



New member Andrew Smith's first-on-tour 1988 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce convertible joins the contingent in Benicia.

Summer Drive Tour and New Members Lunch

— by Michael Amodt

Sunday's delightfully cool ocean breeze was sure a welcomed relief from the heat wave we had all been suffering through. More than fifty Freewheelers gathered at the waterfront in quaint Benicia to commence our second New Member's Brunch of the year. While snacking on doughnuts and coffee, we mingled and introduced ourselves to several new members and at the same time managed to check out the growing car show in the parking lot. Two of the highlights would certainly include Ray Menefee appearing in his 1937 DeSoto convertible coupe ala top down; and though its motor was utterly silent one could not miss Wayne Parsons' arrival in his stately 1938 Packard Super Eight Limousine. Lounging several yards behind Wayne were his passengers Alvin Hasin and Allen Nixon.

Adept at herding cats, our event host, Keith Cambra, garnered everyone's attention long enough to explain the tour route and to provide maps. Before we headed out to Vallejo Keith dedicated the day to our beloved friend and former club president, Larry Salvador, who passed away in August. In a show of respect we all operated our headlights as we drove.

It was a pleasant leisurely drive through the rolling countryside and an area surprisingly unchanged over the years. The beige hills were dotted with old farms and interesting rock formations. In no time we converged on the Vallejo Yacht Club where our second car show of the day would occur.

After more visiting we settled comfortably in the club house and enjoyed a catered lunch. Keith Cambra, shared a few more thoughts with the group and then Membership Director, Brian McCann officially introduced the new members in attendance. Each provided some information about themselves, where they lived, what kind of cars they had and anything else they wished to share. New members joining us on Sunday and their First-on-Tour cars:

- Nathan & Johnny Avots-Smith and their elegant 1973 BMW Bavaria sedan.
- Andrew Smith with his bright red 1988 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce convertible
- Mark Decius in his 2008 Mercedes Benz C300
- Jack Jewell who was riding with Mark Decius
- John Jung, a returning member who commuted with Greg Cannella

Several other first-on-tour automobiles graced the event: Bill Rogstad brought his mint condition estate find —a loaded 1981 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham d'Elegance coupe. Greg

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President's Message

"Family isn't whose blood you carry, it's who you love and who loves you back."

Although not quite the annus horribilis as the Queen would say, the past couple of months have been difficult for me to say the least. With the recent loss of my mother-in-law, the health concerns of my partner and the passing of our beloved fellow Freewheeler Larry Salvador, there have been happier times for sure. But the passing and the fear of loss of loved ones and friends forces you to put things into perspective. One: You're forced to accept your own mortality (with the exception of Walt Disney's head of course). Two: You appreciate those who matter in your life so much more. Three: Never take anything or anyone for granted.

I want to say thank you to former board members Keith Cambra and Stuart Gunn for organizing such a beautiful memorial service for Larry. The amount of fellow Freewheelers who attended the service doesn't just show how much Larry was loved and will be missed, but also points to the fact that the Freewheelers isn't just a car club but an extended family. I loved all of the stories that both friends and family members of Larry shared with us. I also realized that I appreciate all the friendships and great people that I've been fortunate enough to meet over the years through our club.

At one of our next tours or get-togethers, I encourage everyone to go up and say hi to someone you haven't met yet. Greet a new member or make a nice comment about someone's car. Who knows, maybe you won't just make a new friend, but you might also extend your family.

Happy Motoring!

Peter Escobedo

President, Freewheelers Car Club



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SAN FRANCISCO OLD CAR PICNIC

27th Annual

Saturday Oct. 17th 2015
7:00am to 4:00pm

What: San Francisco Old Car Picnic

When: Saturday, October 17, 2015, 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Hellman Hollow, 50 Overlook Drive, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

How: Respond to the Eventbrite invitation by Thursday, October 15; pay \$40 per car at the entrance on the day of the show

Specifics: Only 1987 and older cars & trucks (3/4 ton maximum)

Directions: Hellman Hollow is located within Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. It's near 30th Avenue, on John F. Kennedy Drive, west of Crossover/Transverse Drive.

PLEASE NOTE: Vehicles MUST enter the Meadow coming east from Ocean Beach, on JFK Drive, OR enter the Park at 30th Avenue from Fulton, then turn LEFT onto JFK Drive.

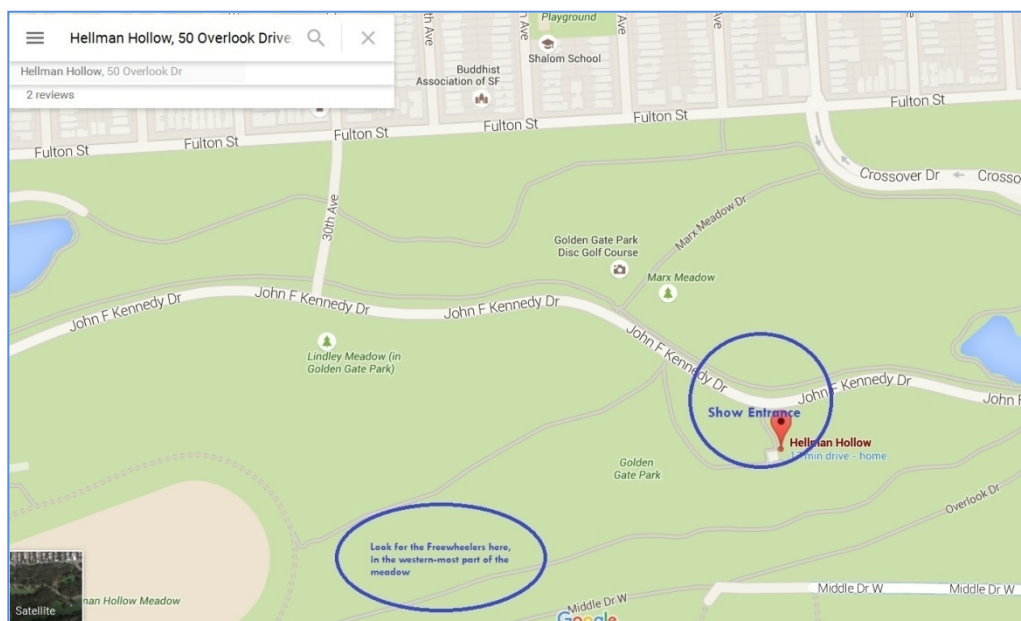
The Freewheelers will congregate near the western-most part of the meadow (after you enter the gate, turn right and head toward the ocean.) There are no assigned areas for clubs; therefore, some Freewheelers are arriving at 7:00AM to try and secure a space large enough for dozens of Freewheelers' cars to congregate in the western-most part of the meadow. This event brings a few hundred cars, dozens of clubs, and a few thousand spectators. We suggest getting to the show relatively early (before 10:00AM) so you can park with the Freewheelers and give yourself plenty of time to socialize, eat lunch, and enjoy see the other cars in the show. Call or email Eric Whitney if you have any questions: whitneywebworks@yahoo.com or 415-935-5890. See you there!

– Eric Whitney

Be sure to bring:

- Your favorite car or truck that is 1987 or older
- \$40 per car in cash to pay at the gate (if you don't show a car, it is free to attend as a spectator)
- Sunscreen & hats
- Folding chairs/umbrellas/tents if you have them
- Water and Food for lunch (you may BBQ onsite as long as you follow the park's directions and clean up after yourself.)

This event is not sponsored by the Freewheelers; therefore, we are all required to follow the directions of the event organizers. Please visit www.sfcarpicnic.com for full details of the show. The \$40 fee is collected by the event organizers at the entrance to cover their overhead and donation to their charity. The Freewheelers will not have a separate event fee for this event. Please respond to the Eventbrite invitation so we know you are attending, bring a picnic lunch, and enjoy a wonderful day in Golden Gate Park with your fellow Freewheelers and other old car enthusiasts from around the Bay Area.



It's Time to Renew! Climb Aboard! We're Expecting You!

– by Brian McCann

It is time to renew your membership with your club, the fabulous Freewheelers! We are at our highest membership level in years with 242 members and 125 partners/spouses.



Joining now will cover your membership for the remainder of this year for new members and all of next year. Our 2015 events have been very well received and attended. Our 2016 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. Still not crazy about paying online? No problem! Mail your application with a check (mailing address on the form).

We hope everyone will take advantage of the privileges that your membership includes. A few of these are the camaraderie, networking and support from all who have the passion for classic cars. From parts to repairs, being a member of the Freewheelers is an invaluable resource. Personally, I would have given up on many a car project without these resources.

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. The events adapt to the participation and involvement of our members and even as we grow, we still maintain a strong sense of family. Thank you in advance for being or becoming a member of the fantastic Freewheelers!



Freewheelers Show Their Appreciation

At the Rainbow Community Center (RCC) in Concord, the Freewheelers have found an ideal and somewhat central location for monthly board meetings and planning meetings for the West Coast Meet, among other activities.

The Board recently decided to donate \$1,500 to the RCC as a show of appreciation for the use of the facility and our enthusiastic support of the services they provide to the LGBT community. Pictured here is the Board with Kas Shields of the RCC. For more information about the Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County, visit www.rainbowcc.org or call (925) 692-0090.

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McDowell arrived in an enormous 1963 Imperial Crown. Tom Lease & Richard Waller brought their racy 2015 Ford Mustang fastback. Scott Mikkleson & Todd Darling drove uneventfully down from Sacramento in their restored 1937 Ford coupé. Jim Finley & John Kiszla had their newly purchased 1987 Lincoln Continental sedan. Connor Chase and Bill Heule brought Connor's nifty company car – 2014 BMW I3. And Keith Sjöholm arrived in his sporty 1998 BMW 318ti.

Soon it was time for everyone to begin their journeys home. It was a perfect way to welcome our new members into the flock. We gratefully acknowledge and thank Keith Cambra, Tony Nettell and Sueko Takahashi-Gilbert for all the time and energy they put into organizing the day. The Freewheelers also wish to thank Jim Finley and John Kiszla, both Vallejo Yacht Club members, for once again graciously arranging our visit at the beautiful club.



New Members Nathan & Johnny Avots-Smith pose with their 1973 BMW Bavaria sedan. Freewheelers John Rivett, Tony Nettell, Keith Cambra and Gregg Cannella gather in front of Ray Menefee's 1937 DeSoto convertible.



Wayne Parsons' 1938 Packard Super Eight Limousine, Scott Mikkleson's & Todd Darling's 1937 Ford coupé, Greg McDowell's "most potential" 1963 Imperial Crown, and Bill Rogstad's 1981 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham d'Elegance coupe.



Freewheelers head out on the drive tour including Bill Schoemann in his 1953 Packard Clipper Sedan. Connor Chase, Bill Heule and Faith Alchorn-Selk gather in front of the yacht club. Richard Waller and Tom Lease pose with their first-on-tour 2015 Ford Mustang. Freewheelers arrive at the Vallejo Yacht Club, including Gregg Cannella in his 1957 Ford Thunderbird – to the right is Jim Finley's first-on-tour 1987 Lincoln Continental.





Tire kicking ensues outside the yacht club before lunch. Inside, Membership Director Brian McCann introduces new members at the event. Soon lunch is served and attendees line up to fill their plates. Back in the lot, Connor Chase details the virtues of his nifty company car – a 2014 BMW I3 – to an interested audience.

Mile High Modernism in Denver

– by Eric Whitney



The Sunday Afternoon Car Klub (SACK) was the host of this year's Lambda Car Club International (LCCI) regional event in Denver, Colorado, August 27–30, and boy oh boy, what an event it was! Freewheelers Michael Amodt, Jay Remick, Richard Bae, and yours truly made the trek east to find out what Mile High Modernism was all about. Long-time Freewheeler member, and SACK President Steve Pietrangolo, along with a host of volunteers, put on one of the friendliest and most enjoyable events we've ever attended. In the course of four days we met dozens of gay car enthusiasts from Denver and around the country, navigated through several of Denver's neighborhoods resplendent with mid-century modern architecture, and saw hundreds (maybe a thousand) gorgeous classic cars.

Our first full day in Denver found us in an early morning caravan of classic cars heading southeast to Elizabeth, Colorado, for a visit to the Rambler Ranch. The Rambler Ranch houses a truly awe-inspiring private collection of hundreds of American Motors cars and related memorabilia. The collection boasts numerous gorgeous examples of 1950s era Pinin-Farina bodied Nash cars in breathtaking mid-century colors of blues, greens, coppers, fuchsias, and chartreuse! And this was just the first of three huge warehouse buildings! The Ranch also contains a building dedicated to an equally impressive collection of Kelvinator household appliances (Google Kelvinator and Nash to learn more about their interesting relationship). After our late afternoon return to Denver, we were treated to a

champagne reception at the Forney Museum of Transportation. SACK board member and Forney Executive Director Christof Kheim led us on a "behind the scenes" tour of the museum's vaults with hundreds of cars rarely, if ever, on display to the public. We were also privy to a preview of the museum's upcoming exhibit of the Corvair!

We returned to the Forney the following evening, after a full day of scavenger hunting, car show, crazy and beautiful architecture, and a lot of laughter. The awards dinner was hosted in the center of the Forney amid a jaw-dropping exhibit of the History of Cadillac. Over dessert, the always clever and entertaining Charles Phoenix led us on a worldwide slide-show trip of mid-century masterpieces and kitsch (I know!). Exhausted and thrilled with the event, we bade farewell to our hosts and remain thankful for the wonderful experience. This was one for the history books, and we're so happy we attended.

Sunday, November 15, 2015

For our November event this year, the Freewheelers will be touring the **SS Red Oak Victory** in the Richmond Shipyard! We'll also plan to tour the **Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park** to learn about Richmond, California and the role of the Richmond Shipyard and its many hard-working residents during wartime.

The **SS Red Oak Victory** is the last surviving ship built in the Kaiser Richmond Shipyards during World War II. Today, the Red Oak Victory remains a monument to the men and women who worked in war-related industries as part of the World War II Home Front. In 1998, the ship was saved from the Naval Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay by a courageous group of men and women and has been under restoration since that time.





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 for 2016: 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 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 *EventBrite*. 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
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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)
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Please send this form and your check or Money Order (drawn in U.S. funds) to:
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FOR SALE: 1996 Rolls-Royce Silver Spur long wheelbase saloon. Red Pearl paint, Sandstone interior piped with Rolls-Royce red, cherry red carpets including replacement sheepskin over rugs (moutons). Upgraded Entertainment system/Navigation/Bluetooth head unit. Original standard analog car phone still in rear center arm rest (no longer operational). Everything else in the car works as it should. Over \$30,000 spent since 2011 on maintenance, mechanical repairs, and upgrades. All service records from 9/04 to present available. Most recently, replacement of head gaskets and all ancillary wear parts in the upper engine. 83,337 miles. The car has been located in northern California since at least 2004. This was one of only 507 of this model made during the four years it was produced (1995-98). \$35,000. Allen Nixon (707) 546-3723 (1)



FOR SALE: 1960 Ford Thunderbird. Original California car, rust free, engine rebuilt, runs well. Many options, originally came with leather interior, A/C not working. Asking \$12,500. Contact Jamie Thigpen at (415) 203-4264, jathig@yahoo.com. (2)



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FOR SALE: 1974 Chrysler New Yorker Brougham 2-door coupe. Graciously offered for sale to the Freewheelers by the sister of the deceased owner, Jeffrey Eaton. 69,000 miles, leather, mechanically maintained by the same shop for years. \$7,500 obo. Call Jill at (316) 992-5197. (3)



OCTOBER 2015

Sunday, 10/11 – Board of Directors Meeting, 11 am, at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord

Saturday, 10/17 – San Francisco Old Car Picnic at the Historic Speedway Meadow (Hellman Hollow) in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. See page 3 for details.

NOVEMBER 2015

Saturday, 11/07 - The Greater Bay Area Metropolitan Club's Appreciation Car Show of our Wounded Warriors at the VA Hospital in Livermore (see ad on back cover).

Sunday, 11/08 – Board of Directors Meeting, 11 am, at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord

Sunday, 11/15 – Save the date for our November event - this year the Freewheelers will be touring the SS Red Oak Victory in the Richmond Shipyard! See page 9 for more information.

DECEMBER 2015

Sunday, 12/13 – The Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party. Details to follow.

NOTE: Calendar listings subject to change without notice.



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