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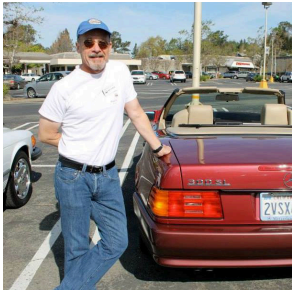
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President's Message



Greetings, Freewheelers and happy 2017! I am looking forward to serving as President of such a fine club as this and have some big shoes to fill from presidents past. After almost 20 years as a member and over 10 years on the board, I've had the privilege of getting to know a great number of you and enjoying the cars and camaraderie for which this club is renowned.

I'm also excited to announce that our webmaster, Peter Escobedo, has also offered to recreate the Freewheelers Flyer newsletter as our Media Director! You've seen his talented work on the club's website and Facebook page, and now he's taking our newsletter into the 21st Century in his new role.

We've got a lot "in the pipe" for 2017 as far as events go, including our February tour of veteran Freewheeler Sheldon Donig's Collector's Museum in San Rafael. If you haven't been to the museum, you're in for a treat of not only some fabulous classic cars but also an assortment of vintage collectibles including (from the web) "children's toy electric stoves, portable radios, pot metal souvenir buildings, automobile memorabilia, puppets, Carnival Chalkware, model cars, dealer promotion cars and Dinky Toys." We hope you can join us on Sunday, February 19.

Our sister club, Great Autos of Yesteryear will be hosting a "Bewitching" West Coast Meet in Cambria this July, and then the Freewheelers will be on tap again for 2018 when we'll be returning to the Springhill Marriott in Atascadero. We'll begin planning right away - starting with our Board Meeting this month, so if you have a theme idea or would just like to volunteer to be part of the WCM 2018 team, please join us at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord on February 12.

I'm looking forward to what's in store for the coming year and to seeing you at our upcoming events, until then...happy motoring!

Marty Hanson

President - elect

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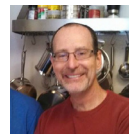
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WELCOME! NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Barnes, Robert

Santa Cruz, CA

2011 Cadillac CTS 4-door Sedan 2008
BMW Z4 Convertible

Bentley, Donnie

Decatur, GA

1978 Ford Thunderbird
2012 Ford Fusion Sedan
1967 Cadillac Eldorado Hard Top

Brook, Kevin & Chuck Sproat

Cameron Park, CA

2013 Ford Mustang Convertible
2006 Toyota Tacoma Quad Cab
2016 Volkswagen Golf GTI 4-door

Burbulis, Joe & Jack Babcock

Concord, CA

2013 Lexus LS 460 4-door Sedan
1999 Fleetwood Bounder Motorhome
1999 Lexus LS400 4-door Sedan
1979 Cadillac Seville 4-door
1996 Ford Explorer SUV

Carney, Michael

Menlo Park, CA

1995 BMW 325 Convertible
1967 Mercury Cougar Coupe
2005 Volvo V50 Wagon
1966 Ford Mustang Convertible
1978 Pontiac Firebird Formula Coupe
1988 Cadillac El Dorado Coupe
2011 Mercedes-Benz C300 4-door Sedan

Hamp, Steve & Randy Hamp

Redding, CA

1971 Cadillac Sedan de Ville Hardtop
1982 Lincoln Mark VI Coupe
1977 Pontiac Trans Am Coupe
1931 Ford Model A Pickup
1954 Chevrolet 210 Station Wagon
1990 Cadillac Brougham 4-door Sedan
1987 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special
1956 Chevrolet Bel Air 4-door Sedan
1985 Cadillac El Dorado Coupe
1972 BMW 3.0 CS Coupe
1956 Chevrolet Truck Pickup
1983 Toyota Cressida 4-door Sedan

Moore, Clint

San Jose, CA

1948 Packard Deluxe 8 Touring Sedan
1960 Buick LeSabre 2-door Hardtop
1964 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Spyder
2013 Cadillac XTS Sedan

Healy, Dan & Gerald LaBuda

San Francisco, CA

2015 Mini Countryman Wagon
2015 Lexus NX CUV
1966 Mercedes-Benz C 230 Fintail Sedan
2011 Nissan Leaf 4-door Hatchback
1964 Volkswagen Beetle Convertible

Lee, Jim & Alan Phair

Nipomo, CA

2002 Chrysler Voyager Minivan
1968 Pontiac GTO 2-door Hardtop
2015 Ford C-Max Hybrid CUV
1971 Dodge Dart Swinger 2-door
2014 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid 4-door Sedan

Quirolo, Stephen

San Jose, CA

2005 Lexus IS300 Sportscross Crossover
2005 Lexus LS430 4-door Sedan

Reverdy, Mark & Eric Warren

Oakland, CA

Slater, Christopher

San Jose, CA

2013 Porsche 911 Carrera S 2-door Coupe

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F R E E W H E E L E R S

Celebrate the Holidays in Style!

By Marty Hanson :: Photos by Peter Escobedo

A clear and crisp day greeted Freewheelers as we gathered for our Annual Holiday Party, this year at the Willow Pass Community Center in Concord. Dave Gilbert's 1958 Edsel Citation convertible was parked in plain view from the road, serving as an easy marker in white and aqua for those unfamiliar with the location. Arriving vehicles varied from contemporary to classic, with some first-on-tour cars including new member Bryan Raab Davis' 1991 Lincoln Town Car (which he drove all the way from Fresno!), Dan Caruth's 1956 Chrysler Imperial 2-door hardtop, and Vickie Moore's 2017 Chevrolet Cruze Hatchback.

Santa's Elves already had tables and decorations set up,

including a full wall of wonderful, donated gifts for the gift raffle, a lovely holiday tree in one corner, and holiday tunes playing throughout the facility. A separate section of the large gathering room hosting a wet bar fully stocked with our choice of hot and cold beverages, and a side large alcove housed the buffet table for the forthcoming holiday dinner.

Serendipity graced the main dining area with the facility's lovely sage green chairs complimented by holiday red table cloths...each table with its own delightful car-themed centerpiece, created by Geoff Caccamo and Roger Emmett.

Chef's Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelsen were busy in the kitchen preparing our feast but already had a well-stocked

hors d'oeuvres table set up for our munching pleasure, including shrimp, salmon, antipasti, crudités, assorted crackers and hot artichoke dip. Christopher Slater and Sueko Takahashi aptly handled incoming gifts for the raffle while Gregg Cannella handled registration. Elves Geoff Caccamo and Keith Cambra also lent a hand selling additional raffle tickets and working the crowd.

Master of Ceremonies, Clint Moore donned his gay apparel – fully matching jacket,

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slacks and tie in a colorful holiday pattern, as well as a Santa hat – and kept the ball rolling before, during and after dinner touting the wide variety of gifts available for the raffle...even raffling off a few early to keep the interest and activity going!

Dinner was served promptly at 1 p.m. and tables were called by number for attendees to partake of the double-sided buffet, cutting down on long lines and allowing our kitchen crew to refill serving dishes after each group. Traditional holiday fare was on hand including sliced turkey and tri-tip, green salad, jell-o salad, mashed potatoes, dressing, stir-fried green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls and gravies...all served with real china and flatware wrapped in cloth napkins!

For dessert, Todd prepared an assortment of home-made pumpkin cheesecakes with your choice of caramel or holiday spice drizzle on top. In the meantime, the gift raffle got into full swing with lots of laughs, thrills and applause. Raffle items included an assortment of Hawaiian-style shirts – some custom made – donated from the estate of late Freewheeler, Dave Robinson. There was also lots of automobilia to be raffled, as well as glassware and electronics – all donated by the membership (proceeds from the gift raffle helped to offset the cost of the event).

Many, many thanks go to all who helped put this event together including Jay Remick, Michael Amodt, Sueko Takahashi, Dave Gilbert, Peter Escobedo, Glenn Taber, Geoff Caccamo and Roger Emmett who were instrumental in getting the venue reserved and beautifully set up for our guests. Also, kudos to Scott Mikkelson and Todd Darling for pulling out all the stop for our holiday feast! Thanks also go to Christopher Slater for spear-heading the raffle and to Clint Moore for MC-ing the raffle with his helpful Elf, Keith Cambra. Did I forget anyone? Probably...so my apologies and huge thanks to you as all well...a truly wonderful way to wrap up the year!



Additional photos can be viewed on the website: thefreewheelers.net





PAGE 4: Gregg Cannella's 1957 Thunderbird :: Club members Brian Bond and Patrick Johnston

PAGE 5 (clockwise): Tammi & Suede Baradino :: Master of Ceremony Clint Moore & Marty Hanson :: Tony Chrisanthis & Charles Kennedy :: Tom Nixon & John Tran :: Jim Sinnes ' 58 Chrysler Saratoga

THIS PAGE (Top clockwise) Bryan Davis' first on tour 89 Lincoln Town Car :: Vickie Moore's first on tour Chevy Cruz :: Brett Davison's 2012 Golf :: Dinner crowd :: Eldorado's on parade :: Rich Simonette, Rich Waller & Aaron Licursi **(Bottom clockwise)** Dan Caruth's 56 Imperial :: center pieces :: Bill Hall's 1967 Oldsmobile Delmont :: David Schnitzer's 1984 Jaguar XJ6 VDP :: Bryan Davis made the trek from Fresno :: Gregg Cannella.





Application for Membership/Membership Renewal

Hello fellow auto enthusiast! It's that time of year again to renew your membership! Please complete the application, sign the bottom of the form acknowledging the club's liability policy, and return it with your check for or money order (includes access to our club roster, monthly newsletter, and privileged website access). You can also register and pay using your PayPal account at www.thefreewheelers.net and clicking on 'contact us / join'

Membership Rates: The membership rate will remain the same at \$50.00 per year, HOWEVER, for those wishing to receive the flyer and the roster digitally/online without a print version there is a \$15.00 discount. (\$35. per year) Membership is for the calendar year from January 1 to December 31. New Members who join on or after October 1 will have the following year at no charge (up to 15 months).

Couples have 2 Options:

First option - Membership is for both if you use one listing for both you and your partner have one address and the same cars listed. Both names will be included in a separate section in the Roster that cross-references partners' names.

Second option - If both of you want individual listings, each must pay individually for two separate memberships. In this option, both of you can receive your own copy of the Newsletter and Roster\$..

Applications without signature and payment cannot be accepted (applications are subject to approval by the Board of Directors).

Many Freewheelers have e-mail addresses. The listing of your e-mail address provides another communication channel for members and event notifications such as e-Vites. The optional occupational listing is for the Board's access only and is not available to the general membership. From time to time the Board seeks advice on subjects relating to the club's needs.

New Member ☐ Renewal ☐		Where did you hear about the Freewheelers?	
If Renewal then member since			
Name of Primary Member		Occupation (optional)	
Partner/Spouse		Partner's Occupation (optional)	
Address		Home Phone	Work Phone
City, State, ZIP		Cell Phone	Other training/talents/skills?
E-mail Address		Partner's E-mail Address	
Please list your vehicles below. Attach additional sheet(s) as required.			
Year	Make	Model	Body Style
It is the Freewheelers Car Club policy that all vehicles driven at Club events must have liability and property damage insurance. The Club assumes no liability for accidents occurring in connection with Club events and/or activities. Proof of insurance must be supplied upon request. Please sign below acknowledging this policy.			
Date		Signature	

MEMBERSHIP DUES

☐ Print Flyer & Print Roster Membership(s): _____ @ \$50 each = \$_____ (includes one Roster and Flyer per paid membership)

☐ Digital Flyer & Digital Roster: _____ @ \$35 each = \$_____

Please send this form and your check or Money Order (drawn in U.S. funds) to:
Freewheelers Car Club C/O Jay Remick, 1588 Willow Oaks Drive, San Jose, CA 95125
jayremick@me.com/408-269-1899

OWNER'S PROFILE

1967 VOLKSWAGEN SAMBA BUS

More folks in your Volks

By Peter Escobedo

Photos By Peter Escobedo



The VW bus. Without a doubt one of the most iconic vehicles to ever hit the American roads. Associated with everyone from Hippies, California surfers and excentric college professors, this German transport has become as American as baseball and taco Tuesday's. The first generation of the Volkswagen Type 2 with the split windshield, informally called the Microbus, Splitscreen, or Splittie among modern fans, was produced from March 1950 through the end of the 1967 model year in Wolfsburg, Germany. In 1951 Volkswagen started producing the Samba, also known as the Sunroof Deluxe in the United States, and was considered the more luxurious version of the T1.

Originally Volkswagen Vans were classified according to the number of win-

dows they had. This particular model had 23 and later 21 windows including eight panoramic or "celestial" windows in the roof. To distinguish it from the normal 23 or 21-window Volkswagen van the name Samba was coined.



Instead of the standard sliding door at the side the Samba had two pivot doors for ease of ingress and egress. Adding to the panoplies of luxuries the Samba added a fabric sunroof making road trips and the California sunshine all that much more enjoyable.

Samba's came standard in two-toned colors with the upper part painted in white. The two colored sections were separated by a decorative strip running from the front of the bus to the rear. 

Additionally the Samba had a so-called “hat” or visor, where at the front of the van the roof protruded out a little longer than the car itself to block the sun for the driver. The windows had chrome trim and the Samba had a more comprehensive dashboard than the normal T1.

Our featured Samba bus has been lovingly restored by club member Brett Davison of Sacramento. Brett’s bus was made in the last production month of 7/1967. He’s owned his bus for six years and took almost three years to restore. An avid aficionado of the German brand, this is Brett’s twentieth VW he’s owned. “It’s my first bus, all the others I have had or restored were Beetles. My first car was a 1972 Super Beetle”. Brett found his bus on Craigslist in San Francisco. “It was described wrong and with a couple of terrible pics”. It was owned by the bay area company Hangar Vodka which had used it to transport folks around their property in Northern California.

“It’s super fun to ride in with all the windows and sunroof open...somewhere between a big convertible and an aquarium!”

Restoration was done by Kombi Haus in Sacramento. It ended up needing rust repairs and the correction of a bad fix job from a front left-side accident. “It was completely taken apart, stripped, fixed, repaired, blasted, painted, sanded, sanded and sanded some more to ensure straight sides all the way around. It was then painstakingly put back together piece by piece”. Restoration was completed just over a year ago and has garnered seven awards already.

“I just love this bus! I have never been in or driven ANY vehicle that gets the attention this bus gets. It just makes people smile and tell *their* VW stories from some point in their past. We love to take it out every once in a while to lunch or dinner where we can park it directly outside of the restaurant and listen to people of all ages go nuts over it. I’m very surprised how many young kids to baby boomers are drawn to it!”. 



1967 VW Bus Samba Type 2 Deluxe 21 Window

Base price: 2,595

****Pop out windows: 26.50***

****Sunroof/skylights: 150.00***

Production: 45,000

Engine: 1500cc

BHP: 53



SAVE THE DATE

AT A GLANCE: February's event

What:

Sheldon Donig's Collectors Museum

When:

Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 11:00am

Where:

739 A St, San Rafael, CA 94901

Fee:

\$5

RSVP:

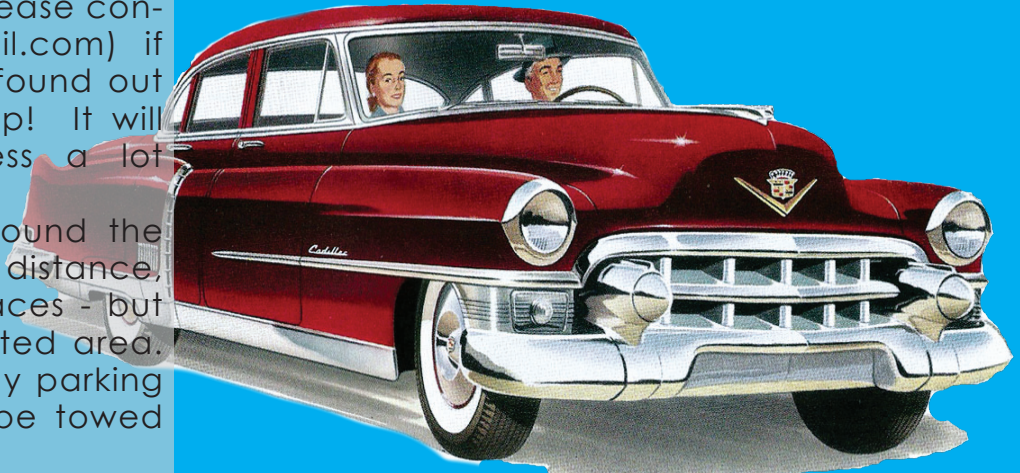
RSVP to the invitation email. Please contact Sueko (sueko.tbert@gmail.com) if you missed the due date but found out you are able to join the group! It will make the registration process a lot easier.

Parking: Parking is limited around the Museum itself, but short walking distance, you should be able to find places - but please check if it is not restricted area.

*Please do not park at Safeway parking (we don't want your cars to be towed away!!)

the collectors Museum

San Rafael



West Coast Meet 2017

In the blink of an eye – or would that be the twitch of a nose – before you know it the 33rd annual West Coast Meet will be upon us! This year's event, with the theme of "Bewitched," will feature Chevrolet, particularly those examples from the late 1960s. As in 2015, the event will be held at the beautiful Cambria Pines Lodge, from Thursday July 6 through Sunday July 9. Many rooms have already been booked, so reserve yours now to be sure to get a space! You may call the Pines directly at (805)-927-4200, and make sure when you call to mention the West Coast Meet. Look for registration information in your March newsletter. All your car and broom loving friends are looking forward to seeing you this coming summer!



AT A GLANCE:

What:

33rd Annual
West Coast Meet 2017
"An enchanted WCM"
featuring cars from Chevrolet.

When:

July 7-9th, 2017

Where:

Cambria Pines,
Cambria California
See upcoming newsletters
for additional registration
information and fees.

Have an idea for West Coast Meet 2018? Then come present your idea to the Board at our monthly Freewheeler Board meeting in Concord on February 12th. See you there!

Where:

2118 Willow Pass Rd #500,
Concord, CA 94520

When:

Sunday Feb, 12th, 11am.



NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS (continued from page 3)

Ikard, Michael
San Francisco, CA

1972 Mercury Cougar XR7 Convertible
1977 Ford Thunderbird Coupe
1967 Mercury Cougar XR7 GT Coupe
1968 Mercury Cougar-Dan Gurney Special Coupe
1969 Mercury Cougar XR7 Coupe
1970 Ford Mustang Boss 302 Fastback
1966 Ford Mustang Convertible
1972 Ford LTD Convertible
1959 Ford Galaxie 500 Skyliner Retractable Hardtop
1976 Lincoln Continental Town Car 4-door Sedan
1951 Ford Victoria 2-door Hardtop
1982 Lincoln Continental 4-door
2005 Ford Mustang Premium Convertible
1977 Lincoln Continental Mark V Cartier Ed. Coupe
1970 Ford XL 2-Door Convertible
1969 Continental Mark III Coupe
1972 Lincoln Continental Mark IV Coupe
1932 Lincoln Model KA V8 Victoria 2-door Coupe
1930 Ford Model A Standard 2-door Coupe
1977 Mercury Marquis 2-door Hardtop
1965 Ford Mustang 2-door
1966 Mercury Park Lane Convertible
2008 Ford Mustang Convertible
2003 Ford Thunderbird Premium 2-door Roadster
1932 Ford Model B Deluxe 2-Door Sedan
1956 Continental Mark II Hardtop
1956 Ford F-100 Truck
1956 Ford Thunderbird Roadster
1957 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser 2-Door Hardtop
1932 Ford Model 18 V8 Street Rod Deluxe

Smith, Chris
Sacramento, CA

1960 Chrysler Imperial Crown Convertible
1962 Chrysler New Yorker 4-door Hardtop
2006 Mercedes-Benz c320 CDI 4-door Sedan
1953 Nash Ambassador 4-door Sedan
1955 Dodge Custom Royal 4-door Hardtop
1966 Chrysler Imperial Crown Convertible
1961 Chrysler Imperial Crown 4-door Hardtop

Von Rueden, Morgan
San Francisco, CA

1990 Chrysler LeBaron Convertible
1966 Dodge Monaco 500 Convertible
1966 Dodge Monaco 500 2-door Hardtop

Williamson, Carl
San Francisco, CA

2008 Holden VE Commodore SV6 4-door Sedan

FEBRUARY 19th - North Bay Tour
The Collectors Museum - San Rafael

A revolving display of fabulous and unique automobiles and vintage motorcycles. There is also a collection of vintage televisions, vintage toys and several one-of-a kind items. See you there! RSVP via the upcoming email invite for more details.



SELL YOUR CAR HERE!

Have a vehicle you'd like to sell? As a benefit of membership, Members may run classified ads (for sale) in the Flyer/on the website at no charge. Send information to the Newsletter Editor. For rates for non-members and business solicitations, contact the Promotions Director. To place an ad, please contact the Promotions Director or Treasurer.

Would you like to promote your business? Advertise with us! See the sample list below.

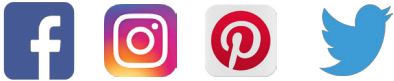
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car, equipment, etc.	3 for Free, then \$10/insertion	Ad for car, equipment, etc.	n/a	n/a
Business Card Size	n/a	Business Card Size	\$30 per insertion,\$250/yr. (11 issues)	\$35 per insertion, \$300/year
Quarter Page Size	n/a	Quarter Page Size	\$60 per insertion, \$500/yr. (11 issues)	\$70 per insertion, \$600/year



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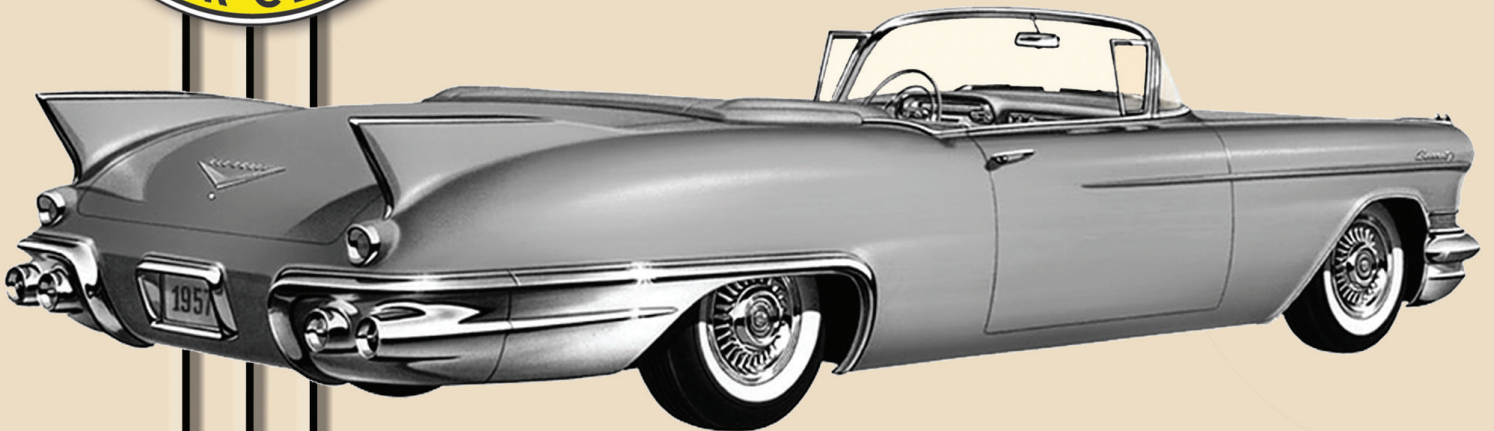


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