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President's Message

I hope to see you on Sunday, December 10, for the Freewheelers' annual Holiday Party which will be held at the Veteran's Hall in Pleasanton. I'll be in the kitchen for the better part of the day helping out our venerable chefs Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelson but will venture out from time to time to say hello. It should be another grand event and lots of fun.



We've also scheduled our 2018 Annual Business and Planning meeting for February 11, 2018. We'll be returning to the Vallejo Yacht Club for a catered lunch followed by the meeting. This meeting is open to all members, so I hope you can join us.

And speaking of 2018, next year will mark the Freewheelers Car Club's 40th Anniversary, founded in 1978. We'll be doing some celebrating at the meeting in February and will probably extend the party to West Coast Meet in July, and throughout the year. Happy Anniversary, Freewheelers!

Membership renewals for 2018 are now underway as well, and we hope to sign up for another year with us. We truly appreciate your membership and encourage you to participate in our club events to get the most out of your membership. You can renew on-line at www.thefreewheelers.net or contact our Membership Director, Sueko Takahashi-Gilbert...her contact information is in this newsletter.

Lastly, please remember your board will be taking the month of January off, so no events or newsletter for January...we'll be back in full Freewheelers force come February.

My best wishes to you and yours for the holidays.

Happy Motoring!

Marty Hanson
Club President

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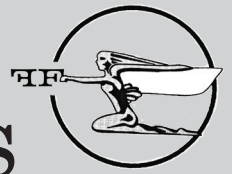
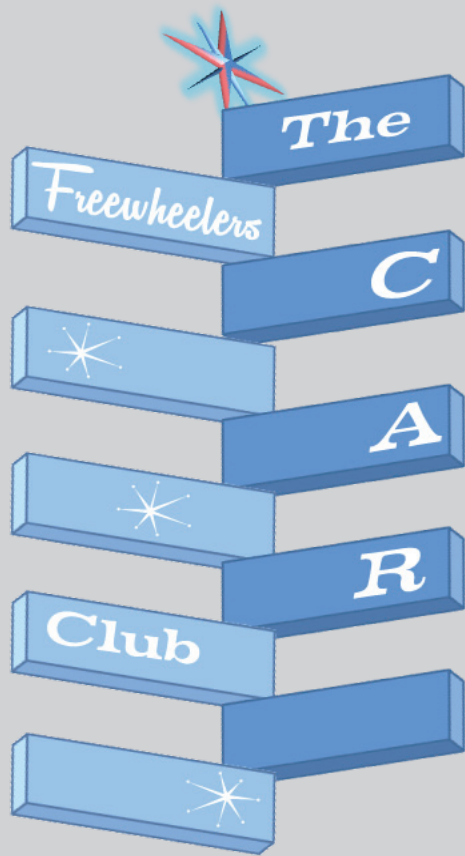


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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kevin Palmer

San Francisco, CA

1970 Citroen Ami B Break Wagon

1976 Renault R16 TX Hatchback

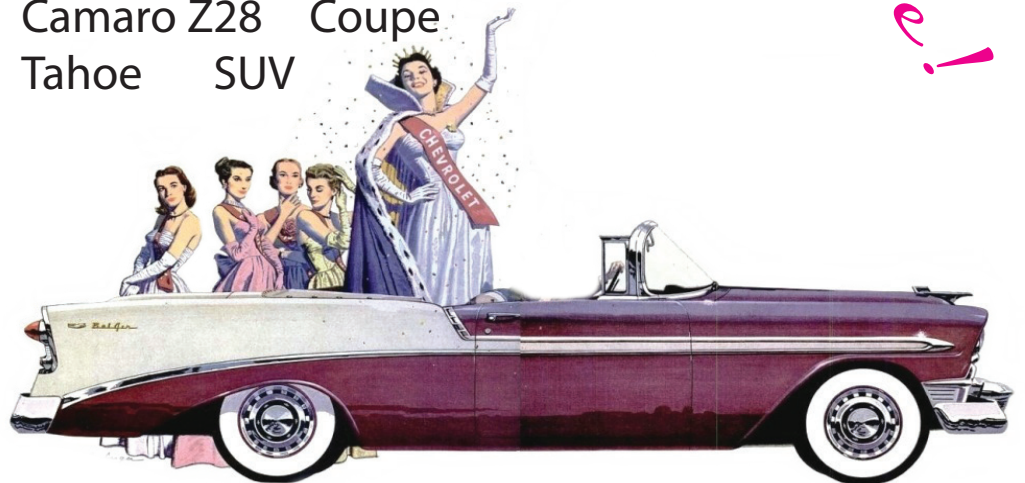
Marc Coons

Paso Robles, CA

1984 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 Coupe

2002 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV

Welcome!



NOVEMBER EVENT

FREEWHEELERS HONOR OUR VETERANS IN
YOUNTVILLE

Words: Clint Moore
Photos: Mark Reverdy &
Michael Amodt

Fog and low clouds clung closely to the ground as our band of vehicles arrived one by one at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville. It was an adventure finding the right parking lot for our display on the grounds of the sprawling facility, but eventually we had a nice showing of 5 Packards and 16 Freewheeler cars.

Coffee and donuts were set out for everyone to enjoy while we whiled away the lazy day rich with the camaraderie of the veterans who wondered at the variety of our display. Women and men who have served our country in every conflict since World War II enjoyed recollecting what car they drove to take their drivers license test or how they used to cruise around town looking for excitement.

When lunchtime at the facility wrapped up, a number of our group took to the streets, map in hand, to a sandwich shop a few miles away in Napa . We got quite a glimpse of charred hillsides from the recent fires, but it was nice to see the community coming back together and the myriad billboards and handmade signs thanking first responders.

A big thanks to Clint Moore for organizing the day, and to Freewheelers Jay Remick, Michael Amodt, Scott Mikkelson and Todd Darling for bringing the coffee and donuts. We hope to be able to do this again next year!

STOP



Oldsmobile's

X FILES



In 1979 General Motors, then the world's largest automaker, foisted its small front wheel drive X-cars on the American public as a 1980 year model vehicle. To be sure, the General had been building other front wheel drive cars beginning with Oldsmobile's sexy Toronado in 1966, but that car and the related Cadillac Eldorado were large coupes built for prestige and comfort, not efficiency. Then the 70's happened and domestic manufacturers found themselves outflanked by a couple of pesky oil embargos and a slew of efficient imports. Suddenly efficiency mattered. It mattered a lot. Never mind increasingly stringent federal safety and emissions regulations that had to be met. Ergo, a new line of FWD cars with transverse engines not displacing more than 2.8 litres

The loaf of X car bread had been baked (some might say half baked), now it was up to the various divisions to make their own unique sandwiches with it. Over at not-your-father's Oldsmobile someone must've been craving Black Forest ham on pumpernickel, for they whipped up the Omega ES2800. ES stood for European Sedan, 2800 the displacement of the overhead valve V6 in newly fashionable cubic centimeters. In keeping with the European theme the ES2800 had most of its exterior brightwork de-brighted as well as a sportier grille. The X-cars had a few demons on introduction, many of them were exorcised by the 1982 year model, the Omega ES2800 was no exception. It benefited from revised steering and brake components, and a higher output version of the 2.8 litre V6 cranking out a healthy 135 bhp and 142 pounds-feet of torque. These were quite respectable figures at a time when the 318 cubic inch (5.2 litre) V8 in a Chrysler New Yorker was good for all of 130 bhp! Car and Driver managed naught to 60 in 10.4 seconds and their test car was running the three speed automatic, a four speed stick could be had and with it came a lower final drive ratio. That'd probably get you up to 60 in less than 10 seconds ! Keeping all this power in check was a suspension system comprised of the ubiquitous MacPherson Strut up front and a dead axle aft with a panhard rod to keep it from doing the watusi . This prosaic spec could be tightened up with the F41 option which gave firmer shocks, firmer springs and thicker anti-roll bars. Look Ma, I'm an Audi ! Well, not exactly, though performance and handling were good for the Omega's time and place, in some ways it was still your father's Oldsmobile. More often than not, gears were selected via a

column mounted lever and interiors still featured plenty of petrochemical ersatz wood trim, and instruments were surrounded by glinting chrome bezels. Seating was plush velour and they just couldn't say no to a little bit of button tufting, only one button on the seat bottom and another on the backrest, but still, the instinct to "broughamize" things ran strong at Olds.

I'd love to find one of these little Oldsmobiles and put it through its paces. But are there any left in decent shape ? -BD 

1982 Olds Omega

	Coupe	Sedan	Brougham 2dr	Brougham 4dr
Price:	7,388	7,574	7,722	7,891
Production:	12,140	29,548	9,430	26,351

1982 OMEGA



Oldsmobile

Omega ES Sedan.

There's still room to do it with style.

SAVE THE DATE

Freewheelers annual Holiday Party

Is Jack Frost nipping at your nose? Are folks dressed up like Eskimos? Well everybody knows that it's time for the Freewheelers Holiday Party! Our annual Holiday Party is the most festive event of the holiday season and you're invited to join us!

- Dress up in your Holiday finest
- Indulge your taste buds in our holiday feast
- Win an award at the "Coffee Cup Concours" (weather permitting)
- Bring home a fabulous holiday gift

We return to the Veterans Hall in Pleasanton for a fully catered event that starts at 11 a.m. with hors d'oeuvres and tire kicking, followed by an afternoon feast and capped off with holiday gifts and entertainment.

And what would this event be without the Freewheelers gift raffle? Once again Santa's Elves are looking for donations of presents large and small. No item is too inexpensive or too extravagant, nor does the gift need to be car related - just desirable, decorative, and delightful!

Santa's Elves would like to pick these items as soon as you are ready to part with them, so choose something wonderful from your treasure trove of gay keepsakes and reach out to an Elf:

- San Jose - Christopher Slater (gladstone.cottage@gmail.com or 408-599-9103)
- Pleasanton - Geoffrey Caccamo (sacrebleu35@yahoo.com or 408-507-2543)
- Sacramento - Marty Hanson (tempest_fury@comcast.net or 916-202-2011)

At-a-Glance:

What: Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party

When: Sunday, December 10; hors d'oeuvres and tire kicking beginning at 11 a.m., dinner at 1 p.m.

Where: Veteran's Memorial Hall, 301 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (parking directly across Old Bernal Avenue in the First Republic Bank parking lot)

Fee: \$30 includes dinner and 1 gift raffle ticket

RSVP: Via the invitation email or via the Freewheelers website



Happy Holidays

SAVE THE DATE

FREEWHEELERS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

It's that time of year again for membership to gather for our Annual Business Meeting! Join your fellow Freewheelers and your Board of Directors on Sunday, February 11th, 2018 for our Annual Business and Planning Meeting at the beautiful Vallejo Yacht Club.

You will enjoy a catered lunch and the camaraderie of your friends as we recap 2017's accomplishments and talk about our plans for 2018. We will also be looking for nominations for open board positions as well as ideas for 2018 events. 2018 will also mark the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Freewheelers Car Club and we'll be celebrating our "Ruby" anniversary in style!

The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. as we gather in the parking lot for some tire kicking and socializing before convening in the Yacht Club to enjoy a delicious lunch* before getting down to business.

So come on out and join us to discuss the state of the club and help us develop a calendar of fun events for the coming year. Hope to see you there!

*The Business Meeting is open to all members – if you do not wish to participate in the luncheon, you can just come to the meeting following lunch.

At-a-Glance:

What: Freewheelers 2018 Annual Business Meeting

When: Sunday, February 11, 2018; tire kicking beginning at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, Business Meeting begins at 1 p.m.

Where: The Vallejo Yacht Club

Fee: \$25 includes lunch; \$5 event fee if you just wish to attend the Business Meeting

RSVP: Via the invitation email or Freewheelers website.

in MEMORIAM



Recently the Freewheelers Car Club has suffered the loss of some of its flock. We would like to take a moment to remember those that we have lost this past year from our club.

Though he seldom attended Freewheelers events, Quince Gilbert fully supported his partner of forty-six years (husband for the last four), Blake Weston's passion for the car hobby. Quince was a talented professor at City College of San Francisco.



It's hard to picture Ron Baumgartner without a smile on his face. Though he and his husband, Tim Lawler, spent the majority of their time in Hawaii where they owned a hospitality design business, Ron was always excited to attend club events when they were in California. Ron & Tim would arrive in "Ruby", their Cranberry & white, 1992 Cadillac Fleetwood de Elegance.

Tim Swank, of Sacramento, appeared at events in his pristine 1963 Chrysler New Yorker sedan. Adept at sign language, he worked in the field of transportation and assisting people with physical limitations. For many years he volunteered at the Pacific Bus Museum in Fremont.



Brian Haley of Santa Rosa passed away in August. He was a very popular and involved club member for many years. Brian edited the Freewheelers Flyer and per his close friend, Dick Romm, cared more deeply about that responsibility than his readers might have even known. Though he had a number of cars, many will certainly remember his Turbine Bronze and white, '66 Imperial Crown Coupe and his totally-optioned, original, 1963 Rambler Ambassador station wagon.





**December 10 - Tri-Valley
Freewheelers annual holiday party
Pleasanton, California**

It's that time of year again for a ho-ho-ho lotta fun. Join us for our annual holiday soiree!

*See page 8 of this flyer for more information.

**February 11, 2018 - North bay
Freewheelers annual business meeting.
Vallejo, California**

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