and Randy, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Hal served in the Army in the enlisted ranks for three years during World War II in New Guinea and the Philippines. He served another three years as an Air Force officer during the Korean War.

Hal graduated from San Jose State College in 1949, where he met and married Barbara Parker, his wife of 60 years. He worked as editor of the Western Sentinel in Etna, Calif. and as editor of the Napa Journal before being recalled to active duty in 1951. An avid hunter and fisherman, Hal, after completion of his military service, opened a sporting goods store in Napa.

In 1961 Hal joined the Napa Police Department as a dispatcher and in 1962 became a deputy at the Napa County Sheriff's Department. He specialized in crime scene and narcotic investigations and was in charge of the crime laboratory. He was recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court as an expert in narcotics and fingerprint identification. He also taught scientific crime investigation for the criminal justice department of Napa Community College.

Hal retired in May 1980 and opened a jewelry and fossil business. Hal and his wife cut the stones and did custom metalwork on the jewelry they sold. They also dug and prepared fossil fish from Wyoming and sold them to museums, dealers and collectors worldwide.

Hal was a member of the California Narcotic Officers Association, Napa County Peace Officers Association, VFW, American Legion, NRA and the Napa Rock and Gem Club. A memorial service was held at the family home in Napa on Saturday, August 21st.

Board of Directors Re-Elections

There were two positions up for election this past June on the NPHS Board of Directors: the President and the Treasurer. These positions have a two year term; they were being filled by Todd Shulman and Mike Walund. Both Todd and Mike agreed to stay on in their respective positions. Per the By-Laws, since no one else was nominated Todd and Mike were re-elected. Please congratulate them if you run into them. They both put a lot of effort into the behind-the-scenes work it takes to keep a non-profit up and running.

Upcoming Events

None planned at this time.



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