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President's Message

November already...how the time has flown as we're wrapping up the Freewheelers' 40th year. We want to once again acknowledge our new members who keep the club alive and kicking, as well as provide new enthusiasm, talent and insight. And as such, I hope you can join us at our New Members Recognition Luncheon this month in Concord when we'll make it official!

We'll be closing 2018 with our annual Holiday Party in Pleasanton in December, and kicking off 2019 with our Annual Business and Planning Meeting in January – once again, at the cozy Vallejo Yacht Club. Lots of changes are in store for 2019, so we're hoping as many members as possible can attend and provide your support and input.

I'll be stepping down from the board after 12 years, currently serving as Club President and Newsletter Editor, so we'll be looking to fill those and other positions in 2019. I've been honored to serve on the board member as the club and its activities have always been a source of great enjoyment and camaraderie to me, and service has been my way of giving back. I am also very proud of how this club's board of directors has weathered every challenge put before it, and has kept the club on its designated course and true to its mission.

I highly recommend serving to any member and hope some new members will accept the challenge. I myself will continue to be active in the club and will contribute behind the scenes where I can in the days ahead. I look forward to the future growth of this club and hope to see you at future events. Until then....

Happy Motoring!

Marty Hanson

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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NOVEMBER EVENT - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME LUNCHEON!



Join us on Sunday, November 18 as we are planning a New Members Lunch at the Buchanan Airfield in Concord where we can hang in the hangars with cars and watch the planes! For any new club member as of our last New Members Lunch, the event is on us...no fee!

Join us in the main parking lot (see aerial photo below) for tire kicking and coffee; we'll have signs and directions there to the hangar where the lunch will be held (walking distance). We're planning a picnic style lunch with burgers-and-dogs and all the fixin's to be served around noon. We hope you can join us....especially the newbies!

At a glance

What: New Members Welcome Lunch

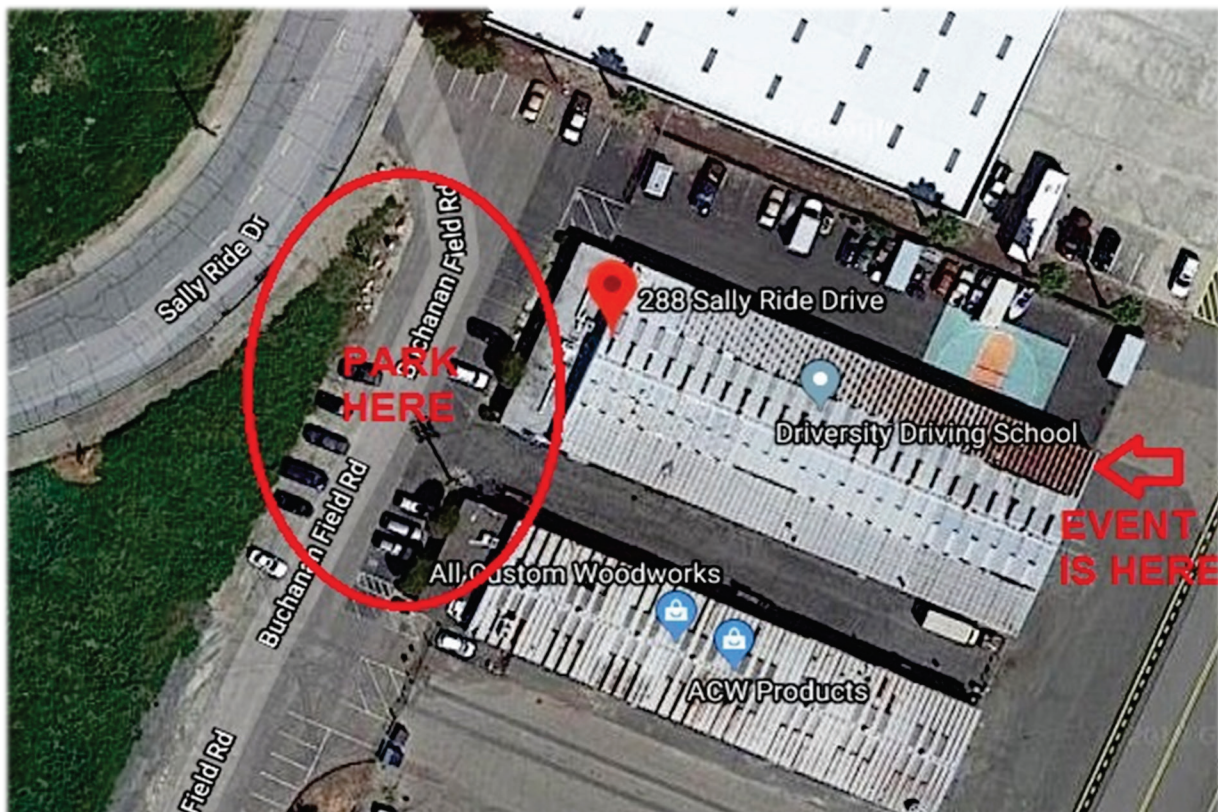
Where: Buchanan Airfield, 288 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA 94520

When: Sunday, November 18, 11 a.m.

Fee: \$20 includes lunch (no charge for new members)

RSVP: Please register via the link provided in the forthcoming email invitation.

Questions? Please contact Gregg Cannella at 925-899-5167 glamgfc@msn.com



December 2018 – Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 9; Join us at the Veterans Hall in Pleasanton where once again we'll hold our holiday gathering. Weather permitting, bring one of your classics and receive preferential parking right across from the hall! It'll be fun and festive to assemble a lot full of classics and create our own Merry Little Holiday Concours!

Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelson will once again be our Chefs de Jour with a menu that promises to be truly lavish and beyond fabulous! You may want to wear your "pantalones de buffet." We'll also have the gift raffle again so you can do some holiday shopping!



January 2019 – Annual Business & Planning Meeting



Save the date: **Sunday, January 27, 2019** for our 2019 Annual Business and Planning Meeting at the beautiful Vallejo Yacht Club in Vallejo.

Join your fellow Freewheelers and your Board of Directors where we will enjoy a catered lunch and the camaraderie of your friends as we recap 2018's accomplishments and talk about our plans for 2019. We will also be looking for nominations for open board positions as well as ideas for 2019 events.

Time to Renew Your Membership for 2019



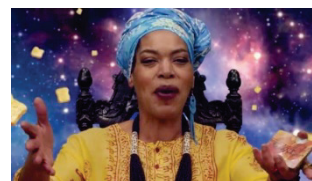
It's time to renew your membership with your club, the Fabulous Freewheelers! Joining now will cover your membership for the remainder of this year and all of next year. Our 2018 events have been very well received and attended, and our 2019 line-up promises to be excellent as well! A record number of members have switched to our online Flyer and interactive online Roster. Members who choose this option pay just \$35 annually. Or you can pay \$60 to receive hard copies of both the Flyer and Roster in the mail (which reflects the actual printing and distribution costs).

Feel free to fill out your application online, or use the application included in this issue of the Flyer (page 9). 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! You can still mail your completed application in along with a signed check (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.

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.

Just a reminder – Miss Cleo is dead, so if you've had any changes to your membership information since last time (address, phone, email, cars, partners, etc.), PLEASE submit an updated form so we have your most current information – we're not psychic! Thank you in advance for being – or becoming – a Freewheelers!





Freewheelers Enjoy October in the East Bay

– by Scott Mikkelsen

Wow! What a great tour! Hopefully everyone reading this was actually a part of the day. We started the day by meeting up and kicking tires at the Chase Bank parking lot in Martinez. And by “kicking tires” I actually mean eating treats, sucking coffee and mingling with 60 other club members! And we had a great turnout of new members and first-on-tour cars as well.

New members included Brooke Russo and Tambria Turco who brought their incredible 1963 Cadillac Series 62 convertible, Cary Yamamoto with his 1968 Mercury Cougar coupe, Jeff King and Mike Zeri brought their 1969 Mercury Cougar convertible, and Rex Allen who drove his super clean Lexus sedan.

Other first-on-tours included David Schnitzer’s REALLY RED 2003 Porsche 911, and Kris Summitt’s freshly restored 1968 Chevrolet Malibu 2-door hardtop – this Malibu was originally owned by Kris’s mom, Judy Summitt, who was also at the event!

Around 11, event host Bill Hall gathered us together to discuss tour details and to hand out directions for the drive portion of the event. President Marty Hanson acknowledged new members and first-on-tours. We then walked across the street and visited the John Muir Museum and historical site which included a short film presentation, and a docent-led tour of the historic homes and accompanying orchards on the adjacent property.

A brisk morning turned out to be a perfect day as we headed back to our vehicles for a beautiful 20 mile drive tour through some of the Alhambra Valley’s rural back roads. We ended our drive with a prearranged luncheon at a cute little sandwich shop in Orinda called “Giopetto’s Caffè” that opened just for us Freewheelers and had sandwich lunches and beverages ready to go! After a great lunch and more camaraderie, we began making our way home.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Bill Hall and his partner David Estillo for putting together this lovely tour – including mapping out the drive tour, and making arrangements in advance with the museum and restaurant. We hope that more people will get involved with organizing future events!



First on Tours included Brooke Russo's & Tambria Turco's 1963 Cadillac Series 62 convertible, Cary Yamamoto's 1968 Mercury Cougar coupe, Jeff King's & Mike Zeri's 1969 Mercury Cougar convertible, Kris Summitt's 1968 Chevrolet Malibu coupe and David Schnitzers 2003Porsche 911. 1985 & 1972 Rivieras reunite.



A brisk morning at the John Muir Historical Site warranted coffee with Stuart Gunn, Keith Cambra, Tom Ortiz and Marty Hanson.



Clockwise from top-left: KODE 3 Z in classic orange! Stephen Quirolo's shirt matches his car! Docent-led tour of Muir Manor. The German Invasion!



Jake Tapia strikes a pose in front of Muir Manor



Freewheelers have arrived at Giopetto's!



Fall colors and classics in Orinda.

On the Road with the Freewheelers

— by Christopher Slater

Near the end of September is a Concours, held on a Saturday, which a large group of Freewheelers return to year after year. Our destination is the 400 antique, classic, and milestone collector cars which comprise the annual Ironstone Concours d'Elegance.

Such classic names as Cadillac, Duesenberg, Lincoln, Packard, Stutz, Bentley and Rolls-Royce are given special parking in the Ironstone amphitheater. Surrounding the amphitheater are fields of manicured green lawn that stretch seemingly to the horizon. Everywhere you look are beautifully restored American and European cars from the 1920s through the 1960s. But when it comes to the Freewheelers there's always more, so much more.

For the large group of Freewheelers who decided to caravan to Ironstone, things got off to an early start on Friday with a rendezvous at Dave Gilberts home in Livermore. Coffee and donuts were offered in abundance as we explored Dave's collection of Edsels and awaited the departure of our group.

The drive to Ironstone along Highway 4 and into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada is incredibly picturesque. Made even more so by our caravan of brightly colored collector cars. Along the way we were treated to miles of tree groves, rolling hills of golden grasses, and finally a grand entrance into the Gold mining town of Murphys. The weather was fantastic and I had a most enjoyable ride with Jeff Wood in his 1964 Lincoln Continental sedan, resplendent in its aqua paint and matching aqua leather interior.

Soon after our arrival in Murphy's we managed to reserve a group of tables at an outdoor restaurant that was uniquely situated at the entrance to town. Glen Taber had crafted large signs with the number "10" on each one so we could greet other classic cars as they arrived in town. We made quite a scene of ourselves as we waved our signs at new arrivals droving past the restaurant. One yellow Continental drove by us three times, perhaps seeking even more attention?

In the evening, Clint and Vickie Moore invited the Freewheelers to join them as they hosted their annual dinner party. The evening fete started with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres set around an immense kitchen which spilled over to seating around an outdoor gas fireplace. For the main course we were treated to a culinary competition as brother and sister Moore battled for the title of the best home-made lasagna. It was a contest in which we all got to enjoy the spoils of victory. Needless to say, no one left hungry that night.

Saturday morning we headed over to the Concours field at Ironstone. After helping Jeff Wood place his car among the other Lincolns and Cadillacs in his class, he and I set about walking the many fields of automobiles.



Dramatically placed on the first tier of the amphitheater lawn was a large class of Packards. Clint Moore displayed the Moore family 1946 Packard Custom Super Clipper Eight Limousine looking opulent in a silver-over-black paint scheme. A stunning 1931 Packard 845 Dietrich Sport Sedan was parked nearby, one of only two in existence. The sleek Dietrich coachwork on this 1931 Packard featured dark green paint over a beautiful wood and wool interior. Later in the day this car was presented with "The Most Elegant Closed Car" award.

In a special class for unrestored cars, we viewed Blake Weston's 1941 Packard 180 LeBaron Sport Sedan. This Packard was the Bees Knees of its class, so it was no surprise when he received the "Best Unrestored Car" award. It's also not



surprising that the 1926 Buick Standard Model 26-28 Opera Coupe, as shown by Dave and Marilyn Chiotti, received an Ironstone Award of Merit as this car is beautifully restored and rare automobile.

Standing out in a field of dark blue, dark green, and dark brown classic cars was a red and white striped Stutz that caught the attention of one Vickie Moore. Next to the Stutz was a Lincoln that was once used by the Hotel del Coronado to shuttle guests in the 1920's. Alone in its field was an absolutely stunning 1928 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A Castagna Commodore that would go on to win Best in Show.



One portion of the amphitheater lawn was dedicated to Jeeps and Jeepsters. A standout in the class was the 1967 Jeepster Commando Roadster of Kirk Wentland and Larry Camuso. After having led a storied life in Lodi, Kirk purchased the car and had it beautifully restored in bright red, complete with Lodi Swim Club logos on the doors.

As we continued our way up the lawn we were treated to row after row of amazing cars. Jeff and I stopped to take stock of the Thunderbird class where Bill Peachee and Gregg Canella had entered their beautiful birds.

The very top of the hill featured a special class of 1958 Edsels. This year is the 60th anniversary of the introduction of the Edsel brand and the Freewheelers were out in force with their colorful examples. In the line of aqua, white, black, and red cars was Ted Downer's Bermuda Station Wagon, which received a class award, and two of Dave Gilbert's 1958 Edsels, a Citation convertible and Citation sedan.

Next to the Edsels was a class of vintage trailers, paired with classic cars that required a closer look. The trailers beckon you to explore them with period displays inside and outside of these amazing homes on wheels. Even the owners were dressed for the occasion in period costumes.

Another feature of this year's Ironstone was a special class of race cars from the early 1910s. These cars made an exhibition run on a dirt racetrack that was specifically constructed for the event. The drivers and riding mechanics put on quite a show in their dust coats, hats and goggles, driving their cars with moxy. The price paid for the rest of the field was the creation of a slowly drifting cloud of dust that made its way across the fields of collector cars.

Off we went to another field of cars; this one was filled with more than a 100 American cars of the 1950s and 1960s. In addition to Jeff Wood's 1964 Lincoln, we discovered Tom Halloran's white 1972 Eldorado and Scott Mikkelson's 1970 Mercury Marauder X-100, along with Jay Remick's 1971 Lincoln Continental Mark III.

Further down the field were classes of Jaguars, Triumphs, MGs, Nash Healeys, Porsches and Alfa Romeos. The curators of the Ironstone Concours ensure that every type of collector car, domestic and foreign, was to be seen at this record event of 401 entries.

For the second time in as many years the Amphicar owners were giving charity rides in the nearby pond. Todd Darling ensured that every Amphicar virgin enjoyed a ride and received a little rubber ducky to commemorate their baptism. It seems that these cars were unsinkable as they drove around the pond all day with water reaching up to the gunwales. Or perhaps they only seemed to be unsinkable.

During the last ride of the day the unthinkable happened and Todd's car sprung a leak while transporting one of the Concours chairs. Nonplussed, Todd headed back to the ramp and parked the car so the water could be bailed out and the car returned to dry land. Here's to Todd for bringing the Concours chairs back safely!

When all the awards are handed out there is still more fun to be had at Blake Weston's Ironstone *After-Party*, held at his lovely home. This year over 100 people turned out to enjoy Blake's generous hospitality and to be entertained with recordings played on his famous reproducing piano.

For many of us this September Concours has become the toast of the Concours calendar. We would enjoy seeing even more Freewheelers join us for the caravan, the dinner parties and the show. Consider yourself invited and please add this wonderful event to your 2019 Concours calendar.



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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2018

- Sunday the 4th, 2018 – Board Meeting at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord.
- Sunday the 11, 2018 – Veteran's Day Car Show in Yountville with the Packard Club
- Sunday the 18th, 2018 – New Members Brunch (see page 3 for details)

DECEMBER 2018

- Sunday the 9th, 2018 – Freewheelers Holiday Party in Pleasanton

JANUARY 2019

- Sunday the 27th, 2019 – Freewheelers Annual Business and Planning meeting in Vallejo

NOTE: Dates/events subject to change.

NOTE: Club Board Meetings are typically held the first Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rainbow Community Center in Concord, and are open to all members. Contact a board member if you're interested in attending.



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