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President's Message

Another summer of great Freewheelers events has come to a close, capped off with our fun tour of Stockton and its Haggin Museum...see details on that event on page 5! We still have some more fun in store for the rest of 2018 and are even formulating ideas for 2019!

Our October event promises to be fun and interesting, and we're planning a New Member recognition lunch in November in Concord. We had several new members attend the September event, so I'm hoping they can attend, as well as our existing members so we can all get to know each other a little better.

If you've been unable attend events this year, at least try to make to our Holiday Dinner in December. It's always a great opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy a fabulous dinner and fun-filled gift raffle.

The new year will soon be upon us and we'll be looking to fill vacancies on the board again. Please consider volunteering to serve on the board...our numbers are shrinking and several current board members have been doubling up on duties. Your club can really use your help, expertise and fresh ideas!

I always look forward to our upcoming get-togethers to meet new members and reconnect with old, as well as to fawn over and talk about classic cars! Isn't that what it's all about? Until next time...

Happy Motoring!

Marty Hanson

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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OCTOBER EVENT – JOHN MUIR EAST BAY DRIVE TOUR

– by Bill Hall



Join us Sunday, October 21 for the John Muir East Drive Tour! We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Chase Bank in Martinez for tire kicking, donuts and coffee. Then we'll walk across the street to the John Muir National Historic Site and Home for a docent-led tour at 11 a.m. (first 30 people) and/or a self-guided tour of the grounds and outbuilding.

John Muir played many roles in his life, all of which helped him succeed in his role as an advocate for Nature. As America's most famous

naturalist and conservationist, Muir fought to protect the wild places he loved, places we can still visit today. Muir's writings convinced the U.S. government to protect Yosemite, Sequoia, Grand Canyon and Mt. Rainier as national parks.

Around Noon, we'll meet back at the bank parking lot to begin the drive tour through the beautiful Alhambra Valley back roads, winding up at Giopetto's Caff  in Orinda for lunch at around 12:45/1 p.m. Giopetto's is typically closed on Sunday but the owner has agreed to open up for us and we will be offering three sandwich lunch selections (veg, beef, or chicken/turkey) with a side and drink. Make your sandwich selection when you RSVP.

At a glance

What: John Muir East Bay Drive Tour, followed by lunch

When: Sunday, October 21, 9:30 am tire kicking, 10:30 am tour of the John Muir National Historic Site, Noon regroup for drive-tour, lunch at Giopetto's Caff  in Orinda around 1 pm.

Where: Rear Parking Lot – Chase Bank at 4201 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez for tire-kicking, coffee & donuts (directions below)

Fee: \$25; includes event fee & lunch

RSVP: Please register, make your meal selection and pay via the link provided in the email. Questions? Please contact Jay Remick at jayremick@me.com, 831-601-8080, or Bill Hall at Bill Hall at williamhall1234@yahoo.com, 510-612-3300



DIRECTION TO THE BANK:

Take I-680 toward Benicia/San Jose

Continue onto I-680 S

Use the right 2 lanes to take Exit 53 to merge onto CA-4 W toward W. Martinez/W. Hercules

Take Exit 9 for Alhambra Avenue toward Martinez

Turn right onto Alhambra Avenue

Turn right onto Walnut Avenue, 4201 Alhambra Avenue will be on the right

New Member Lunch 2018

Sunday, November 18, we are planning a New Member Lunch at the Buchanan Airfield in Concord where we can hang in the hangars with cars and planes! For any new club member as of our last New Member Lunch, the event is on us...no fee! Watch for details in upcoming issues of the Flyer!



Annual Holiday Party 2018

Sunday, December 9; Join us at the Veterans Hall in Pleasanton where once again we'll hold our holiday gathering. Weather permitting, bring one of your classics and receive preferential parking right across from the hall! It'll be fun and festive to assemble a lot full of classics and create our own Merry Little Holiday Concours!

Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelson will once again be our Chefs de Jour with a menu that promises to be truly lavish and beyond fabulous! You may want to wear your "pantalones de buffet." We'll also have the gift raffle again so you can do some holiday shopping!



Renew Your Membership for 2019



It's time to renew your membership with your club, the Fabulous Freewheelers! Joining now will cover your membership for the remainder of this year and all of next year. Our 2018 events have been very well received and attended, and our 2019 line-up promises to be excellent as well! A record number of members have switched to our online Flyer and interactive online Roster. Members who choose this option pay just \$35 annually. Or you can pay \$60 to receive hard copies of both the Flyer and Roster in the mail (which reflects the actual printing and distribution costs).

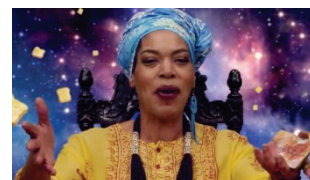
Feel free to fill out your application online, or use the application included in this issue of the Flyer (page 9). You may also download the application from our website

(www.thefreewheelers.net). Payment options include PayPal which will allow paying with your bank account or using a credit card if you have a PayPal account. Still not crazy about paying online? No problem! You can still mail your completed application in along with a signed check (mailing address on the form).

We hope everyone will take advantage of the privileges that your membership includes. A few of these are the camaraderie, networking and support from all who have the passion for classic cars. From parts to repairs, being a member of the Freewheelers is an invaluable resource. Personally, I would have given up on many a car project without these resources.

Membership also adds so much to your experience with the Freewheelers. The more you participate, the more involved you feel, the more friends you make, and the more you learn about your cars and those of others. The events adapt to the participation and involvement of our members and even as we grow, we still maintain a strong sense of family.

Just a reminder – Miss Cleo is dead, so if you've had any changes to your membership information since last time (address, phone, email, cars, partners, etc.), PLEASE submit an updated form so we have your most current information – we're not psychic! Thank you in advance for being – or becoming – a Freewheelers!



SEPTEMBER SUMMER IN STOCKTON

– by Marty Hanson



The Freewheelers last tour of summer was on a beautiful Saturday morning in Stockton. It was “back to school” time as we met in front of the Faye Spanos Concert Hall – of “Raiders of the Lost Ark” fame – at the University of the Pacific (UOP) Campus in Stockton for tire kicking and breakfast treats including requisite coffee and donuts as well as a healthy fruit platter provided by Scott Mikkelson. It was already starting to warm up, so shade was the desired gathering spot.

Some first on tours included new members Greg Alves & John Alita’s 1997 Mercedes-Benz SL500 Roadster, new member Patrick McConnell’s 1966 Volvo 122S Wagon, Charles Kennedy’s 1972 BMW 3.0CSI Coupe, Jack Porter’s 1964 Studebaker GT Hawk R3 Coupe, Bill Peachee’s 1983 Mercedes-Benz 300D, and Michael Coyle and Danny Phung’s 1955 Pontiac Star Chief Sedan.

Allowing for all registrants to arrive, event host Robert Oakes then gathered everyone together to discuss the day’s events and to provide drive-tour directions. With Robert taking the lead, we drove through the UOP campus, heading into the Oxford neighborhood of vintage homes, then onto the Magnolia District which was an interesting combination of grand Victorian homes and sub-standard apartment buildings! Our tour then led us down Main Street and past the Cort Tower Nation Trust for Historic Preservation, the historic Fox Theater, and newly renovated Stockton City Hall.

Our tour ended at the famous Haggin Museum where we found ample parking around the adjacent Victory Park. Freewheelers then took a leisurely tour of the grounds and museum, including a large exhibit on the 20th Century artist J.C. Leyendecker, famous for his Arrow Shirt and Saturday Evening Post artwork, and his now recognized 50-year relationship with model Charles Beach. Other exhibits included dozens of paintings by renowned 19th- and early 20th-century American and European artists, including Jean Béraud, Rosa Bonheur, William Bouguereau, Jean-Léon Gérôme, George Inness, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and some breathtaking panoramas of Yosemite Valley.

After the museum tour, Freewheelers headed back toward residential Stockton for lunch. Originally, lunch was to be held at Robert's beautiful mid-century modern home however, front yard work underway precluded that option, so we gathered at the nearby traditional Cape Cod styled home of Freewheeler Steve Werner, complete with lots of shade out back, pool and spa! Lunch was a delightful catered affair with build-your-own burrito bar including hand-made tortillas. An assortment of cookies was on hand for dessert as were homemade brownies provided by Faith Alchorn-Selk.

Many thanks go to Robert Oakes, Adrienne Shilton, and Steve Werner for all their work and accommodations to make our September event such a jam-packed and fun-filled day! And thanks too to those who brought extra goodies for all to enjoy. Our first Stockton tour...I hope it's not our last!



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Freewheelers enjoy coffee and camaraderie before heading to the Haggin Museum to tour its wide variety of interesting exhibits.



Lunch was held at the beautiful home of Steve Werner where he and event host Robert Oakes smile for the camera. And smiles all around after lunch!

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST CAR?

— by Michael Amodt

Our most senior Freewheelers Club member, Wayne Parsons, still owns his first car and has for more than sixty-seven years! In 1951, a fresh Cal Berkeley grad, he fell for a 1938 Packard Super Eight limousine which had just been traded in by a Standard Oil executive. Wayne then approached his somewhat bewildered parents for a \$500.00 loan to buy it. The rest is history and a long one.

Wayne and his partner, Arthur Gravatt, would go on to own countless premium driver cars, Buick Roadmaster and Cadillac convertibles, Fleetwoods and others. But the '38 Packard remained a car used for special occasions. Seven years later he acquired a '56 Packard 400 coupe which he also still owns and maintains in perfect condition.

In 1953, Wayne and Art were two of the thirteen founders of the first ever Packard Club. "Packard Automobile Classics" was soon renamed "The Packard Club". Wayne attended every one of the club's meetings for forty years during which time its membership expanded throughout the United States to its peak of 5,516 members. He, at 94 years of age, is the only remaining charter member.

It's always very interesting to discuss cars with Wayne as his knowledge is endless. Of equal interest to me, are his experiences in the quiet gay culture of the forties and fifties. Wayne met Arthur in 1947 at the Mission Ranch in Carmel. A tall, elegant man with a mischievous sense of humor, Art also lived in Berkeley. The two hit it off and were very devoted to each other during their sixty-three years together and until Art passed away in 2012.

Do any of you wish to share the story of your first car? Or your favorite car?





Application for Membership/Membership Renewal

Hello fellow auto enthusiast! Please complete the application, ***sign and date 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 may also register and pay using your PayPal account or a **credit card** at www.thefreewheelers.net and clicking on 'contact us / join' which we prefer.

Membership Rates: The membership rate will **remain at** \$60.00 per year to more closely reflect actual printing and distribution costs. HOWEVER, for those wishing to receive the flyer and the roster digitally/online without a print version there is a \$25.00 discount. (\$35. per year, the same as last year) Note that all or part of the Flyer may be printed from the internet if you desire a hard copy.

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).

Please include an e-mail address. We use these addresses for event registration and payment as well as notifications between Flyer issues. We will use only the 'Primary Members' email address for all communications. 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	

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OCTOBER

- Sunday the 7th, 2018 – Board Meeting at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord.
- Sunday the 21st, 2018 – East Bay Drive Tour (more information on page 3)

NOVEMBER

- Sunday the 4th, 2018 – Board Meeting at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord.
- Sunday the 11, 2018 – Veteran's Day Car Show in Yountville with the Packard Club
- Sunday the 18th, 2018 – New Member Brunch (details to follow)

DECEMBER

- Sunday the 9th, 2018 – Freewheelers Holiday Party in Pleasanton

NOTE: Dates/events subject to change.

NOTE: Club Board Meetings are typically held the first Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rainbow Community Center in Concord, and are open to all members. Contact a board member if you're interested in attending.





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Mike Hammer's 1954 Corvette in Mickey Spillane's "Kiss Me Deadly"

