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# President's Message

Hey! It's November! Wait, what? How'd that happen, it was just summer?! Summer...that time of car shows and tinkering under the hood of your car...dropping the top and going for an early morning drive.

But now fall is the time for prepping our cars for winter, be it storing it or changing out the fluids and making sure your baby will be able to handle the rigors of cold winter driving. Todd and I are of the second type group...if it ain't raining, we are driving one of the cars...even the Amphicar goes out for a dip now and then.

I guess my point is that all our cars, new and old, were built to be driven – rain, snow, sun, wind, whatever – so unless you own a Concours quality show car, why not just drive it and enjoy it? Who knows, you might learn to love the slip slap of the wipers!

Motor on!

*Scott Mikkelson*

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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# 2019 New Members Lunch in Concord

Join us on **Sunday, November 17** when we'll be holding the 2019 New Member Lunch at the Buchanan Airfield in Concord where we can hang in the hangars with cars and planes! For any new club member as of our last New Member Lunch, the event is on us...no fee!

Join us in the main parking lot (see photo) for tire kicking and coffee; we'll have signs and directions to the hangar where the lunch will be held (walking distance). We're planning a family style lasagna lunch to be served around noon. We hope you can join us....especially the newbies!



## At a glance

**What:** 2019 New Members Brunch

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

**When:** Sunday, November 18, 11 am

**Fee:** \$15 includes lunch (no charge for new members)

**RSVP:** Please register and pay via the link provided in the email invitation. Questions? Please contact Jay Remick at [jayremick@me.com](mailto:jayremick@me.com), 831-601-8080, or Gregg Cannella at 925-899-5167 [glamgfc@msn.com](mailto:glamgfc@msn.com)

## Freewheelers 2018 Holiday Party!

Join us **Sunday, December 1**, 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 Mikkelsen 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 while helping to support your favorite car club! Hope to see you there!



## At a glance

**What:** Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party

**Where:** Veteran's Memorial Hall, 3001 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566

**When:** Sunday, December 1, 2019; 11 a.m. appetizers, gift raffle review, tire kicking, 1:30 p.m. dinner, followed by raffle drawing

**Fee:** \$35 includes dinner and one raffle ticket; additional tickets will be available for purchase

**RSVP:** Please register and pay via the link provided in the email invitation. Questions? Please contact Jay Remick at [jayremick@me.com](mailto:jayremick@me.com), 831-601-8080

# 2020 Annual Business Meeting

It's that time of year again for membership to gather for our Annual Business Meeting! Join your fellow Freewheelers and your Board of Directors on Sunday, January 26, 2020 for our Annual Business and Planning Meeting at the beautiful Vallejo Yacht Club.



You will enjoy a catered lunch and the camaraderie of your friends as we recap 2019's accomplishments and talk about our plans for 2020. We will also be looking for nominations for open board positions as well as ideas for 2020 events.

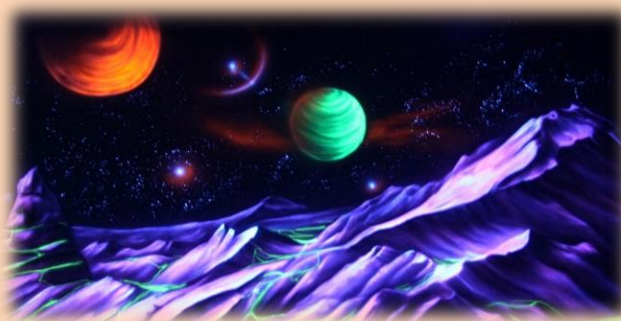
The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. as we gather in the parking lot for some tire kicking and socializing before convening in the Yacht Club to enjoy a delicious lunch\* before getting down to business. So, come on out and join us to discuss the state of the club and help us develop a calendar of fun events for the coming year. Details in next month's Flyer!

*\*The Business Meeting is open to all members – if you do not wish to participate in the luncheon, you can just come to the meeting following lunch.*

## WCM 2020...

### Meet Me on Mars!

Yes! The planet has lots of black light! Day-Glow as far as you can see! Cross over and Dress for the Light, Earthlings!



## Renew Your Membership for 2020!



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 2019 events have been very well received and attended, and our 2020 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 "digital" option pay just \$35 annually. Or you can pay \$60 to receive hard copies of the Flyer in the mail (which reflects the actual per-person printing and distribution costs).

Feel free to fill out your application/renewal online ([www.thefreewheelers.net](http://www.thefreewheelers.net)) for the \$35 digital renewal, or mail in the application included in this issue of the Flyer (page 8) if you wish to go the \$60 route for hard copy newsletters. Online 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 (mailing address on the form).

We hope everyone will take advantage of the privileges of membership, including the camaraderie experience, networking and support from all who have the passion for classic cars. From parts to repairs to events, 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. Our monthly 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 or updates 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 Freewheeler!

# Freewheelers Last Tour of 2019



— by Marty Hanson

It was an impossibly perfect October day as Freewheelers gathered at the Marin Civic Center in San Rafael. Many brought coats and sweaters, anticipating a cold, overcast morning, but the sun was out and welcoming which motivated folks to bring out their classic cars.

And classics there were...several first-on-tour cars made an appearance, including new member Bill Bliler's 1950 MG-TD Roadster named "Maggie," new member Pat Sieler's 1996 Buick Roadmaster Wagon, Bill Hart's 1959 Mercedes-Benz 220 4-door Sedan, Cary Yamamoto's 1960 Pontiac Bonneville 4-door Flattop, and David Siewe's 1967 Lincoln Continental 4-door Sedan.

Board members Jay Remick, Michael Amodt and Scott Mikkelson provided coffee and donuts for everyone as they arrived at the Civic Center parking lot. Groundbreaking for the beautiful Marin County Civic Center, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, took place in 1960, after Wright's death and under the watch of Wright's protégé, Aaron Green; it was completed in 1962. Still in use today, it is an ever beautiful and artful historic structure.

President Scott Mikkelson and Event coordinator Brian Kanamu gathered people together around 11:30 to welcome everyone and to outline the day's activities, beginning with a drive tour from the Civic Center, through San Rafael, the town of Larkspur, and through the winding hills of Mill Valley. Our final destination being the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bay Model in Sausalito.

Drivers all managed to meet at the parking lot next to the Bay Model, thanks to Brian's detailed directions. Admission to the Bay Model is free, so Freewheelers got a chance to enter and tour the facility at their leisure, enjoying the various information points and videos in the museum, as well as the sheer immensity and scale of the model itself replicating all areas of the bay. Familiar landmarks such as the Carquinez and San Mateo bridges helped to identify areas frequented by Freewheelers and provided an idea of the scale of the areas.

There was also a Kayak Regatta taking place right outside the museum which had its entertaining moments as well as kayakers participated in relays during the day on the bay. After the tour, the fog started to roll in however several of us Freewheelers gathered at the local eatery – "Fred's" – for some lunch and camaraderie before heading home.

Many thanks go to Brian Kanamu for organizing the event and putting together the delightful drive tour – the last drive tour of 2019! Thanks too, to Scott, Jay and Michael for providing coffee and donuts!



*First-on-Tours: David Siewe's 1967 Lincoln Continental 4-door Sedan , Cary Yamamoto's 1960 Pontiac Bonneville 4-door Flattop, Bill Hart's 1959 Mercedes-Benz 220 4-door Sedan and Bill Bliler's 1950 MG-TD Roadster. Freewheelers meet and greet , then line up to head out on the drive tour ....*



Heading Out: John Porter & Nowell Ingram...



Tom & Terry Machado...



and James Holloway & Rick Mintrop



Freewheelers arrive at the gathering lot by the Bay Model.



Bill Blier's and Brian Kanamu's MGs reunited.



Yours truly waves at left to give you an idea of the scale of just part of the Bay Model!



## 2020 Application for Membership/Membership Renewal

Hello fellow auto enthusiast! Please complete the application, **sign and date the bottom of the form** acknowledging the club's liability policy, and return it with your check for or money order (includes access to our club roster, monthly newsletter, and privileged website access). You may also register and pay using your PayPal account or a **credit card** at [www.thefreewheelers.net](http://www.thefreewheelers.net) and clicking on 'contact us / join' which we prefer.

**Membership Rates:** The membership rate will remain at \$60.00 per year to more closely reflect actual printing and distribution costs. HOWEVER, for those wishing to receive the flyer and the roster digitally/online without a print version there is a \$25.00 discount – \$35 per year (same as last year)! Note that all or part of the Flyer may be printed from the internet if you desire a hard copy.

Membership is for the **calendar year from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**. **New** Members who join on or after October 1, 2019 will have the following year at no charge (up to 15 months).

Please include an e-mail address. We use these addresses for event registration and payment as well as notifications between Flyer issues. We will use only the 'Primary Members' email address for all communications. The optional occupational listing is for the Board's access only and is not available to the general membership. From time to time the Board seeks advice on subjects relating to the club's needs.

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# *CAR TARTS IN ENGLAND?*

— by Michael Amodt



Have you ever heard of the Gay Car Club Group, also known as the G.C.C.G? Several Freewheelers are also members of this United Kingdom based club. Their origin is not unlike that of the Freewheelers. It was founded in 1988 when a group of friends met up at a pub to discuss forming a car club in which they could feel at ease in the company of other like-thinking folks also appreciating vintage vehicles. They now can boast of more than one thousand members having doubled their numbers in just the last ten years.

On September 21st, five Freewheelers - Glen Taber, Richard Bae, Eric Whitney, Jay Remick and I joined in the fun at G.C.C.G's "Castles and Coal" event which took place at the elegant, old-world Hardwick Hall Hotel at Sedgfield, England. The hotel's setting was nothing less than specular being poised on a hillside surrounded by rolling green lawns and gardens all overlooking a lake inhabited by swans. The event was billed as a "luxury weekend in County Durham, exploring some of its medieval and industrial heritage". And were we ever blessed with picture perfect, warm sunny weather which was apparently pretty rare that time of year.

After settling into our rooms on Friday, we hit the parking lot to meet and schmooze with the other attendees which numbered sixty-two. And what a friendly, welcoming bunch they were. Numerous introductions ensued followed by tours of a most interesting and diverse array of cars. There were 37 in all, manufactured between 1937 and 2014. Marques included: Rover, Rolls Royce, Daimler, Citroen, Vauxhall, Bentley, Porsche, Alvis, Austin Healey and Princess, Bristol, Jensen, Aston Martin, Mini Cooper, Honda, Volkswagen and others. Cocktails flowed freely that evening in the hotel bar but when I ordered a Martini the bartender's face glazed over. So, Ale it was. We all retired early to prepare for Saturday's busy itinerary.

Eric and Richard had rented an Audi SUV however, to really experience the day the five of us became car tarts! Car tarts? That's a British term for let's say, hitching a ride. Glen, Jay, Eric and Richard all were able to experience the countryside in pristine British cars. I started out in a 1978 Rover and then switched over to Mark Well's 1938 Austin. I got a kick out of it turn signals which popped out of the upper center door pillars. Maybe someone, somewhere, sometime might have noticed them. The owners were all gracious and happy to accommodate those without cars of their own.

The weekend was organized and hosted by a most enthusiastic and lively couple, Mark Wells and Malcom Knight. Saturday's drive tour commenced with a visit to the medieval Raby Castle. Built in the 1,300s, it's still a private home and the residence of the Vane family, the Barons Barnard. Downton Abby fans will no doubt recognize it as one of the many settings at which the show has been filmed.



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After touring the castle, we lunched on soup, smart sandwiches and of course, tea while still on the castle grounds. Then we set off on a lengthy drive through the high hills of the North Pennines territory while often having to yield to sheep or cows in the road. Since we were riding with our host, we lead the way in his '38 Austin 18 Norfolk. As the hills became ever higher and higher our car became ever slower and slower. Near the crest of the highest hill we looked over only to be greeted with the sight of a 25-horsepower, 1955 Volkswagen Beetle clattering passed us. Oh, the indignity of it all.

We went on to Tanfield and the oldest railway in the world. Unexpectedly the train station was overrun with visitors there to see a 1940's celebration with volunteers in period dress. It was a scene truly right out of the World War II years. It all added to the magic of the day. Back at the hotel the bar once again filled up. With no more thoughts of Martinis, it was more Ale followed by a very nice dinner in the banquet hall. Then off to bed once again to prepare for Sunday, another action-packed day.

After breakfast, the five of us Freewheelers jumped in the Audi loaner and joined another drive tour. We visited the amazing Beamish Museum, a 350-acre, open-air museum established in 1972 and depicting the region's history from the 1870s. Dozens of old buildings and shops were taken apart brick by brick and reassembled at this location. It was shades of Twilight Zone as it really was like being transported to another time long ago. It too has been used by various film companies. Our timing was a bit unfortunate as from what we were told we missed out on the best fish and chips on earth – it had not yet opened.

The weekend concluded with a rather lavish banquet dinner. We are all taken by surprise to see five of the G.C.C.G. member's cars facing us inside the banquet room, each with its headlights on! Fire Marshall laws? Were there any? After the gas fumes and the clatter of silverware diminished our hosts presented a few select prizes each of which was greeted by lots of laughter. A long-distance award went to the flawless Citroen Maserati that made its glamorous way 800 miles from the Netherlands. Another award for "Best Restored Roof Rack" went to the '55 VW that had passed us near the mountain top. The awards were few and really pretty funny. Perhaps that might be something we should think about for West Coast Meet? If that wasn't enough for the evening hosts, Mark and Malcolm introduced, Fay Horne (a winner on X Factor, the British version America's Got Talent). Fay totally rocked the room by belting out tunes made famous by legendary divas. She nailed Shirley Bassey and several others.

It was a terrific and memorable weekend during which five visitors from the United States made new friends and were greatly acknowledged, appreciated and warmly welcomed into the Gay Car Club Group's fold. While there we also met Tony Latham, a Freewheelers Club member back in the nineties before he moved back to his native England. So...think about it – if any of you might want a really enjoyable car adventure, I know the five of us would heartily recommend attending a G.C.C.G. event. For more information on their club check out their web site: [www.gccg.org.uk/](http://www.gccg.org.uk/)



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## Calendar of Events

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SUNDAY, the 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Board of Directors Meeting in Concord.

SUNDAY, the 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – New Members Brunch in Concord, details on page 3.

### DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – Holiday Party in Pleasanton, details on page 3.

### JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY, the 26<sup>th</sup> – 2020 Annual Business Meeting in Vallejo, details to follow.

*NOTE: Dates/events/locations subject to change. NOTE: Club Board Meetings are typically held the second Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. in Concord, and are open to all members. Contact a board member if you're interested in attending to confirm the time and place.*

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