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President's Message

"This was the best West Coast Meet Ever!" This was the statement made by several folks who attended the 34th Annual West Coast Meet in Atascadero last month. This was also noted when the Freewheelers hosted in 2016 and 2014, so we must be doing something right...and just getting better at it! I can't thank our West Coast Team enough for all their hard work and dedication to pull off such a grand event. You'll find a full right up on the 3-day affair in this issue of the Flyer.

And to beat the heat, the Moore's are planning to open their lovely home and pool in San Jose once again for what's become an annual August event...I hope you can join us! We have a Haggin Museum tour slated for September in Stockton, and an East Bay tour in the works for October.

The Ironstone Concours d'Elegance in Murphys will also be in September, and Freewheeler Blake Weston has included an invitation to their nearby home for a post-concours get-together. RSVP to Blake if you plan to attend.

Lastly, I've included my "call for volunteers" for a third time in this issue, with the hope of motivating the membership to step up and volunteer for the board and events as we are in desperate need of your help and continued support. Until next time...

Happy Motoring!

Marty Hanson

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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Make a Splash in August!

– by Clint Moore



Join us for our annual pool party on Sunday, August 12. We will be returning to the Spanish estate of the Moore family in the East Foothills of San Jose to soak up the sun and paddle around in the giant pool.

There's plenty of room so bring a friend or new member! For those who have been there before, we are happy to report that the gates to the property have been widened to accommodate the most plus-sized cars. A big improvement!

As in years past, we will meet up for coffee and tire kicking at 10am in the Toyon Center parking lot on Toyon Avenue near McKee Road, and from there we will 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 form.

At a glance

What: Annual Pool Party

When: Sunday, August 12. 10am tire kicking, 11am drive to the house

Where: Toyon Center Parking Lot, 402 Toyon Avenue, San Jose 95127

Fee: \$20; includes catered lunch

RSVP: Please register and pay via the link provided in the email. Questions? Please contact Jay Remick, jayremick@me.com, 831-601-8080, or Clint Moore, batbuick@yahoo.com, 408-426-0741

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.

Haggin Museum Tour

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 15** for the Freewheelers Tour of the fabulous Haggin Museum in Stockton, followed by lunch at the beautiful home of Freewheelers Robert Oakes.

On display in the museum's fine art galleries are dozens of paintings by renowned 19th- and early 20th-century American and European artists, including Jean Béraud, Rosa Bonheur, William Bouguereau, Jean-Léon Gérôme, George Inness, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and breathtaking panoramas of Yosemite Valley. The Haggin has the largest museum collection of major Albert Bierstadt works and houses the largest museum collection of original art works by "Golden Age" illustrator J.C. Leyendecker.



10:00. Check-in & tire kicking with local Coffee, Donuts, Bagels, and Fresh Fruit

11:00. A drive through part of the heart of America's food basket

12:00. A leisurely view of great art at the Haggin Museum (Museum hours Noon-5:00PM)

2:00 PM: Late lunch at a beautiful home blocks from the Haggin

More details in next month's Flyer.

Ironstone Apres Party

All Freewheelers and their guests attending the Ironstone Concours on **Saturday, September 22** in Murphys, are invited to attend an apres Ironstone party at Blake Weston's home in Columbia, CA, about 15 mi from the Concours.

RSVP to Westonlaw@aol.com for directions and more information.



East Bay Drive Tour

Be sure to mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 21** for another Fabulous Freewheelers Event...drive tour and lunch in the East Bay. Watch for details in the September Newsletter!



WEST COAST MEET 2018 – PHANTOM APPROVED!

- *The Phantom of the Opera Window*



The Phantom was most pleased with the transformations that took place at West Coast Meet 2018 – The Phantom of the Opera Window – in Atascadero! Beginning with over-the-top hotel decorations, the Phantom felt right at home with the enormous pipe organ in the lobby, the “secret” tunnel to the Phantom’s Lair in the bar area, and the incredible recreation of the Opera Populaire in the Grand Ball Room!

The entertainment began Thursday evening as a record number of attendees arrived...beginning with wine and beer tasting in the lounge area, followed by Diva Queen Bingo after dinner and the Starlight Cinema presentation of “Queen of Outer Space” with Zsa Zsa Gabor’s ultra-camp performance (the Phantom was pleased that he wasn’t so quite as hideously disfigured as the Queen) – “I hate her...I hate dat Qveen!”

Friday was jam-packed with activities, allowing the Phantom to creep from place to place without being detected. The scenic drive tour, followed by lunch at Templeton Park started off the day. The Phantom was displeased that Kent Robbins and Don Austin lost their beautiful Chrysler TC over the side of the road after missing a turn during the drive tour but is are happy to report however that both Kent and Don are doing fine! Regrouping after lunch at the hotel, guests were entertained by Gondola races pitting the Freewheelers Team against the Great Autos of Yesteryear Team...a fun and refreshing activity for a warm afternoon, delightfully MC’d by the venerable Peter Anning. The Great Autos Team handily won the contest with some excellent paddle-boarding!

The Friday shenanigans continued into the cocktail hour with the return of Peter Anning – this time serving cheese and crackers via his mobile table/gown! The Friday buffet dinner was followed by the hilarious Opera House Auction eBay Price is Right entertainment. Freewheelers Clint Moore and Christopher Slater provided authentic game show ambiance while the Phantom’s choice of the Bride of Frankenstein offered Carol Merrill-like assistance.

The Phantom’s nemesis and featured attraction of the Opera Populaire, “CARlotta” arrived on the scene to judge the Exhaust Note competition following the show. Freewheeler Bill Neill handily won with his hand-made tri-horn exhaust extension, tooting much to the amusement of all. The 2004 “Phantom of the Opera” movie was also shown outdoors on Friday night, along with Great Autos of Yesteryear’s hosted beer and appetizers bar as the perfect complement.

Saturday was the car show...a hot afternoon made easier with tents and water stations – as well as lunch – provided by the hotel, and of course...the beautiful cars! The Phantom was happily overwhelmed by the attendance and participation at the Masquerade Ball that evening, with plenty of Phaux Phantom’s to distract from the real one! Dave and Marilyn Chiotti won the David Robinson Memorial Award for Best Costume with their theme-related “Christine and Music Box Monkey” costume interpretations.

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Bill Neill poses with his impressive pipe organ set up in the lobby.



Mistress of Ceremonies, Peter Anning, keeps a watchful eye over the Freewheelers v. Great Autos Gondola Race participants on Friday afternoon in the hotel pool.

WEST COAST MEET 20



Class A - Opera Window 1926-1974

1st Place: 1926 Buick 26-28 Opera Coupe, Dave & Marilyn Chiotti
2nd Place: 1972 Cadillac Eldorado Coupe, Larry Camuso & Kirk Wentland
3rd Place: 1974 Cadillac Coupe deVille, Steve Pietrangelo



Class B - Opera Window 1975-1976

1st Place: 1976 Mazda Cosmo Coupe, Ron Cressy
2nd Place: 1976 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Landau, Chris Green
3rd Place: 1975 Lincoln Continental Mark IV Coupe, Tom & Terry Machado



Class C - Opera Window 1977-1978

1st Place: 1977 AMC Matador Barcelona 2 Door Hardtop, Brad Prescott
2nd Place: 1977 Lincoln Continental Mark V Pucci Edition, Andrew Dunn
3rd Place: 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Colonnade Coupe, Alex Hart



Class D - Opera Window 1979-1992

1st Place: 1980 AMC Concord DL 2 Door Coupe, Michael Merchant & Sid Haskin
2nd Place: 1983 Toyota Cressida 4 Door Sedan, Steve & Randy Hamp
3rd Place: 1992 Cadillac Brougham D'Elegante 4 Door Sedan, Tim Lawler



Class E - Domestic 1931-1956

1st Place: 1956 Lincoln Premiere Convertible, Jim Davidson
2nd Place: 1932 Packard 903 Eight Deluxe Convertible Sedan, Clint Moore
3rd Place: 1949 Cadillac Club Coupe, Charles Kennedy



Class F - Domestic 1957-1958

1st Place: 1958 Edsel Citation 2 Door Hardtop, Kris Trexler
2nd Place: 1957 Buick Special 4 Door Hardtop, Bryan Burns
3rd Place: 1958 Imperial Custom 4 Door Sedan, Bill Peachee



Class G - Domestic 1960-1963

1st Place: 1963 Dodge Polara 2 Door Hardtop, David Felderstein
2nd Place: 1963 Rambler Classic 770 Cross Country Station Wagon, David Ticonchuk
3rd Place: 1962 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Tim Finnegan



Class H - Domestic 1964-1966

1st Place: 1964 Pontiac Grand Prix Coupe, Dave & Sueko Gilbert
2nd Place: 1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Glenn Gordon
3rd Place: 1966 Chrysler 300 2 Door Hardtop, Rick Hunts

Class J - Domestic 1967-1971

1st Place: 1968 Mercury Cougar XRT GT 2 Door Hardtop, Tim Taylor & Ken Zander
2nd Place: 1969 Buick Electra 225 Convertible, James Holloway
TIE 1970 Mercury Marauder X-100 Coupe, Scott Mikkelsen & Todd Darling
3rd Place: 1969 Lincoln Continental Mark III Coupe, John Kiszla & Jim Finley



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

18 AWARD WINNERS!

Class K - Domestic 1972-1978

1st Place: 1973 Lincoln Continental Limousine, John Burge

2nd Place: 1972 Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser Station Wagon. Cliff Travis & Mark Hansen

3rd Place: 1972 Buick Riviera 2 Door Hardtop, John Lane

Class L - Domestic 1979-2018

1st Place: 1979 Buick Riviera Coupe, Sandy Edelstein & Scott King

2nd Place: 1985 Buick Riviera Coupe, Gregg Cannella & Lawrence Morgan-Kihs

3rd Place: 2002 Pontiac Trans Am T-Top Coupe, Tom Keim

Class M - Foreign 1953-1973

1st Place: 1967 Toyota Sports 800 Targa, Matt & Patty Spielberg

2nd Place: 1959 BMW Isetta 300, Barry Power

3rd Place: 1953 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith Sedan, Paul Rampart

Class N - Foreign 1983-2005

1st Place: 1993 Mercedes-Benz 300CE Sportline Coupe, Chris Hoffman

2nd Place: 2005 Jaguar XK8 Convertible, Jerry Garvin

3rd Place: 1985 BMW 635Csi Coupe, David Hallen

Class P - Foreign 2006-2018

1st Place: 2018 BMW M2 Convertible, Bruce Jungk

2nd Place: 2008 Jaguar Vanden Plas L Sedan, Larry Shaug

3rd Place: 2008 Ferrari F430 Spider, Robert Nixon

Favorite Color: 1956 Lincoln Premiere Convertible, Jim Davidson

Favorite Interior: 1977 AMC Matador Barcelona 2 Door Hardtop, Brad Prescott

Favorite Unrestored: 1963 Dodge Polara 2 Door Hardtop, David Felderstein

Most Potential: 1985 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Coupe, Bill Schoeman

G.A.Y. Founders' Award: 1955 Lincoln Capri Hardtop, Jim Sinnes

Hotel's Choice Award: 1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Glenn Gordon

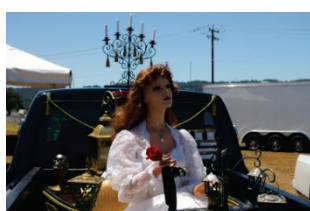
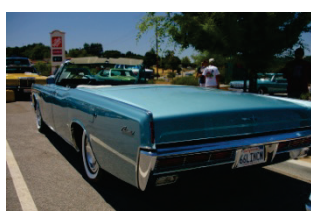
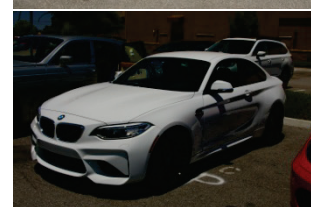
Lavender Dipstick Award: 1963 Dodge Polara 2 Door Hardtop, David Felderstein

Best Display: 2006 Ford Ranger Pickup, Michael Merchant & Sid Haskin

CARlotta's Exhaust Note Competition Winner: 2006 Rolls Royce Phantom 4 Door Sedan, Bill Neill

Phantom's Choice Award: 1977 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe, Joe Quader

Best of Show: 1932 Packard 903 Eight Deluxe Convertible Sedan, Clint Moore



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

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The Saturday Masquerade Ball was a huge success with great participation and a variety of costumes!

The evening and weekend wrapped up with a sit-down dinner and the much-anticipated Awards Show. The Phantom kicked off the show via his Gondola entrance and welcoming opening number. Nemesis CARlotta soon returned to present her award but was quickly dismissed by the new Opera House owners, Dan and Dick, authentically portrayed by Clint Moore and Christopher Slater. The Show progressed with awards presentations as well as auditions of new Divas – all hilariously depicted by Event Chairman Scott Mikkelson. Congratulations go to all the award winners at the show and particularly to Clint Moore for winning the Best of Show with his magnificent 1932 Packard 903 Eight Deluxe Convertible Sedan!

The Phantom is eternally grateful to all who made West Coast Meet happen this year. Special thanks go to Chairman Scott Mikkelson for being the brainchild of this event, as well as to all the Freewheelers involved who made it happen. Thanks too to Great Autos of Yesteryear for their continued participation and support, and to the Springhill Suites staff for cheerfully putting up with our nonsense! And what if we held a West Coast Meet and no one showed up? To all of you who attend, participate and enjoy our annual event, you are what it's all about and we thank each and every one of you who attended and made for such a successful weekend! With the 34th West Coast Meet now behind us, we look forward to working again with Great Auto for West Coast Meet 2019!



Clint Moore's beautiful 1932 Packard 903 Eight Deluxe Convertible Sedan handily won Best of Show.



The Friday drive tour heads out from the hotel and arrives at Templeton Park. Peter Anning returns to serve cheese with ease! Jerry Garvin wins the Showcase at Friday's eBay Price is Right, co-hosted by "The Bride!" Dave Gilbert's '64 Grand Prix is ready for the Exhaust Note Competition. Marilyn & Dave Chiotti win Best Costume for their Phantom interpretation. The Saturday Car Show ensues with some opera window wannabes



The Phantom welcomes all to the Saturday Night Awards Show where hilarity and trophy presentations soon followed!



Support Your Local Car Club

Your Freewheelers Car Club is in transition. Your Board of Directors – while diligent and hard-working – it is shrinking and we're having difficulty filling positions. This means current board members are in some cases performing double-duties in order to continue to provide the membership with events and information you've come to know and expect. This year's West Coast Meet was one of our best, but it was also be a final "swan song" for several talented individuals that put it together, and that have been involved with West Coast Meets for many years. And we're ready to hand over the honor of Freewheelers greatness to the next generation of car enthusiasts!

With that being said, we encourage our members to accept the challenge and volunteer to continue to make this a viable car club. As the late Club President Larry Salvador would say "it's about having fun." And for those of us who have served, we have done our best to make our club and its events fun and enjoyable, but it's time for us to move on and let some "new blood" take over the reins. We'd love to see some new faces involved in the Club, so please contact one of the current board members if you can volunteer...on the board and at events...we'd so appreciate it, as will the membership. Thank you!

CLASSIFIED



FOR SALE: 1976 Cadillac Seville

Completely original inside and out. 42,000 miles. Looks and drives like a brand-new 1976 Seville. If you have been looking for one of these, look no further—this is the one. Featured in Automobile Magazine and Hemmings Classic Car. Comes with original window sticker and additional documentation. We have owned it for it for 10 years and it is time for someone else to enjoy this amazing time capsule. \$15,000 OBO. Contact Sandy at 310-689-1155 or sse58@me.com. (1)



FOR SALE: 1969 Lincoln Mark III - 60,000 Original Miles

This 1969 Lincoln Mark III was built July 12, 1968 and is considered an early Mark III with all of the typical characteristics present in the early models. It was originally delivered to Florida and then spent time in a Mid-west auto collection before making its way to Northern California. I've owned the car since 2011 when I purchased it from a fellow collector. The light gray metallic /red /black color combination is striking and was featured in the first Mark III advertising and brochure. This car is highly optioned with climate control, rear defogger, cruise control, headlight dimmer, tilt wheel, power door locks, remote right-side mirror, trunk release, head rests (yes they were an option) AM/FM Stereo and a six-way power reclining passenger seat. It does not have a Cartier clock, which did not become available until December of 1968.

The following work has been done:

- Transmission -disassembly and re-seal -now using synthetic transmission fluid
- Belts, hoses, thermostat, coolant
- Heater valve replaced
- Climate control box and servo rebuilt by Lincoln Land
- Seasonal oil changes
- Water pump replaced

- A/C compressor replaced w/ system O-rings and R-12
- Power steering pump re-sealed and filter replaced (some hoses replaced as well)
- Carburetor rebuilt

I have driven this car from San Francisco to San Diego and back comfortably. It performs extremely well on both the highway and around town. If you like the Mark III, this is the one! Contact John Kizla at john@hospitalitytechadvisorservices.com. (2)



FOR SALE: 1974 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham

Meticulously maintained and pampered by its 94-year-old owner. Triple Terra Cotta color combination. Loaded with options including the rare sun roof and full leather interior. The car is located in Santa Rosa. Asking \$17,000. For more information, contact Michael Amodt @ 408-202-8041. (2)

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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- Sunday the 5th, 2018 – Board Meeting at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord.
- Sunday the 12th, 2018 – South Bay Pool Party – see page 3 for details

SEPTEMBER

- Saturday the 15th, 2018 – Haggin Museum Tour and Lunch in Stockton (details to follow)
- Saturday the 22nd, 2018 – Ironstone Concours d'Elegance in Murphys

OCTOBER

- Sunday the 7th, 2018 – Board Meeting at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord.
- Sunday the 21st, 2018 – East Bay Drive Tour (details to follow)

NOVEMBER

- Sunday the 4th, 2018 – Board Meeting at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord.
- Sunday the 18th, 2018 – New Member Brunch (details to follow)

DECEMBER

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



The Freewheelers Car Club
San Francisco Historical Automobile Society
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Ford Mustang II Mach 1. The fun way to go First Class.

One look delivers the message. A message of excitement, performance and fun. The styling sets the tone. With sporty 3-door design, styled steel wheels with trim rings and dual color-keyed remote controlled mirrors. Black paint treatment at the lower bodysides and steel-belted radials with raised white letters label Mach 1 as a car of action. The Mustang II tachometer and separate ammeter, fuel and temperature gauges help you keep a ready eye on the engine. Contoured vinyl bucket seats with full-width headrests and sporty European-type armrests set the stage for action. And a smooth shifting 4-speed floor-mounted gearbox together with a new 2.8 Liter V-6 engine provide a power team to really move out ahead.

On the straightaway and through the hairpins, Mach 1 handles like it looks. Smooth. New rack-and-pinion steering (the kind expensive road cars use) helps glide it through the turns. The new isolated front sub-frame and the entire suspension system work together to give easy handling, positive control and a smooth ride. Mustang II offers a broad list of options. For looks you can choose the sporty leather-wrapped steering wheel, bright electric paints, and a Luxury Interior Group. For ride and handling, go with the competition suspension, power brakes or Rallye Package. See pages 16 through 19 for a complete list of options. And see the exciting Mach 1 for the driving experience of 1974.

NOTABLE STANDARD FEATURES—Mach 1

Functional: 2.8 Liter V-6 engine □ Fully synchronized 4-speed floor-mounted manual transmission □ Rack-and-pinion steering □ Manual front disc brakes □ 3-color taillights □ Tachometer □ Fuel ammeter and temperature gauges □ Dual remote-control color-keyed mirrors □ Old fashioned rear seat □ Steel-belted radial ply raised white letter tires □ Impact Resistant Front and Rear Bumper Systems □ Front Retractable Lap/Shoulder Belts with Starter Interlock □ Isolated front sub-frame □ All Ford Motor Company Life-guard Design Safety Features on page 20.

Note: See Notable Standard Features above. Other items shown are optional.

Appearance and Comfort: Color-keyed, urethane-coated front and rear bumpers □ Bright windshield, backlite, drip, belt and center pillar moldings □ Styled steel wheels with chrome trim rings □ Black lower bodyside paint treatment □ Low-back bucket seats with full-width headrests □ Color-keyed cut-pile carpeting □ Vinyl door trim panels with European-type armrests and integral pull handles □ Soft vinyl headlining □ Deluxe instrument panel □ Reversible keys, "keyless" locking.

MEASUREMENTS—Refer to 3-Door models on page 8.

The bright oval grille blends smoothly into the distinctive styling and trim of the exciting Mach 1. Bright Red (Code 2B). Whitewalls optional.

The dramatic 3-door styling of the Mach 1 is accentuated by the sporty black lower bodyside paint all around and bold Mach 1 lettering. Medium Lime Yellow (Code 4W).