

Flyer

FREEWHEELERS



Tim Taylor's and Ken Zander's 1956 Chevrolet Nomad Wagon is quite a stunning example of the every man's car of the 1950s.

Bring Your Bow Tie...and Some Apple Pie!

—by Marty Hanson

On the heels of (or perhaps out of) an historic West Coast Meet in July, I'm looking forward to next year's event when Great Autos of Yesteryear will be hosting! Chevrolet will be the featured vehicle next year and for me, that conjured up vision of ubiquitous 1957 Bel Airs...or Chevelles, Camaros and Novas in various states of "donk-ness."

Slogans such as "See the U.S.A. in Your Chevrolet," "Baseball, Hotdogs, Apple Pie and Chevrolet," "The Heartbeat of America" and "Like a Rock" are as ingrained in Americana as, well...baseball, hotdogs and apple pie! Chevys have long been the "every-man's" car and not necessary of interest to collectors – especially of the gay car clubs, as we are typically lured to the more high-end makes like Cadillac, Imperial and Lincoln. Of course, these luxury marques take less of a "beating" than your everyday driver and consequently can be found in relative good, low-mileage condition.

Chevys (and Fords for that matter) tended to be the work horses and were driven into the ground...making the possibility of finding a decent survivor more difficult. On the other hand, you could probably pick up a well-preserved Chevette for a song! Speaking of songs, Don McLean immortalized Chevys in his classic ballad "American Pie!"

In any event, I thought I'd take a look at our club roster and see what Chevys the Freewheelers have in our corral. As it turns out, we have over 40 listings – from John Jung's 1954 Corvette Race/Rally Car to Sal Sperandio's 2014 Corvette Stingray Coupe! And it's not just Corvettes! There are several Bel Airs, Impalas and Corvairs, as well as a couple of vintage Chevy pickups!

Who can forget Gui Velez's over-the-top 1959 Impala Convertible with all the bells and whistles? Or Tim Taylor's and Ken Zander's impeccable 1956 Nomad Wagon?

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President's Message

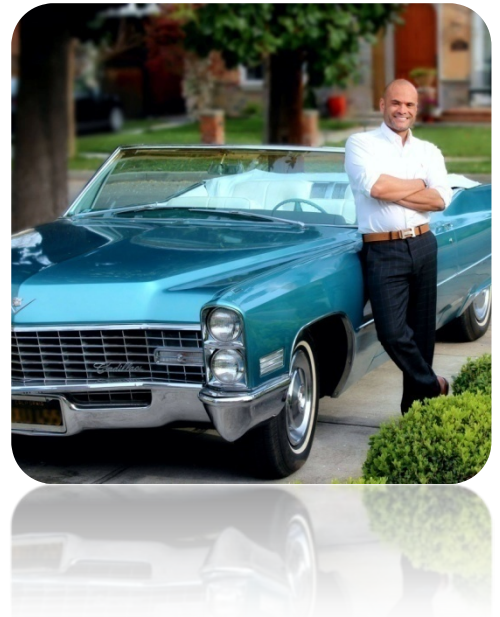
If you haven't been on the club's website lately, take a peek. It has been completely revamped and updated. I hope you like it and find it user friendly with all of the club information you need.

One of the perks of being a Freewheeler is meeting a broad variety of people in the club and experiencing their individual passion for cars. The friendships we create can last years and run deep and over the years I have met some great men and women that I'm glad to call friends. One of those very special friends that I was fortunate enough to meet was Jeff Holman. Jeff and I met four years ago on a club tour in the south bay and in that short time we grew to become very close friends. I admired him for his wit, his intelligence and above all his genuineness. His knowledge of all things mechanical astounded me and his sense of humor always made me laugh. I genuinely enjoyed the time we spent together, whether they be car functions or work related (we were both Realtors). My friendship with Jeff was constant and effortless like all friendships should be.

Unfortunately Jeff lost a battle with cancer a couple of weeks ago, and this loss has left void in my life that won't soon be replaceable. He is survived by his family and husband of twenty-six years, Mark Alfenito. Over the years our club has lost many fascinating individuals and although the loss to our club is great we are much richer for having known them and experienced their passion, after all, it's what makes our club great. At the next club tour or event take a minute to meet someone new, talk to someone you've never spoken to, or learn something new about someone you've known for a while. Who knows, if you're lucky enough, you just might make a new friend.

Peter Escobedo

President, Freewheelers Car Club



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A CENTURY RIDE THROUGH Sonoma County



Saturday
September 17, 2016

Spend the day traveling the back roads and
by-ways of Sonoma County.

We will meet in the parking lot of the First Missionary Baptist Church at 375 Calistoga Road, Santa Rosa CA.

*Coffee and donuts will be served next door at Marilyn & Dave Chiotti's home (305 Calistoga Road). Tour maps
and a goodie bag will be provided for each car.*

Please arrive at the meeting spot with a full tank of gas at 9:00 AM

The Route, departing promptly at 10:30 AM:

*(please note, there are **NO** gas stations along the route)*

- First stop "Jim Town" in Alexander Valley, east of Healdsburg. **(15 min. stop)**
- Then travel through Dry Creek Valley and the Russian River Area with a stop at Goat Rock State Park for a serving of **Clam Chowder** (1:00-1:30 pm)
- South on Highway 1 through Bodega Bay and the town of Bodega where Alfred Hitchcock filmed "THE BIRDS"
- Next stop, Jim Sinnes's place to see "WHAT'S NEW"
- Last stop, the town of Occidental with a late lunch/early dinner at the Union Hotel: Salad, Pasta, Chicken and Bread with **NO HOST BAR**

For those choosing to spend the night in Sonoma County, lodgings are available in Sebastopol, Santa Rosa & Rohnert Park. Camp sites are also available at Jim Sinnes's for Saturday night. Call Jim to reserve a spot: 707-823-5397

Cost \$45.00 per person. For more information, contact Dave or Marilyn: dechiotti@aol.com or 707-539-6073
RSVP* thru email invitation -or- send \$45.00 per person by check with names of attendees to The
Freewheelers c/o 1588 Willow Oaks Drive, San Jose, CA 95125

(Directions to the meeting place on next page.)

***PLEASE RSVP by SEPTEMBER 1st**

September 17th Tour – Driving Directions to the Meeting Place

From the South: Highway 101 North to Santa Rosa. Highway 12 East (Sonoma). Left turn on to Calistoga Road. 375 Calistoga Road will be on your left.	From the North: Highway 101 South to Santa Rosa. Highway 12 East (Sonoma). Left turn on to Calistoga Road. 375 Calistoga Road will be on your left.
From the East: Highway 80 South to Highway 12 West. Highway 12 through the town of Sonoma. Right turn on to Calistoga Road. 375 Calistoga Road will be on your left.	From the West: Highway 12 to Calistoga Road Left on to Calistoga Road. 375 Calistoga Road will be on your left.



Drag Queens Generate Funds for the Rainbow Community Center!



Thanks to all who participated in Drag Queen Bingo at this year's West Coast Meet in Atascadero! Our glam gals shook them balls and called out 10 games for fun and prizes, along with the assistance of our Bingo Master, Glen Taber! Proceeds of \$200 were donated to the Rainbow Community Center in Concord to help with their continued LGBT outreach!



LET'S ALL GO TO RAMS HEAD



Join your fellow Freewheelers on Sunday, October 9th for a tour of the fabulous Ramshead Museum in Sacramento. You are in for a real treat as you peruse 10,000 square feet of eye candy. This unique museum space resembles an automobile dealership showroom from the '40s, '50s and '60s complete with a motorized turntable showcasing the car of the month.

Along the side interior wall is a local artist's recreation of the typical '40s diner. Some '40s looking characters are seated in the diner while their cars, new then, are actually parked in front. Along the rear wall are two billboards from the 1950s depicting a Levi Strauss ad, and Bing Crosby advertising Chesterfield cigarettes and Mercury. Cars enter through a stone-faced arched tunnel opening carved out of a very real rendition of a foliage laden hill.

The day will begin with coffee, donuts and tire kicking in the museum parking lot. After touring the collection, we will caravan to the beautiful river-front home of John White and Doug Alcorn where after parking our cars concourse style on the lower lawn. We also will enjoy a special catered luncheon in their commodious backyard facing the river.

This is an event you don't want to miss! Watch for the event invitation at the end of this month. Hope to see you there...it should be a gay old time!



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Or Kerry Garner's adorkable 1977 Vega Estate Wagon?? We even have a Camaro – 2010 ...and Jeremy Sanford lists a 2014 Volt to woo the hi-tech crowd! So I think the Freewheelers have the bases well covered – there's that baseball metaphor again! Just a note for those of you on the fence or in the market, we could use a few more Camaros, Chevelles and Novas!

Come the summer of 2017 (and it *will* come), the Freewheelers will have some spectacular cars to include in the "featured" class, along with all the other marques that grace our club. I was once told NOT to bring a car of the featured class as it improves your odds of winning in the other classes! Bring you "bowtie" and see the USA – or at least Cambria Pines – in your Chevrolet in 2017 and happy motoring!



Gui Velez's 1959 Chevrolet Impala Convertible



Scott Mikkelson's 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Convertible



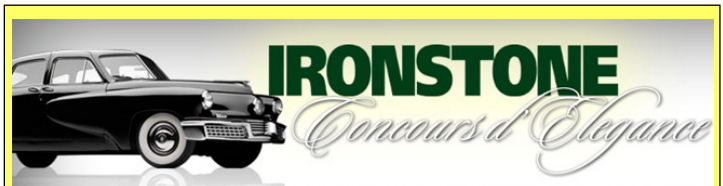
Kerry Garner's 1977 Chevrolet Vega Estate Wagon



Peter Escobedo's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Coupe



Sal Sperandio's 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Coupe



The Ironstone Concours d'Elegance is Saturday, September 24, in Murphys and for those in attendance, member Blake Weston would like to extend an invitation to all Freewheelers and their guests to attend a party at my home in Columbia, CA, afterwards. The party will begin about 4 p.m. and end at 7. Food will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. There'll be plenty of parking. E-mail Blake at Westonlaw@aol.com for directions from Murphys.



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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday, 09/11: Board of Directors Meeting at 11 a.m.
– contact any board member for details.

Sunday, 09/11: Oakland Pride. For more information, visit www.oaklandpride.org.

Saturday, 09/17: "100 Mile" Drive Tour from the south to the North Bay. See page 3 for details.

Sunday, 09/18: Danville Concours d'Elegance. Visit www.danville-delegance.org for more information.

Saturday, 09/24: Ironstone Concours d'Elegance in Murphys. Visit www.ironstonefoundation.org for more information. For information on the post event party at Blake Weston's, see page 6.

Saturday, 09/24: The Central Coast Car Club Member's September Event in Buellton at the Flying Flags RV Resort for the very popular Vintage Trailer Rally. Meet at Ellen's Danish Pancake House at 9 am for breakfast before the short walk next door to the RV resort. We'll be seeing a few familiar faces as well as some new vehicles, trailers and vintage sales items. Contact Jim at jsleejr@aol.com for more information.

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday, 10/02: Board of Directors Meeting at 11 a.m.
– contact any board member for details.

Sunday, 10/09: Ramshead Collection Tour and luncheon on the river in Sacramento. See page 4 for more information!

Sunday, 10/23: The Central Coast Car Club Member's October Event will be a Paso Robles Wine country rally and lunch. Details to follow.

NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday, 11/06: Board of Directors Meeting at 11 a.m.
– contact any board member for details.

DECEMBER 2016

Sunday, 12/11: Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party in Concord. Details to follow.

NOTE: Calendar listings subject to change without notice.



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