

Flyer

FREEWHEELERS



Scott Mikkelson's first-on-tour 1946 Packard Clipper Super 4-door sedan takes a stately stroll along the riverside.

Ramshead - by Any Other Name Would be as Sweet!

—by John White

The north wind blew like crazy on a sunny Sunday in Sacramento. Who knows? Maybe it gave a tailwind push for some of our older cars to make it all the way to the Capitol City for a day at Freewheelers John White's and Doug Alcorn's beautiful Ramshead collection in Sacramento. The doors to the collection swung open exactly at 10:00 AM. Doug set up a table at the entrance to accommodate coffee and donuts, while Registration gurus Eric Whitney and Richard Bae aptly manned the sign-in table.

Some "first-on-tour" vehicles at the event included Calvin Craig's 1973 Jaguar E-type V-12, Bill Peachee's 1958 Imperial Custom Sedan - which apparently was a challenge to maneuver on such a blustery day on the freeway, Scott Mikkleson's 1946 Packard Clipper Super 4 door Sedan, Bob Zapotosky's 2010 Cadillac CTS sport wagon, Cliff Travis's 1998 Buick LeSabre Limited, and a "near" first on tour: Tom and Terry Machado's 1967 Ford Mustang, last seen at West Coast Meet 2007!

After requisite tire-kicking, guests began to trickle into the museum to enjoy an eyeful of glorious chrome and charisma! Soon thereafter, John went into story telling mode, sharing with the crowd some interesting stories about Ramshead and a few human-interest tales about some of his favorite cars in the collection. The story about buying that wonderful, original 1962 Lincoln Continental was a favorite. Then there was the story about how Ramshead got its name:

The Ramshead Automobile Collection began many years ago in the playroom of John White's boyhood home in Garden City, New York. On the shelves, neatly parked and forever on display, were literally hundreds of toy cars – many from Corgi of England, Schuco of Germany, Marx and Wyandotte from the USA and a few marked "made in Japan." Nearly every day the cars would spring to life and be "driven" around the playroom floor complete with the sounds of "vroom vroom." The cars never were in any kind of accident. In fact, they were perfectly cared for while other toys were ignored. Every evening they were parked in perfect order

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President's Message

Looking forward to November, personally, I never tire of visiting the Winchester Mystery House (Sunday, November the 9th). The Victorian architecture and building materials in their “raw” form are fun to see, but I’m always intrigued at how the house ever came to be. Given no more directive than an ongoing project to appease the victims of her husband’s repeating rifle, Sarah chose to build a house: why not an amusement park (“Winchesterland!”) or a rapid transit train around the bay (“WART”)? Those things never get finished.

For those of us familiar with the house tour and the grounds tour, a Behind-the-Scenes tour has been introduced. I’m hoping this is more than how they keep the rooms dusted and the plants watered. My thoughts immediately went to a séance. What would the ghosts have to say? *“We never told that crazy bitch to install the pillars upside down. As if that would fool anyone!”* or *“Afraid of ghosts? I know for a fact that once a week Sarah was getting jiggy with that incubus Buffalo Big Feather. She wasn’t afraid of nothing!”* And wouldn’t Sarah have a thing or two to say? *“Most people are respectful of my house, but every once in a while there’s a group of men who opine about how they would have decorated. The nerve!”*

Maybe there’s comfort in knowing that some people have even more unfinished projects when they pass on than you (I) do. Whatever the reason, I hope you’re able to join the Freewheelers at the Winchester Mystery House this month!

Happy Motoring....

Larry Salvador

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

— by Keith Cambra

It's that time of year once again to shine up those sleighs, put on your jingle bells and get ready for some holiday cheer! Yes, it is the Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party, graciously hosted by John McCue at his beautiful home in Half Moon Bay. Come join us on **Sunday, December 7th** for delicious food prepared by Freewheelers very own culinary experts Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelsen, a gorgeous home filled with festive decorations, a fun gift exchange and of course a street lined with some of the finest automobiles you'll ever see! All while enjoying the camaraderie of your fellow Freewheelers. Start searching your closet, garage or attic now for that "special" gift to share with one lucky someone because a Freewheelers Holiday Party just wouldn't be complete without a white-elephant gift exchange. You don't want to miss this joyous occasion. So join in the festivities and head out to Half Moon Bay on Sunday, December 7th! Watch your email for the **Eventbrite** Invitation where you can conveniently and securely register – and pay – in advance for this special event! We look forward to seeing you there!

P.S...For those interested in helping decorate for the party, please see the details in the green box on the following page.

At-a Glance:

When: **Decorating Party:** **Saturday, November 29th from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Holiday Party: **Sunday, December 7th from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Where: **John McCue's Home:** **2171 Bayhill Court, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**

Event Fee: **Holiday Party:** **\$20.00 event fee which includes a fabulous feast!**

RSVP: **Decorating Party:** **Larry Salvador at (925) 687-0727**

Holiday Party: **Upcoming Eventbrite Invitation or contact Keith Cambra at (925) 202-9665 no later than Monday, December 1st. You are encouraged to register and pay in advance using the safe and secure Eventbrite Invitation. RSVP REQUIRED BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 1st! Because we need an accurate head count for food, we are unable to accept RSVPs after this date. Thank you for your understanding.**



Directions to John McCue's Home

From Sacramento/San Francisco:

Take 101 South to 280 South, Daly City. Just before Serramonte, take the Highway 1 cutoff and proceed south on Highway 1 to Half Moon Bay. Go two miles south of Highway 92 (2nd stoplight in HMB), then...

- You will see the golf course on the right, then the entrance to "Ocean Colony" (your 4th stoplight in HMB).
- Turn right into the Ocean Colony Entrance (Fairway Drive) and stop at the gatehouse to tell the guard you're visiting John McCue.
- Proceed 2 blocks to the first stop sign (Bayhill Road) and turn right.
- Proceed 2 short blocks on Bayhill Road, and then turn right into Bayhill Court.
- Proceed to end of the cul-de-sac on Bayhill Court to 2171; John's is the large colonial, Bayhill Manor

From San Jose:

Take 280 North to Highway 92 West and go over the hill into Half Moon Bay. Turn left on Highway 1 (2nd stoplight) and go two miles south of Highway 92 on Highway 1, then...



We Need a Little Christmas - Let's Help Decorate for a Festive Holiday Party!

... as Angela Lansbury said during the Thanksgiving of the Great Depression, "We Need a Little Christmas."

Have some fun with your fellow Freewheelers and help decorate John McCue's beautiful home for the club's Holiday Party. Join us on Saturday, November 29th at 1PM and show us your holiday decorating skills. There will be food, beverages and a good time for everyone who helps. Please RSVP to Larry Salvador at 925-687-0727.

Help launch the holiday season and get into the spirit of the season with some holiday snacks, fellowship and getting the decorations "up" at John McCue's beautiful home. We have LOTS of trimmings to make the house really "pop" with lavish indoor and outdoor decorations. (Good Taste is Never Extreme!) The Decorating Party is often as much fun as the actual Holiday Party itself. NEW MEMBERS are encouraged to participate and get involved with what goes on "behind the scenes."

As is tradition, the decorating party will be on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29, from 1:00 to 5:00. Call Larry Salvador ahead of time so we know how much snacks to prepare at (925) 687-0727. For directions to John McCue's house, see the Annual Holiday Party article on the previous page.

Sooooo... What Are You Doing After Halloween?

Event Host: Tom Ortiz

It's Sunday, November 9th, 2014 at 11am.



All of your Halloween candy is consumed. Your costume is back in the closet. The parties are over. Yet, you still feel like a good scare. What do you do?

The Freewheelers will meet at the **Winchester Mystery House** parking lot at 11am for tire-kicking and camaraderie, and will engage in 3 tours with spine tingling adventures, beginning at NOON.

- The Mansion Tour - 65 minute guided tour
- The Behind the Scenes Tour - 45 minute tour (hard-hats required.... How butch!)
- The Garden Walkthrough Tour - self-guided tour of the grounds and statuary

Admission to the Historic Firearms Museum and Antique Products Museum are also included in the price of admission!

So, you see, there is still a little spookiness lurking after Halloween. See you in San Jose!

To be specific: 525 S. Winchester Blvd., San Jose, CA 95128

Be sure to RSVP to the Eventbrite invitation to receive the discounted rate. For a map and directions, go to <http://winchestermysteryhouse.com/directions.cfm>.

If you have additional questions about this event, please contact your spooky host, Tom Ortiz at (916) 424-1963.

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when the call came to “close your garage and come for supper.” And although Hemming’s was read religiously every month, it wasn’t until 1978 when a ’41 Cadillac convertible was purchased. That car has seen many others come and go and is still in The Ramshead Automobile Collection today as the collection has jumped to more than 25 vehicles. So where did the Ramshead name come from? From a bar called The Ramshead in Bermuda back in the ’80s. Many drinks were consumed that day. The subject was “we need a name for the collection like the one just named in the Bay Area called Blackhawk.”

After perusing the collection at Ramshead, the word began to spread through the hungry crowd that there was pizza in the oven at John and Doug’s home on the Sacramento River. Freewheelers made their way via Keith Cambra’s well-written directions, the short seven mile journey to the riverfront property. Sure enough, as Freewheelers parked on the River lawn in an informal car-show-on-the-green, the delicious aroma of five different kinds of pizza wafted from the portable pizza oven set up right there on the lawn. Salads, drinks and a wonderful variety of thin-crust pizzas were happily consumed by the crowd.

While still a bit breezy, the afternoon winds actually kept the temperature down in the valley, settling in the low 80s instead of the predicted low 90s. And, the luxurious willows on the back lot offered comfortable shade for the festively dressed tables set up for our dining pleasure.

After post lunch conversation and more tire-kicking among the over 100 attendees, people began to make their way home after a very pleasant day and another wonderful Freewheeler experience. Many thanks again go to John and Doug for opening the Ramshead collection and their lovely home to the Freewheelers!







PAGE 5: John White's Ramshead Collection includes such beauties as the 1954 Chrysler G51 Coupe Ghia, the 1957 Chrysler Dual Ghia, the 1962 Chrysler Ghia L6.4, the 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible, and the 1962 Oldsmobile Jetfire Coupe.

PREVIOUS PAGE: John and Doug's riverfront home features a sprawling back lawn, perfect for classic car placement and still leaving room for lunching under the shade trees. Other first-on-tours included Craig's 1973 Jaguar E-type V-12, Bob Zapotosky's 2010 Cadillac CTS sport wagon, Cliff Travis's 1998 Buick LeSabre Limited, and Tom and Terry Machado's 1967 Ford Mustang. The elegant walk up to the house is flanked by equally elegant cars.

THIS PAGE: Bill Peachee's Forward Look 1958 Imperial Custom Sedan was also a first-on-tour. Freewheelers Charles Kennedy, Bill Rogstad and Jeff Wood pose for the camera. Our host, John White stops for a photo op, Tim Finnegan and Glen Taber enjoy the day on the green. A portable pizza oven and friendly staff prepare a hot lunch for all. Freewheelers enjoy round table conversation in front of a backdrop of gorgeous cars. Terry and Faith Selk pose with Faith's 1965 Mustang coupe that she's owned since she was 16.





Membership Has Its Privileges

— by Brian McCann

It is time to renew your membership with your club, the fabulous Freewheelers! Joining now will cover your membership for the remainder of this year for new members and all of next year. Our 2014 events have been fantastic and with our growing membership, the turnout for these events has been record-breaking. Anticipation of our 2015 lineup is greater than ever and a reaction to the response and turnout in 2014.

A record number of members have switched to our online flyer and interactive online roster. For 2015, **annual membership is further reduced to \$35 for your online flyer and roster** or \$50 to receive both in the mail. You can fill out your application online, or use the application included in this issue of the Flyer. You may also download the application from our website (www.thefreewheelers.net). We have different payment options as well. Paypal will allow paying with your account or using a credit card if you do not have Paypal account. Still not crazy about paying online? No problem! Mail your application with a check (mailing address on the form).

We hope everyone will take advantage of the privileges that your membership includes. Just a few of these are the camaraderie, networking and support from all who have the passion for classic cars. On a personal note, joining the Freewheelers has been an incredible experience over the years. My husband and I have made many new friends and the events have been extremely memorable. I have also found the resources within the club to be invaluable. From parts to repairs, being a member of the Freewheelers has saved me from giving up on many a car project.

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. This is a membership that truly “keeps on giving.” The events adapt to the participation and involvement of our members and even as we grow, we still maintain a strong sense of family. I speak for the board members when I say that we hope to see you all soon at upcoming events and thank you in advance for becoming a member of the fantastic Freewheelers!

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Application for Membership/Membership Renewal

Hello fellow auto enthusiast! Please complete the application, sign 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 can also register and pay using your PayPal account at www.thefreewheelers.net and clicking on 'contact us / join'

New Membership Rates for 2015: The membership rate will remain the same at \$50.00 per year, HOWEVER, for those wishing to receive the flyer and the roster digitally/online without a print version there is a \$15.00 discount (\$35. per year). Membership is the calendar year from January 1 to December 31. New Members who join on or after October 1 will have the following year at no additional charge (up to 15 months).

Couples have 2 Options:

First option - Membership is for both if you use one listing for both you and your partner have one address and the same cars listed. Both names will be included in a separate section in the Roster that cross-references partners' names.

Second option - If both of you want individual listings, each must pay individually for two separate memberships. In this option, both of you can receive your own copy of the Newsletter and Roster⁺

Applications without signature and payment cannot be accepted (applications are subject to approval by the Board of Directors).

Many Freewheelers have e-mail addresses. The listing of your e-mail address provides another communication channel for members and event notifications such as e-Vites. 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.

New Member ☐ Renewal ☐		Where did you hear about the Freewheelers?	
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NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday, 11/02 – Board of Directors Meeting, 11 am, at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord

Sunday, 11/09–Winchester Mystery House tour. For more information, see page 4.

Saturday, 11/29– Holiday Decorating Party at John McCue's in Half Moon Bay. Details on page 4.

DECEMBER 2014

Sunday, 12/07– Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party in Half Moon Bay. Details on page 3.

JANUARY 2015

Sunday, 01/11 – Freewheelers Annual Business & Planning Meeting at the Vallejo Yacht Club in Vallejo. Details to follow!

Thursday, 01/15 - Saturday 01/17 – LCCI-CAR presents "Heatwave 2015" invitational in Scottsdale, AZ. Details on page 9.



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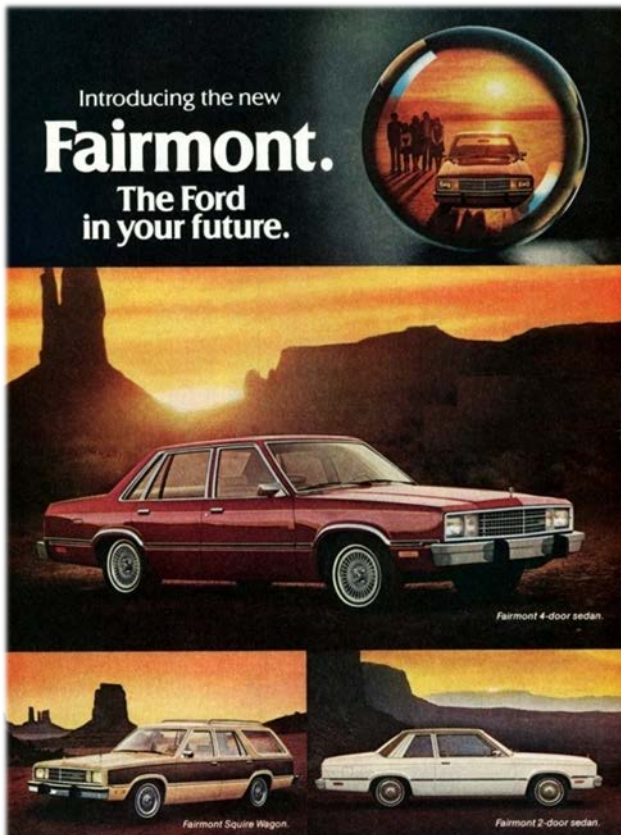
FREEWHEELERS ANNUAL BUSINESS and PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, January 11, 2015

On Sunday, January 11th we will be returning to the Vallejo Yacht Club for our Annual Business and Planning Meeting. Join us for lunch and camaraderie as you hear from your 2014 Board. It will be a grand time as we look back at a great 2014. We will be looking for nominations for open board positions as well as ideas for 2015 events. Watch for more details in the December flyer.



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