

Flyer

FREEWHEELERS



Freewheelers enjoy a Summer of Love at the Springhill Suites in Atascadero for West Coast Meet 2016.

California Dreamin' - a Huge Success!

— by Frieda Freewheeler

Fortune Favors the Freewheelers...glorious weather graced the 2016 summer of love – a jam-packed and fun-filled adventure for the 32nd Annual West Coast Meet – this year, at the Springhill Marriott in Atascadero! Heralded the “best West Coast Meet in years,” the shenanigans began on Thursday where those who’ve arrived got an eyeful of delightful decorations, courtesy of veteran Freewheelers Scott Mikkelson and Todd Darling – including Todd’s freshly restored 1970 Subaru 360 in the hotel lobby. Thursday evening offered your choice of Drag Queen Bingo or the outdoor movie presentation of “Valley of the Dolls”...both were well-attended!

Friday’s fare included a delightful drive tour through the foothills with the destination of Atascadero Lake Park...again, gorgeous weather made for delightful drop-top driving! Many thanks to local Freewheelers Michael Merchant and Sid Haskin for putting the tour together, as well as the tour guide and direction! After a lovely lunch at the park, more fun was in store when the Freewheelers Synchronized Swim Team threw the gauntlet down to the Great Autos team. Now, the Great Autos team obviously rehearsed more than the Freewheelers, but we did actually get into the pool and splash about a bit...it was all in good fun!

Friday evening offered beer and wine tastings from local breweries and vintners before the Friday buffet dinner. Dinner was immediately followed by the uproariously hilarious “eBay Price is Right” game show spoof hosted by our own Clint Moore and Christopher Slater! Contestants tried their hand at “Top or Bottom,” “Spin for Inches,” and “Twinko!” And after that...the fun continued with Great Autos’ hosted cocktail party in the Groove Room, the Twilight Tail Light Cocktail hour in the northeast parking lot, AND another movie – “The Gay Deceivers” – airing at the outdoor cinema!

Saturday of course, was the main event...the annual car show and presenters were up early polishing and detailing their cars. The layout of the hotel parking lot nicely accommodated the various classes and styles of cars for a delightful and interesting arrangement. It was a bit warm on Saturday, however plenty of portable shade, seating, and water were provided for all with the hotel just steps away for a quick disco nap!

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President's Message

Another West Coast Meet has come and gone. The cars are back in their garages, the costumes are put away and for many of you, you're just now overcoming your west coast withdrawals. The new location this year at Springhill Suites was unanimously a big hit with practically everyone in attendance. The hotel was beautiful, the staff was fantastic and the weather was more than cooperative given the time of year. Most of all, the cars were great and the people, of course, were what really made it a fun event.

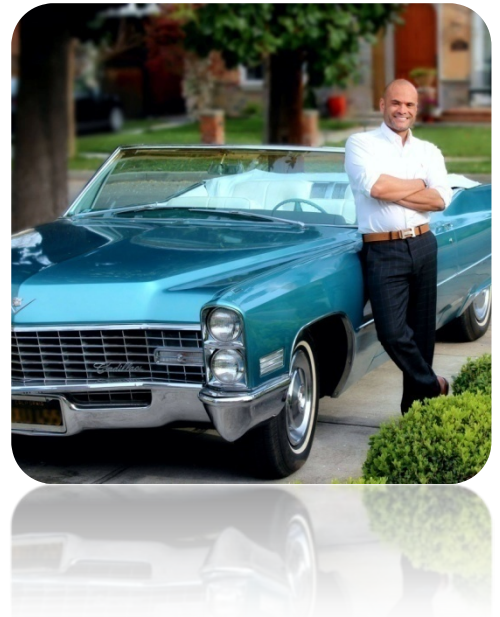
Next year's West Coast will once again take place at Cambria Pines and in the coming months we'll be starting up the planning for West Coast 2018. I know, already?! Time goes by quick, but if you have a special talent you'd like to share please consider volunteering as it always turns out to be a lot of fun.

Once again I want to thank everyone involved in making this year's West Coast Meet such a spectacular and successful event. All the hard work and dedication is appreciated.

This month we're having our annual pool party once again at Casa de Moore. It's always a fun event and a great time to relax by the pool and socialize with your fellow Freewheelers. So make it a point to come and hang out, enjoy the sun and have a great lunch. Oh and don't forget the sunscreen. The end of summer is fast approaching so let's send it off with a bang. Until then, happy motoring.

Peter Escobedo

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Summer Splash and New Member Pool Party!

– by Clint Moore



Get ready for another great Freewheeler Pool Party! On August 28, we return to the swimmin' hole at the Moore's home in the East Foothills of San Jose. This is a very popular event with attendance topping 100 people last year! ****Can that be right????**** Fortunately, there's plenty of room in the pool for everyone! Plus, there is even room for a few land yachts to park poolside!

Because the event is so well attended, this is also the perfect opportunity to meet our new members! If you're new to the club, be sure to attend this event to make new friends, and as a token of our appreciation for joining the Freewheelers, we will waive your event fee.

We will gather in the Toyon Center parking lot on Toyon Avenue near McKee Road, and from there proceed as a group up to the house, which can be hard to find. Bring your bathing suit, towel and sun screen. We will provide the lunch! Watch your email for the event invitation and registration information.

At a glance

What: Annual Pool Party

When: Sunday, August 28. 10am tire kicking, 11am drive to the house

Where: Toyon Center Parking Lot, 402 Toyon Ave., San Jose 95127

Fee: \$20 payable via EventBrite – free to New Members – includes lunch

RSVP: EventBrite invitation or contact Jay Remick, 831-601-8080, jayremick@me.com

Directions: From 680, exit McKee Road and head east toward the hills. After about 2 miles, turn left at the light onto Toyon Avenue and the parking lot will be on the right. Look for The Drying Shed restaurant.

A CENTURY RIDE THROUGH...

Sonoma County



– by Dave Chiotti

On **Saturday, September 17, 2016**, spend the day traveling the back roads and by-ways of Sonoma County. We will meet in the parking lot of the First Missionary Baptist Church at 375 Calistoga Road in Santa Rosa. Coffee and donuts will be served next door at Marilyn & Dave Chiotti's home.

Please arrive at the meeting spot with a full tank of gas! We will depart promptly at 10:30 AM and there are no gas stations along the route. First stop "Jim Town" in Alexander Valley east of Healdsburg. Next, we'll travel through Dry Creek Valley and the Russian River Area with a stop at Goat Rock State Park at about 1PM. Then we'll head south on Highway 1 through Bodega Bay and the town of Bodega where Alfred Hitchcock filmed "THE BIRDS."

Next stop Jim Sinnes's place to see "WHAT'S NEW." Last stop the town of Occidental with a late lunch (early dinner) at the Union Hotel. If you are a camper, camp sites will be available at Jim Sinnes' Saturday night. For those choosing to spend the night in Sonoma County, lodgings are available in Occidental, Sebastopol, Santa Rosa & Rohnert Park. Full details in next month's Flyer!

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 9th** for the Freewheelers Tour of the fabulous Ramshead Automobile Collection in Sacramento, followed by lunch at the riverside home of Freewheelers John White and Doug Alcorn! More details in next month's Flyer.



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More wine and beer tasting followed Saturday evening and many attendees got into the “swing” of things, dressed in full ‘60s regalia including bell bottoms and tie-dye tops!

A formal plated Saturday dinner featured presentations by other LCCI chapters, promoting their upcoming events. Dessert in the common area afforded time to reset the Woodstock Room for the much-anticipated Awards Show, again brilliantly hosted by Christopher Slater as Dan Towne and Clint Moore as Dick Starten for “Rowen and Starten’s Gas-In!” Along with Dan and Dick...some ‘60s special guest appearances included Sonny and Cher – artfully portrayed by Tony Nettell and Keith Cambra – and Peter, Paul and...Periwinkle? ...brought to you by our own Brian McCann, Bob Krumbuhl and Marty Hanson!

Much song, dance, silliness and awards were enjoyed by all in attendance. And congratulations to Jim Sinnes upon winning the “Best of Show” award for his beautiful custom Continental Mark II convertible! See the full list of award winners in the center section of this newsletter. The show and the weekend event wrapped up with full audience participation in the “Let the Sunshine In” sing-along...what better a metaphor for driving in a convertible! Many thanks go to all the Freewheelers who gave of their time and talents over the past year to make this event happen, and to Great Autos of Yesterday for their continued support. Finally...kudos to the Springhill Marriot staff that so enthusiastically provided their services and support. As a side note, the event even garnered a write up in the local paper [The Atascadero News!](#)

And the beat goes on...we’re looking forward to seeing everyone next summer for a Bewitching West Coast Meet 2017 in Cambria Pines!



Vince Yue fits right in with the Subaru decor in the hotel lobby. Even the outside of the porte cochere didn't escape the hippy treatment! Congratulations go to Jim & John Sinnes for winning Best of Show with their custom 1956 Continental Mark II convertible.

WEST COAST MEET 20



See these and more pictures from
West Coast Meet on the website!

Class A - Domestic Open 1935-1950

1st Place: 1949 Cadillac Series 62, Charles Kennedy
2nd Place: 1948 Packard Custom 8, Jerry Garvin
3rd Place: 1949 Buick Super, Dave Chiotti & Marilyn Chiotti

Class B - Domestic Open 1951-1961

1st Place: 1957 Buick Century, William Burks & John Adam
2nd Place: 1958 Edsel Citation, Dave Gilbert & Sueko Takahashi-Gilbert
3rd Place: 1957 Ford Thunderbird, Lawrence Morgan-Kihs & Gregg Cannella

Class C - Domestic Open 1962-1965

1st Place: 1964 Pontiac Bonneville, Dan Grubman
2nd Place: 1962 Lincoln Continental, Tim Finnegan & George Price
3rd Place: 1962 Ford Thunderbird, Jay Remick & Michael Amodt

Class D - Domestic Open 1966-1970

1st Place: 1968 Cadillac de Ville, Giulio Dedini
2nd Place: 1969 Chrysler 300, Chris Menrad
3rd Place: 1966 Lincoln Continental, Glenn Gordon & Don Leary

Class E - Domestic Open 1971-1990

1st Place: 1972 Buick Skylark, Cliff Travis & Mark Hansen
2nd Place: 1976 Cadillac Eldorado, Bill McNamara
3rd Place: 1982 Buick Riviera, Jay D'Angelo & Ed D'Angelo

Class F - Domestic Open 1991-Present

1st Place: 1991 Chrysler TC by Maserati, Stuart Suede & Jeff Elder
2nd Place: 2005 Cadillac XLR, Blake Synowski & Tom Zupner
3rd Place: 2004 Ford Thunderbird Pacific Coast Roadster, Lee Garlington & Paul Garlington

Class G - Foreign Open 1957-1977

1st Place: 1957 Morris Minor, Jack Charney
2nd Place: 1969 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce, Bing Kunzig & Anne Kunzig
3rd Place: 1974 Triumph TR6 Roadster, Tom Nixon & John Tran

Class H - Foreign Open 1978-1997

1st Place: 1986 Mercedes Benz 560 SL Roadster, Eric Whitney & Richard Bae
2nd Place: 1988 Mercedes Benz 560 SL Roadster, Michael Merchant & Sid Haskin
3rd Place: 1984 Datsun 300 ZX, Jeffrey Houston

Class J - Foreign Open 1998-Present

1st Place: 2007 Bentley Azure, Allen Nixon & Alvin Hasin
2nd Place: 2004 Saab ARC, Bob Krambuhl
3rd Place: 2016 BMW 435i, Lawrence Morgan-Kihs & Gregg Cannella

Class K - Utility

1st Place: 1958 Edsel Villager, Ted Downer & Marc Williamson
2nd Place: 1963 Volkswagen Double Cab Transporter, Roger Emmett & Geoffrey Caccamo
3rd Place: 1970 Buick Estate Wagon, Brad Prescott & Jeff Stork

Class L - Domestic Closed 1940-1959

1st Place: 1949 Buick Roadmaster Riviera, Kenneth Scotland
2nd Place: 1953 Mercury Monterey, Tom Machado & Terry Machado
3rd Place: 1941 Plymouth Special Deluxe, Michael Merchant & Sid Haskin



16 AWARD WINNERS!

Class M - Domestic Closed 1960-1963

1st Place: 1961 Pontiac Tempest, Paul Baker & Scott Prickett
2nd Place: 1960 Buick Le Sabre, Clint Moore
3rd Place: 1963 Ford Thunderbird, John Kiszla & Jim Finley

Class N - Domestic Closed 1964-1970

1st Place: 1966 Chrysler 300, Rick Hunts & Jamie Reece
2nd Place: 1969 Lincoln Mark III, Keith Cambra & Tony Nettell
3rd Place: 1967 Oldsmobile Delmont 88, Bill Hall & David Estilow

Class P - Domestic Closed 1971-1977

1st Place: 1972 Oldsmobile Toronado, Brian Keligian & Sanford Doi
2nd Place: 1972 Imperial LeBaron, Kent Robbins
3rd Place: 1976 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, Chris Green & Vince Yue

Class Q - Domestic Closed 1978-1990

1st Place: 1981 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham d'Elegance, Bill Rogstad
2nd Place: 1978 Pontiac Firebird Esprit, Alex Hart & Mason Nakamura
3rd Place: 1981 Pontiac Firebird, Larry Shaug

Class R - Domestic Closed 1991-Present

1st Place: 2002 Pontiac Trans Am, Tom Keim
2nd Place: 1992 Chrysler New Yorker 5th Avenue Mark Cross, Daniel St. James & Mark Tomey
3rd Place: 1992 Lincoln Town Car, Mark Reverdy

Class S - Foreign Closed 1955-1995

1st Place: 1959 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud II, Kent Kenney
2nd Place: 1966 Jaguar Mark II, Lee Garlington & Paul Garlington
3rd Place: 1993 Mercedes Benz 300 CE Sportline, Christopher Hoffman

Class T - Foreign Closed 1996-Present

1st Place: 2008 Holden Commodore SV6, Carl Williamson
2nd Place: 2006 Rolls Royce Phantom, Bill Neill & Alis Souza
3rd Place: 2013 Porsche Carrera, Christopher Slater

Favorite Color: 1961 Chrysler New Yorker, John Jung & Richard Frederick

Favorite Interior: 1959 Cadillac Sedan de Ville, Robert Carlson & Chris Palmer

Favorite Unrestored: 1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan, Larry Camuso & Kirk Wentland

Most Potential: 1967 Ford Mustang, Walter Caplan & Wilder Ceplo

G.A.Y. Founders' Award: 1956 Continental Mark II Convertible, Jim Sinnes & John Sinnes

Hotel's Choice Award: 1970 Subaru 360 2-door Coupe, Scott Mikkelson & Todd Darling

Lavender Dipstick Award: 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible, John Kiszla & Jim Finley

David Robinson Memorial Award for Best Presentation: 1963 Shasta Travel Trailer, Brian Kanamu & Scott Fairbanks

Twilight Tail Light Glow Winner: 1966 Ford Thunderbird convertible, Luis Sosa &

Best of Show: 1956 Continental Mark I, Jim Sinnes & John Sinnes



See these and more pictures from West Coast Meet on the website!





Counter-Clockwise from Top-Left:
 Classics head out from the hotel to begin the drive tour. The Freewheelers not-so-glamorous not-so-Synchronized Swim Team enters the pool area. Jake Tapia excels at Ebay Price is Right. The Saturday Car Show is in full swing. The four Chris's gather: Chris Palmer, Chris Green, Chris Hoffman and Christopher Slater. Ernestine gives Bronco Bama a call. Peter, Paul and Periwinkle perform at the Awards Show. Jim Sinnes dons the "Best in Show" wearable trophy for his winning Continental Mark II convertible!



Sacramento Railroad Museum Tour and BBQ

– by Marty Hanson



Joined by members of the Northern California chapter of the Arcane Auto Society, the Freewheelers flocked to Sacramento on the official LAST day of Spring (Summer's Eve? Perhaps not!) for a tour of the venerable California State Railroad Museum. Fortunately, spring-like weather hung around for the event, reaching only the mid-80s (that's cool for Sacramento in June)!

Event hosts Scott Mikkelsen and Todd Darling were on site to help direct travelers from the Freeway to the designated parking area in Old Sacramento set aside for classic cars participating in the event. The

After requisite coffee, donuts and tire-kicking, Todd gathered attendees to outline the day's events including the museum tour, an offer of rides on the Sacramento River in Todd's newly acquired Amphicar, and direction to their suburban home a few miles away for an outdoor barbeque following the tour.

Prepaid admission allowed Freewheelers full access to the many areas of the museum, including the theater which was just about ready to run its historical film. Always a favorite, the dining car got a lot of activity as did the model of the new bullet train currently under consideration by Siemens.

After we had our fill of locomotive history and development, we caravanned over to Scott and Todd's lovely home just south of town on the Sacramento River. Several adventuresome guests opted for the ride in Todd's Amphicar, arriving at the house, high and dry soon afterwards.

Scott and Todd's commodious back yard easily accommodated over 80 lunch guests as well as several of their classic cars set out on display. Scott's son Jeremy worked the barbeque...putting the finishing touches on Todd's famous baby back ribs. Meanwhile, in the front...a veritable classic car show occupied most of Sagamore Way! Even Scott and Todd's neighbor (with his own classic 1958 Corvette) joined in the fun!

The enormous Heritage Oak in the back provided abundant shade, making lunching al fresco quite comfortable for every. In addition to ribs, there was pea salad, potato salad, a beautiful fruit platter, baked beans, bread and beverages. Not many leftovers after this crowd had its fill!

After lunch, several guests remained to help clean up and break down tables and chairs – always a pleasure to have appreciative guests! Some lingered for additional tire-kicking, while others braved the highways for the drive home. Again, many thanks go to Scott and Todd for organizing the Museum tour and preparing a fantastic lunch for all in attendance! Let's do it again next year!



PREVIOUS PAGE: Preferred parking for classics only in Old Sacramento!

*THIS PAGE - TOP: Some of the more unique little cars from the Arcane Automobile group: A Renault 16 TX, an English Ford Consul and Todd Darling's Amphicar
Freight trains and Freewheelers gather at the California State Railroad Museum. Food-a-plenty greeted guests at Scott and Todd's shady backyard in Sacramento. A veritable car show filled Scott and Todd's driveway and part of Sagamore Way!*

Welcome New & Returning Members!

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Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2016

Saturday, 08/13: Board of Directors Meeting at 11 a.m. – contact any board member for details.

Saturday, 08/20: 13th Annual Main Street Reunion Car Show in Napa. Contact Gui Velez about participating in this event at guivelez@comcast.net. Get more information at www.donapa.com/event/main-street-reunion.

Sunday, 08/28: Annual Pool Party in San Jose. See page 3 for details.

Sunday 08/28: Stockton Pride. For more information, visit www.stocktonpride.com.

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday, 09/11: Board of Directors Meeting at 11 a.m. – contact any board member for details.

Sunday, 09/11: Oakland Pride. For more information, visit www.oaklandpride.org.

Saturday, 09/17: “100 Mile” Drive Tour from the south to the North Bay. See page 4 for more information.

Sunday, 09/18: Danville Concours d'Elegance. Visit www.danville-delegance.org for more information.

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday, 10/02: Board of Directors Meeting at 11 a.m. – contact any board member for details.

Sunday, 10/09: Ramshead Collection Tour and luncheon on the river in Sacramento. See page 4 for more information!

NOTE: Calendar listings subject to change without notice.





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West Coast Meet is over...back to our hum-drum lives!

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