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Look!

It's car show season! People will start bringing out their well-loved and winter-stored vehicles making us car nuts salivate with anticipation. I know that for me at least, going to car shows is a yearly rite. Seeing unbelievably perfect cars gives me both car envy and that tsk-tsk feeling because I know these cars aren't driven, just towed from show to show for everyone to ogle.

Personally, a tremendous amount of the pleasure I get from my cars is driving them; sure, they are 20 footers but so what! The other day I was waiting a stop light in one of my old convertibles and a cute little kid walking with his mom started screaming at me because he was totally in love with my car, something he surely would not have done if I were driving my big ol' Mercedes sedan.

I guess what I'm trying to convey is ... get out there and drive your cool cars! Who knows, you might even stir the car collecting passion into the next generation!

Motor on!

Scott Mikkelson

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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East Bay Drive Tour without Cars...aka The Western Railway Museum Tour!



— by Bill Hall

SLIGHT CHANGE OF PLANS FOR JUNE! Meet us in Rio Vista Junction at 10:30 AM for some tire kicking and a chance to step back in time, have fun and experience a bit of living history. The event will include a 50-minute route trip ride on a historic interurban streetcar and a behind the scenes tour of the fully functioning car barn that shows what goes into keeping things rolling. After the train ride and barn tour lunch will be served in the 1.5-acre Laflin Park located at the museum.

The Western Railway Museum was established to preserve the regional heritage of electric railway transportation as a living resource for future generations. Their mission is to promote the study of electric railways, their physical equipment, properties and operations in northern California and the West and to procure, preserve and maintain historic electric railway equipment, materials and property.

In 1946, a group of like-minded individuals learned that an old Oakland streetcar that they had chartered for a day's outing was to be scrapped within a week. They immediately put together enough money to buy the car on the spot and in the spirit of philanthropy and historic preservation, the Bay Area Electric Railroad Association was created to foster interest in streetcar, interurban and mainline electric railroad operations and to preserve these rapidly vanishing pieces of history.

In the following years, many interurban and streetcars were collected as well as artifacts such as photographs, corporate records, books, faer boxes and signage so that by 1960, the need for a permanent location was clear. Rio Vista Junction, an actual stop on the electric-powered Sacramento Northern main line in Solano County, was selected as the museum site transforming 22 acres of vacant land into a living history museum. For more information, visit www.wrm.org.

At a glance

What: Western Railway Museum Tour and Lunch

When: Sunday, June 23, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Where: The Western Railway Museum, 5848 CA-12, Suisun City, CA 94585

Fee: \$25.00 event fee includes lunch (be sure to RSVP so we can get an accurate head count).

RSVP: Upcoming email invitation or contact Bill Hall at 510-612-3300 williamhall1234@yahoo.com

Who will be named Dick of the Year?

Find out at the **Private Dick Ball** on Friday night!
See you at West Coast Meet 2019: **Private Eyes** and **Swingin' Rides**
...and don't forget your Alibi.

PRIVATE EYES
AND *Swingin' Rides*

Mark your
calendar

...on Sunday, August 11,
2019 for the South Bay
Pool Party!

And on Saturday, September 14, 2019 for "The 2019 150 Kilometers Tour of Sonoma County"



**REGISTER** *by mail or online***BY MAIL (pay by check):**

Complete this form and mail it, along with your check (payable to Great Autos of Yesteryear), to:

David Hallen
West Coast Meet 2019
8356 Via Sonoma, unit E
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ONLINE (pay via PayPal):

- › Go to greaautos.org
- › Use the "Activities and Events" menu
- › Select "West Coast Meet 2019 - Register & Pay" from the menu
- › Follow on-screen instructions
- › PayPal ID required (\$5 per person fee applies)

REGISTRANT *please print all information clearly*

Name

(INCLUDE NICKNAME IN PARENTHESES AFTER NAME)

Spouse/Partner

(INCLUDE NICKNAME IN PARENTHESES AFTER NAME)

Car Club Affiliation

Arrival Date

Address

Day Phone

City/State/Zip

Eve Phone

Email

Mobile Phone

Hotel name

Reservation name

GUESTS *(Spouse/partner in the section above, other guests below)*

Name (1)

Name (2)

CARS *(For additional cars, please enter information on back and check here ☐)*

(1) Year	Make/Model	Bodystyle	Owner's Name on Placard
(2) Year	Make/Model	Bodystyle	Owner's Name on Placard

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for West Coast Meet. Rooms are \$189/night +

tax (Thurs., Fri., Sat. rate—please call hotel for

Tues. or Weds. arrival). Reservations open April

1—rooms will be held for group until June 8,

then released to the public.

Registration deadline is Monday, June 5, 2019. Any registration forms postmarked after then will accrue a \$25 per person late fee added to the activity fee. Space is limited, so register now! If registering/paying online, a \$5 per person convenience fee will be added to each Weekend Activity Fee ticket. **CANCELLATION POLICY:** 100% refund if requested by June 5, 2019, minus a \$10 administration fee, a 50% refund if requested by June 30, 2019. No refunds after June 30, 2019. Registration questions? Email David Hallen at Dhallen219@att.net or call him at (619) 709-2109.

EVENT RESERVATIONS *Register early!*

EVENT	QTY	PRICE/EACH	TOTAL
Weekend Activity Fee Includes Souvenir pin and the Saturday night dinner and awards show		x \$119	\$
LATE Fee after June 10, 2019 (\$50 at the event)		x \$25	\$
Road Rally		x \$22	
Friday "Private Dick" Ball		x \$40	\$
Saturday Lunch		x \$11	\$
Souvenir Polo Shirts (order size & quantity)	SMALL	x \$22	\$
	MEDIUM	x \$22	\$
	LARGE	x \$22	\$
	XLARGE	x \$22	\$
	XXL	x \$24	\$
Include a check (payable to Great Autos of Yesteryear)			\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$			\$

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: The undersigned, desiring to enter and participate in West Coast Meet 2019, to be held July 11, 12, 13 and 14, 2019, at the Spring Hill Suites in Atascadero, California, does hereby tender his/her application to participate. If this application is accepted, the undersigned and registrant, having suitable automobile insurance, and his or her guests assume liability from and shall indemnify and hold harmless Great Autos of Yesteryear, Inc., and its members, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, invites and assigns from and against any and all liabilities arising from said event. The undersigned holds the aforementioned harmless and indemnifies them against judgments whatsoever arising, directly or indirectly, out of or in conjunction with participation in said event. Event registration required for Spring Hill Suites hotel stay.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

☐ **Contact me about volunteering to help with this event**

Spring Rains Dampen Friendship Day

– by Michael Amodt

With rain in the forecast, we watched daily hoping we might have clear weather for last Sunday's Friendship Day car show at Redwood Shores. Well, no such luck. We had promised, rain or shine, we would be there to save spaces for our Club members in case the show was a go. Jay Remick, Glen Taber, Dave Gilbert and I got there early with our cones and fold-up chairs to save spaces. Of the dozen or so we saved only three or four were used. On the way to the show it rained so hard we could hardly see out of the windshield.

It was not long before a few people trickled in. Friendship Day normally attracts more than 450 cars of all types. The Mid-Peninsula Old Time Car Club has been putting on this show for years. In the eighties, it was called Friendship Day at the Linear Accelerator and only took place every other year. Since then it has been at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, then at Canada College in Redwood City and in recent times, on the Oracle property in the Redwood Shores area.



This time with the rain, only fifty or so cars showed up. Though raining off and on we all visited and actually managed to have a good time and stayed long enough to have our hamburger lunch there. The Freewheelers who were in attendance in their rain gear were Dennis May with his 1961 Cadillac convertible, Glen Taber, Ted Downer with his 1958 “Donna Reed” Edsel Bermuda wagon, Mike Carney, Peter Anning with his 1969 Citroen DS-21, Larry Camuso and Kirk Wentland with their 1971 Oldsmobile Delta Royale convertible, Dave Gilbert with his 1958 Edsel Citation sedan, Bill Rogstad, my partner Jay Remick, and me!

Thanks to all who showed up and we'll hope for better weather in 2020 – see you next year!

Arcane and Unique Little Cars!

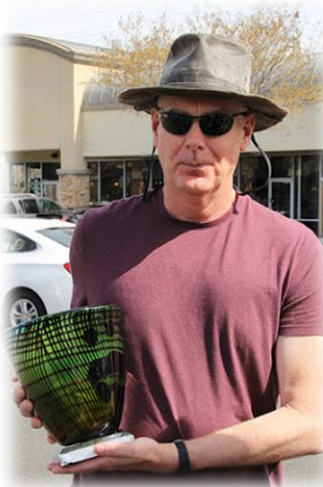
— by Kevin Palmer

Friday through Sunday, April 5th, 6th, and 7th were glorious days for members of Arcane Auto Society, the Freewheeler, and the San Francisco and Sacramento Region Citroen Car Clubs.



On Friday, April 5th, the Sacramento Automobile Museum was the site of a dinner honoring the many individuals who loaned their vehicles to the *Micro Cars* exhibit currently under way and running through August 5, 2019. People who were participating in the Unique Little Car Show the next day were also on hand. The delicious buffet was prepared by Freewheeler President Scott Mikkelson and his partner, Todd Darling, with assistance from Marty Hanson and others. And as the saying goes – “A good time was had by all!”

On Saturday, April 6th, the *South West Unique Little Car Show* rolled into Sacramento’s Old Town district. While it is a bit of a stretch to say Sacramento is part of the South West, with Todd Darling’s persuasive talents, the show came to the city and was a huge hit with the participants and folks just spending a lazy day in Old Town. And there were so many cars! Nash Metropolitans, a Panhard, a Subaru Kei Car “Surfer Van,” Fiats, Citroens, a Nissan Figaro, a Toyota Sport 800, Mini Coopers, and many more. After the show wrapped up and the various cars were driven or trailered away, a celebratory awards dinner was held at the nearby Rio City Café.



While guests enjoyed their dinners, Todd Darling kept busy handing out door prizes, raffle gifts, and announcing awards. The awards, hand-crafted by Scott Mikkelsen, were stunningly beautiful: former hand-blown vases, trimmed, wired, and affixed to a base make exquisite lamps. Our car club friends were lucky winners! Arcane Auto President Matt Spielberg, was awarded the “Best Japanese” trophy for his Toyota Sport 800. Bay Area Region Citroen Car Club members Tania and Kevin Palmer received the award for the “Best Interior” in their Citroen Ami 8 Break. And Freewheeler Peter Anning, won the “Best of Show” award for his Citroen Deux Chevaux. Arcane members Mike Rhea won “Most Potential” with his Panhard Junior, and Ray Schubert won “Best Unrestored” with his son’s IFA. With prizes, awards, and a great meal, everyone left the riverside awards dinner with a smile on their face.



Sunday, April 7th was newly re-invigorated Sacramento Valley Citroen Car Club’s inaugural rally and drive tour. An outing with Citroens is a lot like Forrest Gump’s box of chocolates – “you never know what you’re going to get.”



Starting in Rocklin and winding along scenic backroads in the area (with only one wrong turn...), it concluded with lunch at the Michael David Winery in Lodi. Usually quite a mix is normal but on this particular trip, the DS models were in the majority. SFRCCC members Anne Juell, Peter Koine, and David Bruckmann were already there when the tour participants arrived, and we all enjoyed a delicious meal on the patio before heading home.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Calendar of Events

JUNE 2019

SUNDAY the 9th, 2019 – Board Meeting at 288 Buchanan Airfield in Concord

SUNDAY the 23rd, 2019 – Western Railway Museum Tour; details on page 3.

JULY 2019

THURSDAY the 11th – SUNDAY the 14th, 2019 – the 41st Annual West Coast Meet in Atascadero; see page 4 for details and registration information.

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY, the 11th, 2019 – South Bay Pool Party, details to follow.

SEPTEMBER 2019

SATURDAY, the 14th, 2019 – North Bay Drive Tour - "The 2019 150 Kilometers Tour of Sonoma County," details to follow.

OCTOBER 2019

SATURDAY, the 19th, 2019 – Bay Model Tour, details to follow.

NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY, the 17th, 2019 – New Members Brunch in Concord, details to follow.

DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY, the 1st, 2019 – Holiday Party in Pleasanton, details to follow

NOTE: Dates/events/locations subject to change. NOTE: Club Board Meetings are typically held the first Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. in Concord, and are open to all members. Contact a board member if you're interested in attending to confirm the time and place.



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