

Flyer

FREEWHEELERS



It was a perfect day of driving the highways and byways of Sonoma County on the "Century Tour."

Freewheelers Enjoy a Century Ride through Sonoma County

– by Sueko Takahashi-Gilbert

It was sunny, then foggy, driving from the East Bay to Santa Rosa on an early Saturday morning, then sunny again in Santa Rosa as Freewheelers started to arrive at our meeting spot; the First Missionary Baptist Church. Right next door was our host's, Marilyn and Dave Chiotti's beautiful home where we were greeted with a warm welcome. Some members made a bee-line to the refreshment table expectedly prepared for us with coffee and pastries.

Marilyn and Dave let us freely explore their delightful back yard, including Dave's train "shack" full of diorama, well cared for plants, a koi pond (no, none swimming there), and their garage (did anyone follow the sign "Bump Head Here"?) housing their gorgeous 1949 Buick Model 50 Super convertible.

Members caught up with each other while sipping coffee and refueling with croissants and scones, while Registration Chair Gregg Cannella handled checking everyone in. Thank you everyone for RSVPing and communicating with the host in advance! *(Public Service Announcement: Even if you missed the sign-up cut-off date but found out you could come, please reach out to the designated contact person for the event. An exception can be made in most cases but please confirm with the event host first and don't just "show up.")*

Just before 10:30 a.m., Dave gathered everyone with his train whistle to outline the day's activities. We were instructed to pick up goody bags on our way out – each bag had each participant's name beautifully hand written and included driving directions, a map, history of Sonoma County, and something to munch on - oh, if we miraculously managed to get lost, we would survive with the goodies in the bag! Freewheelers Ray Menefee, Jim Sinnes and Kim Norback helped direct traffic, guiding us out of the church parking lot and onto Calistoga Road, and off we went on the first leg of our much anticipated grand caravan!

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President's Message

For a hot minute (as the kids would say) it seemed like we wouldn't have a November club event, so a huge thank you goes out to Scott Mikkelson for putting together a fantastic drive tour on such short notice. This goes to show the vital importance of volunteers for our club. Every aspect of operations is performed by volunteers, from the drive tours, the finances and even this newsletter that you are reading.

The new year is quickly approaching and that means that we will be having our club's annual business meeting in January. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn the status of the club, a synopsis of the previous year's events and suggestions for future events in the upcoming year. Even more so, it's an opportunity for you, the membership, to come out and show your support for our club by volunteering. Whether it be ideas for our monthly events, West Coast Meet or benefit car shows or even board positions, volunteering for your club is one of the most important things you can do to not only show support but keep the Freewheelers viable and fun!

If you've been MIA for most of the events we hope you make a new year's resolution to come out and get to know your fellow Freewheelers better. If you do support our events by regularly attending them perhaps you'd like to put one together as well, or even better, join the board! It's all of you that make our little social club so great. Moving towards the future we'll make it even better! Until then, happy motoring.

Peter Escobedo

President, Freewheelers Car Club



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East Meets West – Last Drive Tour of 2016!



– by Scott Mikkelsen

Plan to join your fellow Freewheelers in Pleasanton on **Sunday, November 20**, for our last drive tour of the season! We'll gather at Starbucks in Pleasanton for tire-kicking and tour directions, and then take a leisurely drive from there, through the back roads of the East Bay, and on to Mount Diablo State Park.

We'll then gather at the designated picnic area for an Asian-themed hot lunch of Pork Bao, Shrimp Shu Mai, Veggie Dumplings, and Hot and Sour Soup! So bring your chopsticks and maybe a little sweater...there might be an autumn chill in the air!

At a glance

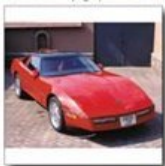
What: November Drive Tour and Luncheon

When: Sunday, November 20; 10:00 a.m. tire kicking and directions

Where: STARBUCKS parking lot at 6790 Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton

Fee: \$20 payable in advance (includes lunch) – watch for the invitation email

RSVP: Via the email invitation or contact Jay Remick, 831-601-8080, jayremick@me.com



It is Time to Renew your Membership with the Fabulous Freewheelers!

– by Brian McCann

It is time to renew your membership with your club, the fabulous Freewheelers! Joining now will cover your membership for the remainder of this year for new members and all of next year. Our 2016 events have been very well received and attended. Our 2017 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 \$50 to receive hard copies of both the Flyer and Roster in the mail.

Feel free to fill out your application online, or use the application included in this issue of the Flyer. 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; or you can mail your completed application with a check (mailing address on the form).

We hope everyone will take advantage of the privileges that your membership includes. 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. Thank you for your membership!

It's That Time of Year - for the Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party!

— by Frieda Freewheeler and Friends



The Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party moves to the **Willow Pass Center in Concord** this year! Weather permitting (remember the deluge last year?) we hope you choose to bring one of your classics on **Sunday, December 11**, as we'll reserve space for them nearest the center for an informal Holiday Concours Collection!

With this new venue we'll have tables and seating a-plenty so everyone will be able to enjoy their meal together in comfort. Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelsen will be catering again this year, so be prepared for a meal that is truly lavish and beyond fabulous! You may want to wear your stretchy "pantalones d' buffet" to accommodate the extra eats! Mmmm...I can smell that turkey simmering already! So bring your appetite BUT

please do not bring any alcohol -- this is a booze-free event!

NORTH POLE UPDATE: Santa has lost control of his Elves! For years they've heard Santa tell stories about the Freewheeler's Holiday Party – the fantastic dinner, the outrageous holiday outfits, and the beautiful collector cars – so they've escaped from the North Pole and are partnering with the Freewheelers to help make this year's Holiday Party the best party of the year!

They've arrived with a sleigh full of decorations, and are already preparing a feast fit for a King and/or Queen! We'll also be putting on a gift raffle again this year – that's right, there's no gift exchange this year because the Elves are bringing a mountain of highly desirable gifts, all of which you can win!

Despite the Elf-Abdication, Santa still says that you've been VERY good this year, so bring lots of your holiday mad-money to the party so you can participate in this year's Freewheelers Holiday Gift Raffle. Besides, the Elves will need some extra funds, now that they're unemployed!

(❄ Paid for by the Committee for a Fabulous Freewheelers Holiday Party. Santa begrudgingly approves this message. ❄)

At a glance

What: The Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party

When: Sunday, December 11; 2 p.m. dinner

Where: Willow Pass Center, 2748 East Olivera Road in Concord

Fee: \$25 payable in advance – includes dinner and one gift raffle ticket (*Watch for the invitation email*)

RSVP: Via the email invitation or contact Jay Remick, 831-601-8080, jayremick@me.com



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Our first stop was at the “Jim Town” general store in Alexander Valley, where we took a brief break to stretch our legs and regroup. We then began the second leg of our trip, traveling through Dry Creek Valley and the Russian River area, through downtown Guerneville, and then on to Bodega Bay.

Our next stop was at Goat Rock State Park in Bodega Bay where we ventured down a winding road to the seaside. It was cool and overcast along the coast, but we were welcomed by Dave and Marilyn’s friends Allan and Barbara St. Marie from the Redwood Empire Region of the Antique Automobile Club for America who had hot Clam Chowder set up and ready just for us upon our arrival.

Before heading out to our next stop – Jim Sinnes’ place – Dave provided additional instruction, as the entrance to Jim’s property can be a little tricky. Then we were off, and with Jim and Kim guiding us in with clever props, there were no ouchy incidents entering the ranch! With lots of acreage available, Freewheelers were able to spread out, “ooing” and “ahhing” over the huge garage filled with classic cars, as well as those displayed around the property. Ray Menefee even provided a quick ride in his 1930 Lincoln Model L five-passenger sedan.

From Jim’s place, it was a quick 5-mile drive to our final destination; the Union Hotel in Occidental. We parked our cars behind the hotel and headed to our Private Party room. We all enjoyed a late lunch/early dinner of salad, freshly baked bread, antipasto, minestrone, tortellini, pasta primavera, and baked chicken – plenty to feed hungry Freewheelers.

It was a fun filled day from the beginning to the end. Thank you, Marilyn and Dave Chiotti, for hosting this wonderful event. You are a-ma-zing! Special thanks go to Ray Menefee, Jim Sinnes and Kim Norback; and to Allan and Barbara St. Marie. And thank you everyone who attended the event...I think it’s safe to say we all had a grand time!



LEFT: Freewheelers gathered at Dave and Marilyn’s home and enjoyed coffee and camaraderie before heading off on the drive tour.

ABOVE: Dave and Marilyn’s 1949 Buick Model 50 Super convertible lured visitors into their garage. John McCue’s 1986 Corniche Drop-head Convertible was a first-on-tour! Our first stop on the tour – the Jimtown general store!





PREVIOUS PAGE, Top-to-Bottom: Freewheelers gather in the church parking lot right next door to Dave and Marilyn Chiotti's home. A quick pic of Ray Menefee's 1937 DeSoto at Jimtown and then on to the next leg of the tour! Our next stop - Goat Rock in Bodega Bay where Allan and Barbara St. Marie served up hot clam chowder. Dave provided an update on directions for our next leg of the tour.

THIS PAGE, Top-to-Bottom: Our next stop - Jim Sinnes' ranch in Sebastopol...lots of room for parking as well as for some of the "regulars" at Jim's property. Freewheelers were particularly interested in Ray Menefee's 1930 Lincoln Model L which he started up and gave some folks a ride. A 1971 Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser "clamshell" wagon was one of the treasures at the ranch. Our final destination - the Union Hotel in Occidental where we had a private dining room all to ourselves for a lovely Italian ("Chiotti") style dinner. Dave Chiotti made a toast and expressed a word of thanks to all who attended.

An Indian Summer Day in Sacramento for the Ramshead Collection Tour and Luncheon

—by Marty Hanson

The sun is shining, the grass is green...the orange and palm trees sway...there's never been such a day in Sacramento, C-A for Freewheelers to gather at John White's and Doug Alcorn's beautiful Ramshead collection! Doug and John had helpers on hand to coordinate parking in the back of the facility and had set up tables at the rear entrance to accommodate coffee and donuts. Meanwhile, while Registration guru Gregg Cannella aptly manned the check-in table.

There were lots of "first-on-tour" vehicles at the event including Dave Luscher's pristine 1963 Ford Thunderbird Landau, Larry Camuso's and Kirk Wentland's barn-fresh 1958 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, Tom and Terry Machado's 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1, Matthew Lundberg's 1966 Buick Wildcat 4-door hardtop, Jeremy Sandford's 1981 Eldorado Biarritz Coupe, Bill Rogstad's 2016 Cadillac ATS-4 Coupe, and new member Suede Beradino's 1967 Chrysler Newport convertible. After requisite conversation and tire-kicking, the doors to the collection swung open exactly at 10:30 AM for all to enjoy a glorious cavalcade of chrome and charisma!

The Ramshead collection is always a delightful one of beautifully kept and displayed classic cars...with some new additions and some old favorites always worth a second look. I think the 1961 Chrysler 300 convertible was my personal favorite...this time! And there is usually always a restoration or two "in the works" in the back shop for us to examine and enjoy.

After perusing the collection at Ramshead, the word began to spread through the hungry crowd that there was pizza in the oven at John and Doug's home on the Sacramento River. Freewheelers made their way via John's well-written directions, the short seven mile jaunt to their riverfront property.

Upon our arrival, more helpful folks helped guide us to designated parking area for an informal car-show-on-the-green. Meanwhile, the delicious aroma of five different kinds of pizza wafted from the portable pizza oven set up right there on the side lawn. Salads, drinks and a wonderful variety of thin-crust pizzas were happily consumed by the crowd. The mature and luxurious trees on the property offered comfortable shade for the festively dressed tables and chair set up for our dining pleasure.

After post lunch conversation and more tire-kicking among the nearly 90 attendees, people began to make their way home after a very pleasant day and another wonderful Freewheelers experience. Many thanks again go to John and Doug for opening the Ramshead collection and their lovely home to the Freewheelers!





LEFT, Top-to-Bottom: Some first-on-tours included David Luscher's 1963 Ford Thunderbird Landau, Matt Lundberg's 1966 Buick Wildcat 4-door, Suede Beradino's 1967 Chrysler Newport Convertible, Jeremy Sanford's 1981 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz and Bill Rogstad's 2016 Cadillac ATS-4 Coupe. RIGHT, Top-to-Bottom: Freewheelers chat and tire-kick among the classics. Super-organized parking made for an impromptu car show at John and Doug's. Pizza, hot-from-the-oven was the main dish served on the beautiful grounds.



Application for Membership/Membership Renewal

Hello fellow auto enthusiast! 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			
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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
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Date	Signature		

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- ☐ Print Flyer & Print Roster Membership(s): _____ @ \$50 each = \$_____ (includes one Roster and Flyer per paid membership)
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Mark your Calendar for the 2017 Annual Business and Planning Meeting!

Your Board of Directors is already gearing up for 2017, so please plan to join us at the Annual Business and Planning Meeting scheduled for **Sunday, January 29, 2017**, at the Vallejo Yacht Club!

2016 was another successful year! Many thanks and greatly in part to members who stepped up and hosted events, those who've helped, and of course, to everyone who attended!! We have two more events this year, and we want start planning for 2017, as well as 2018 as the Freewheelers will once again be hosting the 34th Annual West Coast Meet!

Hosting an event is fun and a great way to get involved and show support for your club, and to make new friends! As an added bonus, if your event you host is in your locale, you don't have to travel far! You may want to talk to other members near you and host an event together.

Have you done something interesting in the past and are perhaps thinking about revisiting? Bring your ideas to Annual Business Meeting or just contact Sueko Takahashi (or any member of the Board of Directors). If you have some ideas and want your event to be in specific month, please let us know as we are plotting out our 2017 calendar even as we speak!

We'll also be taking nominations and electing the 2017 Board of Directors, so if you are interested in being on the board, please let one of the current members know! Positions coming up for renewal include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Registration, Membership and Member at Large. More details to follow!

FOR SALE: from the estate of Jeff Holman – 1970 Ford F-100, 141,429 miles; 1979 Ford F-250 165,433 miles. Contact Peter at peter95111@att.net for more information.



Welcome New Members!

Suede Beradino

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Cars: 1939 Ford Coupe 2-door
1958 Chevrolet Delray/Yoman 2 door Wagon
1968 Chevrolet Truck ¾ ton Flatbed
1997 Chevrolet Custom Truck 3-door



NOVEMBER 2016

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

Sunday, 11/06: Palm Springs Pride. Visit www.pspride.org for more information.

Sunday, 11/20: East Meets West-last Drive Tour of 2016. Details on page 3.

DECEMBER 2016

Sunday, 12/11: Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party at the Willow Pass Center in Concord. Details on page 4.

JANUARY 2017

Sunday, 01/29: Freewheelers Annual Business & Planning Meeting at the Vallejo Yacht Club. Details to follow.

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday, 02/05: Board of Directors Meeting and West Coast Meet 2018 Proposals Meeting.

Sunday, 02/19: The Collector's Museum Tour – Sheldon Doing's automobile and collectibles museum in San Rafael. Details to follow.

NOTE: Calendar listings subject to change without notice.



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