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Classic cars abound at the vista point meeting spot off I-280. Almost an impromptu car show for many surprised and delighted tourists from Germany, France and Japan among others!

Water, Water was Everywhere!

– by Larry Salvador

Sunday, August 11th, we gathered at Vista Point near Hwy 92 for what has become our annual pool party and drive tour. Whatever crispness and overcast there was had burned off by the time I arrived fashionably late, portending beautiful weather for driving and basking in the sun. Jay Remick arrived early ensuring everyone had Starbucks-in-a-Box brew and delicious donuts; maybe they were regular donuts and just tasted better coming out of the back of a 1953 Buick Roadmaster.

Soon the beauties started arriving... oh and some nice looking cars too! Peter Escobedo's striking '67 Oldsmobile Toronado was gleaming in the sun. Longtime club member and past president Todd Jackman has returned to the Bay Area and rolled up in his beautiful 1961 Ford F100. The high end exotics abounded as well with Bill Neill and Alis Souza's 2006 Rolls, and Alvin Hasin's "call-the-cops red" 1990 Ferrari Testarosa. In addition to Todd's first on tour F-100, there

was Bill Peachee's all original 1967 Dodge Polara, with plastic still on the back seat, and on the more modern end of the vehicle spectrum was, Brian McCann & Tom Costales 2014 Fiat 500L ... that's a-one a-spicy meatball! After an hour of socializing, we gathered for announcements about the new members in attendance (there were none) and the beautifully highlighted maps I created for the tour (there were none – I forgot to bring them).

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Co-President's Messages...

Sunday, September 22nd!!! That's the date our Benefit Car show returns to the Castro. Please be sure your car is signed up, polished up, fluffed up, and ready for prime time. Remember, this is a Car Show, NOT a Concours d'Elegance. So don't be bashful, we want your car on display at the show. Yes, it IS a show car. You love it, so share the love with club members and the public. Many of you enjoyed the drive tour and Pool Party at Jack and Bill's lovely home. The water was a perfect temperature. The food was yummy and the company, as always, delightful. Many thanks to our handsome hosts. Back to the Show. We need lots of help to put this one on, so please volunteer some of your time on that day. Set up, work the entry gate(s), help count ballots, and help clean up after the show. See you there!

Henry Hopkins

Co-President, Freewheelers Car Club

The Annual Benefit Car Show is September 22nd. If you're thinking "annual" implies the same as last year, you would be mistaken. For the first time, we're having a block party of sorts, taking over Collingwood and (part of) 19th Streets for the day. We can't charge admission, but a donation is requested ... like Folsom Street Fair if the skin-tight leather was on your car seats. There should be a good amount donated for our beneficiary, the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, and it will be a great opportunity to promote the Freewheelers Car Club.

What a learning experience! I never knew so much was required working with the City, what with porta-potties, barricades and trash collection, oh my. (Relax: "trash collection" means litter control ... I think.) Eric Whitney and Jay Remick have done an outstanding job putting together committees and schedules for the day; if it's true that "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger," Eric and Jay will have some serious guns by the 22nd. We hope you can bring your car and donate an hour or two of your time to the first-of-its-kind 29th Annual Car Show.

Larry Salvador

Co-President, Freewheelers Car Club



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We then set out on a drive down the peninsula led by Glen Taber in his trusty and appropriately green Skylark convertible. We caravanned through the mighty redwoods (our State tree) on beautifully maintained asphalt (our State lifeline). Scenic Skyline Blvd. is dotted with occasional restaurants and rest areas, a welcome site to the wandering traveler, winded bicyclist or weary motorcycle gang.

After a calorie-burning workout of hair-pin curves and chicanes, we worked our way back up Alameda de las Pulgas to Jack Adam's and Bill Burks' long, low, lovely home in Emerald Hills. Their neighbor was again most accommodating with the use of her driveway for our vehicles; someday we shall have to meet and thank her.

There were plenty of shaded and unshaded areas to hang out some more and a good number of folks went swimming. Around 2:00 we were treated to hamburgers and hot dogs with potato and pasta salads. As it turns out, not only is Bill Peachee an excellent newsletter editor, he's quite adroit at the barbecue grill.

More lounging, more swimming (it doesn't really make you cramp up and die after eating) and a little dessert. Then, the Board gathered for the monthly meeting, moving quickly through the regular reports to focus on the Benefit Car Show.

A good time was had by all. Thanks again to Jack and Bill for the use of their beautiful home and pool and help from Jay Remick, Eric Whitney (registration), Glen Taber, Bill Peachee and Stuart Gunn (who helped beforehand to shop for the food and wash windows).

THIS PAGE: Top: Bill Peachee's 1967 Dodge Polara sits happily next to Keith Cambra's lovely Lincoln. Brian McCann and Tom Costales' Bellismo Fiat 500L. Bottom: Todd Jackman's handsome F-100. Jay Remick and Michael Amodt's 53 Roadmaster serves up some nice vittles! (more pics page 7)



OCTOBER TRAILER MUSEUM TOUR



Join your friends on a cool, green drive through the Santa Cruz Mountains into the past. Sunday, October 13th we will gather in Los Gatos for some tire kicking, coffee and donuts, and then drive to Ben Lomond for a visit to the Vintage Trailer Museum. Several original and special trailers along with some vintage cars and more car and travel ephemera than you can believe. We will then have a leisurely lunch afterwards in Scott's Valley. Come on! Highway 17 doesn't bite!

More details to follow in the October flyer. In the meantime, check out the following website and all the great things the museum has to offer.

<http://www.vintagetrailermuseum.com>

At-a Glance:

What:	Vintage Trailer Museum Tour
When:	Sunday, October 13th, at 10:00 AM
Where:	Los Gatos, Ben Lomond
Fee:	\$5.00 event fee. Free admission to museum. Lunch on your own.
RSVP:	Upcoming Evite or contact Bill Rogstad at bdrogstad@gmail.com or (408) 506-2364

Show Your Pride, Show Your Car

On Sunday, September 22, the Freewheelers **Return to the Castro** for our **29th Annual Benefit Car Show**. What a wonderful way to continue the celebration of our 35th anniversary! Collingwood and 19th Streets around Collingwood Park will be closed to allow for a well-staged presentation of 50 of our members' cars. Our beneficiary this year is the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, whose parents and faculty are excited to be part of our event this year. A handful of your fellow Freewheelers comprise the planning team working behind the scenes to produce this year's event, and we're very excited for what we hope will be a memorable day for everyone.

At this writing, registration for the car show is still open, and we encourage our members not to hesitate and complete the registration form to bring your pride and joy to the show. We'd especially like to encourage new members to register and bring their cars, as well as longer-standing members whom we've missed seeing over the last few years. You don't need to have a Pebble Beach Concours car; we love the diversity of the club's vehicles, and well-preserved originals can be just as interesting and exciting to see in our show. Now is the time to come out for your club, and we'd love to see you and your car at the show!

Members who have registered to show their cars will receive individualized and detailed information about the event's logistics as the event draws nearer. In brief, we'll be opening the show's gates to the public at 10:00 AM; therefore, we'll be very busy between 8:00–10:00 AM carefully funneling our 50 cars into place. To help make the event as successful as it can be, we'd like to ask for a great showing of volunteers from our members. If you can spare your club an hour or two of time before, during, or after the show, we'd love help with promotion, event setup, directing and assisting the parking of cars, collecting donations at the 4 entrance gates, distributing, collecting, and counting ballots, cleanup, and a number of other duties we're responsible for to ensure that our show is safe and enjoyable for everyone. If you wish to volunteer and haven't done so already, please get in touch with our volunteer coordinators, Keith Cambra (mrbouge@astound.net) and Brian McCann (brianmccanninteriors@yahoo.com). The school is also working with our planning team to recruit parents and students to volunteer with us at the gates to collect donations for their school.

We will have our Awards Presentation take place from 3:00–4:00 PM as an integral part of the event on site at the car show. This updated plan for the Awards Presentation will allow everyone to attend the presentation of awards, and dinner and other socializing will be on our own following the closing of the event.

Whether or not you're showing your car, we hope you, your family, and your friends will attend to help make this year's car show one of the best!

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are needed to see this picture.

The Freewheelers 35th Anniversary

(and 29th Annual) Benefit Car Show

Sunday, September 22, 2013

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Collingwood & 19th Streets, San Francisco

Please register as soon as possible, but no later than August 30, 2013, using PayPal by clicking the **Benefit Car Show** button on our club's website at www.thefreewheelers.net, or by completing and mailing this form along with a check payable to "Freewheelers", to: Freewheelers Car Club, c/o Jay Remick, Treasurer
1588 Willow Oaks Drive, San Jose, CA 95125-4452

Registration Form

Owner Information

Name _____ Partner _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Evening phone _____ Email _____

Vehicle Information

Due to limited vehicle display space on Collingwood and 19th Streets, the first 50 cars registered are guaranteed placement. If you wish to be contacted to show more cars if space permits, please indicate below. **Please note:** All vehicles must be equipped with a fire extinguisher.

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

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Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

Event Details

Event Fees

35th Anniversary Benefit Car Show

Sunday, September 22, 2013

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Car placement begins at 8:00 AM

\$35 Initial Vehicle Registration Fee: \$ _____

\$15 each additional vehicle: \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

Additional voluntary donation to assist with expenses: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

- ☐ I would like to be contacted if there's space available to show more of my cars
- ☐ I would like to volunteer to help in preparing for the Benefit Car Show
- ☐ I would like to volunteer to help on the day of the event

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: The undersigned desiring to enter and participate in the Freewheelers 35th Anniversary Benefit Car Show, to be held September 22, 2013 on Collingwood and 19th Streets, San Francisco, CA, does hereby tender his/her application to participate. If this application is accepted, the undersigned registrant and his or her guests, having suitable automotive insurance assumes liability from, and shall indemnify and hold harmless The Freewheelers Car Club, its members, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, invitees, 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, out of, or in conjunction with participation in said event.

Signature _____ Date _____



THIS PAGE: Tom Keim's 1972 Cadillac Sedan deVille, juxtaposed to Peter Anning and Jim Mulvaney's petite 1989 Duex Chevaux. Freewheelers tire kick and kick and kick, next to Peter Escobedo's 67 Toronado. Pool fun was had by many, and was a delightful temperature! Enjoying the shade. Glen Taber yucks it up. (More pics page 8)



Freewheelers at the Main Street Reunion Car Show in Napa.

Several Freewheelers joined the large crowds in Napa on August 16-17th, either gazing at, or showing their own cars! The event was well attended, with packed streets of car fans young and old. There were 8-10 blocks of cars to ogle in all, with well over 400 cars in attendance. Gui Vellez and Tallon Knight had their sumptuous 1959 Impala for everyone to drool over, and Ted Downer and Marc Williamson were showing off their beautiful 1958 Edsel Wagon. Catch it next year if you can!



"Come With Me, Come With Me"

"Of course I get respect, I'm old. Ugly buildings, politicians and whores all get respectable if they last long enough." So claims John Huston in "Chinatown" and to that list I would add old movies. Like most gay men, I love old movies and have been known to have entire conversations in nothing but movie-speak. Even movies I thought were cinematic triumphs at the time, today strike me as shockingly bad; all the more reason to watch them again and again.

Irwin Allen may be best known for "Towering Inferno" (I watched at 3:00 a.m. as they filmed exteriors in front of the Bank of America Building in San Francisco), but earlier in his career was "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea" from 1961 (its lengthy title implying some sort of inspiration from Jules Verne). After Frankie Avalon croons over the opening credits, there is a jaw-dropping shot of the mighty *Seaview* thrusting majestically out of the water at a 60 degree angle, only to flop its tumescent hull onto an ocean of gurgling foam. Never mind the jarring effect such a maneuver would have on the crew; it was quite mesmerizing and looked way cool. I may have been too young to understand phallic symbolism, but I sure knew what I liked.



I was, however, old enough to marvel at the bold, futuristic and automotive look of the *Seaview*. Equipped with fins and taillights from a 1959 Imperial and full-length skags off a 1961 Cadillac (I suppose the new Lincolns were too tastefully understated to plagiarize), the *Seaview* was clearly designed for exploring deep sea depths, saving the world *and* one-finger parallel parking. This made perfect sense to every 10-year old boy in the theatre; however, years later, I would ponder the practicality of brake lights and turn signals on a submarine.



While my buddies were titillated by Barbara Eden doing the Charleston, I was intrigued by a shirtless Robert Sterling, who looked pretty good for an old guy (meaning, like, 30). Rounding out the ensemble of B-list actors is Peter Lorre as an oceanographer who studies a school of sharks ... oh, did I mention the *Seaview* has an indoor swimming pool? How they got the sharks through that little hole on top of the submarine and down the hallway remains a mystery.



Drama and subplots run amok including Joan Fontaine who tries to sabotage the ship and gets exposed to a lethal dose of radiation (it conveniently makes your name tag glow red) but it's okay because she gets eaten by the sharks when she topples over the useless foot-high safety rails (OSHA had not yet been invented). Befitting the times, there was no objection to feeding radioactive waste (i.e., Joan) to the sharks (neither had PETA).

More unintentional laughs include smoking on a submarine (it's not like you can open a window), a hand grenade the size of a pineapple and a giant octopus dry-humping the windshield ... oh, did I mention the *Seaview* has a split windshield?

Deep in my artistic heart, I don't think anyone intentionally creates a bad movie or designs an ugly car. Sometimes it just turns out that way. But if it still brings enjoyment (or amusement) fifty years later, what's wrong with that? Happy motoring and happy viewing.

Larry Salvador

CLASSIFIEDS

1962 BUICK SKYLARK CONVERTIBLE

Black with red interior.

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1968 Oldsmobile Toronado Coupe

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2013

Sun, 9/22: **SAVE THE DATE** Freewheeler Benefit Car Show - **RETURN TO THE CASTRO!** See page 5

Sat 9/28: Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

www.ironstonefoundation.org

October 2013

Sun Oct 13: **SAVE THE DATE** Freewheeler Vintage Trailer Museum Tour, Los Gatos and Ben Lomand. See page 4

November 2013

Sun Nov 17: **SAVE THE DATE** Freewheelers visit the Blackhawk Auto Museum.

December 2013

Sun Dec 8: **SAVE THE DATE** Freewheelers Holiday Party!

NOTE: Calendar listings are subject to change without notice.

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