

Flyer

FREEWHEELERS



Freewheelers' fine four-fendered beauties gather in reserved parking at the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose.

Beautiful and Weird At the Same Time: The Winchester Mystery House

— by Tom Ortiz

Freewheelers happily gathered in San Jose to tour one of the most curious construction projects in California's colorful history; The Winchester Mystery House. If you thought your last home remodel project went over budget, don't cry to Sarah Winchester. She spent a thousand dollars a day on remodeling costs, and the project was never finished.

One by one, members arrived to parking spots reserved especially for them. A nice touch, since the Mystery House only has about a hundred parking spots in total, with no street parking. Scott Gray was on hand to guide members into their slots, and Jay Remick and Michael Amodt graciously welcomed attendees. Yours truly answered personal questions, smiled and nodded his head a lot.

First-on-tour vehicles included Bill Schoemann's all original 1953 Packard Clipper, Allen Nixon's glamorous 1962 Imperial Royal LeBaron, Bill Rogstad's beautiful 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass (complete with NOS hood ornament!), and Bill Hall's lovely 1967 Oldsmobile Delmont. With exception to Bill Schoemann's black Packard, all of the other first-on-tour vehicles were blue. Coincidence or is it another mystery?

As the bewitching hour (NOON) approached, club members gathered in the courtyard to receive their very own snack packages and water provided by Peter Escobedo. Once their thirst was quenched and appetites satisfied, we entered the house. Freewheelers were split in two (groups that is) and were guided through the majority of the 160 rooms.

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President's Message

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will have passed. Here's hoping everyone got a chance to be thankful for what we have: Good friends, good health and good car shows. So people could enjoy a day with family and friends, the Freewheelers was closed all day for Thanksgiving but opened at 6:00 a.m. for Black Friday. As we say goodbye to a year of outstanding events, loads of fun and (in some cases) record attendance, let's remember to give thanks go to those individuals who opened their homes, their hearts, their garages and their swimming pools to the Club.

But hold on, we still have the traditional Holiday Party at John McCue's house to round out the year, which promises beautiful decorations, delicious cuisine and ugly sweaters. Speaking of ugly sweaters, there will once again be a "white elephant" gift exchange. If history has taught us anything, it's that some white elephants are more desirous than others. Since (rumor has it) nobody reads these messages, I'll let you in on a secret: If you get a really good gift, immediately retire (with the gift) to the kitchen to help clean up. That way, no one can find you if they want to "steal" your gift and you still get kudos for having assisted the caterers.

Looking forward to 2015, the Annual Business Meeting will be January 11 at the Vallejo Yacht Club. As is the annual case, there will be six Board positions open. If you are interested in being a part of the decision-designing, policy-preparing and merriment-making, please contact me. The Board meets once a month in Concord at the Rainbow Community Center and it always is a spirited gathering. Rather than look to the same people who always do the heavy lifting, we hope more people will come forward to volunteer their time and talent to events.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Larry Salvador

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Freewheelers 2015 Annual Business and Planning Meeting

— by Keith Cambra

Join your fellow Freewheelers and your Board of Directors on **Sunday, January 11th, 2015** 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 2014's accomplishments and talk about our plans for 2015. We will also be looking for nominations for open board positions as well as ideas for 2015 events. The day will begin at 11:00 AM as we gather in the parking lot for some tire kicking and socializing before convening in the Yacht Club to enjoy a delicious lunch before getting down to 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!



At-a-Glance:

- What:** 2015 Annual Business and Planning Meeting
When: Sunday, January 11th, 2015 at 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Where: Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way, Vallejo, CA 94590
Fee: \$20 event fee which includes a delicious catered lunch!
RSVP: Upcoming Eventbrite Invitation or contact Keith Cambra at (925) 202-9665 by Monday, January 5th. You are encouraged to register and pay in advance using the safe and secure Eventbrite Invitation. Because we need an accurate head count for food, please RSVP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 5th. We may be unable to accommodate RSVPs for lunch after this date. Thank you for your understanding.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

From the East:

Merge onto I-80 W. Take exit 33B to merge onto CA-37 W toward Novato/San Rafael. Take exit 18 for Wilson Ave. Turn left onto Wilson Ave. Continue straight onto Mare Island Way. Destination will be on the right. **Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way**

From the West:

Merge onto I-80 E, 27.7 mi. Take exit 29A for CA-29/Sonoma Blvd. Merge onto Sonoma Blvd. Turn left onto Curtola Pkwy. Continue onto Mare Island Way. Make a U-turn at Harbor Way. Destination will be on the right. **Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way**



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

—by Keith Cambra

It's that time of year once again to shine up those sleighs, put on your jingle bells and get ready for some holiday cheer! Yes, it is the Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party, graciously hosted by John McCue at his beautiful home in Half Moon Bay. Come join us on **Sunday, December 7th** for delicious food prepared by Freewheelers very own culinary experts Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelsen, a gorgeous home filled with festive decorations, a fun gift exchange and of course a street lined with some of the finest automobiles you'll ever see! All while enjoying the camaraderie of your fellow Freewheelers. Start searching your closet, garage or attic now for that "special" gift to share with one lucky someone because a Freewheelers Holiday Party just wouldn't be complete without a white-elephant gift exchange. You don't want to miss this joyous occasion. So join in the festivities and head out to Half Moon Bay on Sunday, December 7th! We look forward to seeing you there!



At-a Glance:

When: Sunday, December 7th from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Where: John McCue's Home: 2171 Bayhill Court, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Event Fee: \$20.00* event fee which includes a fabulous feast!

RSVP: Via the Eventbrite Invitation or contact Keith Cambra at (925) 202-9665 by no later than Monday, December 1st. **If you do not RSVP, you may be subject to an additional charge and/or limited availability of food.*



Directions to John McCue's Home

From Sacramento/San Francisco:

Take 101 South to 280 South, Daly City. Just before Serramonte, take the Highway 1 cutoff and proceed south on Highway 1 to Half Moon Bay. Go two miles south of Highway 92 (2nd stoplight in HMB), then...

- You will see the golf course on the right, then the entrance to "Ocean Colony" (your 4th stoplight in HMB).
- Turn right into the Ocean Colony Entrance (Fairway Drive) and stop at the gatehouse to tell the guard you're visiting John McCue.
- Proceed 2 blocks to the first stop sign (Bayhill Road) and turn right.
- Proceed 2 short blocks on Bayhill Road, and then turn right into Bayhill Court.
- Proceed to end of the cul-de-sac on Bayhill Court to 2171; John's is the large colonial, Bayhill Manor

From San Jose:

Take 280 North to Highway 92 West and go over the hill into Half Moon Bay. Turn left on Highway 1 (2nd stoplight) and go two miles south of Highway 92 on Highway 1, then...



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Once through the main house, club members continued on a second tour which took them throughout the grounds, as well as the basement of the main house. This tour required wearing hard hats, which made many Freewheelers feel taller and more masculine (not to mention safer). Members got to see the fruit drying house, and felt parched upon exiting.

A particularly fun area for club members to see was the garage, which had its own enclosed car wash, similar to what you would see at a self-service car wash. Sarah Winchester clearly was a “modern.” She knew the advantages of automation to keep her staff efficient. She also was a car buff. She owned a 1909 Renault, a 1917 Pierce Arrow limousine, and a Buick truck!

As most car club members prefer to drive wherever they want to go, this tour involved walking for miles. Yet, no one’s car broke down. And after all of that walking, this writer heard over and over. “I’m glad I came!

Special thanks goes to Tom Ortiz for organizing the event from start to finish! –Ed



Allen Nixon’s glamorous 1962 Imperial Royal LeBaron was a first-on-tour



Other first-on-tours included Bill Schoemann’s all original 1953 Packard Clipper, Bill Hall’s lovely 1967 Oldsmobile Delmont (with his sister Rose Hill), and Bill Rogstad’s beautiful 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme





PREVIOUS PAGE: Event Host Tom Ortiz addresses the crowd. Brian McCann investigates a mystery. Bob Krambuhl, complete with hard hat, gives us a wave. Dave Luscher, Jim Finely and John Kiszla enjoy the balmy November weather before the tour begins.

THIS PAGE: One of two groups of Freewheelers prepares for the tour of the Winchester Mystery House looming behind them. Event hosts and coordinator, Tom Ortiz and Scott Gray savor the moment while Dave Gilbert and Bill Neill investigate yet another mystery!



Time to Renew for 2015!

Don't leave it until the last minute!!!

Membership dues will remain at \$50.00 for the calendar year January to December 2015 for those members desiring monthly hard-copy newsletters and an annual hard-copy Membership Roster.



Get a 30% Discount 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 member of **\$35.00** – that's a 30% 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, 2014, membership will extend through December 2015.

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. Please be sure to complete ALL the requested information*, and be sure to sign the application as acknowledgement the Club's Hold Harmless Policy.

You can also renew online by going to our website at www.thefreewheelers.net and clicking on the Contact/Join button ...then just follow the simple directions!

**If you'd like to list additional vehicles for inclusion in the 2015 Roster beyond the capacity of the application, please include additional page(s).*



VACANCY

In addition to six Board positions coming up for renewal in 2015, included are three Director openings: Promotion, Registration and Member-at-Large.

Director of Promotion will work on the Benefit Car Show and requests for old cars for functions other than Freewheeler events that still

advertise the Club, such as the Pride Parades throughout the Bay Area. The Benefit Car Show requires the most work but the people who worked the most in 2013 are happy to work with you and show you how it's done.

Director of Registration gets people signed in at all Freewheeler events and applies name tags to an army of chests. This procedure has been dramatically streamlined with computerized check-in, however, still requires knowledge of the alphabet in order. One of the Members-at-Large will help at events so you have time to check out the cars along with the army of chests.

The **Member-at-Large** doesn't have an assignment, per se, but is frequently called upon to help the other Board Members with a myriad of duties: Event planning, the Benefit Car Show and Registration, among other things.

I hope I didn't make this sound like a lot of work because it's a lot of fun, especially being a part of what makes the Freewheelers enjoyable for everyone.



"Last week many of us had a tight schedule so our meeting was rushed and very short. Miss Jones, please read the seconds of our last meeting."



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'

New Membership Rates for 2015: 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 (\$35.00 per year). Membership is 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 additional 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:			
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?
E-mail Address		Partner's E-mail Address	
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	

MEMBERSHIP DUES

☐ Print Flyer & Print Roster Membership(s): _____ @ \$50 each = \$_____ (includes one Roster and Flyer per paid membership)
☐ Digital Flyer & Digital Roster: _____ @ \$35 each = \$_____

Please send this form and your check or Money Order (drawn in U.S. funds) to:
Freewheelers Car Club C/O Jay Remick, 1588 Willow Oaks Drive, San Jose, CA 95125
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Henry Ford and the Alphabet Cars

– by Michael Klyde

Henry Ford began selling the (first) Model A in 1903 for \$750, or \$850 if one ordered the tonneau which converted the two-seater to a four-seater. By March, 1904, 658 Model A's had sold for a company profit of \$98,851. It quickly became apparent that Henry Ford was interested in cars and not book keeping so others like James Couzens and Frank Klingensmith kept book while Ford worked with C. Harold Wills (who designed the FORD radiator script and later of Wills Sainte Claire Auto Co.) and Spider Huff, perfecting the vehicles. Their first work resulted in development with George Holley to create a much better carburetor design for the vehicles. Couzens kept busy making sure the cars shipped and he set up a dealer network to get them sold. Updates of the Model A were sold as the Model C, Model F in 1904. A totally new model was also added, the Model B, which was much larger and featured a 4 cylinder engine (versus the two cylinder of the smaller cars). Ford now had products selling for \$800, \$1,000 and \$2,000 but these prices and cars were not where Henry ultimately wanted to go and he was still higher priced than the bestselling car of 1904, the Curved Dash Oldsmobile, selling for \$650.

The Model K launched in 1906. It was a very large and at \$2,500, expensive 6 cylinder car. Only 900 were produced and Henry was not supportive of the venture into this part of the automotive market. Stockholders, primarily Alex Malcomson, felt this was where the profit would be, selling large expensive cars to the wealthy. Ford was in total disagreement. He wanted to build reliable affordable cars for everyone, including those working farms in rural areas. The model K sold poorly and the drive train was poorly executed, which is one reason Henry despised six cylinder engines (they were not used again until 1941). Ford, at this time was still buying almost all components, including engines from outside sources, like the Dodge Brothers, so Henry left others to the Model K while he continued work with Wills and Huff on a top secret project in a locked office of the new Piquette Avenue Assembly Plant. The failure of the Model K laid the groundwork for Ford to buy out Malcomson and remove this shareholder obstacle from his work with Wills and Huff so they could bring their project car to market quickly.



The Ford Models, N, R and S were all test labs for new technology and right sizing a vehicle for Henry Ford's vision for mass production of a durable, reliable and affordable car. The Model N featured vanadium steel, a first in US built cars, that was lightweight and very strong. The Model N also featured a FoMoCo designed ignition system that was better than most other vehicles offered at any price in 1906-07. Improvements of the car led to the Model R (an upgraded version of the N) and the smaller Model S with many improvements and new technologies that gave Ford and partners the prove out to launch their secret project in 1908, just 5 years after incorporation as a company.

The Mustang and the Entire Ford Motor Company!

– by Patrick Aulicino, West Coast Meet 2015 Chair

If any of us were concerned that the return to Cambria would not be well received, those fears have been banished as more than 75% of the 150 available rooms at the Cambria Pines Resort have already been reserved for West Coast Meet 2015! At this rate, the event WILL sell out. We do have an event capacity of 300 for the weekend, but are working with the venue to see if we can accommodate more for the Saturday dinner and awards show, even if attendees do not stay at the resort. Although registration materials will not be available until after the first of the year, preference will be given to those who have reserved rooms. So call the Pines soon and make your reservation so you won't miss out on the fun!

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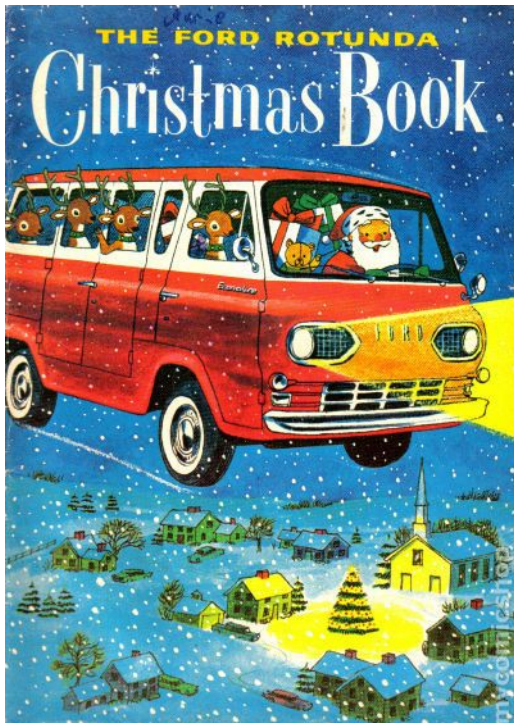
Sunday, 01/11 - Freewheelers 2015 Business and Planning Meeting at the Vallejo Yacht Club in Vallejo. See page 3 for details.

Thursday, 01/15 - Saturday 01/17 – LCCI-CAR presents "Heatwave 2015" invitational in Scottsdale, AZ.

UPCOMING EVENTS ➡



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There's a Ford in Your Future...West Coast Meet 2015!

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