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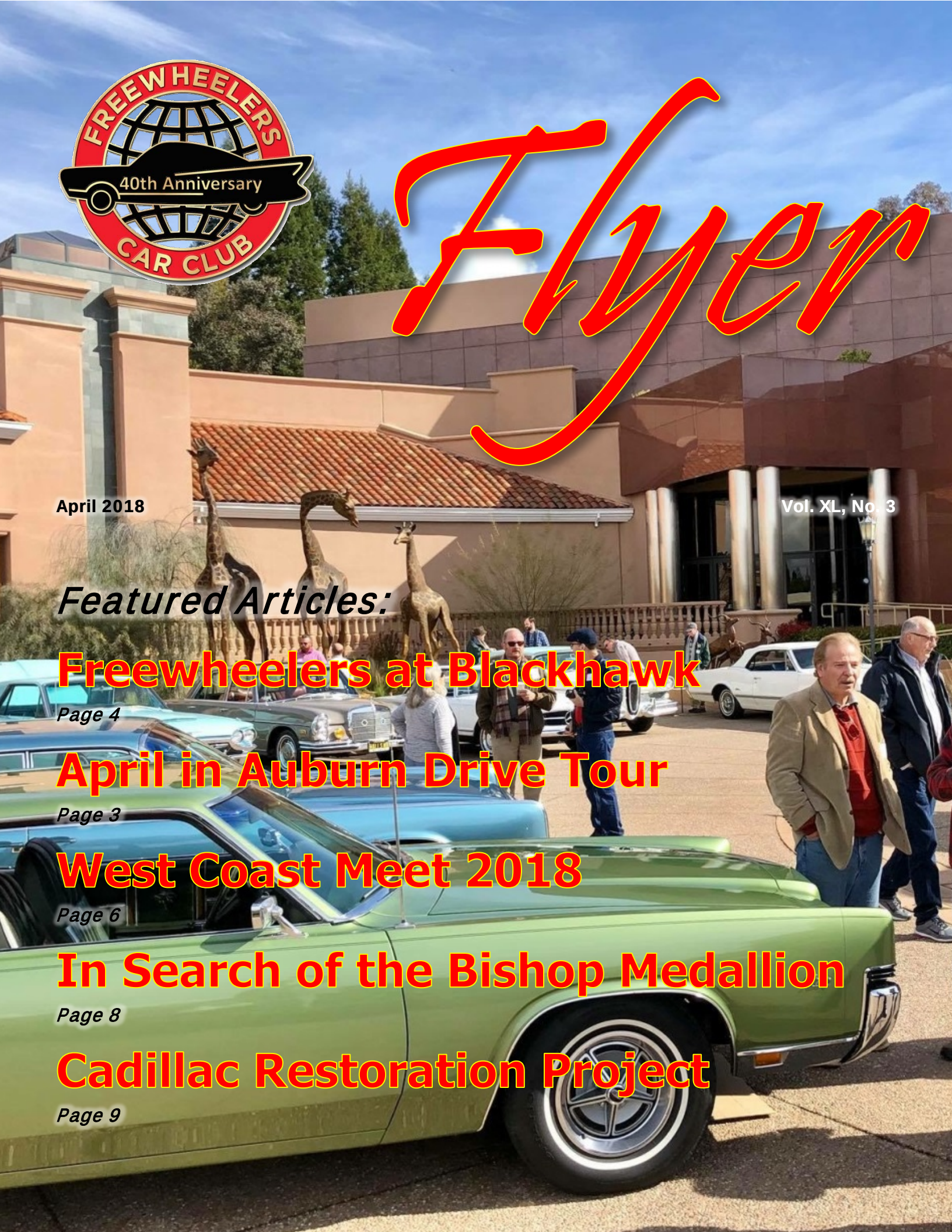
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President's Message

"Every field wears a bonnet with some spring daisies on it; even birds of a feather show their clothes off together. Sun's gettin' shiner to spotlight the finery – spring, spring, spring!"



NAME THAT MUSICAL! How's that for your gay musical reference to the season... welcome, Spring! Welcome to another year of Freewheelers Finery.

And as with the change of the season, we have some changes in store as well. I'll be filling in as your newsletter editor for the time being until we can find a replacement, and club Secretary Christopher Slater will be taking over webmaster duties, so watch for a new take on both the newsletter and the website!

Thanks to all who attended the Blackhawk Museum tour...some photos can be found in this issue of the Flyer. We have a combination drive tour and lunch at the Emmett Ranch in Grass Valley planned for this month; and a Freewheelers contingent gathering planned for Friendship Day in May.

For June, we have a north bay tour in the works and of course, West Coast Meet in July. Speaking of which, registration is NOW OPEN so see details in this issue of the Flyer!

The rest of the year is shaping up nicely as well and we've included a proposed calendar of events in this newsletter as well. I hope you join us at some or all of these gatherings. Until then....

Happy Motoring!

Marty Hanson

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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April in Auburn: CARS COWS and Q!



Attention Freewheelers! Pack a bag and fill that gas tank because our April event will entail a bit of travel. Roger Emmett and Geoffrey Caccamo have invited our group to their lovely country home in Auburn, California, on Sunday, April 22 for a leisurely bbq luncheon and swim!

We'll meet in Lincoln around 10 am and take a small, backroads drive tour to arrive at the ranch around 11am. There will be soft drinks and snacks to tide you over under Roger fires up his grill and cooks us up a wonderful BBQ lunch!

Come join yourfellow Freewheelers in a relaxing spring afternoon of cars, countryside, cows and delicious bbq! Detail coming soon, so keep your eyes peeled for the upcoming email invitation!



FREEWHEELERS GATHER AT



– by Marty Hanson

Two days shy of the vernal equinox; we had clear, crisp weather for the Freewheelers first tour of 2018. Sunshine prompted most to drive their classics with made for a delightful and well-attended impromptu car show on the promenade of the Blackhawk Museum in Danville.

Among the classics, several first-on-tour cars made an appearance, including Scott Mikkelson's and Todd Darling's green machine 1970 Mercury Marauder X-100, Gregg Cannella's and Lawrence Morgan-Kihs' pristine, white-on-white 1985 Buick Riviera, and Kevin and Tania Palmer's amazingly original 1976 Renault R16TX.

Coffee and donuts provided by event organizer Scott Mikkelson were on the ready for attendees as they arrived. Yours truly ensured all vehicles had a sheet of cardboard underneath, as requested by the museum, to protect the pavement. Requisite tire-kicking soon ensued as more and more cars arrived...over 20 on display in front of the museum.



Scott Mikkelson with his first-on-tour 1970 Mercury Marauder X-100



Gregg Cannella's first-on-tour 1985 Buick Riviera

Around 11, I gathered the group together to welcome them as we prepared to browse the Blackhawk on self-guided tours. I also welcomed our newest member, Tim Holmes, and reminded the group of our planned event for April. Scott followed up with a poll to attendees as to how next month's event could be best organized. We



Get that cardboard under the car!



Kevin and Tania Palmer's 1976 Renault R16TX



Newest member Tim Holmes inspects the X-100

also had a representative from the Blackhawk speak briefly on the presentation going on in the museum before we headed inside.

The Blackhawk Museum always has a spectacular – albeit dwindling – collection of vintage, rare, custom, and unique vehicles, all beautifully maintained and displayed with creative lighting. What once included two levels of the building now encompasses the main floor only, with other, non-car related displays on the upper level and other wings. From one of the Harrod's Rolls Royce Phantoms to a Mazda Cosmo, from a 1947 Delahaye 135MS to a 1959 Plymouth Fury, the collection did not disappoint...and Freewheelers enjoyed fawing over the glistening beauties.



After touring the various displays, several of us headed to the nearby "Pear" eateries for some lunch, while others headed out for more adventures or heading for home. Thanks again to Scott Mikkelson for working with the museum and setting up over tour. And thank to, to Ma Nature for providing another wonderful day for a Freewheeler event!



(More pictures on page 10 and on the website; photos courtesy Bill Peachee, Christopher Slater, Marty Hanson, and Jake Tapia)



The Phantom of the Opera Window

34th Annual West Coast Meet - Atascadero, CA

Thursday July 12 - Sunday July 15, 2018



WELCOME to our Phantom Invitation! Registration for West Coast Meet 2018 – The Phantom of the Opera Window – opens April 1! We hope you will join us for a weekend of fun and mystery!

Be one of the first 100 to register and earn “Prima Donna” status with all its rights and privileges! You may register on-line by clicking the link on the Freewheelers home page (www.thefreewheelers.net – there is NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE to register online!) or submit a completed registration form included in this newsletter and check to the address listed on the bottom of the form.

Your \$119 registration fee entitles you to all Saturday events and activities, including:

- 👂 Car Show
- 👂 Car Show Outdoor Lunch
- 👂 Masquerade Ball Cocktail Hour
- 👂 Masquerade Formal Dinner & Dessert
- 👂 “Through the Opera Window” Awards Show



We’re hoping you’ll want to join in ALL the weekend festivities, including the Friday events:

- 👂 The Opera Ghost Drive Tour and lunch (for a mere \$21more)
- 👂 Great Autos vs. Freewheelers Gondola Races!
- 👂 The Opera House Auction dinner and Show (for a mere \$40 more)
- 👂 Car-lotta’s Exhaust Note Competition
- 👂 Friday night outdoor movie-on-the-green!

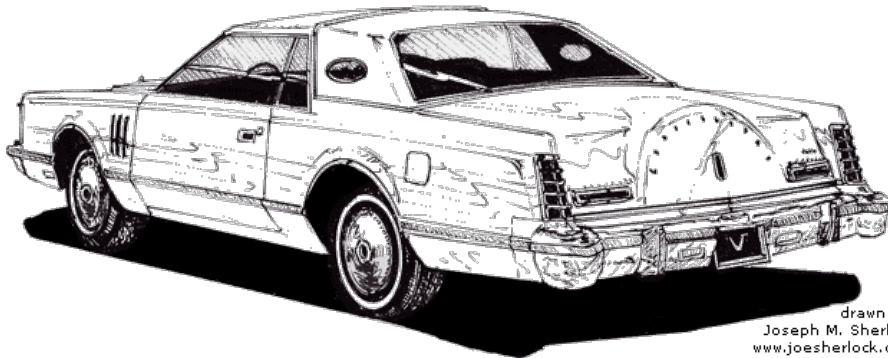
And for you early birds, we even have some fun on tap for Thursday evening as well, including:

- 👂 Diva Queen Bingo
- 👂 Thursday night outdoor movie-on-the-green

We’ll also have commemorative event T-Shirts available (pre-ordered) for a mere \$20 each. And if you forget your costume for the Masquerade Ball, we’ll even have some extras available!

Registration for rooms at the SpringHill Suites in Atascadero is also now open! Be sure to call the hotel directly at (805) 462-3500 – do not call the 800 number – and be sure to indicate that you are making a reservation for “West Coast Meet!” Rooms will be held for group until June 8th then released to the public (rooms are \$186/night + tax).

We anticipate this to be a well-attended event, so REGISTER NOW!!



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Phantom of the Opera Window

34th Annual West Coast Meet
Atascadero, CA

Thursday July 12 - Sunday July 15, 2018



Applicant Information

Name: _____ Co-Applicant: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Tel. Number before Event: _____ Cell Phone at event: _____
Email: _____ Car Club affiliation FW, G.A.Y., other: _____

*Be among the first 100 and part of the **Prima Donnas***

Registration Fee* Tickets X \$119 ea. = \$ _____
**Includes Commemorative Pin, Saturday Lunch and Awards Banquet/Show*
Late fee of \$25/person after June 8, 2018; \$50/person at the event \$ _____
Friday "Opera Ghost" Drive Tour/Lunch Tickets X \$21.00 ea. = \$ _____
Friday "Opera House Auction" Dinner/Show Tickets X \$40.00 ea. = \$ _____
T-Shirts ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL X \$20.00 ea. = \$ _____
TOTAL: \$ _____

Hotel Information:

SpringHill Suites by Marriott
900 El Camino Real
Atascadero, CA (805) 462-3500
When you call, say: **I am making a reservation for West Coast Meet**
Rooms will be held for group until June 8th then released to the public.
Rooms are \$186/night + tax

Vehicle Information

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Name _____
(as you would like on Placard)
Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Name _____
(as you would like on Placard)

Meals

Meal Choices for Applicant:

Sat. Night Banquet ☐ Mahi Mahi ☐ Beef ☐ Veg
Sat. Lunch at Car Show ☐ BBQ Tri-Tip Sandwich ☐ Veg
Friday Drive Tour Lunch ☐ Beef ☐ Chicken ☐ Ham ☐ Veg
Friday Night Dinner ☐ Taste of Italy Buffet

Meals Co-Applicant

Meal Choices for Co-Applicant:

Sat. Night Banquet ☐ Mahi Mahi ☐ Beef ☐ Veg
Sat. Lunch at Car Show ☐ BBQ Tri-Tip Sandwich ☐ Veg
Friday Drive Tour Lunch ☐ Beef ☐ Chicken ☐ Ham ☐ Veg
Friday Night Dinner ☐ Taste of Italy Buffet

Registration deadline is Friday, June 8, 2018. Any registration forms postmarked after that date will accrue a \$25 late penalty per person, added to the registration fee. NOTE: Registrations received at the event are subject to a \$50 late fee per person. **Space is limited, so register now!**

CANCELLATION POLICY: 100% refund if cancelled by June 8, 2018, less a \$20 administration fee. A 50% refund if cancelled by June 30, 2018. NO REFUNDS after June 30, 2018. **Questions?** Contact: Jay Remick at 831-601-8080; or email jayremick@me.com.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: The undersigned desiring to enter and participate in West Coast Meet 2018 to be held July 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2018 at the SpringHill Suites in Atascadero, CA, 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 The Freewheelers Car Club 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 SpringHill Suites Hotel stay.

Signed _____ Date _____

Send signed and completed application with check made out to The Freewheelers Car Club
Mail to: The Freewheelers c/o 1588 Willow Oaks Dr., San Jose, CA 95125-4452



The Search for the Bishop Medallion!

—by John White

After a seven year sales position with Packard New York, my father joined the largest Dodge Dealership in the United States with five locations in the New York Metropolitan Area in 1935. Bishop, McCormick and Bishop began as one of the first Ford Dealerships in 1906. In the '20s, the Company dropped Ford and took up Dodge and eventually Plymouth. My Father served in an upper management position until the dealership was closed in 1954.



After World War II, many east coast car dealers used identifiable logos on the rear of sold and delivered cars while many dealers in the Midwest and, especially west coast dealers, used license plate frames to identify their dealerships. In 1948, after supply caught up with demand, the Bishop Company began putting emblems on their sold cars. The emblems were high quality metal with the name and year: "Bishop, McCormick and Bishop dependable since 1906."

Over a decade ago I started to look for one of these emblems. Surely there would be one available from a source like eBay, having delivered thousands of cars between 1948 and 1954. Michael Amodt helped by checking with eBay periodically and he even reached out to a Dodge Club in the New York area. Nothing came up.

Several months ago, I ran across a very clean and original 1950 Dodge Coronet Sedan with the Bishop Emblem at a dealership in Los Angeles. I took a picture and showed Bob Roeper who is active in the LA Area. He knew the dealership and the owner, and he felt that the owner would allow us to remove the emblem. The owner, Simon, of West Coast Classics in Santa Monica, was most gracious and cooperative. Simon and Bob had actually wondered what the emblem meant on the back of the Dodge.

Eventually, Bob Roeper sent me the original emblem and John Munson in our shop reproduced the emblems in resin. The emblems reproduced perfectly with excellent definition. Michael Amodt agreed to take on the job of painting the repro emblems in the original blue and silver for which we are most grateful for lending us his considerable talent.

The emblems now are on the trunk lids of our 1948 Dodge Derham Coupe and our 1949 Dodge Wayfarer Roadster. The original fits nicely into a Lucite coin holder for display on my desk at The Ramshead Collection. Many thanks go to Bob Roeper, Simon, John Munson, and Michael Amodt for their parts in bringing this project to a successful conclusion. Isn't this what collecting is all about?



JOHN H. WHITE
RAMSHEAD COLLECTION INC.

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RESTORATION PROJECT



I love my Cadillacs. I especially like “The Golden Decade” of 1957-1968. It was a time when a Cadillac really meant something – “King of the Road” – a symbol of achievement. They were unsurpassed in design, build quality, luxury, performance and prestige.

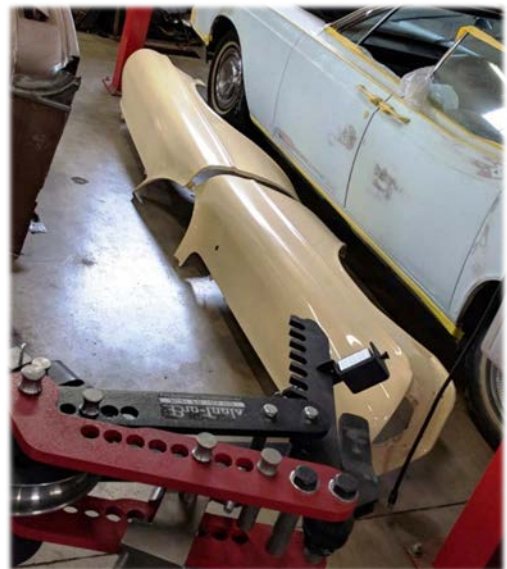
Among these, 1957 is particularly one of my favorites. I have owned a Fleetwood, an Eldorado Seville (coupe), and now a Coupe de Ville. That was such an amazing year and EVERYTHING was really beautiful and special.

This car was certainly very presentable, but I became bitten by the bug to make it factory showroom perfect. Given positive prior experiences with repairs from minor to somewhat major, I elected to use Suede Berardino of Classic and Rods, located in Santa Rosa (www.classicandrods.com) to do the restoration work. Suede described the work as 4 bolts shy from a full frame off.

We have been at it a bit over two years and are coming into the final assembly and shake down. We expect to make her debut at this year’s West Coast Meet!

— John McCue

(This will be an on-going feature as we follow the progress of John’s restoration – Ed)



More pictures from Blackhawk:



CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1978 Lincoln Mark V – Pucci Edition
Phantom Approved!! Original, 75K mil, Asking \$10,500. Stunning car. Just in time for Phantom of the Opera Window! Contact peter95111@att.net (San Jose)



FOR SALE: 1963 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special
\$9,500. Second owner. New tires, shocks, brake hoses and lines. Older repaint and upholstery. Runs well but need some body work. Contact Stuart Gunn at stuartgnn@gmail.com





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1964 Toyota Publica Sedan
1967 Porsche 912 Targa Sports car
1967 Toyota Sport 800 Sports car
1973 Volvo 1800ES Sport Wagon

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1958 Chevrolet Apache 32 Pickup
1959 Plymouth Sport Suburban Station Wagon
1962 Mercury Meteor 2-door Sedan
1963 Rambler Ambassador 4-door Sedan
1963 Studebaker Wagonaire Station Wagon
1966 Oldsmobile Dynamic 88 Convertible
1988 Merkur Scorpio 4-door Hatchback



APRIL

- Sunday the 8th, 2018:
 - Board Meeting 10 a.m. – noon
 - West Coast Meet Planning Meeting noon – 2 p.m.
- Sunday the 22nd, 2018 – Auburn/Grass Valley Drive Tour and BBQ (see page 3 for details)

MAY

- Sunday the 6th, 2018:
 - Board Meeting 10 a.m. – noon
 - West Coast Meet Planning Meeting noon – 2 p.m.
- Sunday the 20th, 2018– Friendship Day Car Show in Redwood City – Freewheelers Contingent

JUNE

- Sunday the 3rd, 2018:
 - Board Meeting 10 a.m. – noon
 - West Coast Meet Planning Meeting noon – 2 p.m.
- Sunday the 10th, 2018 – North Bay Cheese Tour (details to follow)

JULY

- Sunday the 1st, 2018 – Board Meeting at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord
- Thursday the 12th – Saturday the 15th, 2018 - West Coast Meet in Atascadero

AUGUST – Sunday the 19th, 2018 – South Bay Pool Party (details to follow)

SEPTEMBER – Sunday the 9th, 2018 – Haggin Museum Tour and Lunch in Stockton (details to follow)

OCTOBER – Sunday the 21st, 2018 – East Bay Drive Tour (details to follow)

NOVEMBER – Sunday the 18th, 2018 – North Bay Car Collection Tour (details to follow)

DECEMBER – Sunday the 9th, 2018 – Freewheelers Holiday Party in Pleasanton

NOTE: Dates/events subject to change.

NOTE: Club Board Meetings are typically held the first Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rainbow Community Center in Concord, and are open to all members. Contact a board member if you're interested in attending.



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