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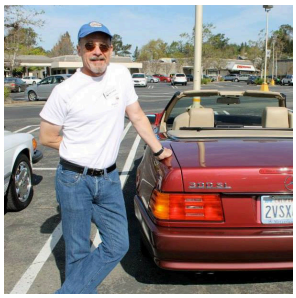
# President's Message



Happy New Year, fellow Freewheelers! And what a year we have in store! Not only is 2018 the 40th Anniversary of the founding of our car club, the Freewheelers will also be hosting West Coast Meet – "The Phantom of the Opera Window" – this July in Atascadero, AND we also have virtually a full year's calendar of events already planned!

I hope to see you at our Annual Business Meeting on the 11th at the Vallejo Yacht Club – all members are welcome to attend the meeting (there is an additional charge if you'd like lunch as well) – where we'll begin the celebration of the club's 40th Anniversary…our RUBY anniversary. We'll also be recapping 2017 as well as rolling out the 2018 calendar, and soliciting ideas and support from the membership.

And there are still vacancies on the Board of the Directors, so if you're interested in giving back to the club by serving on the board, now's your chance…just contact any of the current board members and we'll put your name in nomination. 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.

Lastly, mark your calendars for Sunday, March 18 for our first tour of the year at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville…see details in this issue of the Flyer. Also check out the calendar section of this newsletter as we have dates set for events throughout the year so you can plan in advance. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event. Until then…

Happy Motoring!

*Marty Hanson*
**Club President**

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Welcome!

# HOLIDAY PARTY CAPS OFF A BUSY 2017 FOR THE FREEWHEELERS

*Text: Marty Hanson*
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Planning for our annual Christmas party began one year earlier when Roger Emmett booked the date at Pleasanton's historic Veteran's Hall. Thankfully the weather on the day of the party was not a repeat of the monsoon that nearly washed us all away when last we had our party there. With such stellar weather a plethora of vintage cars filled the Bank of the Republic's parking lot next door.

The evening before, at Roger and Geoffrey's house in Pleasanton and as cocktails were amply flowing, decorations and center pieces were assembled. Large boxes were colorfully gift-wrapped to help create an afternoon filled with Christmas spirit.

The day began very early when Board members and volunteers arrived in several cars jammed with Christmas decorations and raffle prizes. Scott, Todd and Marty rolled in from Sacramento in their van with pots, pans, serving platters, chafing dishes, turkey, stuffing, munchies, pies, etc, etc. piled up to its headliner. The well-organized trio set about preparing an elaborate meal for eighty-five hungry guests. Other members of our crew quickly unfolded dozens of chairs and set up tables covering each of them with red and green table cloths.

Club members chatted away, admired the amazing array of beautiful old cars, planned their strategy for the raffle and grazed on the hors d'oeuvres. Once the dinner bell sounded everyone helped themselves to the delicious Christmas feast laid out before them. For sure no one left hungry. (continued page 6)

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After the dessert course, it was time for the raffle. A popular feature the last two years, raffle prizes totally covered three long tables in front of the stage. Our members had graciously donated a lot of pretty wonderful prizes. In particular the Club wishes to thank and acknowledge Stephen Burch, for his extreme generosity. Stephen's collection of Danbury and Franklin Mint models greatly helped stimulate the crowd into buying nearly $600. worth of raffle tickets.

Our Emcee for the day, Christopher Slater, was appropriately decked out in a bright red and green plaid suit freshly scored from the Nordstrom Rack. As Christopher conducted the raffle he told a series of entertainingly presented puns which it seemed only he could get away with telling. Each pun was greeted with laughs and/or semi-appropriate groans. The happy winners trailed up one after another to collect their winnings.

With the Tryptophan kicking in, the sated guests said their good byes and headed for home. The Club volunteers set about returning the hall to its pre-party condition. Every item used in the meal preparation was cleaned and dried and then stuffed back in Scott and Todd's van, decorations packed into vehicles, tables and chairs folded up and returned to storage, and the kitchen scrubbed and polished. Glen Tabor completed the final task (mopping the kitchen floor) before the hall manager brought out her white gloves for the exit inspection. We passed with flying colors.

With one more Club Christmas under our belts we look forward to later this year when we will once again gather in December and this time celebrating our 40th party!

**TICK-TOCK…DEADLINE TO RENEW FOR 2018 APPROACHES**

Don't leave it until the last minute!!! Membership dues are now $60.00 for the calendar year January to December 2018 for those members desiring monthly hard-copy newsletters and an annual hard-copy Membership Roster but you can get a 42% Discount on Membership when you Go Digital! Those who prefer the online/digital version of the Flyer and the Roster (with no print version sent to you by mail) get a discounted membership of $35.00 – that's a 42% savings!

You can still enjoy all the latest Newsletters (and past issues) as well as a regularly-updated and searchable Roster online the website! For NEW members joining on or after October 1, 2017, membership will extend through December 2018. If you would like to join or renew by mail and sending a check, please use the paper form included in the last issue of the Flyer. Please renew by no later than March 1, 2018 to be included in the 2018 hard copy Roster. Otherwise, you can renew via the website at

NOTE: The website password also changes effective March 1 and those not renewed by the March 1 deadline will be dropped from the email distribution list until you re-apply, so be sure to renew in time to remain on the mailing list and be notified of the new password.

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**GIVE BACK – JOIN THE BOARD!**

We are always looking for new board members with fresh ideas! Some members will be stepping down this year, so we are looking to fill those vacancies. In particular, the Media Director position is coming open so if you have a knack for web design and publishing, we'd love to have you on the board!

We also have a Member-at-Large vacancy…the Member-at-Large doesn't have a particular assignment per se, but is frequently called upon to help the other Board Members with variety of duties such as event planning and special projects, as well as a vote on the club decision. It may sound like work but it's also a lot of fun, especially being a part of what makes the Freewheelers enjoyable for everyone.

If you're interested in serving, please contact one of the current board members and we'd be happy to enter your name into nomination at the Annual Business and Planning Meeting!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE FREEWHEELER EVENTS***

- March – Sunday the 18th, 2018 – Blackhawk Museum Tour
- April – Sunday the 15th, 2018 – event TBD
- May –Sunday the 20th, 2018– event TBD
- June – Sunday the 10th, 2018 – Sacramento Tour (details to follow)
- July – Thursday the 12th – Saturday the 15th, 2018 - West Coast Meet in Atascadero
- August – Sunday the 19th, 2018 – South Bay Pool Party
- September – Sunday the 9th, 2018 – Freewheelers "Drive-a-Rama" (details to follow)
- October – Sunday the 21st, 2018 – East Bay Drive Tour (details to follow)
- November – Sunday the 18th, 2018 – North Bay Car Collection Tour (details to follow)
- December – Sunday the 9th, 2018 – Freewheelers Holiday Party in Pleasanton

*Dates/events subject to change.

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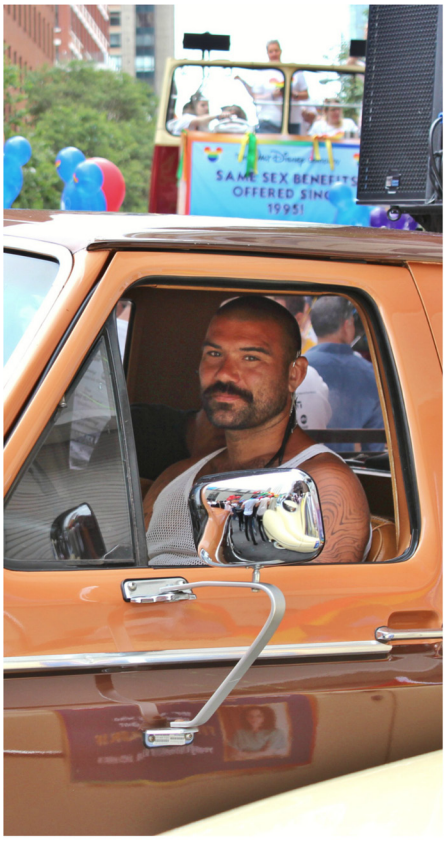
# FREEWHEELERS 2017



# YEAR IN REVIEW

# WCM 2018 The PHANTOM of the OPERA WINDOW

I am your Angel of Car Clubs... welcome to my Phantom Invitation! West Coast Meet 2018 - The Phantom of the Opera Window - will be here before you know it. Once again, the Freewheeler will have a weekend chock full of events and activities to make your visit worthwhile, including "Le Grand Car Show Populaire" on Saturday, July 14!

For you early birds, local vintners and breweries will be on hand at the hotel to offer tastings Thursday evening, followed by the return of Diva Queen Bingo on Thursday night with lots of fun and frivolity in store. We'll also offer outdoor movies again on both Thursday and Friday nights for your viewing pleasure.

And speaking of Friday...it will be Friday the 13th after all, and we'll have a full day of activities including a drive tour and off-sight lunch, Phantom gondola races in the hotel pool, more local vintner and brewery tastings in the evening, an Italian-themed buffet dinner followed by Friday night entertainment, CAR-lotta's "Perfect Pitch" exhaust note competition, AND another outdoor movie!

Saturday will be all about the car show featuring vehicles with Opera Windows, but all makes and models are welcome to participate. The show will be followed by the Masquerade Costume Ball and Cocktail Hour. We'll provide masks for everyone but encourage you to wear your most outlandish costumes and finery! Then, an elegant dinner in the Grand Ball Room will be followed by an Awards Show to remember...with lots of mystery, intrigue, laughs and of course, awards!

Watch for the event registration form in your March newsletter and if you are one of the first 100 to register, you'll receive "Prima Donna" status with all its rights and privileges! Hotel reservations at the Springhill Suites in Atascadero will open April 1, 2018, so be sure to clear your calendar for West Coast Meet 2018, July 12 through the 14...be there or be square!

# SAVE THE DATE

## FREEWHEELERS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**It's that time of year again for membership to gather for our Annual Business Meeting! Join your fellow Freewheelers and your Board of Directors on Sunday, February 11th, 2018 for our Annual Business and Planning Meeting at the beautiful Vallejo Yacht Club.**

**You will enjoy a catered lunch and the camaraderie of your friends as we recap 2017's accomplishments and talk about our plans for 2018. We will also be looking for nominations for open board positions as well as ideas for 2018 events. 2018 will also mark the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Freewheelers Car Club and we'll be celebrating our "Ruby" anniversary in style!**

**The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. as we gather in the parking lot for some tire kicking and socializing before convening in the Yacht Club to enjoy a delicious lunch* before getting down to business.**

**So come on out and join us to discuss the state of the club and help us develop a calendar of fun events for the coming year. Hope to see you there!**

***The Business Meeting is open to all members – if you do not wish to participate in the luncheon, you can just come to the meeting following lunch.**

**At-a-Glance:**

***What:*** **Freewheelers 2018 Annual Business Meeting**

***When:*** **Sunday, February 11, 2018; tire kicking beginning at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, Business Meeting begins at 1 p,m.**

***Where:*** **The Vallejo Yacht Club**

***Fee:*** **$25 includes lunch; $5 event fee if you just wish to attend the Business Meeting**

**RSVP: Via the invitation email or Freewheelers website.**

# CALENDAR

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***UPCOMING EVENT***
**February 11, 2018 - North bay**
***Freewheelers annual business meeting.***
*Vallejo, California*

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***See page 10 of this flyer for more information.**

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