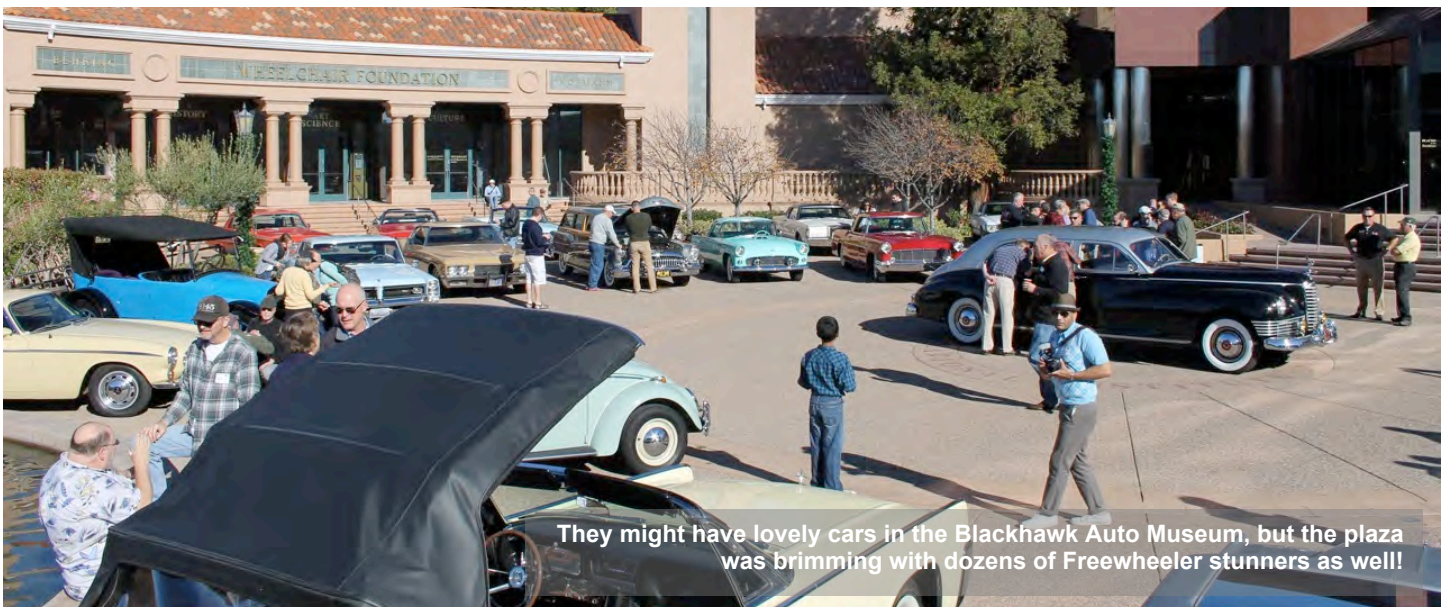




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The Freewheelers Pilgrimage to Blackhawk!

– by Keith Cambra

It was a beautiful sunny fall day, a gathering of 100 Freewheelers and guests, and a tour of one of the most amazing collection of automobiles. It doesn't get much better than this! On Sunday, November 17th, The Freewheelers made their return to the fabulous Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville. With a whopping 100 attendees, the event was a great success! Jay Remick and Michael Amodt, who have become well known at Yum Yum Donuts, arrived early with the back of their beautiful, yet so practical, 1953 Buick Roadmaster Estate loaded with coffee and donuts

while Eric Whitney and Richard Bae very efficiently registered the huge group. Thanks to some strategic parking, Michael Amodt, Peter Escobedo and his son Dominic, Bill Peachee, Jim Sinnes, Michael Sousa and Glen Tabor, were able to squeeze in over 25 cars on the upper plaza creating quite an impressive exhibit of our own. Great job guys! Among those gracing the entrance to the museum were several first on tours. Peter Escobedo's very clean and original 1989 Mercedes 560 SEC, Henry Hopkins super cool 2001 Prowler Roadster, Matt Karson's

elegant 1967 Chrysler Imperial Crown Convertible, Ward Karson's gorgeous 1961 Cadillac, Bill Neill's charming 1917 Hupmobile Touring, Jojo Soriano's stylish 2006 Lexus R400H, Salvatore Sperandeo's sleek 2014 Chevy Corvette Stingray and Mike Zampiceni's unique BMW M Coupe. Center stage was Clint Moore's absolutely stunning 1946 Packard Limousine. Shortly before 11, President Larry Salvador called everyone together with a huge welcome.

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President's Message

We're not through with the Holiday Season, but it is (almost) the time for looking back on 2013. How exciting that the Freewheelers continue to thrive and are looking forward to 2014! Attendance at events seems to be increasing exponentially, culminating with a hundred people attending November's Blackhawk Museum Event; ironically, I thought no one would attend because it had been done before. Well, I'm not too big a man to admit when I'm wrong.

It has been an outstanding year for the Freewheelers. Long-time members hosted some of the events, passing their knowledge and expertise on to newcomers, who in turn did an outstanding job hosting events for the first time. We revisited some old haunts, experienced new places and revamped the Benefit Car Show. And just when you thought it was the same formula (so why mess with it), Peter Escobedo new, improved our website and ushered us into the 21st century with even more Facebook exposure.

If you just got through giving thanks for close friends, old cars that run well and terrific events to enjoy them both, what would you wish for Christmas? More of the same, I suspect (especially the part about the cars running well). Good news: we can make your wish come true! Plans are in the works for a fun-filled 2014, starting with the Annual Business Meeting on January 26th at the Vallejo Yacht Club, the first driving tour on March 16th and the West Coast Meet in July: Let's redo 1962!

If you think it just can't keep getting better, well, I'm not too big a man to admit when you're wrong.

Larry Salvador

President, Freewheelers Car Club



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First on Tours: Henry Hopkins and his menacing Prowler, Mike Zampiceni's BMW M Coupe, and Bill Neill's charming 1917 Hupmobile Touring

As we all anticipated what awaited us behind those big glass doors, I had the honor of introducing several new members to our club. A huge welcome to Robert Esparza, Ward Karson, Rich Schneider, Stuart Silberman, Alex Snook and Timothy Swank.

As we entered the museum, we were immediately greeted by two beauties flanking the entry. A 1939 Aero and a 1939 S.S. 100 "Jaguar". Just a teaser for the two floors of eye candy waiting ahead. For those choosing a guided tour, the museum provided us with two very knowledgeable Docents. As we strolled through the gleaming interior of the museum, you could hear the oohs and ahs. Just inside the entrance to the lower level sat a 1963 Ford Thunderbird "Italien" Concept Car. Yes, that is "Italien" not "Italian". Apparently this beauty escaped the typical fate of most Ford concept cars... The crusher! The 1929 Minerva was a real beauty! But who knew there was a car named after the bust of Minerva? Oh, the nerva! So many beautiful Packards too! The favorite still remaining the one parked out in front of the museum! Oh and the Chryslers! The 1931 Chrysler CG Imperial 8 Roadster was a favorite among many. To think in 1931 you could accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in twenty seconds and could maintain a cruising speed of 96 mph. Pretty impressive! The 1928 Mercedes Model S Tourer was a real beauty and so elegant in white. Then there was that purple car that caught everyone's eye. What? A Cadillac? Yes indeed a 1948 Cadillac Cabriolet. If only GM offered that color and canework combination on today's Cadillacs. No one could miss the big silver car as you entered the second floor. Could it be a very early model DeLorean? Nope, that's German silver, not stainless steel. It's a 1926 Daimler. But of course silver body panels just weren't enough. So throw in a pair of Boa constrictor-shaped horns and a bust of The Goddess Diana on the hood! There! That's better! And did four elephants really carry it through the jungle in a giant sling when it was discovered in the 1970's? So it is rumored! That must have been one heck of a sling!

But let's get back to the cars. There were so many beautiful Duesenbergs too! Most notable was the gorgeous white 1936 Model SJ Convertible Sedan. Did Lana Turner's beautiful derriere once grace its seats or did her hubby sell it before she had a chance to ride in that beauty? And speaking of famous derrières, Norma Desmond once said, "We don't need two cars, we have a car. Not one of those cheap new things made of chromium and spit, an Isotta-Fraschini. Have you ever heard of Isotta-Fraschini? All handmade. Cost me \$28,000." Well maybe it wasn't Ms. Desmond's actual car but this 1931 Isotta - Fraschini was unmistakable with its distinctive grille and styling. It was at one time the most expensive car in the world. No wonder it was one of the most "high society" vehicles in its day. How about the "Copper Kettle"? Talk about extreme! One of the most rakish Rolls-Royce Towncars ever built, a 1937 Phantom III. Clad in more copper than Martha Stewarts entire line of cookware. And...Holy fins Batman! Step back into the future with the B.A.T. mobiles. Apparently back in the 50's they were not too concerned with blind spots! Good luck backing one of those up. There were so many amazing cars! Hardly enough space here to mention them all. OK, maybe one more. The 1906 Cadillac Model M, the first car completed by Henry M. Leland, the founder of Cadillac Motor Car Company. Almost more interesting than the car itself is the fact he left Cadillac in 1917 and organized Lincoln Motor Company.

As the tour wrapped up, many Freewheelers and their guests ventured out and enjoyed lunch at one of the fabulous restaurants in the beautiful Blackhawk Plaza. Everyone had a great time and the museum once again lived up to its outstanding reputation. A huge thank you to the Blackhawk Museum who so graciously accommodated our group, to all that helped to organize the event and to all the members who continue to contribute to the success of our wonderful club.



Top Row: More first on tour: Peter Escobedo's marvelous Merc. New Member Ward Carson and his 1961 Cadillac. Salvatore Sperandio's sleek 2014 Chevy Corvette Stingray



Bottom Row: Elegance abounds in the parking lot of the museum. Stuart Gunn & Ed Walter's 1959 Cadillac prepares for takeoff. Clint Moore's gorgeous 1946 Packard Limousine shares center stage with Greg Canella's fabulous Mark II. Bill, Scott, Todd, Sueko and Tom yuck it up on the plaza.

To see these and more pictures, visit www.thefreewheelers.net.

Freewheelers 2013 Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting -

It's time again to map our strategy and set a steady course for the Freewheelers Car Club for the coming year. On Sunday, January 26, 2014, your board of directors invites you to meet at the beautiful **Vallejo Yacht Club** in Vallejo (directions below) for our Annual Business Meeting and Election Brunch. The Annual Business Meeting is a good way to learn what we've accomplished in 2013 and what our plans are for 2014. We'll also be taking nominations for Board Seats at the meeting. We hope you'll join us to discuss the state of the club and develop a calendar of events, tours, and cruise nights for the coming year.

The Freewheelers will be celebrating our 36th Year in 2014, so be sure to join us for another fun filled year.



Election of Officers/Directors

As in the past, several positions on the Board are up for nomination and election for a 2-year term. The Officers and Directors of the Board provide important planning and coordination of club events, in addition to membership, marketing, and financial management. For more information about Board positions – or if you have an area of expertise you think might benefit the board – please give Larry Salvador a call at 925-687-0727. New board members will be installed based on the field of nominated candidates and popular vote at the meeting.

Arrival Time and Potluck

Although we have a lot of business to discuss, we want everyone to have enough time for tire kicking, socializing, and eating. The **Vallejo Yacht Club** has ample parking and we will be opening at 11 a.m., with potluck lunch to be served at noon and the meeting to follow...finishing up around 3 p.m. See the At-A-Glance information below for potluck dish assignments; the Club will provide dessert, and hot and cold beverages.

So grab yourself, your potluck dish, and your favorite car and come join us in January at the beautiful **Vallejo Yacht Club**. Your participation at the Annual Business Meeting, as well as your volunteer spirit throughout the year, will ensure that our Club continues at a healthy pace into and throughout 2014. Please RSVP to the Evite so we know how much food etc is needed.

At - a - G l a n c e :

Date: Sunday, January 26, 2014
Location: Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way, Vallejo, CA 94590
Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Event Fee: \$5.00
RSVP: Respond to the Evite or call.

Potluck Dish Assignments (last name beginning with):

A through I – Salads (such as Waldorf, Ambrosia, fruit, pasta, healthy green, cole slaw, etc.)
J through Q – Main hot dish (such as meatloaf, lasagna, chicken, etc.)
R through Z – Side dish (such as macaroni casserole, bean casserole, deviled eggs, scalloped potatoes, etc.)
Dessert and complimentary hot and cold beverages will be provided.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

FROM THE EAST:

1. Merge onto I-80 W, 48.2 mi.
2. Take exit 33B to merge onto CA-37 W toward Novato /San Rafael, 3.6 mi.
3. Take exit 18 for Wilson Ave. 0.2 mi.
4. Turn left onto Wilson Ave., 1.1 mi.
5. Continue straight onto Mare Island Way, destination will be on the right, 0.6 mi.

Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way

FROM THE WEST:

1. Merge onto I-80 E, 27.7 mi.
2. Take exit 29A for CA-29/Sonoma Blvd., 0.4 mi.
3. Merge onto Sonoma Blvd., 1.8 mi.
4. Turn left onto Curtola Pkwy., 0.3 mi.
5. Continue onto Mare Island Way, 0.8 mi.
6. Make a U-turn at Harbor Way, destination will be on the right, 0.2 mi.

Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way

Lost? Call John Kiszla at 415-215-1701

Freewheelers Car Club

Time to Renew for 2014 or-
It's a West, West, West, West
Coast Renewal.

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



Membership will remain at \$50.00 as it was last year for the calendar year Jan. to Dec. 2014

A discount of \$10.00 for those who prefer the online/ digital version of the Flyer and the Roster with no print version sent to you by mail.

That means membership will be \$40.00 for you.

For new members joining on or after October 1, 2013, we will include membership for 2014 at no charge.

If you would like to join by mail and sending a check, please use the paper form. Please fill in all the information. Be sure to sign the application to acknowledge the Club's liability policy.

If you would like to renew online, please go to our website at www.thefreewheelers.net and click on



the Contact/Join button and follow the directions.

We're always looking for contributors to the Flyer. Depending on space, we like to add articles of special interest, car tech tips, cartoons, anything that might be of interest to the Membership. Even car shows with pictures of Freewheelers standing next to cars they wish they could afford. Please contact Newsletter Editor Bill Peachee.



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 2014: 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 \$10.00 discount. Membership is a calendar year from January 1 to December 31. New Members who join on or after October 1 will have the following year at no 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:** _____ @ \$40 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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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

It's that wonderful time of year to shine up those sleighs, put on your jingle bells and head over to Half Moon Bay. Yes, it is the Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party, once again graciously hosted by John McCue at his beautiful home. Naughty or nice, come join us on **Sunday, December 8th** for delicious food prepared by Freewheelers very own culinary experts Scott Mikkelson and Todd Darling, festive decorations, a fun gift exchange and of course a street lined with some of the finest automobiles. Start searching your closet, garage or attic now for that very "special" gift to share with one lucky someone because a Freewheelers Holiday Party would not be complete without a white-elephant gift exchange. This is a joyous occasion not to be missed. So join in the festivities and head out to Half Moon Bay on Sunday, December 8th! We look forward to seeing you there! And a huge thanks to our gracious host, John McCue!



At-a Glance:

When:	Decorating Party:	Saturday, November 30 th from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
	Holiday Party:	Sunday, December 8 th from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Where:	John McCue's Home at 2171 Bayhill Court, Half Moon Bay	
Event Fee:	Holiday Party:	\$20.00
RSVP:	Decoration Party:	Larry Salvador at (925) 687-0727
	Holiday Party:	Upcoming Evite or contact Larry Salvador at (925) 687-0727 no later than Wednesday, December 4 th . Those who do not RSVP may be subject to limited dinner availability.

- 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...

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...

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.

Top Row: The growing crowd listens to Host Keith Cambra's instructions and introductions of new members. Tom Ortiz snuck up to the roof for a different view of the plaza! New (Almost) member Matt Karson and his 1967 Chrysler Imperial. Beauties in the parking lot and the museum.



INVITATIONAL UPDATE 10/23/2013

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Please share this update with your Chapter:



Desert Iron 2014 is quickly becoming a MAJOR EVENT! There has been a huge demand for rooms at our host hotel, the Carefree Resort, so we've taken the opportunity to add more rooms. **Rooms are still available** but are limited. Just call (888) 692-4343 and tell them your with "Desert Iron 2014" to get our special rate of \$129/night!

The clock is ticking to register at the **EARLY BIRD** rate of only \$139 for the Full Weekend Package! You get an hors d'oeuvre Welcome Reception, three catered lunches, the Friday night Mexican Fiesta Dinner, two group tours, a thrilling Car Show and Silent Auction, wrapping up with a spectacular Awards Banquet headlined by the hysterical **Lannie Garret as "Patsy Decline"**!



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For registration or to find more information, visit us at www.AZGayCar.com. Have questions? Email us at DesertIron2014@yahoo.com or call the Invitational Committee Chairman, Kent Schweiss at (480) 244-1953.

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Welcome New & Returning Members!

Steve Owsley & Jacky Green

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1987 Volvo 240 DL
1992 Volvo 740 Turbo Wagon

Stuart Silberman

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San Francisco, CA 94110
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stuart@silbermandesign.com
Cars: 1972 Citroen 10 Super J 4 door sedan

Steven Katkowsky & Jenay Katkowsky

11620 Alba Road
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Primary Phone: 831-336-2036
Cars: 1949 Plymouth Woody Wagon P18
1954 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible
1959 Pontiac Bonneville Safari Wagon

Returning member

Michael Oroszi & John DeFalco

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San Francisco, CA 94114

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Cars: 1972 Chevrolet Custom 10 Truck
1988 BMW 325ix Touring Wagon
1991 BMW 318ic Convertible
1996 Ford Bronco Eddie Bauer SUV
2001 Jeep Wrangle Sport SUV
2006 BMW X5 SUV
2008 SAAB 9-3 Convertible
1992 Mazda Miata Convertible
1990 Volvo 740 GLE Sedan

December 2013

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Sat Dec 14: Freewheelers December Board Meeting. Rainbow Center in Concord.

January 2014

Jan 16-18: LCCI Desert Iron 2014

Sun Jan 26: **SAVE THE DATE** Freewheelers Annual Business Meeting. See Page 5.

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Be sure to check out the New and updated Website, with event pictures, vintage ads and many new features! www.thefreewheelers.net

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