



Newsletter editor Marty Hanson as "Donna Wiggengfroch" posed with Donna Reed's Edsel Bermuda Wagon

Freewheelers Enjoy April in Bermuda... Donna Reed's Bermuda Wagon, that is!

—by Ted Downer

It was beautiful Sunday morning as Freewheelers gathered at Hobby Lobby parking lot in Morgan Hill for coffee and doughnuts provided by Jay Remick and Michael Amodt, and of course... tire kicking! The actual 1958 Edsel Bermuda Wagon that was on The Donna Reed TV Show in the fall of 1958 was there, as was Donna Reed...although not the actual Donna Reed...newsletter editor Marty Hanson arrived in full '50s regalia as "Donna Wiggengfroch!" The Edsel wagon itself was a first-on-tour car, as was President Peter Escobedo's 1964 Pontiac Grand Prix and Andy Smith's 1989 Porsche 911 GT3 Carrera Targa.

After a brief overview of the tour, I handed out directions to the designated driver and we departed at 11am for our drive tour. We casually caravanned through the winding by-ways surrounding the Uvas Reservoir and enjoyed the beautiful countryside.

The 30-minute drive tour wound up at Ted Downer's and Marc Williamson's home in Morgan Hill where participants brought nostalgic dishes from their Betty Crocker cookbook for us to enjoy in our 1950s Picnic Potluck. Boy, do we love green Jell-O desserts – there were four of them...yum! Other "vintage" dishes included Coca-Cola Salad, potato salad loaf, Rice Krispy squares with miniature marshmallows, classic "beans and wieners," 1945 "Victory (Cole) Slaw," and a mysterious Mac-n-Cheese dish featuring Velveeta!

Nevertheless, everyone settled in for some good retro-eating, '50s style, and as well as good conversation. Lovely weather even afforded us some al fresco dining. While The Donna Reed Show aired on the TV, our Donna of course judged all the food – her favorite? Banana Pudding with Vanilla Wafer Cookies!

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President's Message

Hey Freewheelers, summer is upon us and the deadline to register for West Coast Meet is approaching fast! If you haven't done so yet make sure you submit your registration by June 5th if you do not want to incur the \$25 dollar late fee.

But the West Coast fun has already started! Last month a few Freewheeler celebs converged at Roger Emmett's and Geoffrey Caccamo's house to film a promo video starring none other than Starshine, Hibiscus and Periwinkle. If you haven't seen the video yet go the WCM Facebook page and check it out! You might even get some ideas for your weekend attire.

And the fun doesn't stop there. West Coast is the biggest club event of the year and we have a lot of fun events planned for this weekend, so support your club and make plans to come down to Atascadero. It's going to be groovy!

Peter Escobedo

President, Freewheelers Car Club



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California State Railroad Museum Tour and Lunch

All Aboard!! Join your fellow Freewheelers at the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento on Sunday, June 19 for a tour of the California State Railroad Museum. Throughout the six original buildings, we'll see 21 meticulously restored locomotives and cars and numerous exhibits that illustrate how railroads have shaped people's lives, the economy, and the unique culture of California and the West.



Included are a Pullman-style sleeping car, a dining car filled with railroad china, and a Railway Post Office that visitors can actually step aboard.

This will be a joint event with The Arcane Auto Society (the Arcane Car Club) of Northern California whose members will be bringing some of their more unique little cars, including Amphicars!

The tour will be followed by a prepared lunch at the nearby home of Scott Mikkelsen and Todd Darling in Sacramento and perhaps even a ride or two along the river in the Amphicars.

At-a-Glance:

What: California Railroad Museum Tour and Luncheon

When: Sunday, June 19, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Meet at the California State Railroad Museum parking lot at 125 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Fee: \$25 event fee payable via Eventbrite; includes museum admission and lunch

RSVP: Via the Eventbrite electronic invitation or contact Todd Darling at

Directions to the California State Railroad Museum:

- Merge onto I-80 East and keep right at the fork to continue on CA-113 N, follow signs for Woodland
- Take exit 37 for Main Street toward Downtown/Woodland
- Turn right onto E. Main Street
- Use the right lane to take the ramp onto I-5 S
- Take exit 520 for Richards Blvd.
- Take Jibboom St to your destination: California State Railroad Museum, 125 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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Auto Society**

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Freewheelers to Sponsor Innovative Film Project

The Freewheelers are very proud to be Signature Sponsors of [frameline40, the San Francisco International LGBTQ Film Festival](#), and equally proud to announce our sponsorship of the screening of a wonderful new film:

Conversations with Gay Elders: An Intergenerational Film Project.

In this unique project-in-progress screening, documentary filmmaker David Weissman brings us inside both the stories and the unusual process that comprise his ongoing mission to capture the experiences of gay men of the pre-Stonewall generation. Now living in Portland, Oregon, longtime San Francisco resident Weissman—as in his previous films *We Were Here* (Frameline34) and *The Cockettes* (Frameline25)—is fiercely dedicated to listening to the voices and stories of a generation of gay men that is quickly passing. But in this project, after conducting his on-camera conversations with “gay elders,” Weissman turns the filmmaking itself into an intergeneration collaboration by pairing each elder’s footage with an editor from a much younger generation. The resulting filmed dialogues become an informal history as listened to and, in a sense, interpreted by a new generation of gay men.

Weissman’s focus is to create multiple in-depth individual character studies rather than a single feature film, and to amass a rich repository of these histories for future generations who won’t have direct access to the men who lived them. This program will feature excerpts from four of the conversations shot thus far, selected by the young editors themselves. These excerpts include San Franciscans Robert Dockendorff (76) and Jack Lasner (87) as well as New Yorkers Gene Fedorko (72) and Daniel Maloney (77). Following the screening will be a discussion including director-producer Weissman, subjects Dockendorff and Lasner, and editors Alex Bohs, Aron Kantor, Jake Stein, and Ben Zweig.



Please mark your calendars and plan to join many of your fellow Freewheelers on **Monday, June 20, 2016, 4:00 PM**, at the **Castro Theatre** for the screening of **Conversations with Gay Elders**. Tickets will go on sale through the **Frameline.org** website beginning June 3rd. Watch your email the first weekend in June with more detailed information about the day of the screening and a link to the Frameline ticketing page to secure your tickets.

If you prefer, you may also purchase your tickets in person, beginning June 3rd, from **The Frameline40 Festival Box Office presented by Showtime®**, inside the lobby of **Strut, 470 Castro Street**, in San Francisco (across from the Castro Theatre.) Open daily, 1:00–7:00pm, June 3–June 25. Any questions? Call Eric Whitney (415) 902-5165, or email ewhitney@me.com. See you at the movies!

Welcome New & Returning Members!

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1972 Mercury Cougar XR7 Coupe

Jeff Eichenfield

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Car: 1972 Ford LTD Convertible

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Car: 1964 Ford Thunderbird Coupe

Richard McCracken & Michael Shuster

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San Francisco, CA 94114
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Cars: 1977 Volkswagen Westfalia Type 2 Air-cooled
1991 Mercedes-Benz 190E 2.6 4-door Sedan
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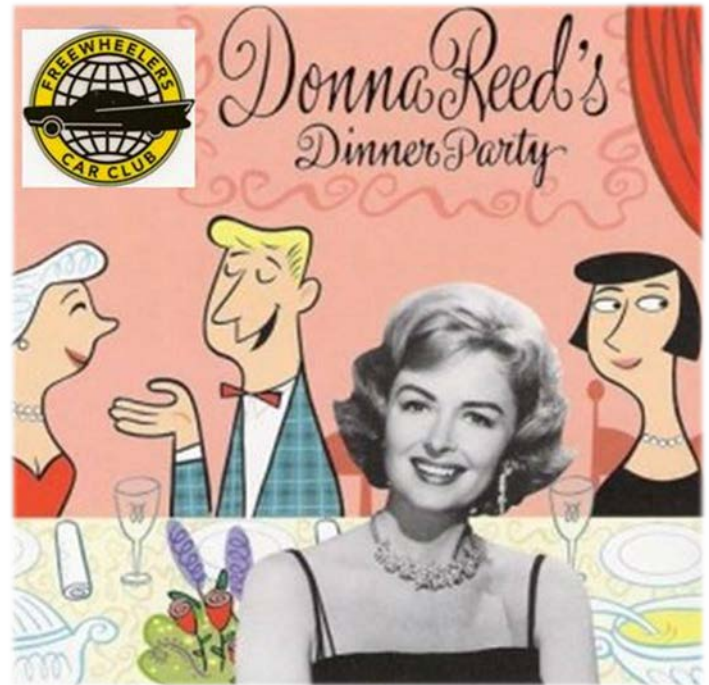
grginsac@yahoo.com

Cars: 1962 Pontiac Tempest LeMans Convertible
1966 Volkswagen Beetle Coupe



April in Bermuda

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There were a total of four '58 Edsels at the house – my Citation convertible and Village wagon in the garage, Donna's Bermuda wagon in the driveway (along with Scott Mikkelson's '58 Ford Fairlane retractable), and Dave Gilbert's Citation 4-door hardtop parked in the street! We also had our Shasta trailer set up in the driveway – a favorite hangout for those who attended – with the Donna Reed Show was playing in there as well as in the house.

After stuffing ourselves on classic cuisine, folks explored the outdoors, front and back for more camaraderie and glorious sunshine before calling it a day. Thanks for all who attended!

(Editor's Note – thanks to Ted Downer and Marc Williamson for putting this fun event together and opening up their lovely home.)



(See more pictures on pages 8-9)

Come Saturday Morning - West Coast Meet 2016

– by Frieda Freewheeler



This year's West Coast Meet in Atascadero is destined to be one groovy trip for all who register! But if you can't make our thrilling Thursday or fun-filled Friday events, be sure to sign up for the **Super Saturday Car Show and Awards Show!**

We'll be California Dreamin' in this Summer of Love and the featured vehicles will be convertibles – all makes, models, and vintages! But even if you don't have a convertible...we welcome ALL vehicles to participate in the car show. And all participants are eligible for awards...not only in your designated class, but you might even win favorite color, favorite interior, best presentation, or even >>GASP<< **BEST IN SHOW!?!?**

The Car Show will run from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday in the Springhill Marriott Parking lot for easy access to guest. And it looks like we will have booked the ENTIRE hotel for our event*, so little-to-no non-event vehicles will be in the lot to deal with! If you're planning on trailering in a vehicle, there is ample trailer parking in the west lot of the hotel, away from the usual traffic areas. There will also be a designated spot in the east lot for you to wash your car if you wish. And as always, friendly Freewheelers will be on hand to assist with any parking questions or concerns!

It may turn out to be a hot, July day for a car show, but we've arranged to have tents and water stations set up to keep you cool and refreshed while you enjoy the show. And the hotel and pool are just steps away!

After the car show, from 4 to 6 pm, the hotel will again have local wineries and breweries represented for wine and beer tasting of the local libations and for our imbibing pleasure! The bar will also be offering well drinks at special prices during that time, and perhaps even some live entertainment for everyone to enjoy on the outdoor terrace!

After happy hour, we'll gather for our swell-egant Saturday dinner in the Grand Ball Room for all event attendees, followed by dessert and our infamous Awards Show. Mod Squad registrants qualify preferential seating at both the dinner and Awards Show! And oh, what an Awards Show we have in store for you!

In true Freewheelers fashion, we'll present an Awards Show full of fun, faux celebrities, song and dance, goofy videos, lots of laughs and of course...those wonderful awards for your favorite cars! And isn't that what it's all about... those glorious four-wheeled machines we love so much?

The 32nd Annual West Coast Meet is almost here, so if you haven't already registered...what are you waiting for?? **REGISTER TODAY because, come Sunday morning June 5th, late fees apply!!**



** If you are unable to get a room at the Springhill Marriott, fear not...we have identified some nearby hotels where you can stay while still participating in the event and all its amenities, so don't let that discourage you!*



California Dreamin'

Featuring Convertibles

32nd Annual West Coast Meet, Atascadero, CA
Thursday July 7 - Sunday July 10, 2016 Atascadero

Applicant Information

Name _____ Co-Applciant _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Tel. Number Before Event _____ Cell Phone at event _____
Email _____ Car Club affiliation FW , G.A.Y. , other _____

Be among the first 100 and be Part of the Mod Squad

Registration fee _____ Tickets x \$109 = \$ _____
includes Commemorative Pin and Saturday Awards Banquet
Late fee of \$25.00/person after June 5, 2016; \$50.00/person at the event \$ _____
Friday Dreamin' Drive Tour _____ Tickets x \$20.00 = \$ _____
Friday Night EBay Price is Right Dinner _____ Tickets x \$40.00 = \$ _____
Polo Shirts ☐ sm ☐ med ☐ lg ☐ xl ☐ xxl _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Hotel Info

SpringHill Suites by Marriott
900 El Camino Real
Atascadero, CA (805) 462-3500
When you call say: **I am making a reservation for West Coast Meet. Rooms will be held for group until June 5th then released to public.**
Rooms are \$186/ night + tax

Vehicle Information

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Name _____
(as you would like on Placard)
Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Name _____

Meals

Meal Choices for Applicant

Sat. Night Banquet ☐ Beef ☐ Chicken ☐ Veg
Friday Dreamin' Tour Lunch ☐ Chicken ☐ Veg
Friday Night Dinner ☐ Southwest Buffet includes Veg.

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Friday Dreamin' Tour Lunch ☐ Chicken ☐ Veg
Friday Night Dinner ☐ Southwest Buffet includes Veg.

Registration deadline is Sunday, June 5, 2016. Any registration forms postmarked after that date will accrue a \$25 late penalty per person, added to the registration fee. NOTE: Registrations received at the event are subject to a \$50 late fee per person. Space is limited, so register now!

CANCELLATION POLICY: 100% refund if cancelled by June 5, 2016, less a \$10 administration fee. A 50% refund if cancelled by June 30, 2016. NO REFUNDS after June 30, 2016. **Questions?** Contact: Jay Remick at 831-601-8080; or email jayremick@me.com.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: The undersigned desiring to enter and participate in West Coast Meet 2016 to be held July 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2016 at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott in Atascadero, California, does hereby tender his/her application to participate. If this application is accepted, the undersigned and registrant, having suitable automobile insurance, and his or her guests assume liability from and shall indemnify and hold harmless The Freewheelers Car Club and its members, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, invites and assigns from and against any and all liabilities arising from said event. The undersigned holds the aforementioned harmless and indemnifies them against judgments whatsoever arising, directly or indirectly, out of or in conjunction with participation in said event. Event registration required for SpringHill Suites stay.

Signed _____ Date _____

Send signed and completed application with check made out to The Freewheelers Car Club
Mail to: The Freewheelers c/o 1588 Willow Oaks Dr., San Jose, CA 95125-4452



THIS PAGE: Peter Escobedo's 1964 Pontiac Grand Prix was first-on-tour. Fabulous cars of the '50s gather at the Hobby Lobby parking lot along with fabulous Freewheelers. The drive tour took us through the beautiful rolling hills surround the Uvas Reservoir. NEXT PAGE: Who's that following me in that Edsel? A 1958 Ford fiesta in Ted and Marc's driveway! Buicks on board – Jack Adam's & Bill Burks' 1957 Century convertible and Jay Remick's 1953 Roadmaster Estate Wagon.



Do You Belong to Other Car Clubs?

– by Michael Amodt



We do and get ideas for the Freewheelers Club while attending these other events. On May 14th we had a most enjoyable day hosted by Thunderbird Club member, Gil Baumgartner in the beautiful Suisun Valley. Gil is the go-to guy when it comes to the '55, '56 & '57 two-seater “baby” Thunderbirds. Next to his house, he built a large shop wherein he performs anything from simple maintenance to spectacular ground-up restorations. Some of you may have seen him recently on an episode of the British car show, *Wheeler Dealers*, when he retrofitted a '57 Thunderbird with power windows and a power seat.

Some forty-five little birds were spread out across the Baumgartner's sprawling lawn. It was a sight to behold – just a sea of color! We arrived in Jay's '62 “Bullet Bird” convertible and parked on the outskirts along with a couple of other non-little Thunderbirds. The T-bird club members are a friendly and welcoming bunch and we always have a good time with them.

After lots of visiting and a terrific catered barbeque lunch from the nearby Texas Roadhouse, mostly the guys gathered in the shop to listen to Gil discuss technical tips and common problems. Gil has a very folksy way about him and reminds me more than a little of Andy Griffith. His discussion was lively and entertaining. I have to say he sure knows his subject and we all learned quite a lot from him.

Besides Jay & me, two other Freewheelers Club members were in attendance – Nell Richmond in her dazzling Peacock Blue '56 and Gregg Cannella in his Colonial White '57. Nell's Thunderbird, which was completely restored by Gil, was a gift from her dear late husband, Gordon.

Perhaps a technical meet may be in the future for our club. If any of you attend interesting events put on by other car clubs, we're always looking for new ideas. Please feel free to contact the Board with activity suggestions or to share your experiences.



Baby ‘Birds gather in Suisun Valley. Gregg Cannella with his '57, Nell Richmond's '56 and Jay Remick's '62 convertible.

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GARAGE SPACE WANTED: My New 35 Year Old Fiat Spider Needs a Garage Home - Little Red needs your help! I just bought this great little Italian car, and I want to protect it. Please let me know if you have one garage space available, or if you know of someone who does. Vintage Italian convertibles are fun and exciting cars. As part of my payments to you I will include a top down drive and picnics in the SF Bay Area (San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland) or up in Wine Country. Please respond to 415-483-4900 or Keith@Keith4RealEstate.com. Your assistance is greatly appreciated! Your garage does not have to be pretty; it just needs to be safe & secure. (2)



FOR SALE: 1982 Buick Riviera Convertible – White with Red and only 73,800 miles. CA car owned for 25 years. See website www.collectiblemetal.net or email brentwalkersf@gmail.com. \$12K OBO. Economical convertible for West Coast Event! (2)



JUNE 2016

Sunday 06/05: Sacramento Pride. For more information, visit www.sacramentopride.org.

Sunday, 06/12: Board of Directors Meeting at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord at 11 a.m.

WEST COAST MEET 2016 Planning Meeting immediately following the board meeting

Sunday, 06/19: Sacramento Railroad Museum Tour and Lunch. See page 4 for more information!

Saturday, 06/25 – Sunday, 06/26: San Francisco Pride Weekend. Visit www.sfpride.org for more information.

JULY 2016

Thursday, 07/07 - Sunday, 07/10 – The 32nd Annual West Coast Meet in Atascadero! See page 6 for the latest...registration form on page 7 and on the website!

NOTE: register before June 5 to avoid late fees!

AUGUST 2016

Sunday, 08/14: Board of Directors Meeting at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord at 11 a.m.

Sunday, 08/21: Annual Pool Party in the South Bay...details to follow!

Sunday 08/28: Stockton Pride. For more information, visit www.stocktonpride.com.

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday, 09/11: Board of Directors Meeting at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord at 11 a.m.

Sunday, 09/11: Oakland Pride. For more information, visit www.oaklandpride.org.

Sunday, 09/18: North Bay Tour...details to follow!

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday, 09/09: Ramshead Collection Tour and luncheon on the river in Sacramento...details to follow!

NOTE: Calendar listings subject to change without notice.



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Throw an old mattress in the back of your bus and head on down to Atascadero!

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