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Morgan Von Ruden's 1966 Dodge Monaco 500 Coupe is ready for a tour of the Côte d'Obispo!.

A Tasty Pirate's Treasure Awaited at the New Member Brunch

– by Marty Hanson

Ahoy Mateys! Clear skies were a Pirate's delight for the Freewheelers 2012 New Member Brunch at the clubhouse. As was a feast fit for a Pirate's Captain, artfully and deliciously catered by Central Valley Freewheelers Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelson.

Several of us arrived at the clubhouse early to set-up for the event as guests began arriving around 11 a.m. President Stuart Gunn had his elegant 1963

Cadillac Fleetwood parked out front and the clubhouse garage bore the skull and crossbones above the entrance so travelers could easily find their destination.

Among the gathering of classic cars, there were several first-on-tour vehicles including new members Doug Tamo's and David Platt's jaunty 1967 MG-B roadster, Dave Siewe's stunning 1967 Lincoln Continental, and brand new member Steve Handley's quirky 1990 Honda

ACTY mini truck (Steve signed up that day)!

Other first-on-tours included Mike Zampiceni's 2005 BMW 330i Sedan, Mike Carney's 1999 Mazda Miata roadster, Roger Emmett's and Geoff Caccamo's 1969 Porsche 912, and Bob Krambuhl's 2011 Ford Ranger pickup. Other new members in attendance included Bill Rogstad and David Siewe. Welcome all!

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President's Message...

West Coast Meet is the place to be in July!

Decorations are being assembled and tweaked by Scott Mikkelson and Todd Darling, Larry Salvador and Chris Slater. Parking Chair Marty Hanson, pencil in hand, is reviewing the parking lot to find the perfect spot for all the beautiful cars that will be arriving at the Embassy Suites. Registration Chair Jay Remick has charts and graphs of who has decided on fish versus beef, which size golf shirts everyone thinks they can fit into and fielding questions from attendees. Freewheelers have been practicing their dance steps and volunteering to lend a hand wherever they are needed. And West Coast Meet Chairs Peter Escobedo and Clint Moore have been keeping a close eye on us all.

If those of you attending the event have not yet done so, now would be an excellent time to have the vehicle(s) you're bringing checked out. You or your mechanic should pay special attention to tires (tread and inflation), brakes, fluids, hoses, belts and wiring. Think how tiresome it would be to stand on a wind-swept shoulder of 101 outside Gonzalez while your beauty suffers from something that could easily have been fixed at home. And think how uncomfortable you'll be while she slowly turns her headlights toward you with a reproachful glance. The Coupe de Ville has finally been reassembled and had the once over from our excellent mechanic at High Street Auto and she's rarin' to go.

Remember the infamous King City speed trap. Slow down as you approach the town; don't give them an opportunity to spoil your weekend with a speeding ticket. While never having received one personally (I think two or three of King City's Finest are cousins of some sort), I hear they have a bee in their helmets for classic cars. The drive to West Coast Meet should be a leisurely trip, anyway. Unlike certain First Dudes I could mention ("hey! The Coupe doesn't vibrate even at ninety-five!"), we're not trying to set speed records.

So, polish up your beauties, pack your bags, and get ready for a swelligant weekend!

Keep 'em rolling,

Stuart Gunn

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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The Côte Approacheth!

Darlings, can you believe Côte d'Obispo is only a few days away? Why, I've just sent Marco ahead with my steamer trunks to ready my suite. The poor dear has been working tirelessly on decorations and other projects to make the whole weekend just right. I felt so bad, I nearly put down my martini and offered Lady Andertramp's assistance.



I hope you've been putting that last coat of wax on your Personal Luxury Vehicle so it's as pristine as all the featured cars that will be gleaming front and center in the parking lot. And what else will be in the parking lot, darlings? Brand new Cadillacs for you to test drive! We've been promised at least 2 XTS's. When I found that out I

simply plotzed because I've yet to see one in person!

Friday night will be a smash hit! Duchess de Deux Rûn-Rûn and her band of stylists and fashionistas from Europe and the Central Valley have really pulled out all the stops for the Haute Côte-ture cat walk. Pair that with the special presentation by the representatives from Cadillac, and you've got a top drawer dinner thingie, darlings! It's not too late to register.

And speaking of registering, there's still room if you've just realized you haven't signed up yet, though I can't imagine anyone not wanting to spend a weekend with moi. Of course, there is the \$25 late fee at this point, but that's a mere pittance when you consider all the entertainment, cars, men and booze to be had.



Don't forget to friend me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KountdeBoozo to get live updates from the event, and like the West Coast Meet Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/West-Coast-Meet-2012-Côte-dObispo/127540977334784 to receive any last minute details.

See you at the Côte!

Kan-Pai!

Count de Boozo



YOU CAN STILL REGISTER AT WWW.THEFREEWHEELERS.NET THROUGH JULY 10TH!

The Freewheelers at San Francisco Pride

This year the Freewheelers again had the opportunity to assist with the transportation of Pride Grand Marshals. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their participation and support!

Considering that large corporations pay tens and even hundreds of thousands of dollars for exposure to the LGBT demographic, we were able to capture a lot of attention for a minimal cost by driving the grand marshals. More importantly, our efforts provide an important service to the LGBT community.

Finding your way to the parade, driving through the "crazy" crowds, sweating bullets wondering, "will I overheat?" And yes, filling (in most cases) a large tank with \$4.00/gallon gasoline does not go unrecognized by the community.

This year's Pride was truly a wonderful event. A big **THANK YOU** to all again for your generosity, diligence, mechanical skills and for making this year's Pride a success for the Freewheelers! Thanks to John McCue, James Lindstrom, Jim Finley, Giulio Dedini, Tony Russomanno, Glen Taber, Bob Pullum, Joey Mancino, and Kent Johnson.

- John Kiszla, Pride Parade Coordinator

"Sunday Drivers" Tour & Pool Party



Join us on Sunday, August 5, for a delightful day in the spectacular south bay! We will meet at Pacific Shores Center (those of you who attended Friendship Day are familiar with the location – directions below), then take a leisurely drive through the hills...so leisurely that bicyclist will shake their fist and yell "Sunday Drivers!" as our classic cars roll by!

The tour will wind up at the lovely home of Bill Burks and John Adams, in the Emerald Hills area of Redwood City where we'll enjoy a summertime lunch BBQ and pool party. Be sure to RSVP so we can get an accurate head count for lunch.

Parking is VERY LIMITED at their home and the roads are narrow and winding, so we want to encourage folks to carpool for the venture up to Jack and Bill's. But be sure to bring your appetite...and sunblock!

At a Glance:

What:	"Sunday Drivers" Tour and Pool Party
When:	Sunday, August 5, 2012, 11:00 am
Where:	Bayfront Park, then Jack & Bill's hillside home in Emerald Hills
Fee:	\$20 event fee includes lunch at the pool party
RSVP:	RSVP to the eVite or contact Stuart at 510-482-1191

DIRECTIONS TO PACIFIC SHORES CENTER: From the North: Take Highway 101 South, exit Woodside Rd./ Seaport Blvd. ramp (from the South: take Highway 101 North, exit Woodside Rd./ Seaport Blvd. ramp) then follow signs for Seaport Blvd. Keep left at the fork and merge onto Seaport Blvd., heading East, and continue straight on Seaport Blvd. to the end of the road.

THE FREEWHEELERS 28TH ANNUAL BENEFIT CAR SHOW

"Pride in Education"

Sunday, September 9th, 2012

Mark your calendars now for a fun filled day of cars, activities and friends at the Freewheelers 28th Annual Benefit Car Show.

Building on the success of last year's event, where we displayed fifty of our finest vehicles, our co-host and beneficiary, the Mission Beacon Initiative is engaging the community to sponsor activities that will make this year's event the best ever.

The proceeds from last year's event funded an educational outing to our nation's capitol, Washington D.C. for 10 inner city youth. This year we hope to generate even more and send 20 qualified youth. The staff of the Mission Beacon Initiative has taken on the task of promoting this event to the community through Supervisor Scott Weiner's office, local press, community outreach, and event day participation. The recipients of last year's funding will be working with us at the event to collect attendance donations and monitor event traffic.

In addition to the cars displayed on the field, we will also need two cars to be placed as "billboards" - one in the Castro, the other near Delores Park.

The planning committee is also in the process of contracting with local food vendors to supply food and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the day.

Show your "Pride In Education" and fill out your registration form (see page 10) today!

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As tire-kicking ensued in the parking lot, friendly Freewheelers worked fastidiously to set up some more pirate's décor, as well as chairs and buffet tables for the brunch. Coffee and "Pirate's Booty" munchies were already set up as was the registration table, aptly handled by Stuart. And pirates' eye patches were given to all in attendance.

Around noon, Stuart announced the opening of the renowned and much-anticipated Darling-Mikkelson brunch to attendees, as others ventured outside to gather in those still enjoying the cars and the sunshine. A long line soon formed, with new members getting first dibs at the grub. Stuart then took the opportunity to introduce the new members to us veterans for which we welcomed them with applause.

The pirate-themed buffet included pork ribs, corn on the cob, baked beans, macaroni and potato salads, and Barnacle Bill's hot-crossed Buns! Cold water and an assortment of beverages were also on hand for thirsty diners – welcome refreshments for such an unusually warm day on the bay.

Conversational groups soon formed in the cool of the clubhouse garage as guests enjoyed a hardy meal. Some even went back for second helpings as Todd set out dessert platters of luscious lemon squares. Others were lured back outside by the balmy weather to enjoy more tire-kicking and conversation.

Freewheelers began heading out around 2 p.m. to enjoy the rest of their day after a delightful and delectable bunch shared with friends. Many, many thanks go to Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelson for yet another fabulous brunch buffet – certainly the main qualifier of another successful Freewheelers event! And thanks to all who helped set up and clean up – we appreciate your enthusiasm and dedication to the best car club around!





PREVIOUS PAGE: Scalawag Henry welcomes arrivals to the New Member Brunch under the watchful eye of the Jolly Roger. President Stuart Gunn cheerfully mans the registration table.

THIS PAGE, top-to-bottom: Dave Siewe's first-on-tour 1967 Lincoln Continental was a popular draw. Derek Liecny and Steve Owsley "talk" Supras with Derek's 1985 on the left and Steve's 1982 on the right. The British contingent included Walter Caplan's 1967 Jaguar XKE roadster and new members Doug Tamo's & David Platt's first-on-tour 1967 MG-B roadster.

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



THIS PAGE, top-to-bottom: More first-on-tours included new member Steve Handley's 1990 Honda ACTY mini truck and Mike Carney's 1999 Mazda Miata roadster. Promotions Director John Kiszla also brought his 1969 Lincoln Continental Mark III.



COUNTER CLOCKWISE from top left: More first-on-tours – Roger Emmett’s & Geoff Caccamo’s 1969 Porsche 912, Bob Krambuhl’s 2011 Ford Ranger pickup, and Mike Zampiceni’s 2005 BMW 330i sedan. Ralf Schubert’s 2002 BMW Z-3 roadster join the Bavarian contingent. Tables are prepared for the pirate’s bounty buffet, complete with “torches.” The chow line soon forms to enjoy the delectable treats. Freewheelers take part in the bountiful feast that was the New Member’s Brunch! Pirates of the C-A-A-A-Ribbean bedeck the coffee service table.

Peas, Petroliana, and Private Collections, Oh My!

by Carmi Standish

Well, tired of the suspense? Wanna know what the "never before done in the history of Great Autos" event is for September? Okay, okay, keep your peas in your pod already! Yes, just when you thought the quaint little town of **Buellton** was just a place to stop for gas on the way to the West Coast Meet...it isn't! It's more....MUCH more! It's home to the fabulous *Mendenhall Museum* and host hotel for the event, *Pea Soup Andersen's*!

The Mendenhall Museum is a private collection located in the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley (outside of Santa Barbara). The museum has one of the West Coast's largest petroliana collections including gasoline pumps, globes, and porcelain gas, oil, & road signs. There are also race cars, racing memorabilia, license plates, gas & oil items, and other miscellaneous antiques. Because this is their private residence, they are not open to the public. However, Great Autos has scheduled a private tour for our club! In addition, they have also agreed to create a Santa Maria style BBQ for us after our tour!



We have reserved a block of rooms just for us (under "Great Autos") and the information is listed below. AND we've decided to make it a whole lot more fun by inviting the Freewheelers! There'll be an area to park our cars in the back just for us and each room contains either two Queens or a King, a refrigerator AND a microwave! After you make your reservations, fill out the tear-off at the end of this article OR go on line and register for the event there! The room rate is less than \$125 inclusive (that means taxes included) per night and includes a continental breakfast!

THE GOOD STUFF. . .

Friday (9/28): For those that want to get there early, there's plenty to fill the day! There's fabulous wine tasting, the Ostrich & Emu Farm (we've done this and it's a kick!), nurseries filled with oddball plants and "yard art", water gardens, historical locations where filmshoots have taken place, museums, shopping and of course, the little town of Solvang!

Saturday morning (9/29) around 10:00a: We've carefully planned a nice, easy, yet scenic drive tour for you through the quaint country back roads of the Santa Ynez valley. We'll all meet at the host hotel around 10:00a.m. (this leaves enough time for those that are not coming on Friday, to get there on Saturday)! We'll meander through the countryside (to places I had never been until recently), driving our classics (or modern if you don't have a classic) enjoying the scenery, grapes hanging from the vines, wines waiting to be sampled and best of all...fresh air. We have a location planned for lunch (on your own) where you can pick and choose where and what to eat.

Saturday evening around 5:00p: We'll all meet at the hotel where instructions will be given on how to get to the Mendenhall Museum (we'll go as a group). Once there, we'll take a FABULOUS tour of autos and the largest collection of Petroliana memorabilia west of the Mississippi! After the tour, we'll dine within the collection on a true Santa Maria style BBQ, made up of tri-tip, beans, salad, bread, salsa, sodas, water and more! Beer and wine can be purchased for a measly \$3 at the bar!

Sunday (9/30): After breakfast, you're on your own. Some will want to head home but for others....there's plenty to do! Sue and I went recently and couldn't pack it all in!

\$40 per person is the activity fee which includes the personalized tour and bbq dinner! It's going to be a great weekend and will also give us a chance to see others outside of WCM in a totally different setting! Directions and more information in next month's newsletter, but DON'T WAIT! Get your reservations in now! Any questions, just give us a call (562) 427-2886!

Official Date of Event: Saturday, September 29, 2012 or Friday, September 28, 2012 for early birds

Name(s) attending:	_____	Arrival Date:	_____
Address:	_____	Day Phone:	_____
City/State/Zip	_____	Eve.Phone:	_____
Email:	_____	Cell Phone:	_____



Staying at Pea Soup Andersen's? _____ Yes _____ No

Reservation Phone: (805) 688-3216, Group Rate Code: Great Autos

EVENT FEE: _____ Tickets @ \$40 each

(includes personalized tour of the Mendenhall Museum & Santa Maria Style BBQ dinner)

Late Fee: _____ @ \$10 per person postmarked or registered after 8/31/12

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____

* If paying by check, make check payable to: Great Autos of Yesteryear and send to: Carmi Standish, Mendenhall Weekend, 3764 Country Club Drive, Long Beach, CA 90807

** If paying via Paypal, please note there is a nominal processing fee per order

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

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San Francisco

The 4th Wednesday of every month, 7p.m. Coldwell Banker, 2355 Market Street (parking garage access on 17th Street & Hartford). There are approximately 12 indoor, secure parking spaces available and are first-come, first-serve. We can close up the bay doors to lock up our cars after we meet, then grab a bite to eat at one of the local restaurants. Contact Mike Sousa at michaelsousa@princetoncap.com/650-533-0009.

East Bay

The 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. at Jim's Coffee Shop, 2333 Lincoln Ave., in Alameda. Contact Larry Salvador at 925-687-0727.

North Bay, Peninsula, Sacramento, & South Bay

We're looking for Hosts and a Venue for these areas! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact one of the board members.

Welcome New & Returning Members!

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Cars: 1937 Ford Deluxe

1951 Ford Victoria

1950 Tatra 600

1952 Mercury Monterey 2-door hardtop

1954 Mercury Monterey Sun Valley

1955 Dodge Custom Royal Lancer 2-door hardtop

1957 Lancia Appia Sedan

1958 Renault 4CV

1963 Citroën 2CV

1964 Pontiac Grand Prix Coupe

1966 Volkswagen Kombi Microbus

1975 Moto Guzzi 850-T3 Motorcycle

1983 Moto Guzzi Lemans III Motorcycle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2012

Thurs., 07/12 – Sun., 07/15: **SAVE THE DATE** for the 27th Annual West Coast Meet – “Côte d'Obispo” featuring personal luxury cars. Join us at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo in July. More information on page 3, register on line at www.thefreewheelers.net.

Wed., 07/18: Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light dinner, meeting 7-9 p.m.

Sun., 07/29: The 2012 Don Frolich Memorial National Meet at Portal Park in Cupertino. Details on page 9.

AUGUST 2012

Sun., 08/05: **SAVE THE DATE** for Peninsula Tour and Pool Party...details on page 4.

Wed., 08/15: Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light dinner, meeting 7-9 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2012

Sun., 09/09: **CHANGE OF DATE** for the 28th Annual Benefit Car Show in the Castro...details and registration form in this issue

Sat., 09/15: Modesto Pride Festival at Graceada Park in Modesto.

Wed., 09/19: Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light dinner, meeting 7-9 p.m.

Fri., 09/28 – Sun., 09/30: The Mendenhall Museum, Private Tour and BBQ Dinner...a joint event with Great Autos of Yesteryear. Details on page 9.

OCTOBER 2012

Wed., 10/17: Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light dinner, meeting 7-9 p.m.

Sun., 10/21: **SAVE THE DATE** for another fabulous Freewheelers event! Watch for upcoming details!

NOTE: Calendar listings are subject to change without notice.



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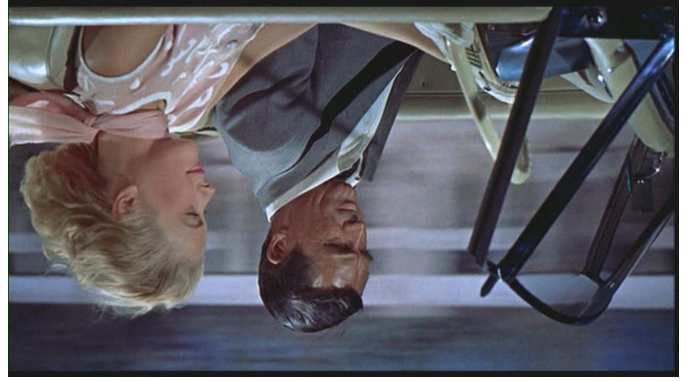
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