

Flyer FREEWHEELERS



Long-time Freewheeler and past President, Larry Salvador with one of his many fabulous West Coast Meet creations.

Thanks for the Memories

—by Stuart Gunn

It is with deep sadness and a feeling of profound personal loss that I report to the membership the passing of long-time Freewheeler and past President Larry Salvador, who lost his battle with cancer on Sunday, August 23.

Larry was an East Bay boy, born in Oakland, and living and attending school in San Leandro. Shortly after Larry came to live with Ed and me, some of his school friends came by for an afternoon visit— including his best friend since the third grade and his middle school girlfriend. I discovered things about him I never knew, even after nearly thirty years of close friendship. For instance, did you know he painted his nails purple? It's true; and boys just didn't do that sort of thing in the very early sixties!

Those who attended West Coast Meets in the past remember Larry's flawless decorations, executed with a high degree of professionalism. I remember asking more than once (as he handed me a glue gun or box cutter) if he was perhaps going the tiniest bit overboard. I think some of you will remember the look he could give.

Personally, I had to be careful mentioning any household project I was planning, because I knew I'd soon find him on the front porch eagerly brandishing power tools. Those projects and the time we spent together are among my most cherished memories. Larry was always ready to give others his time, his expertise, and a healthy dose of his wry wit—and he will be missed.

I went to his house today to fetch a Very Important Document from his large and well organized file cabinet. Standing there, looking at dozens of manila folders each with meticulously typed labels, I wondered where to start looking. Suddenly I remembered these were Larry's files, and after a short glance at the file names I knew exactly where he would have put such a document...in the file marked "Useless Papers"...of course.

Fly high, Larry; it was a privilege to be your friend.

Everyone in the Pool!



Many Freewheelers opted to park poolside at the Moore's beautiful home in San Jose.

—by Marty Hanson

It was a perfect August day for a pool party...not too hot, but conducive to driving convertibles with the top down. Freewheelers gathered in a San Jose parking lot nearby by Moore Manor (home of Freewheeler Clint Moore's folks) to tire-kick, get checked in by Registration Chair Gregg Cannella, get directions, and to welcome new members while we were all together.

New Members in attendance included Luis Sosa and Robert Walker in their 1966 Ford Thunderbird convertible, Jack Jewell in his 2014 Porsche Boxter S roadster, Paul Baker and his dog Tippi in their Honda Fit, Mark Decius in his 2008 Mercedes-Benz C300 Sedan, and Chuck Clendenin in his 2012 Nissan Altima. Other first-on-tour cars included Aaron Licursi's 2000 Mercedes-Benz SL500 roadster, Greg McDowell's 1973 Ford Mustang convertible, and Hal Yeager's 1998 Buick Riviera.

Around noon, Clint gathered everyone together to provide directions and parking recommendations, while yours truly acknowledged the newbies at the event. Soon, cars were lining up in the parking lot to make the short-but-scenic jaunt up to the lovely Moore residence. Upon arrival, friendly Freewheelers Brian McCann and Jeff Wood – as well as Clint – were on hand to direct traffic to either the front or the rear of the property; depending on the driver's preference...parking in the large rear lot did afford a more direct access to the pool, while the front was ideal for photo ops.

While some strolled the grounds to further investigate the cars, others opted for a shady spot poolside where snacks and beverages were readily available. Many slathered sun-block in preparation for a fun afternoon in the sun. I was the first to take a dip in the pool which was deliciously warm...I could've drifted off to sleep like in a giant water bed! But soon, lunch was served and I wanted to grab my spot in line!

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MORE New Members Luncheon

—by Keith Cambra

We've had so many new members in 2015, we need ANOTHER new member luncheon! Join your fellow Freewheelers on Sunday, September 13th as we welcome even more New Members who have joined our club since April! We will begin the day by gathering at the beautiful Benicia Waterfront at 10 a.m. for some customary tire-kicking and mingling. From there, we will take the scenic route as we caravan over to the Vallejo Yacht Club where we will enjoy a delicious catered lunch. We'll also introduce our Newest Members and hear a little about them. So come on out and help us welcome our New Members and show them what a great and fun club we are! It's sure to be a wonderful time!



At-a-Glance:

What: New Member Luncheon

When: Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 AM

Where: Benicia Waterfront / Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way, Vallejo

Fee: Free to New Members, otherwise a \$20 event fee which includes lunch.

RSVP: Upcoming EventBrite or Keith Cambra at 925-202-9665 or mrbouge@astound.net

PLEASE RSVP BYNO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 11th

DIRECTIONS TO THE BENICIA WATERFRONT*

<u>From San Francisco:</u> Take I-80 going toward Sacramento. After crossing the Carquinez Bridge near Vallejo, take the I-780 turnoff to Benicia. From I-780. Take the East Second Street exit. Then...	<u>From Oakland:</u> Take CA-24 East through the Caldecott Tunnel. Take I-680 North to Sacramento. Cross the Benicia-Martinez Bridge. Stay to the far left as you approach the toll booth. Take I-780 to Benicia/Vallejo. From I-780, take the East Second Street exit. Then...
<u>From Concord/Walnut Creek/San Jose:</u> Take I-680 North toward Sacramento. Cross the Benicia-Martinez Bridge. Stay to the far left as you approach the toll booth. Take I-780 to Benicia/Vallejo. From I-780, take the East Second Street exit. Then...	<u>From Napa:</u> Take CA-121 South to CA-221 South. Turn right. Take a left onto CA-12 East/CA-29 South. Merge onto CA-37 East toward I-80 West toward San Francisco. Take the I-780 East exit. From I-780, take the East Second Street exit. Then...
<u>From Marin County:</u> Cross the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. After one mile, go north on the Richmond Parkway. Take I-80 North over the Carquinez Bridge. After crossing the Carquinez Bridge near Vallejo, take the I-780 exit to Benicia. From I-780, take the East Second Street exit. Then...	<u>From Sacramento:</u> Take I-80 going west toward San Francisco. After traveling through Fairfield, take the I-680 exit to Benicia/San Jose. Before the Benicia-Martinez Bridge, take I-780 to Benicia/Vallejo. From I-780, take the East Second Street exit. Then...
Turn left on East Second Street, right on Military, then left on First Street. Continue to the very end of First Street and turn right into the parking lot.	

**For those wishing to head directly to the Vallejo Yacht Club and not meet in Benicia, We should arrive there approx. 11:00-11:30.*

DIRECTIONS TO THE VALLEJO YACHT CLUB

<u>From the East:</u> Merge onto I-80 W. Take exit 33B to merge onto CA-37 W toward Novato/San Rafael. Take exit 18 for Wilson Ave. Turn left onto Wilson Ave. Continue straight onto Mare Island Way. Destination will be on the right. Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way.	<u>From the West:</u> Merge onto I-80 E, 27.7 mi. Take exit 29A for CA-29/Sonoma Blvd. Merge onto Sonoma Blvd. Turn left onto Curtola Pkwy. Continue onto Mare Island Way. Make a U-turn at Harbor Way. Destination will be on the right. Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way.
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Save the Date

Saturday, October 17, 2015 for the San Francisco Old Car Picnic at Historic Speedway Meadow (Hellman Hollow) in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

For our October event this year the Freewheelers will be participating in the annual San Francisco Old Car Picnic (formerly Jimmy's Old Car Picnic). More details will follow in the October Flyer, but for now mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 17th**, and plan to join your fellow Freewheelers, and hundreds (maybe thousands) of other car enthusiasts from around the Bay Area, in beautiful Golden Gate Park. More information about the San Francisco Old Car Picnic may be found on their website at <http://www.sfcarpicnic.com/>



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Jay Remick, Michael Amodt, Glen Taber, and Jared Tuberty were all on hand to dole out beef, turkey, or veggie sandwiches as well as plates and napkins, and to direct folks to the adjacent area to select from a variety cool summer salads, chips, crudités and condiments. Like the proverbial loaves and fishes, there was plenty for all, even for those who hadn't been able to order in advance.

After enjoying lunch and conversation, swimming pool shenanigans really started to pick up as folks donned their swimwear and hit the water...including Tippi's first time in the pool! Conversation and camaraderie continued on both land and "sea" well into the afternoon. As the sun began its westward arc, folks began to bid their adieus and head home after a fun and frolicsome day in San Jose.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, direct traffic, serve and clean up; and especially to the Moores for opening their lovely home to the club.



LEFT: Bill Burks and Jack Adam arrived with smiles despite Jack's recent knee surgery.

ABOVE: New Member Paul Baker and his dog Tippi pose in front of his Honda Fit. Jack Jewell's 2014 Porsche Boxster S roadster was a first-on-tour as was Aaron Licursi's 2000 Mercedes-Benz SL500 roadster.



THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE from top-left: New Member Luis Sosa poses with his 1966 Ford Thunderbird convertible. Another first-on-tour was Hal Yeager's 1998 Buick Riviera with Supercharger. Greg McDowell's 1973 Ford Mustang convertible was also a first-on-tour. After lunch, pool shenanigans ensued. Mark Alfenito looks swimsuit calendar-ready! NEXT PAGE, Top: Various generations of cars grace the front drive of Moore Manor including Michael Admodt's 1967 Imperial Crown/Mobile Director, Alvin Hasin's 1990 Ferrari Testarossa, and new member Chuck Clendenin's 2012 Nissan Altima.



Ron Kelly's Jeep 4x4 is apparently a hard ride! Dangerous liaisons between Bob Krambuhl and Roger Emmett at the port-a-potty! John Rivett, David Schnitzer and Keith Cambra enjoy a shady spot at the west end of pool while Geoffrey Caccamo and Hal Yeager relax on the east end.

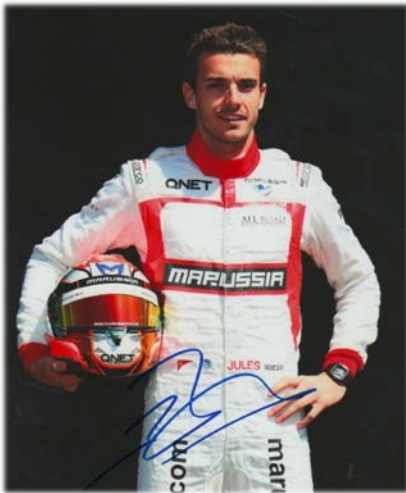
Formula 1 2015 Season Update III

—by Andy Smith

Welcome back, racing fans! It's been two months since the last update, and only three races to report! That's what happens when a last-minute cancellation on the calendar (German Grand Prix at the Nurburgring), backs-up to F1's traditional, three-week "summer vacation". Still much has been happening in our world of Top Tier racing, including the conclusion of a most tragic event that sent all of Motorsport into mourning.

The Austrian Grand Prix was held on June 21 at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria. Qualifying gave Lewis Hamilton pole position, Nico Rosberg in P2, and Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel in P3. No surprises there. However, once the race began, Nico got a great start and overtook Lewis before Turn One, and kept the lead for the rest of the race...finishing a full three seconds of second-place Lewis Hamilton. Joining them on the podium was Williams' Felipe Massa (Brazil) for his first podium of the 2015 season, (Yeah!).

July 5 brought the series to one of the most historic venues of all, a true Fan Favorite! Located in a flat expanse of the Northamptonshire countryside, with track features called "Maggots," Becketts," Copse, Abbey and Woodcote, it could only be the British Grand Prix at Silverstone! So much history and such ecstatic fans! This is one venue where the crowd can drown-out the sound of a modern F1 car. This year, in spite of Hamilton/Rosberg/Vettel in the top 3 positions, once the race started, the two Williams cars raced to the front and immediately commanded an impressive lead. However, after an accident involving several cars, a safety car deployment, and several driver retirements, the podium ranking shook out with the British Champ on top, Rosberg 2nd and Vettel 3rd.



Jules Bianchi

Then, late on Friday night, July 17, it was announced that French Driver, Jules Bianchi had passed away at age 25, succumbing to "diffuse axonal" head injuries suffered in his accident at the Japanese Grand Prix in November, 2014 that had left him in a coma since that time. It was the dreaded news everyone expected; the first race-related death in Formula 1 since Ayrton Senna lost his life at the Italian Grand Prix in 1994.

Jules Bianchi was that rare blend of up-and-coming driver! He was supremely talented, mightily aggressive, and yet friendly and humble in his dealings with his teammates and the other drivers. He was almost universally loved. Given that he had trained with most of the other drivers since they were all teenagers together, this really was a "death in the family" in the racing community, and the outpourings were emotional and heartfelt. A moment of silence was observed before the start of the Hungarian Grand Prix, and we will forever wonder about the greatness of young Jules Bianchi that might have been.

Then on July 26 came the Hungarian Grand Prix from Budapest, and, few can remember a race so full of surprises, especially when the expectations for such surprises were so low. There was Hamilton on pole, Rosberg in 2nd, Sebastian Vettel in 3rd. Mercedes and Ferrari again, ho hum!

The outcome couldn't have been less predictable! The Mercedes boys got swamped right at the start of the race, and allowed Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel to take a lead he never lost. The surprises were almost too numerous to mention in the most exciting race this fan has seen in years. Vettel went on to win the race, and it was fantastic to see the two Red Bull drivers, Australian Daniel Ricciardo, and Russian, Daniil Kvyat, finish in positions 2 and 3! This finish marked the first time since the 2013 Brazilian Grand Prix where no Mercedes cars finished on the podium, AND 21 year-old Daniil Kvyat is the first Russian ever to stand on an F1 podium. We can guess he will be invited to see Putin in the Kremlin soon!

In summary, I think we can see the other teams, especially Ferrari and Red Bull, closing the gap on Mercedes's technical lead that they have had since 2014. Everyone expects a more even playing field from now through the end of the season in November. Great news as the racing should get better and better! Current driver rankings in Grand Prix points:

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes), 202
- Nico Rosberg (Mercedes), 181
- Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari), 160
- Valtteri Bottas (Williams), 77
- Kimi Raikkonen (Ferrari), 76



THANKS again, Freewheelers, for your support! I will be reporting back after the next race, August 23, from one of the most legendary F1 circuits of all; The Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps!!! Faisons la course!



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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Why a Gay Car Club?

—by Doug Buhrer, Lambda Car Club (from 2006)



Why a gay car club? Why not a gay bowling league, a gay rodeo, or a gay church? Oh, that's right ... all of those things exist, too! If you're gay with a specific interest, it's more rewarding and more fun to hang out with other gay folk who share your interest.

Conversely, it can be a real pain enduring those around you who belittle your interest in (take your pick). Case in point: it was the mid-1980s, and I'd recently purchased my first "real" collector car, a 1967 Cadillac Eldorado. I was living in a fashionable gay ghetto, showing off my new purchase, and a neighbor remarked: "The only people I know who drive old Cadillacs live in an undesirable, economically depressed part of town." Only he didn't phrase it quite so politely. I was crushed that he didn't appreciate my rolling sculpture.

The trouble was, his viewpoint was not unique amongst gays of my acquaintance. Everyone thought I was nuts. While it was o.k. to like new cars to a certain degree, if you crossed an invisible line in your zeal, your fellow gays were only too glad to vote you off the island. (Of course, I was also wearing lots of flannel shirts back then, so I was already suspect for my missing fashion gene.)

Imagine my thrill then, when I discovered an ad in Hemmings (the old car bible) that read: "Lambda Car Club, the name says it all." Before the pink triangle, and before the rainbow graphic took over to signify "This Is Gay," the Lambda symbol (λ) and word had a brief period of popularity for that purpose. Thus, the name really did "say it all."

I joined and liked it so much; about a year later I volunteered to take over as editor. I've been doing that for 20 years, so that should give you some idea of how I "clicked" with the club and its members.

Lambda Car Club International (LCCI) is an umbrella organization that includes 28 regional clubs scattered throughout the U.S. and Canada. Membership is around 2,200. You may choose to belong to only the International club, or you may belong to that and as many regional clubs as you like.

I've belonged to straight car clubs, too. (Not that there's anything wrong with that!) Straight clubs are populated with perfectly nice people who love their collector cars. But hanging out with these people feels too much like a family reunion; they're nice enough, but I don't have much in common with them. There isn't much to talk about other than cars.

Imagine, though, having 2,200 best friends scattered across the country. I'm exaggerating (a little), but there is this deep connection I share with people who are also gay and really dig cars. It goes beyond just sharing those two things. It's almost like that by sharing being gay and liking cars, it creates this weird synergy where you discover all this other stuff you have in common. I imagine this is true for other gay "affinity" groups, as well.

Of course, it's not all a big love-fest. Any gay group will have its share of oversized egos and occasional bitch-slap-melodramas that rank right up there with anything Krystal Carrington and Alexis Colby-Carrington can dish out. (That's a Dynasty reference, as way of explanation for all of you young people.) Largely though, surprisingly, we get along like a bunch of big-block V8s, happily consuming vast quantities of high-priced high-test and belching unburned hydrocarbons. (My apologies go to any EPA types who may have fainted at the visuals created by that last sentence.)



CLASSIFIED



FOR SALE: 1974 Chrysler New Yorker Brougham 2-door coupe. Graciously offered for sale to the Freewheelers by the sister of the deceased owner, Jeffrey Eaton. 69,000 miles, leather, mechanically maintained by the same shop for years. \$7,500 obo. Call Jill at (316) 992-5197. (2)



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SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday, 09/13– New Member Brunch at the Vallejo Yacht Club in Vallejo. See page 3 for details.

Saturday, 09/19 – All British Car Show & Swap Meet at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, 9 a.m. For details, contact ABCM2015@BlackhawkMuseum.org.

Sunday, 09/20– Board of Directors Meeting, 11 am, at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord

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NOTE: Calendar listings subject to change without notice.





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Bring your Convertible to the September New Members Lunch!



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