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President's Message

"Haul out the holly; well, once I taught you all to live each living day. Fill up the stockings...but Auntie Mame, it's one week past Thanksgiving Day now!"

It's that time of year again and my-my, how quickly the year has flown! It seems like just yesterday that I was twinkling my toes in the balmy pool at Moore Manor!

I hope everyone is enjoying an endearing holiday season with friends and family, wherever and whoever they may be. And I hope you plan to join your fellow Freewheelers at our Annual Holiday Party in Pleasanton this month for a great meal, a fun gift raffle, and time spent together reminiscing and reconnecting.

As a reminder, there is typically no January newsletter, so details on the upcoming Annual Business Meeting can be found in this issue, with an email reminder and invitation to go out a few weeks before the event. I'd like to see a record attendance at this event as this is every member's opportunity to catch up on what our club's been up to and what resources we need in order to plan for the future and to ensure the longevity of the Freewheelers Car Club.

And speaking of the future, Great Autos of Yesteryear will be hosting West Coast Meet in 2019 featuring "Private Eyes and Swingin' Rides" which means...that's right! Freewheelers will be hosting again in 2020 and we'll be looking to the membership for theme ideas! We'll have a proposals meeting in February for those who would like to present, then the board will select a theme at the March meeting. Then, we're off and running! Until then....

Happy Motoring!

Marty Hanson

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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Freewheelers 2018 Holiday Party!

Join us **Sunday, December 9**, 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 while helping to support your favorite car club! Hope to see you there!



At a glance

What: Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party

Where: Veteran's Memorial Hall, 3001 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566

When: Sunday, December 9, 2018; 11 a.m. appetizers, gift raffle review, tire kicking, 1 p.m. dinner followed by raffle drawing

Fee: \$30 includes dinner and one raffle ticket; additional tickets will be available for purchase

RSVP: Please register via the link provided in the email invitation. Questions? Please contact Jay Remick at jayremick@me.com, 831-601-8080

January 2019 Annual Business & Planning 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, January 27, 2019** 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 2018's accomplishments and talk about our plans for 2019. We will also be looking for nominations for board positions as well as ideas for 2019 events.

The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. as we gather in the parking lot for some tire kicking and socializing (weather permitting), then convening in the Yacht Club to enjoy a delicious catered lunch* before getting down to club 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 2019 Annual Business & Planning Meeting

When: Sunday, January 27, 2019; tire kicking beginning at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, Business Meeting begins at 1 p.m.

Where: The Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way, Vallejo 94590

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

RSVP: Please register via the link provided in the forthcoming invitation email.

Questions? Please contact Jay Remick at jayremick@me.com, 831-601-8080



A New Venue for a New Members Lunch!

– by Marty Hanson

No rain but some lingering smoke filtered an otherwise sunny day at the Buchanan Airfield in Concord where the Freewheelers held the 2018 New Members Lunch. Club members Gregg Cannella and John Jung opened up their hangar – that they and other members lease to store their classic cars – for the event.

The ever creative Scott Mikkelson and Todd Darling put together a simple but comprehensive lunch for us...even hauling out a gas barbeque all the way from Sacramento for outdoor cooking. In addition to hamburgers and hot dogs, green, potato, and pasta salads were also on the menu, along with baked beans, a veggie tray, chips and salsa, and a brownie tree! There were even veggie burgers for those non-meat eaters.

Arrivals gathered in the front parking lot, made noticeable by Warren Lubich's lovely 1964 Rambler Classic Typhoon 2-door hardtop, along with other classics. The hangar was toward the back with a large, open view of the runway where an occasional personal jet aircraft would land or take off.

Gregg and John had their classics parked out back as well for easier identification of the luncheon site, and of course the hangar held some more beautiful classic cars as well for attendees to enjoy.

New members attending the event included Rex Allen, Cory Austin, Rand Bodily, Dominic Cacioppo and James Kelly. Welcome! A few first-on-tours also arrived at the event including David Schnitzer's 2001 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series 4-door sedan and James "Jimmy" Kelly's 2016 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid 4-door sedan. Some tire kicking ensued but most folks wandered down the drive way to the hangar to enjoy more camaraderie, coffee and appetizers. A few of us kept watch at the front lot for some of the late-comers so they would know where we were gathering.

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Around noon, yours truly welcomed everyone and introduced the new members in attendance. Soon the call went out that hot dogs and burgers were ready to serve. We opened the chow line to ladies and new members first, with the rest to follow, building their burgers with assorted toppings, and filling their plates with Scott and Todd's other incredible edibles. Eating and conversation filled the rest of the afternoon.

While I don't always have the opportunity to welcome new members at events personally, I and the rest of the board do attempt to reach out individually to thank you all for your membership and to make you feel welcome.

Many thanks go to Gregg and John for opening their hangar for the event...a truly fun and unique venue...and to Scott and Todd for providing the wonderful lunch buffet! We hope our new members enjoyed the lunch and plan attend our future events...and perhaps even consider putting on one of their own!



Warren Lubich's 1964 Rambler Classic Typhoon



First-on-tours included David Schnitzer's 2001 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series 4-door sedan and Jimmy Kelly's 2016 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid 4-door sedan



NEW MEMBERS (L-R): 1. Bill Hall (l) and Shasta chat with new members Cory Austin & Dominic Cacioppo. 2. Scott Mikkelson and Todd Darling welcome new member Jimmy Kelly (l). 3. Bill Shuman and Scott Prickett chat with new member Rex Allen(c).



Welcome new member Rand Bodily. John Jung's 1961 Chrysler Newport looks good enough to eat! Gregg Cannella's 1957 Thunderbird



Planes come and go right outside the hangar door! Stuart Gunn, Mark Hansen & Cliff Travis catch up. Freewheelers gather round for coffee and conversation. President Marty Hanson welcomes new members. Dan Caruth and David Schnitzer smile for the camera. Some non-club classic also resided at the Buchanan Airfield!

TICK-TOCK...DEADLINE TO RENEW FOR 2019 APPROACHES!

Don't leave it until the last minute!!! Membership dues are now \$60.00 for the calendar year January to December 2019 for those members desiring monthly hard-copy newsletters and an annual hard-copy Membership Roster but you can get a discounted rate 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, 2018, membership will extend through December 2019. If you would like to join or renew by mail and sending a check, please use the paper form included in this issue of the Flyer (next page). Please renew by no later than March 1, 2019 to be included in the 2019 hard copy Roster. Otherwise, you can renew via the website at www.thefreewheelers.net.

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 upcoming events and the new password.

WEST COAST MEET 2020!



Wait...WHAT? Our sister club, Great Autos of Yesteryear will be hosting West Coast Meet in 2019 featuring "Private Eyes and Swingin' Rides" which means...that's right! Freewheelers will be hosting again in 2020 and we're looking to the membership for some new theme ideas! We'll have a proposals meeting at the Board Meeting in February for those who would like to present.

Think about a featured car, vintage, or class of car that could have fun and over-the-top decorating and entertainment potential tied in! The board will review the proposals and select a theme at the March meeting. Those proposing the winning theme will then go on to chair the event, but fear not...your Board of Directors and previous West Coast Meet veterans will be available for assistance and consulting. The winning theme will then be revealed and presented at the West Coast Meet 2019 Awards Show in July.

So put on your thinking caps, put together a presentation and show us what you've got in February!



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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?
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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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The Tale of Big Bird and Little Bird

— by Michael Amodt

Did you know that we have a club member who still owns a car that she bought brand new fifty-seven years ago? In October of 1961, Nell Richmond received an excited call from her friend at Broadway Ford in Oakland telling her they had a new arrival she was sure to like. Nell and her husband raced across the Bay Bridge to find a plastic-wrapped, Deep Sea Blue 1962 Thunderbird convertible fresh off the transport truck. The car was very nicely optioned and included power windows and seat, remote mirror and fender skirts. Its teal exterior beautifully complimented the turquoise (Nell's favorite color) interior and white convertible top. They bought it on the spot and happily bid farewell to their problem-plagued '59 Ford Retractable.

"Big Bird" would be her daily driver car for many years until being replaced by a series of Lincolns. After joining the Thunderbird Club in the late '70s, she and her husband, Gordon, spent hundreds hours lovingly restoring the car. Nell told me that when they were working on the interior they realized it was five shades of turquoise. They carefully matched each shade perfectly! Their restored Thunderbird has since been a regular fixture at countless car shows and club events and has rarely failed to win an award.

It was some time later that Dr. Richmond surprised Nell with her ultimate dream car – a Peacock Blue and Colonial White, 1956 Thunderbird convertible.



"Big Bird"

"Little Bird" had sat, un-driven in a friend's garage for many years. Jay and I still laugh when we think about Nell's response when we overheard someone ask her if they had to do much to the '56 after they bought it. She replied no, that they just changed it over from a manual transmission to an automatic, added power steering, rebuilt the engine, replaced the interior and convertible top, had it painted and all the chrome refinished. Hardly a thing at all it seemed.



Nell with "Little Bird"

Both cars have brought great pleasure to Nell and her late husband, Gordon. She has long been recognized around her Pacific Heights neighborhood as the lady with the Thunderbirds. Big Bird and Little Bird are side by side, snug in her garage under their fitted covers and still come out occasionally for car shows and pleasure driving.

Do any of you wish to share the story of your first car or your favorite car? We'd love to hear from you!

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1965 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Coupe Equipped with Powerglide, AM-FM Radio w/Power Antenna, Power windows, Telescopic Steering Wheel, Dual Mirrors, Knockoff Mag Wheels w/conventional Bias Ply White Walls. Body-on restoration in 1978 with new paint. Original 327/300HP engine overhauled in 2001 w/15,750 miles since. Black interior in excellent condition. All maintenance records included since 1975 when purchased as second owner. \$42K firm. Contact Ralf Schubert at ralfschubertx@gmail.com. (2)



FOR SALE: 1964 Studebaker Avanti; \$28,500, Contact Kent Johnson at KentJohnson415@gmail.com (3)



FOR SALE: 1950 Dodge Wayfarer Sportabout; \$28,500, Contact Kent Johnson at KentJohnson415@gmail.com (3)



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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2018

- Sunday the 9th, 2018 – Freewheelers Holiday Party in Pleasanton (details on page 3).

JANUARY 2019

- Sunday the 6th, 2019 – Board Meeting at 288 Buchanan Airfield in Concord.
- Sunday the 27th, 2019 – Freewheelers Annual Business and Planning meeting in Vallejo (details on page 4).

FEBRUARY 2019

- Sunday the 3rd, 2019 – Board Meeting & West Coast Meet 2020 Proposals Meeting at 288 Buchanan Airfield in Concord.

NOTE: Dates/events/locations subject to change.

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



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