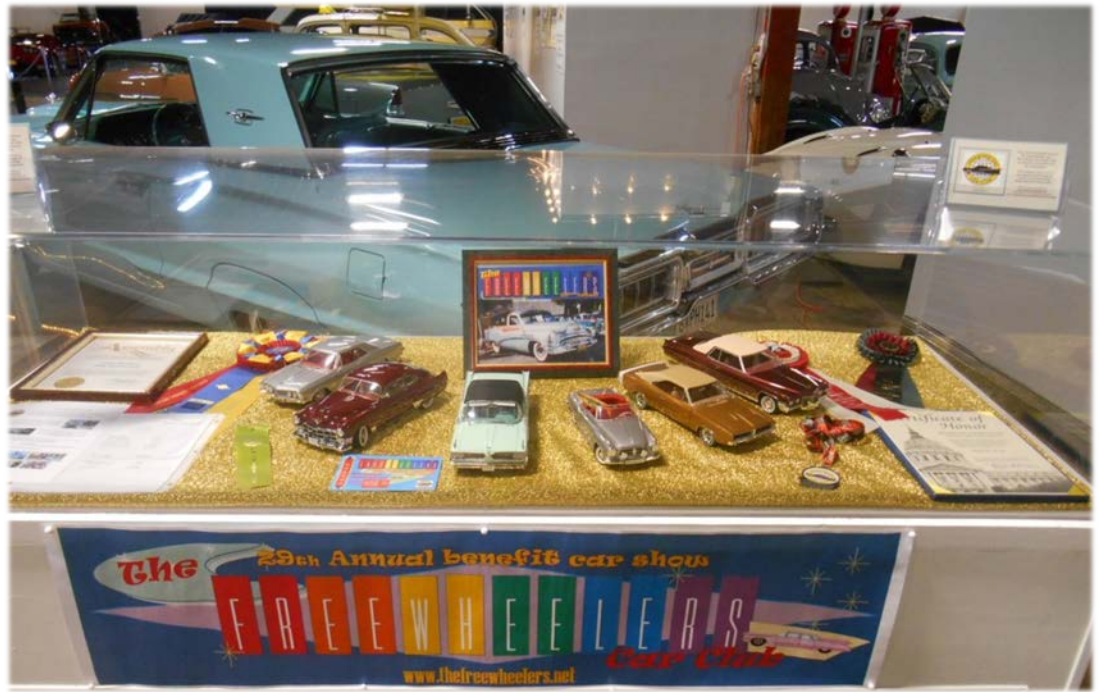




The Freewheelers Car Club sits proudly in front of Bill Peachee's 1965 Ford Thunderbird.

Freewheelers Debut at the California Automobile Museum

– by Jay Remick

A wonderful day (and for some two days) in Sacramento as the Freewheelers installed a month long exhibit in the Cavalcade of Cars at the California Automobile Museum (C.A.M.). Members who volunteered to exhibit cars had to be there the day before, early Saturday morning, to set up the display for the Sunday opening and New Member Luncheon. Together we arranged five colorful and stunning cars from the '50s, '60s and '70s, and a large display case lined with the endless supply of gold lamé from Scott Mikkelsen and Todd Darling collection!

Many thanks to:

John White for bringing his 1955 Bel Air convertible in coral and shadow gray. A fully restored car including the fairly rare power-pack option.

Bill Peachee for his glowing turquoise 1965 Thunderbird coupe, detailed to death, which I had to privilege of driving to the exhibit from Walnut Creek.

Todd Darling for his 1966 Fiat Multipla - a multiple use car sometimes as a station wagon, van or taxi. Tom Ortiz installed a light in the taxi sign on top, and the matching yellow umbrella to the side.

Steve and Randy Hamp for their 1977 Pontiac Trans Am and who earned the early morning long distance award all the way from Redding. This model year was made famous for its role in the movie 'Smokey and the Bandit.' They are the second owner of this car which was originally purchased in Redding.

Cliff Travis for his flawless 1972 Buick Skylark Convertible. He has brought this car back to original specifications by changing the interior back to white and then loaded it with every correct option available at the time including power windows, locks and seat, cruise control, clock, trunk release, AM/FM radio, gauge package and rally wheels to mention a few.

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President's Message

"Cheese! I just love cheese. Raaaally I do." - Mary the Mouse

Summer is finally here and with that comes some great Freewheeler events, starting with the Sonoma-Marin cheese trail this month. An afternoon drive through Marin and Sonoma counties sampling some North Bay cheese is sure to be a great event so plan on attending.

But the big news of course is West Coast Meet in July. It's hard to believe that it's just around the corner and I'm sure that Great Autos is going to put on another spectacular event, this time in Cambria. For many of us it's a completely new venue so I'm really looking forward to the change. You can also rest assured that even though the Freewheelers won't be hosting WCM until 2016, your board has been very busy already with the beginning stages of planning; and it looks like some great and exciting new things are brewing so stay tuned for upcoming details (conspicuous teaser).

In the coming months we will be forming separate committees for WCM 2016 as well. This event is a mammoth undertaking so it's a great opportunity to share your talents, whatever they may be. Whether decorating, set building, registration, parking or just plain wanting to lend a hand, there's a spot for you at West Coast Meet, raaaally there is! Watch the flyers in the upcoming months for more details and we hope to see you at all the upcoming summer events.

Until then, happy motoring!

Peter Escobedo

President, Freewheelers Car Club



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Say Cheese

Please join your fellow Freewheelers on **Sunday, June 14, 2015** as we enjoy a drive in the North Bay along part of the famous **Sonoma Marin Cheese Trail!**

We will begin our tour by meeting in the northern portion of the **Fairfax Market** parking lot at **10:00AM** and enjoy coffee, donuts, and tire-kicking. We'll plan to depart by **10:45AM** and drive to the **Nicasio Valley Cheese Company** for our first cheese tasting. Once Freewheelers have made their cheese purchases, we'll backtrack a few miles to enjoy a lengthy drive through **Samuel Taylor State Park**, and arrive at the **Marin French Cheese Company**, where we'll enjoy more cheese tasting and a picnic lunch in this beautiful setting.



Picnic lunch at the **Marin French Cheese Company** is on your own. Please help thank our retail hosts by making purchases to enjoy at the picnic (or at home.) The **Fairfax Market** is an independent, family-owned full-service grocer with a full deli/cheesemaking ready to make sandwiches and salads, **Nicasio Valley Cheese Company** and **Marin French Cheese Company** also have picnic items available for purchase.

At a Glance...

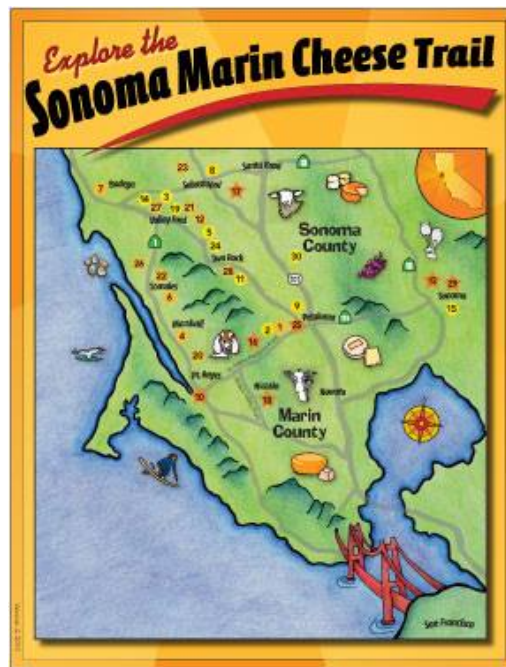
What: Marin Sonoma Cheese Tour

When: Sunday, June 14, 2015, 10:00 AM

Where: Fairfax Market, 2040 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Fairfax, CA 94930

Fee: \$5.00 event fee payable through **Eventbrite** (picnic lunch is on your own)

RSVP: Please respond to **Eventbrite** no later than Thursday, June 11, 2015 so we can alert the Cheesemakers of the final Freewheelers count; or contact event host Eric Whitney at (415) 935-5890 or whitneywebworks@yahoo.com no later than Thursday, June 11, 2015.



The World's Fair is Almost Here!

An Update on West Coast Meet 2015

– by Patrick Aulicino, West Coast Meet Chair



When you receive this newsletter, there will be less than six weeks until we are transported to our own World's Fair in Cambria, where we celebrate not only the Mustang but the history of the Ford Motor Company!

And this year it's all about the options, like that long list you would pore over at the dealer. Arriving on Thursday? Join the Freewheelers in their welcoming cocktail party that evening. On Friday, do you want a trip to Hearst Castle with your friends? (If so, sign up for the 11 AM Grand Rooms tour at Hearstcastle.org)

Do you like perusing galleries and antique shops? Perhaps you have an interest in doing some wine tasting or taking a stroll on the boardwalk along the ocean? It's all there for you in Cambria!

As this is being written, there are a limited number of room vacancies at Cambria Pines so check with Gene Matson and Rich Seymour, our registration chairs (Register4WCM2015@gmail.com) should you still need a room or want to share. Should you have a room booked and have not yet registered for the event, remember that if you do not register by June 10 you may lose your room to someone who has registered.

To make the most of your weekend, find a place to volunteer to use your special talents – be it in helping with registration, decorations, parking, or other areas. Just drop a line to Stu Suede at ssuede@charter.net to express your interest.

Sign up now so you don't miss out on the fun!



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ONLINE (pay via PayPal):

Go to our website **greatautos.org**

*Use the "Activities and Events" menu

*Select "West Coast Meet 2015 -
Register & Pay" from the menu

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*Pay via PayPal.

You'll need a PayPal ID (a \$5 per
person convenience fee applies)

REGISTRANT

Please print all information clearly

Name _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Car Club Affiliation _____ Arrival Date _____

Address _____ Day Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ Eve Phone _____

Email _____ Mobile Phone _____

Staying at Cambria Pines ☐ Yes ☐ No

GUESTS

Include your guests below, but your spouse/partner in the section above

Name (1) _____ Name (2) _____

CARS

(For additional cars, please enter information on back and check here) ☐

(Car 1) Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Bodystyle _____ Name on Placard _____

(Car 2) Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Bodystyle _____ Name on Placard _____

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Cambria, CA 93428

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can be found on the website
cambriachamber.org as the Pines
is fully booked as this is written.

You must be registered for the event
to be a registered guest at the hotel.

If you are not registered
by 6/10/15, your hotel

registration will be cancelled.

EVENT FEES

Register early!

*Weekend Activity Fee _____ tickets @ \$110 each \$ _____

Includes Souvenir pin and the Saturday night dinner and awards show

Saturday dinner entrees (enter quantity): _____ Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian

LATE Fee _____ @ \$25 per person after June 10, 2015. \$ _____

*Friday Evening "Mustang Roundup" dinner tickets @ \$40 each \$ _____

Friday dinner entrees (enter quantity): _____ Mixed Grill _____ Vegetarian

*"A World of Better Ideas" Souvenir T-shirts @ \$20 each (choose sizes below) \$ _____

_____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL

*Include a check (payable to Great Autos of Yesteryear) TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 10, 2015. Any registration forms postmarked after then will accrue a \$25 per person late fee added to the activity fee. Space is limited, so register now! If registering/paying online, a \$5 per person convenience fee will be added to each Weekend Activity Fee ticket. **CANCELLATION POLICY:** 100% refund if requested by June 10, 2015, minus a \$10 administration fee, a 50% refund if requested by June 30, 2015. No refunds after June 30, 2015. Registration questions? Email Gene and Rich at Register4WCM2015@gmail.com or call them at 760-749-9468

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: The undersigned, desiring to enter and participate in West Coast Meet 2015, to be held July 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2015, at the Cambria Pines Lodge in Cambria, California, does hereby tender his/her application to participate. If this application is accepted, the undersigned and registrant, having suitable automobile insurance, and his or her guests assume liability from and shall indemnify and hold harmless Great Autos of Yesteryear, Inc., and its members, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, invites and assigns from and against any and all liabilities arising from said event. The undersigned holds the aforementioned harmless and indemnifies them against judgments whatsoever arising, directly or indirectly, out of or in conjunction with participation in said event. Event registration required for Cambria Pines Lodge hotel stay.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

☐ Contact me about volunteering
to help with this event

The 2015 Season

— by Andrew Smith

I thank the editors of the Flyer for allowing me to share this short article on my great passion! I don't know how many of you follow the 20-event, around-the-world star-studded traveling circus of personalities and machinery, known as the Formula 1 World Championship, but I can say from experience that it can become addicting. In my opinion, the teams and players of today are very worthy successors to the great Grand Prix traditions they've inherited, and of even the most famous names like Juan Manuel Fangio, Ayrton Senna, Niki Lauda and Michael Schumacher. I believe we are seeing racing history written as we watch, and that, in spite of everything, Formula 1 still remains the pinnacle of automotive art and engineering. The newly-begun 2015 season looks to be as exciting as ever.



Looking back to 2014, all indicators told us we were witnessing the birth of a new constructor's “dynasty”, as the (almost) unbeatable Mercedes cars seemed poised to join the ranks of Ferrari, McLaren, Williams and Lotus as powerhouses in the sport. Now, after only four races in the new season, although Mercedes's pace is still dominant, we have seen a resurgent Ferrari, with Sebastian Vettel, taking the top podium spot in Malaysia, and Kimi Raikkonen placing second in Bahrain. Look for an exciting competition for the Number One slot as Ferrari will not let last year's Constructors' Champions rest on their laurels!

With the next tier of teams, things get a bit trickier. Four-time Constructors' Champion Red Bull Racing are plagued with catastrophic reliability issues on their Renault engines that has created open editorial warfare between their team principal and his counterpart at Renault. In the meanwhile they, and their second team,

Scuderia Toro Rosso have been kept distant from any podium finishes so far this year, and moving forward there seems no solution or improvement on the horizon...as driver Daniel Ricciardo is now on the last of his four allotted engines with the rest of the season remaining!

Red Bull's problems seem small compared to the McLaren-Honda squad, whose Dream Team of World Champion drivers (Jenson Button, Fernando Alonso), and reborn alliance with Honda have done anything but rekindle the glory days of Ayrton Senna. The Honda engines have proved underpowered...when they are actually functioning, and Jenson Button had to miss the race completely at the recent Bahrain Grand Prix. It's painful to watch the team known as "England's Ferrari" become a back-marker in 2015, although drivers and team principals continue to put on brave faces and talk about "improvements."

So far the story of team successes is well illustrated in the rankings for the top 5 driver-championship points, four races into the 2015 season (20 races total):

Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)	93
Nico Rosberg (Mercedes)	66
Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari)	65
Kimi Raikkonen (Ferrari)	42
Felipe Massa (Williams-Mercedes)	31

Some other interesting points about what's happening in 2015:

The 2015 season is starting with one of the historically smallest grids of only 20 starting drivers; ten teams, 2 drivers each.

There has been a lot of buzz about the younger drivers starting in 2015. Red Bull's Daniil Kvyat and Toro Rosso's Carlos Sainz Jr. are both 21 years-old...but even more amazing is Toro Rosso's Max Verstappen, who at 17 years-old, and by a margin of at least two years, is the youngest F1 driver ever. This surely makes me feel like an under-achiever!

In spite of the talk of the young drivers, more significant is that there are 5 former World Champions competing this year! Sebastian Vettel with 4 consecutive World Champion wins leads the pack, followed by Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso as 2-time winners, and Kimi Raikkonen and Jenson Button with one title each. That is a tremendous amount of seasoned talent.

Going fast-forward to next year, it looks like the historical "drought" of American teams and drivers is soon to be broken! There have been no US F1 teams since 1977, and the last American driver departed the sport in 2007. However, Gene Haas is now poised to take his NASCAR-winning spirit to F1, and is launching the Haas F1 team in 2016. If we are lucky, maybe even American driver Alexander Rossi could find a seat there!

So, as the 2015 season progresses, the next race will be The Grand Prix of Spain on May 10, followed by the "Crown Jewel" Grand Prix of Monaco on May 24, and then 13 more races including the United States Grand Prix (Austin, TX) on October 25. It promises to be an exciting season with some great racing! I only hope that the racing competition itself won't be too far overshadowed by looming battles of personalities, corporations, team principals and constructors, but, with the almost unimaginable amounts of money at stake, that's Formula 1 in 2015! Let's race!



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And finally **Michael Amodt** and **Marty Hanson** for decorating the display case using models loaned by **Bill Rogstad**, gold lamé from **Scott and Todd**, and a copy of the first Freewheelers Treasurer's report showing assets of \$93.00 (seven \$5.00 bills, twenty-seven \$1.00 bills, and two checks).

Sunday proved to be bright and sunny for the luncheon. There was a large area of reserved parking for tire kicking and registration. We gabbed and chatted with current members and the twelve new members who joined in the last year. After a short ribbon cutting ceremony at the Cavalcade of Cars and introduction of new members, Freewheeler and C.A.M. Board Member David Felderstein talked about the expansion of the museum. We also honored one of our most senior members, Wayne Parsons, who had just turned 91 that day!

Later luncheon was served at the Museum and catered by Todd and Scott with assistance (supervision?) by Scott's sister Melinda Lincoln. Spare ribs, salads, baked beans and special recipe corn bread rounded out a delicious meal. And if that wasn't enough, for desert they made cupcakes topped with little bears driving little cars. Freewheelers also welcomed new members Chris Cowen and Mark Metasavage, Eric Godshalk and Alvin Lau, Scott Brown and Alex Fitzpatrick, David Schnitzer and John Rivett, Paul Baker and Scott Prikett, Carl Williamson, and Dennis Flint.

We also had a number of first on tour cars. Two retro birds: John White's 2004 Thunderbird special Pacific Coast edition and Jamie Thigpen's 2005 special 50th Anniversary edition. Sal Sperandeo brought his 2015 Firecracker Red Jeep Wrangler Rubicon. Todd Darling delivered the hot food for the luncheon in his 1961 Hillman Husky 3-door Estate. And finally, new member David Schnitzer arrived in his elegant 1984 Jaguar XJ6 Vanden Plas.

Thanks to the California Automobile Museum and John Tennyson for all their help in putting this event together. The Freewheelers Club is a member of the museum which makes the facility available to us for events during the year. In addition each member of the Freewheelers is given one free admission to the museum per year. (They keep a roster at the admission desk.) The museum has many seminars and events during the year available to us as members. The CAM is undergoing a big expansion and restoration starting with fundraising this year. See their website at www.calautomuseum.org for more information.





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THIS PAGE, COUNTER CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Freewheelers in the Cavalcade include Steve & Randy Hamp's 1977 Pontiac Trans Am, Cliff Travis' 1972 Buick Skylark Convertible, Todd Darling's 1966 Fiat Multipla, John White's 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible and Bill Peachee's 1965 Ford Thunderbird. New Members pose in front of the Cavalcade. Freewheelers gather outside the C.A.M. for sign-in. A delicious lunch buffet was prepared and served by the venerable Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelson (top right).



Spend a Saturday by the water at the
3rd Annual Vallejo Yacht Club

Hot Rod BBQ!



Benefitting: Rebuilding Together, Solano County
When: Saturday June 27, 10am—4 pm
Where: The Vallejo Yacht Club – 485 Mare Island Way
Entry Fee: \$25 per car includes lunch for the driver (1)

The cornerstone of this new summer event is CARS –Classics, resto-rods & muscle cars. Boyz Under the Hood a local Solano County car club with 100 members, has asked The Freewheelers to join them by providing some of their most cherished rides!

Also on display will be classic and modern speed boats adjacent to the beautiful yacht harbor.

The event promises to be a day of cool cars, a catered BBQ lunch (\$12) and great live music both inside the club and outside at the show venue.

And....awards will be given for Commodores choice, Fleet captain, Rear admiral, and last but not least, the SS Minnow. Don't forget to wear your most garish nautical attire!

Reserve your boat slip now!

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JUNE 2015

Sunday, 06/07 – Board of Directors Meeting, 11 am, at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord.

Sunday, 06/14 – Marin County Driving Tour and Cheese Trail! Details on page 3.

Saturday 06/27 – Boyz Under the Hood 3rd Annual Vallejo Yacht Club Hot Rod BBQ. See page 10 for details.

Sunday, 06/28– The 45th Annual San Francisco Pride Parade. Visit www.sfpride.org for more information.

JULY 2015

Thursday, 07/09 - Sunday, 07/12– The 31st Annual West Coast Meet in Cambria. Details and registration form on pages 8-9.

NOTE: Calendar listings subject to change without notice.



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Celebrate 50 Years of Ford at West Coast Meet 2015!



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