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Treasured Cars, on Treasure Island!

— by Stuart Gunn

On an exceptionally warm and relatively calm day, Freewheelers gathered on Treasure Island for the start of the March “When You Wish Upon A Car” tour hosted by our new Co-President Larry Salvador. Freewheelers began arriving early, staking out choice parking spots in front of the Maritime Museum’s dramatic façade, glistening in the morning sun.

With the San Francisco skyline seemingly within touching distance and the sun shining on row after row of classic beauties, the venue was a

perfect choice. It was great to welcome new members Dave Luscher, Alvin Hasin, Mike Miles (with his 1998 Mustang Convertible), Bill Neill and Alis Souza (2006 Rolls-Royce Phantom), and Gabriel Quinto (1987 Alpha Milano). Also first-on-tour was John Nolan’s luscious 1956 Lincoln Premier. An up-skirt view of the twenty-years-and-counting “new” bridge construction was included at no additional charge. Adding to the festivities were two tanned and smiling officers of the California Highway Patrol who appeared to be

on a doughnut run. They took a suspiciously long time to stalk back to their BMW motorcycle and Crown Vic, and indeed seem to pose and swagger more than is generally required to pass the CHP Physical Abilities Test. Many members seemed transfixed by the sight and were only slowly brought back to earth.

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Co-President's Messages...

Our St. Pat's Day tour was a great day for us. Many beautiful cars and people for the Treasure Island meet-up and lunch. Weather and views just perfect. Nice drive through the city to the Museum. There was so much to see and take in, almost overwhelming. Richard and I pooped out about halfway through. We will return!! A well planned, well organized tour. Thank yous to Larry Salvador and Glen Taber. And thanks to our Treasurer, Jay Remick for working out the tickets rigamarole along with Larry. On to our next event, the Potomac Cruise. 63 sign-ups so far with a cap of 75. If you plan to attend, don't wait to reserve your ticket. If we get to 75, it's possible to add 15 more slots but management prefers to hold them open for others at this time. For other events, please remember the Western Jubilee Show and Shine on Sunday, May 5. See last month's Flyer for specifics. Another possible event is the Cad-LaSalle Club's drive tour from the Napa Valley up through the Redwoods and along the Rogue River and on to Crater Lake National Park. Runs from Sunday, June 2, to Friday June 7. It's for Cadillac and LaSalle owners and friends. Call or e-mail for full details, hhrp@sbcglobal.net, 510-220-9134. Back to our club. Special thanks to Glen Taber and to Michael Amodt, our newest Board Members. They volunteered to sign on answering the call so our Board is complete. By the way, all club members are welcome at our Board Meetings. Suggestions, comments pro and con are most welcome. All for now.

Henry Hopkins

Co-President, Freewheelers Car Club

It seems a bit early to get philosophical, such thoughts are usually postponed until Thanksgiving or Christmas. However, we received news that a long-time Freewheeler recently passed away. After a moment of reflection on what I remembered and learned from having known him, Henry Hopkins and I agreed to write a short piece for the Flyer. Expecting to find an executor or someone tending to the estate, Henry phoned his number, only to have the "deceased" answer the phone. Say what?? Suddenly, "How are you?" sounded silly.

Now, I suppose this sort of thing happens to Shirley MacLaine all the time, but for the rest of us, even Miss Manners doesn't have a solution for this kind of social awkwardness. All you can do is laugh at yourself for being in possession of some embarrassing misinformation. But is that where it should end? I remembered I should tell people now all the nice things I was waiting to say until they were no longer around. (That didn't seem so convoluted in my head.) It sounds like fortune cookie wisdom, but it's valid nonetheless: tell the people you care about how you feel while you still have the opportunity. Otherwise, they'll have to read about it in the Flyer.

Larry Salvador

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Contributors to this Issue

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Registration was efficiently handled by Jay Remick and Michael Amodt with an assist from Glen Taber. Club member Bill Rogstad metaphorically rolled up his sleeves and pitched in to lend a hand, registering and herding the nearly seventy attendees. Lunch was obtainable from the Treasure Island Bar and Grill for those who hadn't packed their own, and many a Freewheeler took advantage of the gentle weather to recline gracefully on the emerald lawn or drape themselves decoratively on the available picnic tables.

After a disappointing turn around the island by some intrepid Freewheelers searching for remains of the 1939-1940 Golden Gate International Exposition, it was time to caravan from Treasure Island to the Presidio in San Francisco and visit the Disney Museum. *(continued on page 5)*

THIS PAGE: Top row – tire kicking a plenty on a perfect day. Clockwise from left : Jim Sinnes' dazzling 58 Chrysler Wagon. First on tour 1987 Alfa Romeo Milano owned by Gabriel Quinto. Bill Neill and Alis Souza's imposing first on tour 2006 Rolls Royce Phantom.. 1998 Mustang owned by new member Mike Miles is also a first on tour.



Don't be left behind when the Boat sails!



Reserve your space! Call or email Henry Hopkins @ 510-234-9649 or hhrp@sbcglobal.net

Please set aside the morning of **Sunday, April 28** to join your fellow Freewheelers & guests for a fantastic cruise on the bay onboard the historic USS Potomac! Yes indeed, cruise the San Francisco Bay on the USS Potomac, FDR's floating White House. It is also "Opening Day" on the Bay, so we are sure to see sailors and boats of all sorts. The cruise will last 4 hours, with lunch included, at a cost of \$75. Join us for a 4 hour tour, departing at 9:30am! See Henry's presidents message for even more info!

Update! - USS Potomac will be the centerpiece for the opening day on the bay ceremonies and boat blessing. We will see all the boats in the parade up close and personal... now a 4 hour cruise at no additional cost!

At-a-Glance:

When: Sunday April 28, 2013 : 9:30am – **NOTE TIME CHANGE!**
More information at : www.ussspotomac.org
Where: 540 Water Street, Oakland CA
Event Fee: \$75 paid in advance
RSVP: Call or email Henry Hopkins at: 510-234-9649 or hhrp@sbcglobal.net

- Directions to The Dock -

From Peninsula/San Francisco:

Take the Bay Bridge to the East Bay and exit on 880 South toward San Jose. Exit on the Broadway/Alameda off ramp. At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto 5th street. Proceed on 5th to Washington (about 8 blocks), turn right on Washington. For parking: take Washington to 2nd and enter the Jack London Square parking garage just past 2nd. Once parked, exit the garage and proceed toward the estuary across Embarcadero (across the rail road tracks) to Water Street. Turn right, the Potomac Visitor Center is one block on your right at 540 Water Street

From South Bay:

Take 880 North to the Broadway exit in Oakland. At the bottom of the exit turn left on Broadway. Proceed to 2nd street and turn right, go one block to Washington and follow directions above.

From Sacramento/Walnut Creek

Take 24 West to the Oakland exit to 980. Take 980 to 12th street exit. Continue straight through the light on Brush Street, follow Brush to 5th and turn left. Follow above directions to Washington etc.

Detach this portion and mail along with your check to:

Jay Remick, 1588 Willow Oaks Drive, San Jose, CA 95125

Names: _____

No. attending at \$75 each _____ **Total amount enclosed \$** _____

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Arriving at the Presidio and finding ample parking across the Parade Grounds from the Disney Museum, Freewheelers took an additional opportunity for more tire kicking and schmoozing, sharing tales of caravanning through Sunday traffic in San Francisco. More than one club member took advantage of the narrow street to show off their beauties by taking the long way around to the parking area, gliding past the crowds who had gathered in front of the museum, inspiring awe and envy. After sufficient schmoozing and tire kicking club members slowly paraded across the Parade Grounds to join early arrivals in front of the Museum where a Museum functionary filled us in on pertinent information and requirements.

The Disney Museum is chock-full of interesting exhibits and information including original drawing made by Walt Disney himself in his youth, the earliest known drawings of Mickey Mouse, storyboards, twenty-six (yes, I counted) Academy Awards--which, for some inexplicable reason were of different heights and tones-- and the two story Multiplane Camera used for adding depth to the animated films.

A popular exhibit was the fourteen foot diameter model of Disneyland. There was a lively debate as to which period it represented, with 1978 being the odds on favorite. The wall of television sets from the 1950's and 1960's was crowd pleaser as was the original AutoRama car from the 1950's. The only exhibit missing and frequently remarked upon was Disney On Ice. The museums exit, as museums are wont to do, led into the gift shop which was full of delightful neckties, postcards, and refrigerator magnets. I anticipate seeing some of them at the Holiday White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Many attendees took the opportunity to grab a nosh at the snack bar and relax on the verandah with their friends. By late afternoon a stiff breeze was kicking up as Freewheelers pointed their classics homeward and another successful event came to a close. Many thanks to all who help bring about our visit to Treasure Island, and the Disney Museum, especially Larry Salvador. Many thanks to all who help bring about our visit to Treasure Island, and the Disney Museum, especially Larry Salvador.



THIS PAGE: Larry Camuso and Kirk Wentland's 1968 Chrysler Newport Sports Grain Convertible. Gregg Cahnella's lustrous 1957 Lincoln Continental Mark II. John Nolan's stunning first on tour 1956 Lincoln Premiere. Freewheelers enjoy a picnic on the green.



THIS PAGE: The original Treasure Island office building makes a great backdrop to Freewheelers cars. Ted Downer's sultry 1978 Ford Thunderbird Sport. Mike Carney and Dan Fowler smile for the camera. Over the Bay Bridge we go. Glen Taber readies the Buick Skylark for action! John McCue's RED 1965 Thunderbird Roadster is really RED and lovely. Disney Museum, where Stuart Gunn tried to reclaim his missing Oscars! Gathered at the Presidio

Freewheelers 2012 Financial Report

Once again it has been my pleasure to be the treasurer for the Freewheelers during the past year. For those who were unable to attend the Annual Business Meeting, we thought it would be helpful to provide an abbreviated version of the 2012 financial information for member review.

The Freewheelers Car Club January-December 2012 Financial Summary	
Income	
Membership Dues	\$ 9,523
Ad Revenues	\$ 370
Garage rent for spaces in clubhouse	\$ 42,195
Event Fees	\$ 8,110
Misc	\$ 844
Interest income	\$ 46
Total Income	\$ 61,088
Expenses	
Clubhouse Rent	\$ 36,000
Utilities, Maintenance and Insurance for clubhouse	\$ 6,744
Insurance	\$ 690
Cost of Events	\$ 4,017
Flyer, Roster & Website publication costs	\$ 5,215
Charitable Donations	\$ 2,000
Misc expenses	\$ 689
Total Expenses	\$ 55,355
Net Operating Income	\$ 5,733

The year 2010 was extremely challenging financially for the club mainly due to low occupancy in the garage/clubhouse and losses associated with the West Coast Meet. With a better economy, the years 2011 and 2012 has shown a big improvement in both.

Financial Highlights of this past year include:

- Membership remained over two hundred
- Profit from the twelve monthly events of \$4,093.
- Donations to local charities of \$2,000. from Annual Benefit Car Show event
- Garage rental was actually a profit of about \$1500. for the year but exit expenses including paint, trash removal, repairs, etc cut that to a loss of \$549.00
- We did not renew the lease for the clubhouse/garage in December since rent and operating expenses were slated to increase by more than 20%.
- Total net operating income for the Club for the year was \$5,733. *(continued on page 10)*

The Car That Loved Me, WCM 2013

Dressing like James Bond or a super villain (or for our club, a Bond chick) is much like going out on a Saturday night to your local fetish club.

Villains

- **Blofeld:** Bond nemesis Blofeld is one of the classic villains. He is bald and wears a Nehru jacket and monocle and has a nasty facial scar and fluffy white cat with a diamond collar he perpetually strokes.
- **Oddjob:** Oddjob from Goldfinger wears a bowler. Usually the ultimate fashion faux-pas, here it is deadly on 2 levels.
- **Goldfinger:** If you want something very quick and a bit ridiculous, you can be Goldfinger himself—just by painting one finger gold.
- **Jaws:** The man with the English teeth. 18-inch platform shoes are a must for this look, plus the grill of 1950 Buick.

Vixens

You just can't talk about James Bond costume ideas without talking about the Bond girls. While the bikinis abound (the white bikini worn by Ursula Andress in *Dr. No* remains one of the most iconic costumes in film history), popular "girls" have worn all sorts of memorable costumes. Some famous Bond girl looks include:

- Pilot Pussy Galore of *Goldfinger* is a fan favorite. A horse riding ensemble will always give that youthful look we all had long ago. Go with something with inside pockets, because of that famous line from *Goldfinger*, "And where are you hiding your brass knuckles in that outfit, Pussy?"
- *Live and Let Die*'s Solitaire is not so deadly, but a standard 1970s low-cut gown made from a deck of Tarot cards could be a sure hit. Just be careful where you put that magician's card.
- Replicating the look of one of the most famous Bond girls—doomed *Goldfinger* secretary Jill Masterson—is easy with a can of Krylon paint, just remember to leave a small patch at the base of the spine for the skin to breathe. I never knew there was a 2nd nose there.
- Rosa Klebb, a wearer of size 14 triple E Birkenstock Russian pumps with a poison knife at the end of the shoe. Good for getting to the front of the Pam Am line when there is only one first-class seat left.

Vests

If you're going to dress up as the world's most suave secret agent, the most obvious costume is a tuxedo. Your prop gun should really be kept hidden, but then you run the risk of no one knowing who you are meant to be. Here is where accessories can really pay off: a watch with a garrote wire in it, a grappling hook in your cummerbund, or—my all-time favorite—radioactive lint (there's a chance it's already in your pocket).

James Bond is well known for his snazzy attire. Just as he is a commander in Her Majesty's Royal Navy, you can wear a naval uniform. If one doesn't have a (Jeep) commander uniform, just add a bunch of medals and ribbons to a suit. I would recommend going down to Pick A Part and getting a hood ornament from a Cadillac or a pentastar from a 60's Chrysler (they were on the lower right front fender).

If you want a costume that is fun and unique, try one of the following ideas:

- Wet suit with flippers or a scuba mask and snorkel
- The always serviceable reversible black/white dinner jacket
- A duck hat, for when you are swimming through small water inlets

Of course if you want something that easy to get into and out of, I would recommend a space jumpsuit, just like in *Moonraker*.

The secret to dressing for this or for any WCM is to wear what is comfortable for you and what you have in your budget or closet.



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guests

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☒ **Weekend Activity Fee:** _____ tickets @ \$109 each _____

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Friday dinner entrées (enter quantity): _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian

☒ **"The Car Who Loved Me" Souvenir T-shirts \$17 each (choose size/sizes below)** _____ \$ _____

Ring size _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL

☒ **Include a check (payable to Great Autos of Yesteryear)** **TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ _____

Registration deadline is Monday, June 10, 2013. Any registration forms postmarked after then will accrue a \$25 per person late fee added to the activity fee. Space is limited, so register now! If registering/paying online, a \$5 convenience fee will be added to each Weekend Activity Fee ticket. **CANCELLATION POLICY:** 100% refund if made by June 10, 2013, minus a \$10 administration fee. **NO REFUNDS** after June 30, 2013. Questions? Contact Sue Baden or Carmi Standish at: (562) 427-2886 or email: sbaden@hotmail.com

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There are a couple of items about the car that may need attention. The driver's seat needs the upholstery to be replaced along with new cushions to make it more comfortable. The rear bumper has a small dent. There is a small area of rust on the lower rear of the driver's side front fender about the size of a quarter. The dash is cracked in the usual place but it's concealed with a dash cover. The rear cargo area carpet is faded. If you want to completely restore this Z, these small items are easily correctable.

\$6,800 or a reasonable best offer. Contact John at 510-517-0304 or mullare@comcast.net. More information, pictures and videos can be found at: <http://home.comcast.net/~mullare/site/> (3)

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2012 Financial Report *(continued from page 7)*

West Coast Meet:

Since we had actually lost money on WCM 2010, we set out a very tight budget for 2012 and were able stay pretty much within that budget. With this in mind, members of the Freewheelers were very generous in donating supplies and equipment, loans of A/V equipment by a friend of the club, and the very generous sponsorship by GM all helped to make the event successful.

For this past WCM 2012, 326 people attended. Of these 129 were Freewheelers, 138 from Great Autos, 18 with dual membership, 37 belonged to other clubs and 4 were from GM. One quarter of the hotel was occupied by non-WCM travelers who all seemed to enjoy the festivities.

The club is now on very firm financial footing due in part to net positive operating income over the last two years and the aforementioned donations and sponsorships. We have developed a budget for operating the club in the future which is realistic and avoids losses. We are in preliminary budgeting for WCM 2014. At this point in time with a membership of about 200 and a WCM attendance of 300, the club remains very viable.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email me at JayRemick@me.com



We have received word that former club member, Brad Harlan, has passed away. He lost his battle with cancer in Monterey at age, 56. Brad, was the youngest of the original charter members when the Freewheelers was formed in 1978. A very creative person, he worked in radio and television and recorded hundreds of commercials over the years. He was affectionately called "Prince Valiant" as he appeared at club events in his 1963 Plymouth Valiant.

Brad was graduated from New Mexico State University in 1977 with a degree in journalism and mass communications. He is remembered there still when in his capacity as a cheerleader, he created the football team's mascot, "Pistol Pete". He wore a crimson shirt and jeans paired with white chaps and vest and had a big black fake mustache wired to his teeth. The mascot still takes on that very same form today.

Our deepest condolences go out to Brad's family.



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