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Freewheelers put on their own Concours on the Green at John White's river front home in Sacramento.

•>Two<•>Two<• Two Car Shows in One!

– by Marty Hanson

Unseasonably warm, yet perfect weather set the stage for the Freewheelers' May gathering in Sacramento. Guests began arriving as early as 10 a.m. with yours truly brining the coffee and donuts around 10:30.

Registration Director Todd Darling arrived soon afterwards, promptly setting up the registration table and signing in attendees. The balmy weather encouraged tire kicking in the ample parking lot, easily accommodating the 80+ members

and guests who travelled near and far to see Freewheeler John White's renowned Ramshead Collection.

Among the many classic arrivals, were some first-on-tour cars including Cliff Travis's and Mark Hansen's 1972 Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser wagon and Wayne Parson's 1956 Packard 400 2-door hardtop.

The doors to the museum opened promptly at 11 a.m. allowing anxious guests to get their first glimpse of the glittering collection of

beautifully restored classic cars. The showroom was spick-and-span from top to bottom as were the cars, sparkling under the colorful lighting. Right up front was John's recent acquisition...the rare Durham Dodge, and the equally unique 1954 Chrysler Ghia took center stage on the turntable.

With such a large turn-out, the show room was soon filled with spectators while others still participated in tire-

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President's Message...

It's June again, time to celebrate our Pride.

I'm thankful that New York's Finest chose June as the time of year that they'd annoy the patrons of the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, setting off the spark that lit the fire of Gay Pride. June is the perfect month for parades and festivals, much better, say, than February. If we'd taken up the cause of harassment and violence by the LAPD (and let's face it; when it comes to harassment by the LAPD there is an embarrassment of riches) of the Pandora's Box and Black Cat bars, we'd be marching under umbrellas. (February 11, 1967)

There are many Pride celebrations scheduled around the region in June with the Granddaddy of them all being held in San Francisco the weekend of June 23rd and 24th with the Parade up Market Street and festival at Civic Center Plaza. The Parade kicks off at 10:30.

Sacramento Pride consists of a parade and festival on Saturday, June 2, 2012. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. on 4th and N Street and ends on 10th and N Street. The festival costs \$10 per person (children five and under are free) and is located on Capitol Mall near the Tower Bridge, between 4th and 7th streets.

Santa Cruz celebrates Pride on June 3 with their 38th Annual parade, which will march down Pacific Avenue through downtown Santa Cruz. Their new festival location will be on Pacific Avenue between Cooper and Water Street from 11a.m. to 2p.m., and will include a stage show, presentation of proclamations, a dance area, and variety of merchant and information booths. Sonoma county Pride will also celebrate on June 3 on the meadows of Guerneville Lodge in Guerneville beginning at 11a.m.

San Jose Pride is celebrated August 17th through the 19th at Discovery Meadow Park, Downtown San Jose. I'm not sure if San Jose chose August just to be contrary or commemorate an LAPD raid on the The Patch, a gay bar in Los Angeles. Owner Lee Glaze led the crowd to the flower shop up the street and he bought out all the flowers (excluding pansies) and gave them out to all the demonstrators before he led them on a 3:00a.m. "flower power style" demonstration at the Harbor Division Police Station. (August 1968)

Finally, the Modesto Pride Festival will take place on Saturday, September 15 at Graceada Park in Modesto. However and wherever you choose to celebrate, let's all get out there and have fun.

Keep 'em rolling.

Stuart Gunn

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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2012 New Mateys Brunch



AVAST Y'SWABS! Maaaaark ye calendaaaaarz for Sunday, June the 10th to join ye fellow scallywags at yon Clubhouse in the San Francisco Bay. Prepare to be bedazzled by yet another maaaaarvelous buffet brunch with a **PIRATE** theme, and show our new mateys how much fun we Freewheelers aaaaare!

So bring ye eye patch, peg-leg, and an appetite for a Pirate's Treasure of taaaaarrific treats! And of course, there'll be plenty o' great caaaaars and tire-kickin' for all to enjoy! Just look for the Jolly Roger!

AT-A-GLANCE:

What: 2012 New Mateys Brunch

When: Sunday, June 10...clubhouse opens at 11 a.m., brunch at noon

Where: Freewheelers Club House, 2060 Cesar Chavez St., San Francisco

Fee: Free to new mateys (we know who ye aaaarrre), otherwise \$15 for brunch

AAAARRSVP: to the forthcoming eVite or contact Stuart Gunn at 510-482-1191

Calling All Cars!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Sunday June 24 for the 42nd Annual San Francisco Pride Celebration! Visit <http://www.sfpride.org/> for more details about the weekend event.

As the oldest LGBT car club, the Freewheelers have been asked once again to participate. So we're looking for volunteers not only to promote our club to the LGBT community, but to let over a million people see our pride and joys!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND/OR THEIR CARS!

1. The Grand Marshal/Parade Official Convertible Conveyance (starts at 10 a.m.): We need 12 to 15 convertibles to carry parade grand marshals, dignitaries and celebrities. The Freewheelers have part-nered with SF Pride for a number of years, providing stunning transportation. You won't want to miss it...there is nothing like seeing the parade from behind the wheel!
2. The Freewheelers Car Club Contingent (starts at 10 a.m.): This year we will be marching (or driving!) in the parade and having our own parade contingent. If you don't have a convertible but would like to drive in the parade, this can't be beat!

Contact John Kiszla at john.kiszla@yahoo.com if you'd like to volunteer either as a driver or marching in the contingent...and watch for additional details to follow.



CADILLAC AT THE CÔTE



Heavens, darlings, have I got some news for you! The generous minions at Cadillac have agreed to come to Côte d'Obispo! My people are still working out the details, but I can let you in on a few details. Cadillac will give a special presentation before the Duchess de Deux Rûn-Rûn's Haute Côte-ture fashion show, making the Friday dinner a must attend event of the weekend. Even if you've already registered, it's not too late to sign up for Friday! Cadillac will also be supplying a few cars for you to test drive throughout the weekend. That's how I ended up with my CTS, darlings. One test drive and I was hooked!

And speaking of Friday, the Grand Prix drive tour on Friday is shaping up to be a wonderful way to see the sights. As usual, it will culminate at a beautiful park where we will enjoy a delicious luncheon picnic. The place is so enchanting that I mistook it for the Tuileries Gardens before Marco corrected me.

Now, darlings, I must tell you that the deadline is approaching. June 12 is the last day to register before we impose the \$25 late fee, so get your collective acts together and send in your registrations! You definitely won't want to miss this year's meet, and space is running out at the Embassy Suites. And remember to order your Côte d'Obispo polo shirt!

Don't forget to friend me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KountdeBoozo and "like" the West Coast Meet Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/West-Coast-Meet-2012-Côte-dObispo/.

See you at the Côte!

Skål!

Count de Boozo



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kicking outside in the glorious sunshine. Michael Amodt experienced a few “technical difficulties” with his 1962 Thunderbird convertible prompting interest and comments from the club’s Ford-o-philes, but not to worry...nothing a proper mechanic couldn’t handle...thank goodness for AAA!

Around noon, President Stuart Gunn gathered attendees together in the showroom to thank John for opening his collection to the club and to allow John to provide a few details about his collection as well as the upcoming luncheon at his river front home. Since it was such a large group, he thoughtfully organized the drive into four groups with Freewheelers’ classic cars taking the lead and regular drivers following.

John also provided detailed directions to drivers so that as the contingents headed out, they would arrive at John’s home in the desired order to be arranged – car show style – on his expansive back lawn overlooking the Sacramento River...a veritable Concours on the Green! The contingents began heading over the river and through the woods a little before 1 p.m.

Upon arrival, guests were directed to park and greeted with colorfully decorated tables under the large shade trees which featured equally colorful balloons.. A buffet was set up – hot and ready to serve – with three choices of soft tacos, rice, beans, a variety of salsas, chips, condiments, and an assortment beverages. Guests broke into groups around the tables where they could enjoy their lunch in the shade or stroll the sunny grounds and admire the classic cars.

After a second trip or two to the taco buffet as warranted, several Freewheelers and their guests began to head out after a delightful day, while others lingered in the sunshine admiring the cars or just enjoying the weather. Before wrapping up their afternoon, Mike Cowles and Dave Gilbert did some tinkering on Mike’s beautiful 1960 Edsel Ranger convertible – as well as some Q&A for those interested – while parked under the shade of a willow tree.

Overall, it was a VERY successful and enjoyable Freewheelers event...perfect weather and a great turnout! Many, many thanks again to our gracious hosts John White and Doug Alcorn for opening up the Ramshead Collection and their beautiful river front home for the day...surely something to tell mumsy about on Mother’s Day!











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THE 2012 DON FROLICH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MEET

AT PORTAL PARK IN CUPERTINO, SUNDAY JULY 29th, 2012

Hosted by The Northern California Region, Cadillac-La Salle Club, Inc.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION FORM* AND CHECK FOR THIS YEARS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-CLC NATIONAL MEET! This is always the most popular event of the NORCAL CLC touring season.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION FORM* AND CHECK TO JEFF NIELSEN BEFORE JULY 20th.

Earlier would be most helpful. After that deadline, you are still welcome to attend, but bring your own food and drink and plan to park in the parking lot.

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS – EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE FURNISHED!

CHOICE OF CHICKEN, ITALIAN SAUSAGE, OR BBQ'D TRI-TIPS OF BEEF, CHILI, CHOICE OF GREEN OR POTATO SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, WATERMELON, AND HOT DOGS FOR THE KIDS

SEE THE REGISTRATION FORM* TO REGISTER YOUR CAR AND ORDER THE BBQ LUNCH

PLAN TO ARRIVE AT PORTAL PARK BETWEEN 10:00 AND 11:30am.

THE BARBQUE LUNCH IS SERVED PROMPTLY AT NOON!

PLEASE NOTE: (ESPECIALLY NEW MEMBERS) you don't need to come in a Cadillac, LaSalle, or other vintage vehicle in order to participate in this event, nor need your automobile be in top show condition to join us. This is a very low key, social, fun event. There's a great play area for small children, and there is lots of grass and shade in this safe RESIDENTIAL PARK AREA.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? Please call JEFF NIELSEN @ 650-740-5204.

SEATING FOR EATING

Since we are experiencing a larger group at this event every year, and seating in the designated BBQ area is minimal, I would like to encourage anyone who has a folding picnic table and benches, to bring them along. There are lots of places under the trees where you can set up for your BBQ lunch in shady comfort.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO PORTAL PARK IN CUPERTINO

From anywhere in the Bay Area – Get on 280 (between 85 and 880) in Cupertino.

- Turn west on WOLFE ROAD (toward the hills)
- Go past the Cupertino Square Shopping Center, to STEVENS CREEK BLVD.
- Turn right on Stevens Creek and go 1 long block (pass 1 stop light) to PORTAL AVE.
- Turn right on Portal Ave, go past the round-a-bout and you will soon see PORTAL PARK on the left.

There are barriers at the first parking lot entrance, so go to the 2nd entrance where you will see the "CLC BBQ" sign. Turn left into the lot, left again, and follow the signs and arrows back thru the parking lot and they will guide you into the park and BBQ area. (Turn right up a slight incline next to the debris bins) It's a piece of cake from there!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!

*The RESERVATION FORM can be found on the Calendar page at the Freewheelers Website - www.thefreewheelers.net/calendar.htm - under the event date.

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Is There Anything Great Autos HASNT Done?

- by Carmi Standish



Yup, sure is! Every time someone suggests an event that is "special" or one that is "unique" to Great Autos...one of our members says, "Oh yeah, I remember that one...we've already done that!" With Great Autos being around for almost 30 years, it's hard to find events, tours or collections that we haven't already done. Suggestions, however new and unique to some, have already been experienced by others.

HOWEVER! In our somewhat localized travels, we have found (yes we have!) an event/ collection that we have NEVER done in the history of Great Autos! Let me just whet your palette by saying this...Great Autos **AND** the Freewheelers are cordially invited to spend the day touring together in a beautiful area of California that may (or may not) include an overnight stay at one of California's iconic hotels. This event is well within a reasonable driving distance for BOTH clubs, so why not make it a party?!

This September, we'll have activities for you during the day (if you wish), then the afternoon will begin with a tour of a collection SO unique, SO fabulous, and NEVER before seen by Great Autos members, that you'll wish (or be glad) you brought your camera! The tour will be followed into the evening by a scrumptious BBQ dinner and more fun facts about the collection!!!!

Intrigued? You should be! Watch for more information in next month's Flyer!

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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2012

Sat., 06/02: Sacramento Pride at the State Capitol

Sun., 06/03: Sonoma Pride in downtown Guerneville

Sun., 06/10: **SAVE THE DATE** for the 2012 New Member Brunch at the Clubhouse... details on page 3.

Wed., 06/20: 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.

Sat., 06/23 – 06/24: San Francisco Pride Weekend. Visit www.sfpride.org/ for more details

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 4, registration form in this issue!

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 to follow

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

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

Sun., 09/16: **SAVE THE DATE** for the 28th Annual Benefit Car Show in the Castro...details to follow

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.

NOTE: Calendar listings are subject to change without notice.





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