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Jay Remick and Michael Amodt's 1962 Thunderbird watches over the Vallejo Yacht Club. A New Member Brunch and a 35th Anniversary, what more could you want!

Mother's Day Eclipsed by 35th Anniversary!

— by Brian McCann

The Vallejo Yacht Club is fast becoming the “go to place” for Freewheelers. It was also the perfect venue for our New Member Brunch and 35 year anniversary celebration. Thanks to John Kiszla and Jim Finley's membership, we enjoyed another beautiful day near the water as we were surrounded by yachts and stunning classic cars. What a great way to welcome our new members and reminisce about our club's beginnings.

Our day began around eleven o'clock as one shiny piece of automobile history after another

came rolling into the parking lot. We had the pleasure of seeing first on tour cars from Bill Peachee's stately 1954 Chrysler New Yorker to new member, Terry Rayborne's 2012 Fiat 500c. Barry Power's head-turning, 1957 Mercury Colony Park drew great attention. Many of us tried to guess the color of that hardtop wagon. Peach? Coral? Persimmon? Well, maybe Barry can tell us but it appears to be Mercury's version of “Desert Tan.” Other beautiful 1st on tour cars included Keith Zimmerman's large and in charge 1978 Mercury Marquis and Alvin

Hasin's power house 1999 Ferrari B55 Spider.

We had a good hour of tire kicking before going inside for our potluck brunch. Registrar Eric Whitney and his partner Richard Bae welcomed our 40 new and returning members. Many delectable choices awaited us for brunch. A large cake ordered and delivered by board member, Glen Taber helped us celebrate our 35 years as America's first gay car club, and featured the Freewheeler's insignia emblazoned across the top.

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Co-President's Messages...

Really enjoyed the New Members Brunch. The Vallejo Yacht Club is a great venue for us. The new members' stories about who they are, and how they arrived at where they are, touched me deeply. It's still happening. Potential members find us, a welcoming group for gays and gay friendly folks who love collector cars. Underscored again just how much the club means to me. Among the many memories of the club, one stands out. In the atrium at the Embassy Suites during a WCM around 1990 or '91, I stood there realizing just about everyone in the Atrium was gay and that they all loved cars, me included. I was home, finally, after all those years playing various parts protecting the real me from harm. This memory came back as I listened to the new members and to Ray's wonderful speech about club history. So much to remember, so much to look forward to. I'm thinking there were way more than a few others at the Brunch with similar thoughts.

Henry Hopkins

Co-President, Freewheelers Car Club

Do-It-Yourself. For those of you over a certain age, you may recall, "Mother please! I'd rather do it myself!" Feel free to debate amongst yourselves what brand of aspirin it was about. But when we're talking about something important like automobile restoration (and not something inconsequential like preparing food), DIY can be a source of pride.

Which brings us to the Saturday, June 15th event: Tim Finnegan has arranged a visit to two automotive restoration shops in San Jose. This may inspire some of you to tackle some of those projects yourself. At the very least it will foster an appreciation for the skill that goes into making your car look like it just rolled off the showroom floor (instead of just rolled off a cliff). If nothing else, you'll see where your money goes. I hope you can make it.

Larry Salvador

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As we finished our meal, one of our most beloved and cherished members, Ray Menefee, stood and shared some very entertaining stories of past events and times. Ray is a Charter Member of our organization. His way of turning a phrase, his subtle humor, and his charm had us all intently listening to his words.

Early events involved camping in the Santa Cruz Mountains. “We would decorate our camp sites and give awards to the most original,” he said. Ray remembered one tent with a chandelier! Some had pink flamingos and white picket fences.

Other longtime members also pitched in and regaled us with stories of hilarious adventures and mishaps that occurred over the years. Ralf Schubert recalled that one Freewheeler was particularly intoxicated at a camp out. “He walked through the middle of a bonfire unscathed!” he told us.

The attitude in the early years was that our classic cars should be driven. Ray said, “We believed in not abusing the cars but driving them...long distances were basically good for them.” Attendees were surprised to hear of the courageous drives to Portland and Seattle in cars all made before 1950! What a sight to see Packards, LaSalles, DeSotos and even more rare breeds driving up the coast.

Ray also stated that many of our members back then were alone at Christmas time. “Most of our members were spending Christmas by themselves. So we started having our Christmas party which we continue today thanks to John McCue,” he said. In those early days, the party would start Christmas Eve at a Freewheeler couple’s big house in Woodside. The party would last through Christmas day!

After our amusing history lesson, new members let us know a bit about them. We heard about their classic cars past and present, and their hopes for future acquisitions. New member Mark Pflepsen shared his feelings with heartfelt words about how important a club like ours was to him. As a mechanic and gay man, Mark said he can feel pretty isolated. He recently discovered us on Facebook and realized there were a bunch of gay men who feel as he does about classic cars. It was a great reminder as to how lucky we are to share this passion for the automobile with one another. As of this writing, we have 31 new members! We welcome them all as we continue with many more fun-filled events for years to come.

THIS PAGE: Barry Powers next to his newly acquired 1957 Mercury Colony Park, great to see it stayed in the club! Alvin Hasin stands next to his lovely 1999 Ferrari B55 Spider. (more pics page 6)



June Restoration Shop Event in Campbell

Join us on Saturday, June 15th

This event promises to be educational, interesting, and fun. If you have a car "in process", then this event is made for you! We will be starting at the restoration shop of Pumphrey and Company aka Woodies and Wheels. Matt Pumphrey is a very talented professional restorer. He has an impressive roster of clients who are some of Silicon Valley's most notable captains of industry. Matt will do a demo of advanced paint and metal polishing as well as cylinder head machining. He is the man to ask for answers to all your restoration questions. On site to explore are Dusenberg '31, Woolsley '13, Mercer '21, Stutz '21, and more!



At 10:30 we will meet at the shop for coffee and donuts, tire kicking and a tour of the shop. Afterward there is an optional walk 2 doors down to Delongs British restoration shop. They specialize in High-end British cars.

Optional 12:30 Everybody caravans over to Santana Row. Park with the classic cars that gather every Saturday in the big lot next to Winchester Mystery House. By then you'll be hungry, so you can have lunch at the famous (infamous) FLAMES diner or wherever you choose. Lunch on your own.

After lunch, you may wish to tour the Mystery House or go home and polish your bumper with your new-found expertise!

At-a-Glance

When: Saturday, June 15, 2013
Where: 371 E. McGlincy Lane, Campbell,
Ample Parking inside fence and more on street
Time: 10:30 AM-Tire Kicking and Coffee at the shop
Fee: \$5.00
RSVP: Respond to Evite to Follow or Call Jay Remick 408-269-1899
Website: www.pumphreyandco.com
-or- do a UTUBE search on Matt Pumphery to see some interviews

Directions:

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Show Your Pride, Show Your Car

Sunday, June 30, 2013 is the 43rd Annual San Francisco Pride Celebration: "Embrace, Encourage, Empower."

The Freewheelers have once again been asked to participate in the festivities. We're looking for volunteers not only to promote our club to the LGBT Community, but show the world your pride, not to mention your pride and joy.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND/OR THEIR CARS!

1. The Grand Marshal/Parade Official Convertible Conveyance (10:00 a.m.): We need convertibles to carry parade grand marshals, dignitaries and celebrities. The Freewheelers have partnered with SF Pride for many years, providing stunning transportation. The thrill of experiencing the parade at street level is not to be missed!
2. The Freewheelers Car Club Contingent (10:00 a.m.): This year we will be parading (on wheels) in our own contingent. Convertibles, hardtops (even wagons) will represent and promote the oldest LGBT car club.

NOTE: Please respond to Mike Sousa ASAP so we can begin working with Parade organizers about placement of the dignitaries and a Freewheeler Contingent.

Please contact Mike Sousa at msousa94@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer either as a driver of marching in the contingent. For more details about the Gay Pride Weekend, visit www.sfpride.org.

Sunday, August 11th, 2013

Freewheeler Club Pool Party

Break out the sunscreen and swim costumes! Plan on joining your fellow Freewheelers for a day of sun, water and great food... and of course some old cars! Located in the the majestic hills above Redwood City, Jack Adam and Bill Burks once again invite us to enjoy this most inviting location for a day of fun in the sun. So pack up those swim caps and get your snorkels ready. More Details coming in the July Flyer.





THIS PAGE: Bill Rogstad's 1965 Thunderbird looks ready for flight. Bill Peachee's first on tour all original 1954 Chrysler New Yorker Deluxe. New member Terry Rayborne enjoys the sun in his Fiat 500 C. New and old members mingle. Past photo albums were a big hit. John McCue's delicious 1966 Pontiac Bonneville stands before Keith Zimmerman's first on tour 1978 Mercury Marquis. Charter member Ray Menefee tells tales of Freewheelers past, and gets the first piece of Cake!

A “Gay” Opening Day on the Bay! – by Tom Ortiz & Michael Amodt



The setting was a crisp, bright morning at Oakland's Jack London Square. Ninety Freewheelers and guests, gathered to celebrate the 96th Opening Day on San Francisco Bay. As we waited to board the Potomac, none could miss the splashy arrivals of Tom Halloran, chauffeuring passengers in his imposing 1962 Cadillac Fleetwood 75 and Bill Neill and Alis Souza in their elegant Rolls Royce Phantom. Observing a strict Maritime schedule we soon headed under the Bay Bridge. Thankfully none of those questionable rivets on the new span chose to pop off while we were underway.

In the center of all of this, was the U.S.S. Potomac, on which club members aboard enjoyed stories of the former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's floating office. It included accounts of the former president's travels as

well as the tragedy of when it sank off of Treasure Island.

Club members understood more than most of how the restoration process took years to complete, and how beneficial it was to enjoy a fully operational piece of history back in motion for others to enjoy.

Also aboard the Potomac were many volunteers who provided many historical details about the San Francisco Bay Area as well as a narrator who gave incredible historic details that would have otherwise gone unnoticed. Some volunteers posed as Bay Area characters, both real and fictional, including; Robert Stroud (The Birdman of Alcatraz), Rosie the Riveter, Lily Coit, as well as Emperor Norton (John Muir could not make it). Their stories from Q&A sessions were informative as well as hilarious.

Halfway through the tour, the Potomac anchored just outside the town of Belvedere. This was where participants enjoyed a delicious box lunch, and watched as over 100 vessels floated past the Potomac to receive blessings from various clergy and religious staff. This, unbeknownst to many aboard, was part of a decorated boat parade for which 6 trophies were awarded.

After lunch, the Potomac cruised to the Golden Gate Bridge, and passed by the San Francisco shoreline while many boats, jet skiers, yachts, and the like swirled around like seagulls.

Once back at Jack London Square, club members disembarked knowing a little bit more about each other and the San Francisco Bay Area.





THIS PAGE: John Kiszla & Jim Finley smile for the camera. Tom Ortiz is “king of the world”! Tom Halloran feeling the motion of the ocean. Boats displaying their festive colors on parade. 2 Guys! Jack Adam and Jay Remick on the lookout. More boats, and even better views up front!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2013

Sat., 6/15: **SAVE THE DATE** for the South Bay Restoration Workshop-See page 4

Sat., 6/22: Woodies on the Wharf, Santa Cruz Wharf

Sun., 6/30: **SAVE THE DATE** for the San Francisco Pride Parade and celebration.

Sun., 6/30: Palo Alto Concours d' Elegance.

July 2013

Thurs-Sun., 7/11-14: **SAVE THE DATE** for the West Coast Meet in San Luis Obispo. "The Car Who Loved ME"

Sun., 7/21: Hillsborough Concours d' Elegance

Sun., 7/28: Don Frolich Memorial Portal Park BBQ - No. Ca. Cadillac LaSalle Club

August 2013

Sun., 8/11: **SAVE THE DATE** Freewheeler Club Summer Pool Party

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