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Be all that You can Be – Join the Board!



Several of your board members will be retiring at the end of this year and their vacancies will need to be filled for 2013! Now's your opportunity to become an integral part of your club and its future!

Joining the board can be lots of fun as well as rewarding. It provides you with an insight to the board's operations and responsibilities, as well as to how it keeps your club active, interesting, and on track...and now YOU can contribute your individual ideas and views to make the Freewheelers Car Club more your own by joining!

Here are the positions that are open for nomination:

1. President

The Club President – as the title implies - presides at meetings of the board and represent the club at events, and in dealings with other groups and the public.

2. Electronic Media Director

Also known as the Webmaster maintains the club's website and coordinates with the Newsletter Director to ensure club activities and information are update to date

on the website. The "EMD" also handles electronic communications such as email blasts and eVites.

3. Newsletter Director

The Newsletter Director is the conduit through which club activities and information are disseminated to the membership, and oversees the editing, publishing and distribution of the club's monthly newsletter.

4. Membership Director

The Membership Director is the contact all membership related issues, including recruitment of new members and renewal of existing members. The Membership Director also oversees production and maintenance the club roster and membership database.

5. Promotions Director

The Promotions Director promotes the club to new members and to outside organizations, and typically oversees the club's participation in the annual San Francisco Pride Parade and the annual Benefit Car Show.

6. Properties Director

The Properties Director maintains and updates as necessary an inventory of all the property owned by the club.

7. Registration Director

The Registration Director greets and registers attendees at all club events, arranges for coffee and snacks, and collects event fees, as well as maintains the club's cashbox and turns monies over to the Club Treasurer.

The Freewheelers is always looking for fresh perspectives and new ideas to keep the club vital and relevant, so should you be interested in being nominated for any of these positions, please feel free to contact any of the current board (see page 2) today!



President's Message...

It is now September, as difficult as that is to believe.

The leaves are already turning on the Liquidambar Styraciflua and the Platanus Occidentalis (oh, you noticed?) and there is something in the air....

That something is change.

In 2013 there will be major changes for the Freewheelers. Many of our board members will be leaving to pursue other interests, which means there will be opportunities for some of you to become more involved in this club that we are all so fond of.

After eight years on the Board and four as your President, I will be leaving next January to make room for fresh ideas and new visions. The membership and board have faced many challenges in that time, financial and personal. We have met those challenges and we have grown and thrived. No President operates in a vacuum; I certainly haven't. I have been fortunate to be part of a Board of Directors whose vision and commitment have been enthusiastic, insightful, and always focused on the best interests of the Freewheelers. Our meetings have been occasionally raucous, energizing, and always fun. I wish I could explain to you the sense of passion we shared. It was, on occasion, not unlike herding cats.

Many of you know the details; how Mike Oroszi's vision of a Freewheeler presence on Facebook has kept us relevant in a digital world. How Marty Hanson made that vision a reality. Scott Mikkelson's saving our financial bacon on Ebay by selling the model cars donated by Stuart Hall. Without Scott's efforts, the Freewheelers financial situation would have been dire indeed. Brian Kanamu's exploration of alternate venues for the Benefit Car Show when San Francisco's Department of Parks and Recreation was, how shall I put this, unwelcoming? Their efforts and the efforts of so many other Freewheelers were literally breathtaking. I was, and am proud to be associated with all of you.

I would not have been able to accomplish what I have or guided the Freewheelers to this point without the help and support of First Dude Edwin Walters; his mordant observations, and curt and caustic suggestions were like a knife to the ribs; in a good way. No President was better served with a partner than I have been. We have all benefited from his bracing perspective and I look forward to many years of the same.

While no longer part of the Freewheelers leadership, Ed and I will always be available to chat, to share, and to encourage. There is no better group of people that we've been privileged to know than you – the Freewheelers.

Keep 'em rolling....

Stuart Gunn

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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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 in the Castro!

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.



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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.

We're also looking for volunteers on the day of the event to assist with the placement of vehicles, tabulating ballots, and assisting with the entry gate.

Show your "Pride In Education" and fill out your registration form (in this issue of the Flyer) today!



WEST COAST MEET 2012 – CORRECTIONS!

Some errors were made in the listing of winners for West Coast Meet 2012, please accept our apologies...



Class S – Domestic 1973-83 All – 2nd Place went to Brian McCann & Tom Costales for their 1978 Chrysler LeBaron Town & Country Wagon

Class T – Domestic 1984-Newer All – 3rd Place went to Daniel St. James & Mark Tomey for their 1992 Chrysler New Yorker 5th Avenue

Class W – Foreign 1983-Newer Open – 2nd Place went to John Nolan & Richard Brahm for their 2007 Mercedes 550SL Roadster

October Tours and Luncheon in the East Bay

- by Dave Gilbert



As the 2012 touring season ends, please join us for a last hurrah in the far East Bay. We'll start the day in Livermore with the usual tire-kicking...pick up a coffee and a treat at the nearby Starbucks. As we munch & sip, we'll stroll just across Portola Avenue for self-guided tour of the Livermore Heritage Guild's historic Duarte Garage building. Inside reside their 3 restored vintage Fire Trucks, all once used for service in the city of Livermore. Still on its original site (at that time on the Lincoln Highway, now CA Route 50), the Duarte Garage began service as a Durant-Star dealership then lived on as a repair shop, some of which still exists inside.

At noon, we'll set off on a drive-tour (maps provided at the event) through Livermore and the surrounding area, culminating in a stop at the active Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Station #6. Something quite enigmatic, notorious (think Ripley's and Guinness level), and dear to our local hearts will illuminate this visit, but details will have to wait until the day we experience it. (ooh, don't tell!) From this short visit, we'll trend westward through the south Livermore Valley to the hilltop home of Freewheelers Roger Emmett and Geoffrey Caccamo for an open-house and BBQ-style food fest (fresh bison burgers are but one of the selections)!



At-a Glance:

WHAT: A DAY IN THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY. 10/14/2012

WHEN: Sunday October 14th, meet at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: The Portola Village Center, Lucky's / Starbucks / Jamba parking lot, (2000 E. Portola Avenue).

DIRECTIONS: Take the N. Livermore Avenue exit south from I-580, travel approx 0.6 miles to the Center on your right.

From points North & West: Connect to I-580 eastbound towards Stockton / Livermore, follow DIRECTIONS above.

From points South: Use the CA Rte 84 exit from I-680N in Sunol, using CA-84 all the way to its I-580 Eastbound on-ramp, then exit I-580 at N Livermore exit (approx 1.5 miles), follow DIRECTIONS above.

From points East: Connect to I-580 westbound via I-5 / I-205 as necessary through Tracy into Livermore, follow DIRECTIONS above.

FEE: \$15/person includes the BBQ food-fest.

RSVP: To the upcoming eVite or contact Dave Gilbert at 925-373-1667



*Web users take note: for security purposed, the password to the club's Members-Only website has been changed effective September 1! The new password is: **mark5** (username is still **member**). Make a note of it and update your browser to save the new password!*

Summer Fun in the South Bay!



L-R: Bill Rogstad's '65, Bill Peachee's '65, and Roger Emmett's '64 Flairbirds flock together at the Pacific Shores Center for a photo op!

- by Marty Hanson

Clouds along the coast implied a cooler-than-expected day for the 3rd annual barbeque and pool party at the hilltop home of Jack Adam and Bill Burks in Emerald Hills. But despite the morning overcast, it was still warm enough to wear shorts and t-shirts! And from Bill's mouth to god's ears, no sooner did he say "the sun will be burning this off soon" than the sun began to peak through and clouds to dissipate.

There was a handsome turnout of classic cars – anchored by Jack's and Bill's 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood – at the Pacific Shores Center as we gathered for the drive tour, including a trio of Flairbirds, two of which were first-on-tours: Geoff Caccamo's and Roger Emmett's 1964 Thunderbird Convertible and Bill Peachee's and Mark Mayes' turquoise 1965 Coupe. Bill Rogstad's '65 Coupe rounded out the group...and of course, they all flocked together for a photo op!

After requisite tire-kicking, cars began lining up for the drive tour with the Flairbirds taking our "six" on the way out of the parking lot. Yours truly opted to ride with Geoff and Roger in the convertible as it was turning out to be perfect top-down weather. The tour began with a leisurely drive through historic downtown Redwood City featuring the recently refurbished Fox Theater, originally opened in 1929.

With our classics receiving some "thumbs-up" from the locals as we exited downtown, our tour continued through the residential district where we beheld some magnificent older-yet-meticulously-maintained homes along our way up to Emerald (actually, more golden) Hills.

Before taking the steep and winding climb up to Jack's and Bill's home, some Freewheelers decided to park in the marketplace parking lot and carpool up with others in order to keep traffic and parking issues to a minimum. As it turned out, parking was ample as one of the neighbors graciously allowed us to park in their long driveway as well. Consequently, a trip back to the market ensued for some to retrieve their classics and park them within walking distance of the festivities.

Jack's and Bill's expansive back deck offered us a glorious view of the south bay, their sparkling pool a few steps away, and an abundance of brightly colored chairs, flags, hardhats, and umbrellas...all lending to the festive atmosphere. Registration Director Todd Darling aptly handled sign-ins as guests arrived through the south gate. Jack, Bill, and President Stuart Gunn already had appetizers and beverages out for us to enjoy.

As the skies cleared and the sun dominated the rest of the afternoon, some guests gathered for conversation under the shade of the ubiquitous patio umbrellas while others took advantage of the pool and hot tub. Jack's and Bill's Beagle puppy Priscilla also warmed the hearts of many with her delightful curiosity and tail-wagging enthusiasm. *(continued on page 8)*



THIS PAGE, Top-to-Bottom: Jack Adam's & Bill Burks' 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood aptly anchors the gathering spot at the Pacific Shores Center for Freewheelers to gather for the drive tour. Eric Braverman's 1970 Mercury Cougar XR-9 is always an eye-catcher with its hound's-tooth vinyl top. Morgan Von Rueden's 1967 Dodge Monaco bedazzles with its unique tail lamps. Jeff Wood's glamorous 1970 Cadillac Eldorado is a golden delight.

NEXT PAGE, Top-to-Bottom: John Nolan's 2007 Mercedes-Benz 550SL roadster and Ralf Schubert's 2002 BMW Z3 roadster were ready for the top-down weather. A 1971 Mercury Cougar XR-7 loaded with potential made an appearance [but I didn't get the owner's name...if anyone knows who this nice car belongs to, please drop me a note! - Ed.] Freewheelers head toward the Fleetwood to get details on the drive tour from Bill.



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Lunch, served around 1 p.m., was a traditional summer feast including hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as ribs, baked beans, potato and 3-bean salads, corn on the cob, veggie platter, fresh watermelon and strawberries, and an assortment of chips, dips, and beverages. Later, host Bill Burks made the rounds with Häagen-Dazs ice cream bar offerings for dessert.

On such a beautiful day, conversation and camaraderie continued well into the afternoon – as did swimming and a rousing game of pool-side shuffleboard! But as difficult as it was to leave such a paradise, guests began to bid their thanks and adieus to friends and to our gracious hosts after a truly enjoyable day.

Many, many thanks to Bill Burks and Jack Adam for opening their beautiful home to us once again for what is becoming a much anticipated annual summer event for the Freewheelers. Thanks too to Stuart Gunn who worked with Jack and Bill to put together the tour and luncheon buffet. Despite the foreboding morning cloudiness – and my lingering “shuffleboard shoulder” – it turned out to be a spectacular day in the south bay!



LEFT: A glorious view and a sparkling pool greeted Freewheelers at Bill Burks' & Jack Adam's beautiful home in Emerald Hills. ABOVE: Freewheelers gather in shade for conversation and camaraderie while others grab some rays after a dip in the pool.

We Hope to See You In September!



Attention **Lincoln** lovers, did you know that the Lincoln and Continental Owner's Club (LCOC) is having its **Western National Meet in Concord** this **September 26-30**? If not it's probably because you're not a member of the LCOC! Join the LCOC today at www.lcoc.org and you will have plenty of time to register for the Western National Meet.

At the Concord Hilton in September, we'll be celebrating the '70s on account of 2012 being the **40th anniversary of the Continental Mark IV**, the car that set the style for the entire automobile industry in the 1970s. In addition to the standard judged classes for Lincolns and Continentals from 1921 through 2002, there will be special awards for '70s Lincolns.

It's going to be a great meet! For an itinerary and more information, visit www.lcocwestern.org/meet or call Freewheelers member and LCOC Western National Meet Coordinator Jeremy Sanford at 916-488-3936.



Peas, Petroliana, and Private Collections, Oh My!

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, *Anderson's Pea Soup*! See last month's issue of the Flyer or the website calendar for full details. Registration Form below:

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 Andersen's Pea Soup? ☐ 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

The Freewheelers Car Club Presents

THE 28TH ANNUAL BENEFIT CAR SHOW

PRIDE IN EDUCATION

Sunday, September 9, 2012

Everett Middle School

17th and Church Street, San Francisco, CA

Benefiting:



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OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Owner Information

Name _____ Partner _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Evening Phone _____ Email _____

Vehicle Information

All vehicles are welcome in the show!

Due to the enormous parking lot there will be a multiple car discount: \$30 to enter first car then \$10 per car!

Vehicles must be equipped with a Fire Extinguisher & Drip Mat.

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

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Show Details

Benefit Car Show:
Sunday, September 9, 2012
10 AM – 4 PM

(Car placement on the lot begins at 8 AM)

Event Fees

\$30 Initial Vehicle Registration Fee: \$ _____

\$10 per Additional Vehicle: \$10 x _____: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: "FREEWHEELERS" and mail to: FREEWHEELERS CAR CLUB – 2012 Benefit Car Show
2060 Cesar Chavez Street, San Francisco, CA 94124

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: The undersigned desiring to enter and participate in the Freewheelers 2012 Benefit Car Show to be held September 9, 2012 at Everett Middle School, San Francisco, CA, does hereby tender his/her application to participate. If this application is accepted, the undersigned registrant and his or her guests, having suitable automotive insurance assumes liability from, and shall indemnify and hold harmless The Freewheelers 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, out of, or in conjunction with participation in said event.

Your signature _____ Date _____



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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2012

Sun., 09/09: **SAVE THE 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...visit www.modestopride.org/ for more information.

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.

Wed. 09/26 - Sun. 09/30: Lincoln and Continental Owner's Club (LCOC) is having its Western National Meet in Concord. Visit www.lcocwestern.org/meet or call Freewheelers member and LCOC Western National Meet Coordinator Jeremy Sanford at 916-488-3936 for an itinerary and more details.

Fri., 09/28 - Sun., 09/30: The Mendenhall Museum, Private Tour and BBQ Dinner...a joint event with Great Autos of Yesteryear. See page 9 for registration form.

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., 10/14: **CHANGE OF DATE** for the East Bay Tours and BBQ event! See page 4 for details!

NOVEMBER 2012

Sat., 11/03 - Sun., 11/04: Palm Springs Pride...visit www.pspride.org for more information.

Sun., 11/11: **SAVE THE DATE** for another fun-filled Freewheelers event. Stay tuned for details!

Wed., 11/21: 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.

DECEMBER 2012

Sun., 12/02: **SAVE THE DATE** for the Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party in Half Moon Bay...watch for upcoming details.

NOTE: Calendar listings are subject to change without notice.

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