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*Tom Keim's 1972 Sedan de Ville was one of many Cadillacs on display at the Benefit Car Show.*

## ***Another Successful Benefit Car Show!***

It was another beautiful day in San Francisco for the 28th Annual Benefit Car Show at Everett Middle School in the Castro. Nearly 50 classic cars were on hand for the show with some Freewheelers entering more than one car, including a half a dozen foreign makes, creating their own class. This year's beneficiary was the school's Mission Beacon Initiative after school program and the theme was "PRIDE in Education."

Presenters began arriving around 8 a.m. and Registration Chair Todd

Darling promptly set up the registration table, signing registrants and issuing placards. Students – some of whom were beneficiaries of last year's Car Show donation – and Mission Beacon volunteers assisted with parking and promoting the event. Gates officially opened to the public at 10 a.m. although some early birds were allowed in for sneak-peak.

As the temperatures rose, more and more people began to venture out of doors and over to the car show. Students and volunteers continued to

hand out flyers in the neighborhood during the day and the aroma of the BBQ food booth on the school grounds also helped to lure the locals into the venue.

Visitors enjoyed strolling the spacious grounds of the school and viewing the many sparkling cars beautifully displayed on the lot. Attendees were also encouraged to vote for their favorites. In addition to the cars there was also a skate boarding ramp area for the kids.

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## President's Message...

September was a busy month for the Freewheelers as we traveled hither and yon around the state, bringing our beauties out to benefit a diverse group of organizations.

The big event was our annual Benefit Car show at the Everett Middle School in San Francisco held on Sunday September 9 for the Mission Beacon Initiative Center. Many Freewheelers pitched in to make this yearly event a success and I'd like to thank chair John Kiszla for his dedication and hard work. Also assisting were Glen Taber, Larry Salvador, Scott Mikkelson, Todd Darling, Sueko Takahashi-Gilbert and many others. A big thank you to the Freewheelers

who brought their classics and collectible cars to the event which enabled us to raise a substantial amount of money for the Mission Beacon Initiative Center so that they can continue their efforts in the community to mentor, guide, and educate the young.

September 22 saw many Freewheelers making the trek up to the Ironstone Vineyards, just outside Murphys for the Concours d'Elegance. Proceeds from this event benefit Central and Northern California youth in agriculture, notably FFA and 4-H. In addition, the non-profit Ironstone Foundation helps fund the California State FFA headquarters in Galt, scholarships in partnership with the California State Fair, and the Calaveras County Fair Scholarship program. For more information, including pictures, read on or visit the club's website at [www.thefreewheelers.net](http://www.thefreewheelers.net).

September 22 also saw Freewheelers Gui Velez, Tallon Knight, Dave and Sueko Gilbert joining Ed and I at the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland for their Space Age Atomic Affair. This annual event supports Chabot's work in promoting a science-literate citizenry and workforce prepared for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century society. Our cars were lined up on either side of the red carpet to welcome the attendees and we enjoyed chatting with them and sharing our stories. Later we all gathered here at the house for dinner and libations where we relaxed and dished the dirt. A delightful evening that went into the wee hours and was only slight marred by the electric gremlins who took up temporary residence in Gui and Tallon's Impala.

Although the year is winding down, there are still a few more events to look forward to. I hope to see many of you in attendance.

Keep 'em rolling....

*Stuart Gunn*

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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# Join Us for the October Tours & Luncheon in the East Bay

- by Dave Gilbert



As the 2012 touring season ends, please join us for a last hurrah in the far East Bay. We'll start the day in Livermore with the usual tire-kicking...pick up a coffee and a treat at the nearby Starbucks. As we munch & sip, we'll stroll just across Portola Avenue for self-guided tour of the Livermore Heritage Guild's historic Duarte Garage building. Inside reside their 3 restored vintage Fire Trucks, all once used for service in the city of Livermore. Still on its original site (at that time on the Lincoln Highway, now CA Route 50), the Duarte Garage

began service as a Durant-Star dealership then lived on as a repair shop, some of which still exists inside.

At noon, we'll set off on a drive-tour (maps provided at the event) through Livermore and the surrounding area, culminating in a stop at the active Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Station #6. Something quite enigmatic, notorious (think Ripley's and Guinness level), and dear to our local hearts will illuminate this visit, but details will have to wait until the day we experience it. (ooh, don't tell!) From this short visit, we'll trend westward through the south Livermore Valley to the hilltop home of Freewheelers Roger Emmett and Geoffrey Caccamo for an open-house and BBQ-style food fest (fresh bison burgers are but one of the selections)!



## At-a Glance:

**WHAT:** A DAY IN THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY. 10/14/2012

**WHEN:** Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>, meet at 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** The Portola Village Center, Lucky's / Starbucks / Jamba parking lot, (2000 E. Portola Avenue).

**DIRECTIONS:** Take the N. Livermore Avenue exit south from I-580, travel approx 0.6 miles to the Center on your right.

**From points North & West:** Connect to I-580 eastbound towards Stockton / Livermore, follow DIRECTIONS above.

**From points South:** Use the CA Rte 84 exit from I-680N in Sunol, using CA-84 all the way to its I-580 Eastbound on-ramp, then exit I-580 at N Livermore exit (approx 1.5 miles), follow DIRECTIONS above.

**From points East:** Connect to I-580 westbound via I-5 / I-205 as necessary through Tracy into Livermore, follow DIRECTIONS above.

**FEE:** \$15/person includes the BBQ food-fest.

**RSVP:** To the upcoming eVite or contact Dave Gilbert at 925-373-1667



# The Future of the Club House

*Jay Remick, Club Treasurer*

There are a lot of changes coming up in the next year for the club including a number of new board members as well as an assessment of the costs and benefits of the clubhouse/garage. Over the years the Clubhouse has provided a lot of value for the club as a place for the board to meet once a month, new member brunches and the other events held there, as well as storage for club properties. It is however unusual for clubs our size to have such a facility.

The facts are that the garage must be pretty much fully rented for us to break even on the costs to the club for the rent and associated utilities, security and insurance premiums. As recently as a couple of years ago, the garage was a tremendous strain on the financial viability of the club due to the downturn in the economy resulting in several unrented spaces each month. In the last year, the garage has been more or less fully rented and the financial strain has been relieved.

The overall success of the clubhouse/garage has been due in a large part to having Ted Downer as Property Manager. He has advertised the spaces, screened tenants, and made himself readily available for showing and signing leases. Ted will be leaving that position at the end of the year which also corresponds to the end of our lease of the facilities.

The board has discussed this at great length and is leaning towards not renewing the lease. We are very concerned that without a local property manager who is readily available, spaces will go unrented, adding that financial burden back onto the club treasury. However, before we make a final decision, we would like to hear from the membership with any ideas for continuing the lease or for an assumption by someone of the lease for the facilities. The club would then be interested in leasing back space for special events.

Again, in order for it to be successful, the spaces must be pretty much fully rented to break even. This produces a rental rate of \$260.00 per month which is pretty much in line with current rental rate in the area.

We will make a final decision at the Board Meeting at the Clubhouse on October 17th. In the interim, please feel free to call me at 831-601-8080 if you wish to discuss.



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Event Chair John Kiszla, and Sueko Takahashi-Gilbert got a jump-start on ballot counting to ensure an accurate account for the afternoon's awards presentations. John then presented ribbons and trophies to the winners, wrapping up the event a little after 4 p.m.

Early estimates indicate that we raised approximately \$2,000 the beneficiary. Many thanks go to Event Chair John Kiszla and his team as well as to the Mission Beacon Initiative for organizing and executing yet another successful Benefit Car Show! A special thanks goes to Paul Zabarini for placing his classic Mopars throughout the city with Car Show posters on them prior to the event.

## BENEFIT CAR SHOW WINNERS

### Best in Show

1958 Lincoln Continental Convertible.....Larry Camuso

### Class A, Pre-War

1928 Model A Truck .....Richard Webster

### Class B, 1950-1959

1<sup>st</sup> 1953 Buick Roadmaster Wagon..... Jay Remick

2<sup>nd</sup> 1958 Lincoln Continental Convertible .....Larry Camuso

3<sup>rd</sup> 1959 Cadillac Coupe de Ville.....Ed Walters

### Class C, 1960-1969

1st 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible ..... John Kiszla

2<sup>nd</sup> 1966 Oldsmobile Cutlass Convertible.... Michael Armodt

3<sup>rd</sup> 1966 Mustang Convertible .....Mike Carney

### Class D, 1970-1979

1st 1972 Buick Skylark Convertible .....Cliff Travis

2nd 1972 Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser.....Cliff Travis

3rd 1972 Buick Skylark Convertible .....Glenn Taber

### Class E, 1980-1989

1989 Dodge Daytona ES Turbo..... Tom Keim

### Class F, 1990-Newer

1990 Cadillac Allante ..... Todd Darling

### Favorite Foreign

1972 Triumph TR6 ..... Andy Kelchner

### Beneficiary's Choice

1972 Buick Skylark Convertible..... Cliff Travis

### Favorite Color

1949 Cadillac Convertible ..... Charles Kennedy

### Favorite Presentation

1969 Cadillac Coupe de Ville ..... Tom Halloran

### Favorite Muscle Car

1970 Plymouth Barracuda Convertible.....Bob Pullum

### Favorite Interior

1959 Cadillac Coupe de Ville.....Ed Walters

### Most Potential

1966 Ford Mustang Fastback..... Ron Kelley

To see these and more pictures, visit [www.thefreewheelers.net](http://www.thefreewheelers.net).



THIS PAGE: Each a winner in their class – Richard Webster's 1928 Model A Truck, Jay Remick's & Michael Amodt's 1953 Buick Roadmaster Wagon, and Car Show Chair John Kiszla's 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible.

NEXT PAGE: Larry Camuso's & Kirk Wentland's 1958 Lincoln Continental Convertible took Best of Show. Other '58 Fords included Scott Mikkelsen's & Todd Darling's Fairlane Retractable and Dave & Sueko Gilbert's Edsel Citation Convertible. Eric Braverman brought both his Houndstooth Hardtop 1970 Cougar XR7 and his convertible.



NEXT PAGE: Foreign entries line up in their own class including Andy Kelchner's 1972 Triumph TR6. Cliff Travis's 1972 Buick Skylark Convertible won first place in its class as well as the Beneficiary's Choice Award. In a repeat performance from West Coast Meet, Charles Kennedy's & Fred Renick's 1949 Cadillac Convertible won for Favorite Color.





TOP-to-BOTTOM: More award winners – Tom Keim’s 1989 Dodge Daytona, Todd Darling’s 1990½ Cadillac Allante, Bob Pullum’s 1970 Plymouth Barracuda convertible, and Tom Halloran’s 1969 Cadillac Coupe de Ville.

TOP-to-BOTTOM: Stuart Gunn’s & Ed Walter’s 1959 Cadillac Coupe de Ville won 3rd place in its class and Favorite Interior. Ron Kelley’s 1966 Ford Mustang won Most Potential. Registration Chair Todd Darling takes a well deserved respite after a busy morning. Thanks to Paul Zabarini for placing his classic Mopars throughout the city with Car Show posters on them prior to the event.

# Freewheelers at the Ironstone Concours

– by Marty Hanson

Several members made the trek up to Murphys, CA on Saturday, September 22 to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ironstone Concours d'Elegance. It was a warm day in the Northern California foothills and the Ironstone Vineyard grounds were impeccably tendered, providing an inviting back drop for the hundreds of beautiful cars on display.



Tom & Terry Machado's 1953 Mercury Monterey



Bill Peachee's 1960 Buick LeSabre

Delighted crowds wandered in droves at the event including some of our own members including Larry Camuso and Kirk Wentland, Bill Peachee, Brian McCann, Henry Hopkins and Richard Palmer, Todd Darling, Tom and Terry Machado, Dave and Marilyn Chiotti, and yours truly. Larry and Kirk even won best in their class for their all-original 1948 Oldsmobile 78 4-door sedan.



Larry Camuso's & Kirk Wentland's 1948 Oldsmobile 78



Henry Hopkins' & Richard Palmer's 1940 Pontiac Special Six

In addition to the beautiful cars, there was a vintage travel trailers display, a vintage motorcycles display, a silent auction tent, and several vendor booths. Participants all received a free buffet lunch and Todd Darling even made a connection with the Hagerty Classic Car Insurance representative for a potential sponsorship of our next West Coast Meet!

The event wrapped up around 3 p.m. with the awards presentation and the winners driving up on the stage of the outdoor amphitheater...all-in-all, a beautiful day for a car show!



Todd Darling's 1958 BMW Isetta

# Consider Joining the 2013 Board of Directors!



Several of your board members will be retiring at the end of this year and their vacancies will need to be filled for 2013! Now's your opportunity to become an integral part of your club and its future! Joining the board can be lots of fun as well as rewarding. It provides you with an insight to the board's operations and responsibilities, as well as to how it keeps your club active, interesting, and on track...and now YOU can contribute your individual ideas and views to make the Freewheelers Car Club more your own by joining! Here are the positions that are open for nomination...

**1. President:** The Club President, as the title implies, presides at board meetings and represent the club at events, and in dealings with other groups and the public.

**2. Electronic Media Director:** Also known as the Webmaster maintains the club's website and coordinates with the Newsletter Director to ensure club activities and information are update to date on the website. The "EMD" also handles electronic communications such as email blasts and eVites.

**3. Newsletter Director:** The Newsletter Director is the conduit through which club activities and information are disseminated to the membership, and oversees the editing, publishing and distribution of the club's monthly newsletter.

**4. Membership Director:** The Membership Director is the contact all membership related issues, including recruitment of new members and renewal of existing members. The Membership Director also oversees production and maintenance the club roster and membership database.

**5. Promotions Director:** The Promotions Director promotes the club to new members and to outside organizations, and typically oversees the club's participation in the annual San Francisco Pride Parade and the annual Benefit Car Show.

**6. Properties Director:** The Properties Director maintains and updates as necessary an inventory of all the property owned by the club.

**7. Registration Director:** The Registration Director greets and registers attendees at all club events, arranges for coffee and snacks, and collects event fees, as well as maintains the club's cashbox and turns monies over to the Club Treasurer.

The Freewheelers is always looking for fresh perspectives and new ideas to keep the club vital and relevant, so should you be interested in being nominated for any of these positions, please feel free to contact any of the current board (see page 2) today!

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### **San Francisco**

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### **East Bay**

The 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. at Jim's Coffee Shop, 2333 Lincoln Ave., in Alameda. Contact Larry Salvador at 925-687-0727.

### **North Bay, Peninsula, Sacramento, & South Bay**

We're looking for Hosts and a Venue for these areas! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact one of the board members.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **OCTOBER 2012**

Wed., 10/17: Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light dinner, meeting 7-9 p.m.

Sun., 10/14: **SAVE THE DATE** for the East Bay Tours and BBQ event! See page 4 for details!

### **NOVEMBER 2012**

Sat., 11/03 – Sun., 11/04: Palm Springs Pride...visit [www.pspride.org](http://www.pspride.org) for more information.

Sun., 11/11: **SAVE THE DATE** for another fun-filled Freewheelers event. Stay tuned for details!

Wed., 11/21: Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light dinner, meeting 7-9 p.m.

### **DECEMBER 2012**

Sun., 12/02: **SAVE THE DATE** for the Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party in Half Moon Bay...watch for upcoming details.

*NOTE: Calendar listings are subject to change without notice.*





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