



On the Cheese Tour...Wayne Parsons' stately 1974 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham in triple Terracotta

Freewheelers take the Cheese Trail in the North Bay

— by Eric Whitney

The sun rose bright and warm in Fairfax on Sunday morning, July 14th, as over 70 Freewheelers and nearly 40 cars began to populate the Fairfax Market parking lot. We couldn't have asked for a better day to welcome our first driving tour of Marin County in 2015. Freewheelers arrived from all corners of the Bay Area; Jay Remick and Michael Amodt zoomed in from San Jose in their sparkling 1979 Mercedes-Benz 450SL and sidled up next to Eric Whitney and Richard Bae's 1986 560SL, as both cars' flat rear decks served up coffee and donuts to the early morning crowd. Nowell Ingram was the first to arrive in his newly acquired Buick Reatta, and then gleefully (and kindly) helped to chase non-Freewheelers from our parking area so we'd have plenty of room for all.

Our timing was a little tight because the town of Fairfax was hosting their 38th Annual Fairfax Festival, and they needed to use the parking lot for festival attendees as soon as we vacated. By 10:45 we were hitting the road to our first stop on our tour, the Nicasio Valley Cheese Company, some 10 miles drive into rural Marin County. Our hosts were well prepared for us, with nearly a dozen of their fine cheeses prepared for our tasting. Our cars were an impressive site with half in the parking lot and the other half parked along Nicasio Valley Road. Not to be missed among the roadside was Dave and Marilyn Chiotti's first-on-tour 1955 Cadillac 62 Series, taking up nearly twice the space as Gregg Canella and Lawrence Morgan-Kihs first-on-tour 1956 Thunderbird! While cheese connoisseurs enjoyed their tastings, other Freewheelers took the opportunity to kick more tires and ogle more classic beauties like Ken McCauley and Lee Boyack's gorgeous 1960 Pontiac Catalina convertible. Convertibles were certainly appropriate for the day, and while the American and German marques were well covered, Glen Nethercut and Gabriel Quinto were sure to represent the Japanese with their first-on-tour 1994 Mazda Miata R-package roadster.

Forty-five minutes was all we needed in Nicasio to buy cheese, so we all did a 180-degree turn-around and continued our drive another 22 miles deeper into rural Marin

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President's Message

By the time you read this many of you will be preparing for our annual West Coast Meet trek to the central California coast. Last minute touch up's to the car. Second thoughts on wardrobe choices. Double checking the road trip check list to ensure you haven't forgotten anything. For many of us, West Coast is the highlight of the summer car show season. This year's event is going to take place at Cambria Pines in Cambria, a completely new venue to many of us who have grown accustomed to the annual event being held at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo. Change is good, but it's also intimidating. I won't lie, I'm anxiously wondering what to expect. We are being taken out of our comfort zone and I'm excited to see what Great Autos has in store for us.

West Coast Meet has been a tradition for our two clubs for many, many years. Unfortunately, attendance has been in a slow decline in recent years. Hopefully the changes we have been making to the event will generate renewed interest, but we really need support from our membership to continue this legacy. If you have never been, please consider giving it a try. I guarantee you'll love it. If you couldn't make it this year I encourage you to try and make plans for attending next year's event when the Freewheelers will once again take the helms and host this fun filled weekend. We've had so many new members join the Freewheelers and this is a great introduction that shows just how fun our club can be. We'd love to keep this event going strong, and with all of your support, we can continue to make it happen for years to come.

So check those fluids, confirm your tire pressure and most of all, have a safe journey. We look forward to seeing you in Cambria. Until then, happy motoring!

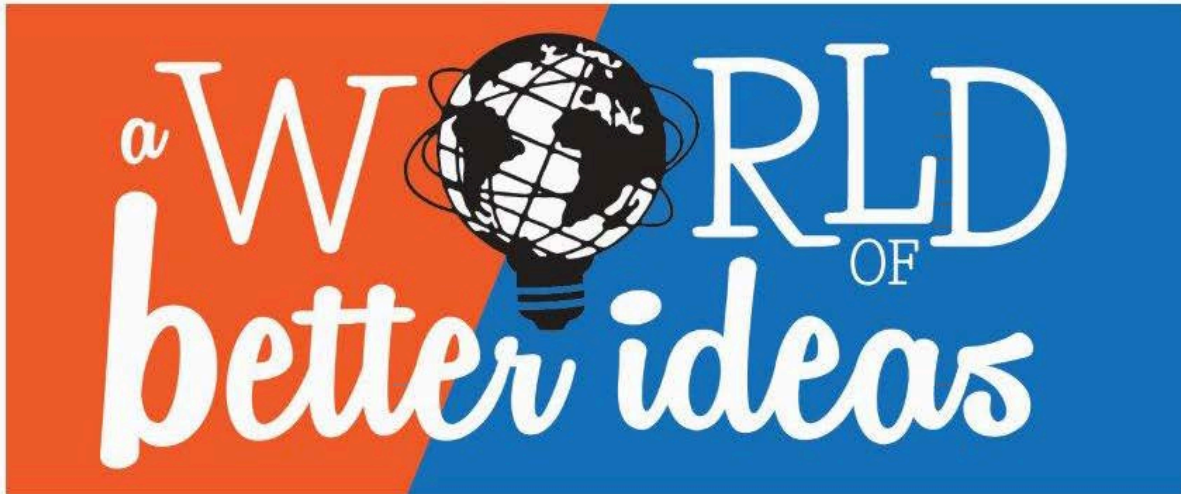
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Are you ready for the World's Fair?.....

– by Patrick Aulicino, West Coast Meet Chair



As this is written, there are still a few spaces left for you to join your Great Autos and Freewheeler friends in a trip to our own World's Fair back where it all began 31 years ago in Cambria, California! As we celebrate the 50th birthday of the Mustang and the entire history of Ford, we are in an exciting new venue that promises lots of fun and surprises! And, we are pleased to be able to announce that we will be joined for the weekend by none other than John Clinard, a 38 year veteran of the Ford Motor Company and well known automotive historian, car collector...and judge! So, don't miss out on all the excitement! Register today!

..... and is your car ready?

If you plan on taking your pride and joy up to Cambria, keep in mind that this is a bit longer trip than down the street to your local cruise night, and chances are your car has not gotten this much of a workout in a while. So, it's a good idea to do a thorough check. Was there a Clinton in the White House the last time you had the oil changed? Then it's about time. And don't forget the belts and hoses and cooling system – it can get pretty warm on parts of the trip, and you know what that stop and go traffic is like coming home on Sunday afternoon through Santa Barbara! And don't forget the tires – those whitewalls may shine, but how is the air pressure – and are the tires old enough where you see cracking and they should be replaced? Do you have a spare tire and the means to change it?

As you may know, the drought in Cambria is more serious than in other parts of California, and there are no car washing facilities at Cambria Pines. There is, however, one drive through car wash in town. So do your heavy washing at home or in SLO and bring lots of Quick detailer. And another thing – many of us will be parked among trees, unlike the asphalt lot at Embassy Suites. Sometimes trees and the birds that frequent them drop their little secretions. So be prepared – I have been told that hand sanitizer can remove tree sap!

..... and we will see you there!

Take highway 101 to SLO and exit to highway 1 and follow the signs going north. You will reach Cambria in about 34 miles. The second stoplight in Cambria will be Burton Drive; turn right and drive about half a mile and you will see the entrance to Cambria Pines on your left. Drive safely!

Save the Date

Cool Off from the Summer Heat in San Jose!

— by Clint Moore



Brown may be the new green, but the pool is still bright blue! Mark your calendar for August 23rd as the Moore family will again host the Freewheeler pool party at their Spanish villa in the East San Jose Foothills. Join us for an afternoon of splash-splashing and tasty treats.

There's plenty of room for cars to park pool-side or on the front "lawn," but please no land yachts in the deep end. Don't miss one of the biggest events of the year (or your club president with his shirt off)! Details to come in the August Flyer!



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County, passing through Forest Knolls, Lagunitas, and Shafter (yes, Shafter!) Once we passed through Shafter we were engulfed by a canopy of beautiful redwood trees as our gently winding road let us through Samuel Taylor State Park and within kissing distance of Point Reyes Station. Not long beyond the redwood forest we skirting the northern portion of the Nicasio Reservoir, passing dairy farms and horse ranches, and arrived at our second and final stop, the Marin French Cheese Company.

Only the slightest panic for the lead drivers was felt as we entered their large parking lot to find that it might already be filled up! Not to worry, we were assured by the parking lot attendants, as they told us to continue through the lot to the back fields where all 40 cars found parking. We were surprised to find that the cheese factory had arranged a tasting fair in the rear meadow area with live music and story-telling. Plenty of picnic areas were available for Freewheelers and other park attendees alike, and we spent the better part of 2 ½ hours enjoying picnic lunch, the duck pond, and the cheese and wine tasting fair. All-in-all it was a lovely day for everyone, and we look forward to repeating the event next year by taking in the Sonoma County portion of the cheese trail.

Many thanks go to Eric Whitney and Richard Bae for putting this tour together. – Editor



First-on-tours included Jim Mulvaney's 2012 Lexus CT200, Nowell Ingram's Buick Reatta coupe, Dave and Marilyn Chiotti's 1955 Cadillac Series 62 Coupe, and Gregg Cannella's and Lawrence Morgan-Kihs' 1957 Ford Thunderbird roadster.



Lon Donald's 1956 Ford Thunderbird roadster and Jim Sinnes's 1955 Lincoln Capri 2-door hardtop add a splash of color to the drive tour.

Another first-on-tour was Gabriel Quinto's and Glen Nethercut's 1994 Mazda Miata R roadster.

Ken McCauley's and Lee Boyack's 1960 Pontiac Catalina convertible leisurely follows Todd Jackman's 1961 Ford F100 pick-up.

Brian Kanamu and Scott Fairbanks are ready for a summer drive in their 1960 MG-A 1600 Roadster

Mick Velasquez's 1963 Oldsmobile F-85 Cutlass convertible (next page) dropped its top for the drive.



Alis Souza takes a luxurious stretch in her 2006 Rolls Royce Phantom while Andy Kelchner and Tom Grissinger snuggle in their 1972 Triumph GT6 MK3 fastback roadster. Freewheelers enjoy a picnic lunch in the shade while others bask in the sun at one of the wine and cheese tasting venues.

Formula 1 2015 Season Update

– by Andy Smith

Thanks very much to my fellow Freewheelers! I appreciate the nice comments I got from you about my inaugural F1 article in the June Flyer. If I feel overly encouraged to continue the series, well, you only have yourselves to blame! Onward!

With the resumption of the Spanish Grand Prix from Barcelona on May 10, the short Spring Vacation ended, and the European Formula 1 Season began. This is the start of racing at some of the most exalted and legendary venues on the 2015 calendar!



In the 66-lap race, we maybe saw Nico Rosberg for 3 of them! The German got a great start and, effectively ran away from everyone else, finishing 17 seconds ahead of his teammate, Lewis Hamilton, and 45 seconds ahead of third-place winner Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari). This left the majority of Racing Drama among those fighting for lower positions in the points. So, the Spanish Grand Prix ended Lewis Hamilton's winning streak! Can Nico Rosberg sustain that momentum for the next race at his home town?

The Monaco Grand Prix followed on May 24. Yes, that's the race that happens at the end of the Cannes Film Festival! The weekend begins the Celebrity

Shuttle to Monte Carlo to supplement the Red Carpet events and Photo Ops of which there might not be sufficient from the preceding week! But the course itself, with its beautiful vistas and sharpest-in-series hairpins is one in which it is almost impossible to pass. Historically, unless something untoward happens, the Pole Sitter will win come race day.

Something untoward happened! A chain-reaction of events, started by 17 year-old Max Verstappen's Teenage Angst caused the leader, Lewis Hamilton, to get stuck in the pits as a Safety Car deployed...and gave the opportunity for his Teammate/Rival, Nico Rosberg to take the lead...and to ultimately collect the top trophy from Prince Albert! A surprise ending and win for the Monaco Hometown Boy!

Notable, in the face of criticism of the sexist "Grid Girls" on F1 tracks, Monaco this year began a new tradition of Grid Guys, buff, male-model types in skinny jeans, red belts and white polo shirts bearing sponsor logos. Although driver comments were mixed, they seemed to be a hit with the spectators. No doubt this development should resonate with the readers of this column!



And finally, a flyaway race for the Canadian Grand Prix June 7. Montreal's Circuit Gilles Villeneuve sits on the man-made island first developed for Expo 67, and is a favorite with fans and drivers for its wide stretches, and the opportunity for passing that they afford. This race saw the end of Nico Rosberg's winning streak, and Ferrari's 6-podium record as Lewis Hamilton won, with Rosberg second, and Williams Racing's Valtteri Bottas taking his first podium. Although not exactly a ho-hum event, the most exciting happening of the race was probably Williams driver Felipe Massa's near-miss of a Marmot crossing the track. This has to be the first time I can remember "livestock" crossing an F1 track, although I understand it's not all that uncommon in NASCAR.

And, finally, Force India's underappreciated Nico Hulkenberg took the weekend off to participate in a little 24-hour event held annually in a rather scenic part of France...and wound up taking the Porsche 919 prototype to overall victory, and to Porsche's first win in 17 years. Anyway, I doubt Nico will be underappreciated much longer...in fact he may have to turn-off the ringer on his phone! So here are the statistics in Grand Prix Points as we go into the Austrian Grand Prix the weekend of June 20-21:

1. Lewis Hamilton, 151 2. Nico Rosberg, 134 3. Sebastian Vettel, 108 4. Kimi Raikkonen, 72 5. Valtteri Bottas, 57

THANKS for reading and I continue to request any feedback that you might have! Please send to andrewsmith415@gmail.com. Thanks and Let's Race!

Mark your calendars for a groovy time in Denver August 27-30!



Join us in Denver to help celebrate SACK's 30th anniversary! The long weekend of Mile-High fun will include a trip to the world-famous Rambler Ranch Museum, a groovy modernism-themed scavenger hunt, our classic car show and an awards banquet at the Forney Museum of Transportation, featuring entertainment by the one and only Charles Phoenix!

After July 1 registration for the all-inclusive weekend is \$200 per person. Commemorative t-shirts will be available for \$20 each, \$25 for larger sizes.



Tentative Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 27

- Registration
- Welcome Reception

Friday, Aug. 28

- Tour of Rambler Ranch Museum and BBQ lunch

Saturday, Aug. 29

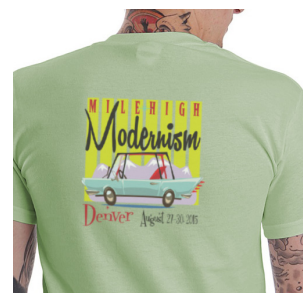
- Scavenger hunt and car show
- Awards presentation and banquet at the Forney Museum with entertainment by Charles Phoenix

Sunday, Aug. 30

- Disco Brunch at the Curtis and farewells



Our host high-rise hotel is The Curtis, 1405 Curtis Street in downtown Denver. For a special room rate of \$129 per night, mention "Sunday Afternoon Car Klub" when making your reservation. Call 303-571-0300 or register online at www.thecurtis.com.



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Price

Number Attending

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After July 1

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Price

Quantity and Size(s)

Total Amount

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Confidentially – Tab Loves Glamour Puss!

– by Eric Whitney

Traffic was a quite heavy on Saturday afternoon, June 20, around Union Square in San Francisco. Freewheelers Dan Caruth navigated his '61 Imperial through the maze of tourists and taxicabs on the narrow streets like a seasoned salt bringing his schooner to dock. An Imperial of this caliber goes nowhere unnoticed, and this day was no exception; horn taps, thumbs-up, whistles, and iPhone photos were snapped all around as the gentle giant idled along with hesitant traffic on Post Street, dodging cabs and Uber drivers dashing for another fare. No sooner had the car turned onto Powell Street and sidled up to the curb of the St. Francis Hotel, did Actor Tab Hunter and life partner of 33 years, Allan Glaser emerge from the mingling crowd to gawk at the chromium beauty that awaited them. Tab and Allan were genuinely thrilled that this ride was for them, and handshakes, smiles, and accolades flowed freely until the hotel's doorman kindly asked if we were ready to go. And ready to go we were... it was our job to get Tab and Allen to the Castro Theatre for a screening of their new documentary, "Tab Hunter Confidential."

Tab Hunter thought it was hilarious that Dan's Imperial is named, Glamour Puss. "I think everyone should name their cars, especially when they're this wonderful," he said. "You know, I used to have a '60 Imperial," he continued, "Chrysler gave it to me because they were one of the sponsors of my television show. When the show ended, they took the car back! But I loved it while I had it." Tab wanted to hear all about the car, and asked question after question like the earnest young man we know from his youth. He thanked us time and again for arranging such a wonderful experience. It's a rare feeling indeed to know you have surprised and delighted someone, especially someone that you assume may have seen it all. It was clear that we had done something really special for him.



When we turned the corner from 18th Street onto Castro, the lines for the film were wrapping around the corner. The Imperial's glistening jeweled beauty betrays the stealthy silence of the engine as the crowd first noticed her; after a moment's double take a rumble of, "That's Tab Hunter! That's Tab Hunter!" could be heard above the din of a Castro Saturday afternoon. By the time we pulled under the marquee, the press and photographers were angling for place to glimpse and snap the guest of honor as he stepped from the car. "What about this car!" Tab proclaimed as the press drew nearer. "Can you believe how fabulous this is?!"

All too soon Tab and Allan were whisked away by the encircling crowd, reminding us that the moment they emerged from the car they had to go to work—they were there to promote their film, after all. As Dan and I hugged and remarked how wonderful our experience had just been, we were surrounded by some of our fellow Freewheeler buddies who turned out for the film. They were first in line and got to see Tab's arrival, and how gracious he was to share his spotlight with Dan's beautiful car. Once inside the theatre we all agreed the film was everything it should be: a wonderful oral history of a Hollywood long gone, as told by one of our own who was there to witness it, experience it, and live to tell about it.

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JULY 2015

Thursday, 07/09 - Sunday, 07/12 – The 31st Annual West Coast Meet in Cambria. See page 3 for more information.

AUGUST 2015

Sunday, 08/02 – Board of Directors Meeting, 11 am, at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord.

Sunday, 08/23 – Freewheelers Annual Pool Party in the South Bay. See page 4 for more information.

Thursday, 08/27 - Sunday, 08/30 – "Mile High Modernism" weekend in Denver, celebrating SACK's 30th anniversary! Details and registration form on page 9.

OCTOBER 2015

Wednesday, 10/14 - Sunday, 10/18 – The LCOC (Lincoln & Continental Owner's Club) Western National Meet at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego. Visit www.lcocwestern.org for more information.

DECEMBER 2015

Sunday, 12/06 – The Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party in Half Moon Bay. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details.

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