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Freewheelers gather at the beautifully decorated home of John McCue in Half Moon Bay.



Storm of the Century breaks just in time!

— by Marty Hanson

What started out with wind and rain soon became a refreshingly bright and crisp December day as Freewheelers gathered at John McCue's stately home in Half Moon Bay for the Annual Holiday Party. The festively bedecked manor welcomed arriving guests with ribbons, wreaths, holly garlands, and of course John's beautifully decorated tree.

Jay Remick and Michael Amodt welcomed arrivals and handled registration in the elegant foyer while yours truly worked with chefs Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelsen

who already had the kitchen humming, preparing the day's repast and filling the house with delectable aromas. A bountiful appetizers table - replete with a veggies and cheese platter, shrimp, salmon, Crudités, crackers and dips - was already set up on the piano in the foyer much to the delight of guests desiring an edible treat before dinner. Jim Sinnes and Lon Donald also had coffee and the beverage bar set up and ready to serve in the library.

Those participating in the gift exchange arranged their surprise packages under John's elegant tree in

the living room while tire kicking and conversation ensued throughout the house (touring some of John's classics in his garage) as well as the sunny outdoors. Ever the perfectionist, John ensured all his cars were properly cleaned despite having to wash them in the early morning rainfall!

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Co-President's Messages...

Hello. Very glad to be a part of the Board and honored to be selected Co-President with Larry Salvador. Great Business Meeting. Members outdid themselves on the food, plenty of salads and home cooked main dishes. Clear, understandable reports. Stuart's droll, relaxed fun manner chairing the meeting just revved up the mood, seemed to me. When asked for board nominees, folks did not hold back. Names popped onto the list quickly. So fast that when the new board met, we found we needed two at large nominees. Think about it, please.. See the article elsewhere in the Newsletter. The board wants YOU. Suggestions for 2013 events came almost as fast as Board nominees. A fun year is in store for sure. Thanks especially to John Kiszla and Jim Finley who made it possible to convene at the Vallejo Yacht Club. Perfect spot for an upbeat start for 2013. I was on the Board in years past so I was a reluctant volunteer .Happily, the openings filled quickly so I withdrew my name. I was off the hook for only a short time after counting heads and available slots. Asked again, I said yes. Soon after, I was caught up in the enthusiastic spirit of the new Board. I realized being part of the Board and being able to serve the members of the club was just what I did want. Thank you for this opportunity.

Henry Hopkins

Co-President, Freewheelers Car Club

What an exciting time for moving forward with the Freewheelers and working with Henry Hopkins. For all the gloom-and-doom chatter about declining interest in old car clubs, the Freewheelers clearly did not receive the memo. This year's Annual Business Meeting demonstrated the excitement and enthusiasm we still have for the hobby and the camaraderie we enjoy. The new location at the Vallejo Yacht Club proved to be an excellent locale for meetings, while affording beautiful views; thanks to John Kiszla and Jim Finley we saw something at the ABM we hadn't seen in many years ... sunlight. The suggestions for upcoming events were overwhelming ... just when I thought we had seen everything and were going to have to start repeating ourselves. Excellent points were made about tours with other car clubs; we will enjoy their participation and they can always use our decorating tips. The new Board put together a tour for February so quickly I was almost having trouble keeping up ... but I will do my best.

Larry Salvador

Co-President, Freewheelers Car Club



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February Fun at the Hiller Aviation Museum!

Join us Sunday, February 24th for a day of fun and adventure in San Carlos. We will be joining forces with the Packard club and touring the Hiller Aviation Museum along with them. Time was too short to co-ordinate the lunch portion of the day with them, so we plan on meeting mid morning for tire kicking, have some lunch (details to follow), then join the Packard Club at the museum.

But wait, there's more!



The Hiller Aviation Institute & Museum was founded by helicopter pioneer Stanley Hiller Jr. in June 1998. The institute was conceived in the early '70s on the premise that objective presentation of history, with all its linkages and drivers, would be a logical foundation which to construct a vision of future global science and aviation. Silicon Valley is an ideal location for an institution where science and aviation problems and solutions can be explored, evaluated, taught and communicated to the public and corporate audiences. Concentrated in this area are the talents, sciences, the progressive attitudes and capital resources needed to develop science and aviation in the 21st Century.

We hope to see you there!

At-a Glance:

WHAT: Hiller Aviation Museum Tour with the Packard Club.

WHEN: Sunday February 24th, at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Details to follow.

FEE: Lunch on your own. Museum tour \$11 or \$7 Seniors 65+

RSVP: To the upcoming eVite or contact Keith Cambra at 925-202-9665 or mrbouge@astound.net

Membership Renewal Membership renewal notifications for 2013 have gone out, so be sure to get them back to us. You can renew your membership at thefreewheelers.net and then clicking on the 'JOIN/RENEW' button on the left side of the screen (no password necessary). From there just follow the directions. A hundred people have renewed or joined this way. You may pay using Paypal, a credit or debit card on the Paypal site or send a check. All the instructions are there and there is NO fee for using paypal. It's easy and fast. NO Password & NO fee.



Don't be left behind when the Boat sails!



Please set aside the morning of **Sunday, April 28** to join your fellow Freewheelers & guests for a fantastic cruise on the bay onboard the historic USS Potomac! Yes indeed, cruise the San Francisco Bay on the USS Potomac, FDR's floating White House. It is also "Opening Day" on the Bay, so we are sure to see sailors and boats of all sorts. The cruise will last 3 hours, with lunch included, at a cost of \$75. Join us for a 3 hour tour, departing at 10:30am! Check the website and upcoming Flyers for more information.

At-a-Glance:

When: Sunday April 28, 2013 : 10:30am
More information at : www.usspotomac.org
Where: 540 Water Street, Oakland CA
Event Fee: \$75 paid in advance (more details to come soon)
RSVP: Call or email Henry Hopkins at: 510-234-9649 or hhrp@sbcglobal.net

- Directions to The Dock -

From Peninsula/San Francisco:

Take the Bay Bridge to the East Bay and exit on 880 South toward San Jose. Exit on the Broadway/Alameda off ramp. At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto 5th street. Proceed on 5th to Washington (about 8 blocks), turn right on Washington. For parking: take Washington to 2nd and enter the Jack London Square parking garage just past 2nd. Once parked, exit the garage and proceed toward the estuary across Embarcadero (across the rail road tracks) to Water Street. Turn right, the Potomac Visitor Center is one block on your right at 540 Water Street

From South Bay:

Take 880 North to the Broadway exit in Oakland. At the bottom of the exit turn left on Broadway. Proceed to 2nd street and turn right, go one block to Washington and follow directions above.

From Sacramento/Walnut Creek

Take 24 West to the Oakland exit to 980. Take 980 to 12th street exit. Continue straight through the light on Brush Street, follow Brush to 5th and turn left. Follow above directions to Washington etc.



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Nasty weather the day before prompted some RSVPs to cancel, while the iffy weather on Sunday motivated most guests to drive their more reliable modern cars, although a Freewheeler or two opted to bring out their classics, adding a bit of glamour to the front of John's home, including an all-original 1984 Mustang coupe.

Around two p.m., Club President Stuart Gunn gathered attendees together in the foyer to welcome them and to thank John McCue en masse for once again graciously opening his beautiful home to the membership so that we might celebrate the holidays in high style. Once the doors to the grand dining room were opened, guests were bedazzled by the beautiful and amazing "Darling-Mikkelson Dinner Buffet Spectacular" including turkey, stuffing, tri-tip beef, mashed potatoes, gravies, green beans, green salad, Holiday Citrus Aspic, cranberry sauce, rolls, and all the traditional trimmings...truly a feast fit for a King...Wenceslas!

Diners seated themselves throughout the house – as well as outdoors – to enjoy their sumptuous dinner, some even coming back for seconds as well as to bestow well-deserved compliments to the chefs. Others even ventured back to the bustling kitchen to offer their assistance with clean-up of the accumulating dishes.

As dinner was winding down Stuart once again put out the call to guests participating in the gift exchange to gather in the living room. As that was being organized, the piano was cleared and reset for a dessert buffet of pies and ice cream for folks to enjoy at their leisure. As has become tradition, the fun-filled gift exchange included presents from the ridiculous to the sublime – from a Tammy Faye Baker LP to a coveted die-cast replicar. Some not participating in the gift exchanged resumed camaraderie outdoors while others lent a helping hand with clean-up duties.

Despite the clear weather, the time of year determined an early sunset as Freewheelers began to head home before dark. Many, many thanks again go to our host John McCue for opening – and opulently decorating – his spacious home; and to Todd and Scott for seamlessly providing a top-notch dining experience for all to enjoy. Thanks too to those who helped with registration, set-up, and clean-up...your volunteer spirit at this time of year brings much comfort and joy!



THIS PAGE: Chef Todd preparing the feast.. Hungry members enjoying the appetizer table. JeffreyWood and Geoffrey Caccamo discuss which is more regal... Jeffrey or Geoffrey...while Roger Emmett could care less!

NEXT PAGE: Your Chef's du jour. Enjoying the feast. 1980 Ford Mustang daily driver owned by Barry Barsamian. Eric Whitney's first on tour 1986 Mercedes Benz 560 SL. Mike Carney's first on tour 2011 Mercedes Benz C300. Roger Emmitt & Geoffrey Caccamo's 2008 Lincoln MKZ first on tour.

Gift exchanging.... Sueko Takahashi-Gilbert wonders what's in the bottle! ... A Tammy Fae album, just what I always wanted! The right Reverend Brian McCann addresses his flock! If the gift needs explanation, you probably don't want it anyway!



Annual Business Meeting gets the year off to a great start!



– by Bill Peachee

The 35th year of the Freewheelers kicked into high gear at the Annual Business Meeting held January 27th, at the Vallejo Yacht Club. Club members arrived early and in style, showcasing many classics...and one could almost be mistaken for thinking it was the Lincoln Owners club meeting, for all the Lincolns of such number and variety! Tire kicking and socializing was well under way when a stunned crowd turned and gasped as Keith Cambra entered driving a one of a kind 1978 Lincoln Mark V Wagon! The drooling continued as Richard Palmer and Henry Hopkins arrived in dueling 1956 Chrysler 300B's! Henry's red convertible, and Richard's first on tour black beauty were a stunning pair indeed. But there were even more first on tour's representing the 80's decade with Marty Hanson's lovely 2 seater 1989 Buick Reatta, and the beautiful in blue 1986 Mercedes Benz 560SL owned by Gene Mendez and Dave Bartz.

After a fantastic pot luck lunch, the meeting was kicked off by outgoing President Stuart Gunn. Presentations were then given by individual Board members, recapping the year past. Of particular interest was Treasurer Jay Remick's recap on the financial status of the club, which has seen a dramatic return to a healthy position. Much of this is owed to all the volunteers and donated time, effort and services to all of our events, but especially significant to the West Coast Meet.

One of Stuart's last duties as outgoing president was to hand out awards for 2012, and they went to the following:
Event of the Year, WCM, Clint Moore and Peter Escobedo

Volunteer of the Year, Mark Tomey

President's Award, John McCue

Freewheelers of the Year, John White and Doug Alcorn

Commemorative pins were also distributed to everyone who had hosted/co hosted an event as a special thank you for all the effort that goes into doing that.

The talk then turned towards discussions for events throughout the year, and there were so many fantastic suggestions, it may take several years to find time to do them all! The spirit of volunteering and stepping up to help make the year great was very evident.

Next was the task of electing a new Board of Directors. With no less than 6 members leaving it was looking like a challenge to round up enough new recruits. But that worry was quickly abated as names started flying through the room quicker than we could write them down. See the next page for the list of newly elected Board members and their positions.

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PREVIOUS PAGE: Lincolns a plenty greet Freewheelers at the entrance to the Vallejo Yacht Club.

The final official act before the new Board was introduced, was to bestow upon outgoing President Stuart a few parting keepsakes. Scott Mikkelson and Todd Darling presented a beautiful vase encased in... what else.. Gold Lame! Marty Hanson then presented Stuarts famous "gavel" mounted on a plaque of appreciation from all of the Board. Thanks to all for a fantastic kick off to the year, and special kudos to John Kizla and Jim Finley for hosting the ABM at the Yacht Club!



THIS PAGE, Clockwise from upper right: Richard Palmers stunning 1956 Chrysler 300B. Keith Cambra's Lincoln Wagon! Gene Mendez and Dave Bartz' 560SL with Eric Whitney' matching white 560SL. Marty Hanson's 89 Buick Reatta. Freewheelers gather and tire kick. Stuart Gunn receives his well deserved parting gifts!



Your new Board of Directors:

*Front row: Peter Escobedo, Keith Cambra, Tom Ortiz, Henry Hopkins, Larry Salvador
Back Row: Bill Peachee, Jay Remick, Eric Whitney, Brian McCann. (missing Michael Sousa)*

The Board needs YOU!

We still have two Member-at-Large positions open. The MALs round out the representation of the membership and helping the planning and execution of events. As a member of the Board, you also help with the policies and direction of the Freewheelers. Members-at-Large can also help to fill in at events when other members can not attend. The Board meets once a month on the third Wednesday and the meetings are always high-spirited and fun. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please email or call one of the members listed at the front of the Flyer.



THIS PAGE, Above: John McCue's 1968 Cadillac Eldorado. Carl Bailey's stylish 1972 Buick Riviera. Does that thing have a Hemi in it... why Yes! Enjoying the sunny festive meeting room for lunch.



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 \$50 (includes access to our club roster, monthly newsletter, and privileged website access). You can also pay using your PayPal account by remitting to renewal@thefreewheelers.net and submitting your information under separate cover!



Couples have 2 Options:

First option - Membership is \$50 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 \$50 individually. In this option, both of you can receive your own copy of the Newsletter and Roster[†]. Submit check(s) totaling \$100 to the address below.

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.

GO GREEN! Members have the option of receiving the monthly newsletter and/or annual roster in either a hard copy form or as an electronic document available to members only that can be printed out on the website. Please select below as to how you would like to receive the newsletter and/or roster (NOTE: no selection will default to "No" hardcopy):

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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		

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Primary Membership(s): _____ @ \$50 each = \$_____ (includes one Roster and monthly Flyer per paid membership)

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Total payment included: \$_____

Please send this form and your check or Money Order (drawn in U.S. funds) to:
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Welcome New & Returning Members!

Gabriel Quinto & Glen Nethercut

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Cars: 1976 Lancia Beta HPE Shooting Brake Estate Wagon
1987 Alfa Romeo Milan/75 Sport Sedan
1994 Mazda Miata MX-5 Convertible
2013 Fiat 500 Turbo

Glenn Camporelli

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Elk Grove, CA 95758
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Cars: 1965 Cadillac Coupe DeVille 2dr Hdtp
1973 Volkswagen Beetle

Michael Montoya & Rosendo Rodriguez

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2011 Acura TSX Wagon

Joe Wray & Rob Wray Martin

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Car: 1981 Mercedes-Benz 380SL Roadster

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2013

Sun., 2/24: **SAVE THE DATE** for the "Hiller Aviation Museum tour with the Packard Club! Details on page 3.

Wed., 2/20: **SAVE THE DATE** Board Meeting at Coldwell Banker, 2355 Market Street SF. All members are welcome to attend. 7pm.

April 2013

Sun., 4/28: **SAVE THE DATE** for the Freewheelers Day on the Bay aboard the USS Potomac.

May 2013

Sun., 5/19: **SAVE THE DATE** for the Marin Sonoma Concours d' Elegance.

<http://marinsonomaconcours.org/>

July 2013

Thurs-Sun., 7/11-14: **SAVE THE DATE** for the West Coast Meet in San Luis Obispo

NOTE: Calendar listings are subject to change without notice.

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