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Gui Velez's sensational 1959 Chevrolet Impala convertible graces the entrance to the clubhouse garage.



Farewell, My Queen(s)!

— by Tom Ortiz

Freewheelers gathered on Sunday, November 11th, to bid farewell to the Clubhouse, which served the club for many years.

The clubhouse, the lease of which has been passed down from member to member (and recently your Board of Directors), is now in its final days. The lease expires on December 31, 2012.

About 75 club members gathered to help clean out the warehouse. Many memories were shared by club members as they sorted through wild decorations from

past West Coast Meets, Pride parades, and various club functions. Although important historical and archival items will still be kept by the club, the members who came to help clean were rewarded with treasures that can no longer be stored. David Felderstein loaded up his car with books from the club's collection with plans to transfer them to the California Automobile Museum's collection in Sacramento.

Many members brought their classic cars including Henry

Hopkins' and Richard Palmer's beautiful first-on-tour 1962 Plymouth Fury convertible, Ted Downer's stunning 1978 Ford Thunderbird sports edition, complete with faux straps attached to the trunk lid, Dave and Sueko Gilbert's venerable 1958 Edsel convertible, Gui Velez's over-the-top 1959 Chevrolet Impala Convertible, Jack Adam's and Bill Burkes' stately 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood, and many more!

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President's Message...

As 2012 winds down the Freewheelers can look back on a successful year of tours and camaraderie. From Lodi and Sacramento to Hollister and Gilroy; from Emerald Hills to Livermore and points in between, club members volunteered their time and energy to host many successful events that were enjoyed by all who attended. The granddaddy of all events, West Coast Meet, was a smashing success because of all the volunteers who rolled up their sleeves and got busy. Too many to name here, I look forward to greeting them and acknowledging their spirit of volunteerism at January's Annual Business Meeting.

My thanks also go to our dedicated Board of Directors whose hard work insures that the club is on sound financial footing and our membership numbers are increasing. Their efforts during the year have benefited all Freewheelers and I have enjoyed working with them.

It has truly been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your President for the past four years. We have been through some challenging times together, but have emerged stronger than ever. I have enjoyed working with Board members, past Presidents and the many volunteers who over the years have made the Freewheelers the best club ever. I will be available to our next President and Board whenever and wherever they feel I can be of assistance. I know you all will give our next President the same support and confidence you have always shown me. The future of the Freewheelers is a bright one and I'm glad to be a member of this terrific organization.

Ed and I look forward to seeing many of you at future events.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Keep 'em rolling....

Stuart Gunn

President, Freewheelers Car Club



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Freewheelers 2013 Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting – *New Venue!*

It's time again to map our strategy and set a steady course for the Freewheelers Car Club for the coming year. On Sunday, January 27, 2013, your board of directors invites you to meet at the beautiful **Vallejo Yacht Club** in Vallejo (directions below) for our Annual Business Meeting and Election Brunch. The Annual Business Meeting is a good way to learn what we've accomplished in 2012 and what our plans are for 2013. We'll also be taking nominations for Board Seats at the meeting. We hope you'll join us to discuss the state of the club and develop a calendar of events, tours, and cruise nights for the coming year.

The Freewheelers will also be celebrating our 35th Year in 2013, so be sure to join us for some celebratory cake!



Election of Officers/Directors

As in the past, several positions on the Board are up for nomination and election for a 2-year term. The Officers and Directors of the Board provide important planning and coordination of club events, in addition to membership, marketing, and financial management. For more information about Board positions – or if you have an area of expertise you think might benefit the board – please give Stuart Gunn a call at 510-482-1191. New board members will be installed based on the field of nominated candidates and popular vote at the meeting.

Arrival Time and Potluck

Although we have a lot of business to discuss, we want everyone to have enough time for tire kicking, socializing, and eating. The **Vallejo Yacht Club** has ample parking and we will be opening at 11 a.m., with potluck lunch to be served at noon and the meeting to follow...finishing up around 3 p.m. See the At-A-Glance information below for potluck dish assignments; the Club will provide dessert, and hot and cold beverages.

So grab yourself, your potluck dish, and your favorite car and come join us in January at the beautiful **Vallejo Yacht Club**. Your participation at the Annual Business Meeting, as well as your volunteer spirit throughout the year, will ensure that our Club continues at a healthy pace into and throughout 2013. No need to RSVP—we'll see you there!

At - a - Glance :

Date: Sunday, January 27, 2013
Location: Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way, Vallejo, CA 94590
Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Event Fee: \$5.00
RSVP: No need to RSVP for this event

Potluck Dish Assignments (last name beginning with):

A through I – Salads (such as Waldorf, Ambrosia, fruit, pasta, healthy green, cole slaw, etc.)

J through Q – Main hot dish (such as meatloaf, lasagna, chicken, etc.)

R through Z – Side dish (such as macaroni casserole, bean casserole, deviled eggs, scalloped potatoes, etc.)

Dessert and complimentary hot and cold beverages will be provided.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

FROM THE EAST:

1. Merge onto I-80 W, 48.2 mi.
2. Take exit 33B to merge onto CA-37 W toward Novato /San Rafael, 3.6 mi.
3. Take exit 18 for Wilson Ave. 0.2 mi.
4. Turn left onto Wilson Ave., 1.1 mi.
5. Continue straight onto Mare Island Way, destination will be on the right, 0.6 mi.

Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way

FROM THE WEST:

1. Merge onto I-80 E, 27.7 mi.
2. Take exit 29A for CA-29/Sonoma Blvd., 0.4 mi.
3. Merge onto Sonoma Blvd., 1.8 mi.
4. Turn left onto Curtola Pkwy., 0.3 mi.
5. Continue onto Mare Island Way, 0.8 mi.
6. Make a U-turn at Harbor Way, destination will be on the right, 0.2 mi.

Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way

Lost? Call John Kiszla at 415-215-1701

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Delectable sandwiches were provided by Scott Mikkelson and Todd Darling, and were complimented by additional food brought by other members. There was no event fee as the club was happy to host such a hard working bunch of busy bees!

By the end of the day, the clubhouse was clean, club members' tummies were full, and many cars, trucks and minivans were filled with precious memories that will live on in club members' homes.



Several classic beauties gathers for the Clubhouse Farewell including Henry Hopkins' & Richard Palmer's first-on-tour 1962 Plymouth Fury convertible, Brian Kanamu's & Scott Fairbank's 1971 Citroën DS21 4-door Sedan, Clint Moore's 1960 Buick LeSabre 2-door Hardtop, and Jim Sinnes' 1956 Continental Mark II.





Other familiar classics included Dave & Sueko Gilbert's 1958 Edsel Citation convertible, and Jack Adam's & Bill Burks' 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood 4-door Sedan.

A favorite pastime at clubhouse events always included some up-close and personal inspections of some of the fabulous cars stored in the garage...in this case, a beautiful 1962 Cadillac Fleetwood.

After a nostalgic day, Freewheelers leave the clubhouse for the last time.

Membership Renewal? Easy-Peasy!

Membership Renewal notifications for 2013 is underway, so be sure to watch your mailbox or email box in the coming weeks! This is the first year that we will have fully automated online membership for new and renewing members!

Advantages are...

- Easy to do!
- No stamps, no envelopes, no check writing!
- No additional costs or Service Fees!
- You can pay with your *PayPal*® account or use a credit card with *PayPal*® if you do not have an account!
- You can list your name and contact information *and* your cars all online!



It makes the membership registration task easier for us too since your information is downloaded into our spread sheets and data base software automatically--No transcription, faster and more accurate for all of us! Visit the club website at www.thefreewheelers.net, click on the "Join/Renew" button, and follow the link to the Online Membership Renewal Form today!

As always, if you don't have email or internet access, we'll be contacting you via letter.

LCCI-Central Arizona Region – January 17-19, 2013

– by Steve Possnecker



Give yourself an early holiday “present” and come to Phoenix Rising!

This year, LCCI-Central Arizona Region celebrates the mythology of the Phoenix by celebrating our own city which continues to celebrate its past and rises to have an even brighter plumage in its' future.

Weekend Highlights – Go back 1500 years to the thriving Hohokam civilization with the Pueblo Grande Museum. Rise into the modern century through the Arizona Historical Museum. Then there's the beautiful plumage, patinas, colors and shiny chrome of the Saturday car show. Cap off your weekend and celebrate the accomplishments and joys of the weekend with a gleaming banquet, awards celebration, and entertainment. Join us for a night that will live on in your memories.

Hotel - Hilton Garden Inn, 4000 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85012, USA, Tel: 1-602-279-9811 (\$124/rate if you mention "Lambda Car Club").

Registration - Go to www.azgaycar.com and register online. Full package pricing is \$135 per person until December 25, 2012. The price goes up to \$145 per person starting on December 26, 2012. We also offer à la carte pricing for those who can only join us for part of the weekend.

See you in Arizona!

Welcome New & Returning Members!

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2007 Jaguar X-Type Sports Wagon



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2012

Sun., 12/02: **SAVE THE DATE** for the Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party in Half Moon Bay.

JANUARY 2013

Thurs., 01/17 – Sat., 01/19: This year, LCCI-Central Arizona Region's "Phoenix Rising" weekend event...see page 6 for more information.

Sun., 01/27: **SAVE THE DATE** for the Freewheelers Annual Business Meeting and Election Brunch, this year to be held at the Vallejo Yacht Club...see page 3 for details and directions.

NOTE: Calendar listings are subject to change without notice.

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PostCards from the Ed...

Just a reminder to all members, we've traditionally not printed a newsletter for January in order to give the editor a holiday break. So you won't see a January issue in your mailbox or on the website, but rest assured the next issue to come out in February will catch you up on all the club happenings following this issue.



This will also be the last issue that I'll serve as editor. I've so much enjoyed being of service to the club and appreciative of all the kudos the newsletter has received over the years. I am also excited about a new generation of members stepping up to not only take over the newsletter and the website, but also leadership of the club.

I'm confident the new board will lead the club into an exciting and successful future. And I hope to see you at future club events!

— Marty

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: An original 1978 Datsun 280Z. This is a well preserved, unrestored car that has always been well taken care of by adults. Always starts, drives solid, shifts well and a cruises beautifully. This car needs nothing and the best thing about it is... EVERYTHING WORKS! I've been using it as a daily driver since I bought it. I have service documents dating back to 1985. This is a great example of an unmodified Z. I've owned several Z's in the past. I am currently putting my time and effort into restoring a 1972 Z. If you want a clean Z to cruise around in or want to fully restore it, this is the car for you!

- Exterior – Red, Interior - black
- 132,000+ miles
- Manual transmission shifts smoothly
- Aftermarket AM/FM/cassette
- Power antenna
- Cold air conditioner
- Working clock
- No transmission, engine or coolant leaks
- All 4 tires have less than 7,000 miles on them
- Easily passes a California OBD II smog check
- Clean title, not a salvaged vehicle
- 20+ MPG

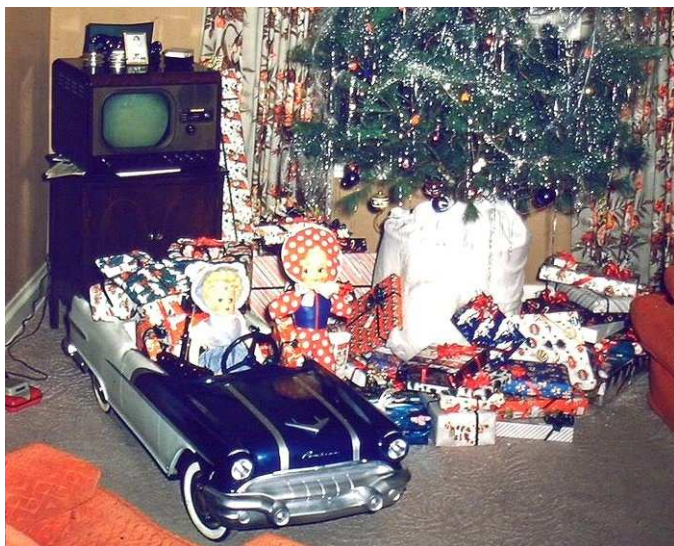


There are a couple of items about the car that may need attention. The driver's seat needs the upholstery to be replaced along with new cushions to make it more comfortable. The rear bumper has a small dent. There is a small area of rust on the lower rear of the driver's side front fender about the size 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/> (1)



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Happy Holidays...may your every wish come true!

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