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Freewheelers gather at the hilltop home of Roger Emmett & Geoff Caccamo in Pleasanton.



Perfect Weather for a Day in Livermore!

– by Marty Hanson

As Curly would say, “Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day!” And it was just that for the October drive tour and barbeque. We couldn’t have asked for more perfect weather with Freewheelers gathering at the Starbucks in Livermore for some coffee, donuts and tire-kicking before heading out on the first leg of our autumn adventure.

Event coordinators Dave and Sueko Gilbert had goodies ready for arrivals as Registration Chair Todd Darling took care of the sign-ins and financials. Many a beautiful classic

arrived for the event including Ted Downer’s and Mark Williamson’s first-on-tour 1978 Ford Thunderbird Sports Edition, complete with trunk straps and colorful upholstery!

Other first-on-tours included Brian Kanamu’s and Scott Fairbanks’ 2003 Mitsubishi Montero Limited 20th Anniversary Edition and Mark Mayes’ 2012 Fiat 500 Abarth Edition. President Stuart Gunn even made an appearance in his 1959 Coupe de Ville before heading up to Roger Emmett’s & Geoff Caccamo’s to help with the luncheon set up.

After commensurate tire-kicking and camaraderie, Dave let the group know we could take a short walk over to the Livermore Heritage Guild’s historic Duarte Garage and fire house where several vintage fire trucks and equipment were on display for our perusal and enjoyment...there were also a few docents there to answer any questions we may have. It was informal, fun, and informative.

After everyone had their fill of the firehouse, we regrouped in the Starbucks parking lot as Dave and

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President's Message...

After many years of festivities and memories, the board and I have reached the regretful decision that the club house is no longer tenable. With fewer and fewer Freewheelers living in San Francisco, the huge commitment of time to keep the spaces occupied, and with an impending rent increase, we realized that we couldn't justify using so many club resources on a space that too few club members could enjoy. Therefore, we will not be renewing the club house lease for 2013. As a farewell, the board and I would like to host the membership at the club house on November 11 for lunch and for an opportunity to share our stories and send everyone home with a memento or two. See the article elsewhere in the Flyer for details.

Freewheelers will gather at John McCue's beautiful home in Half Moon Bay later in the month to lend a hand decking his halls in anticipation of the Holiday Party in December. It's always a lot of fun climbing on the mantle, hanging ivy from the chandeliers and of course, decorating the tree. Let John or me know if you'd like to join us. The Holiday Party is one of the Freewheelers' most popular events of the year and the decorating party is a good way to start the season.

I also look forward to seeing many of you in January at the Freewheelers Annual Business meeting. As many of you know, there will be a number of vacant seats on the board and this is a terrific opportunity for you to become more involved in the club. I was a little nonplussed to hear that some Freewheelers don't think they'd be welcome on the board because the board hand picks those they want to join. While it is true that we sometimes approach members to join the board because of a lack of nominations at the Annual Business Meeting, all members are encouraged to join the 2013 Board of Directors. It's a high energy group of people with a lot of enthusiasm and great ideas.

Ed joins me in wishing everyone a great start to the holiday season.

Keep 'em rolling....

Stuart Gunn

President, Freewheelers Car Club



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So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Adieu!

– by Larry Salvador

Join us Sunday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. for the **Farewell-to-the-Clubhouse** gathering at 2060 Cesar Chavez in San Francisco. The lease will not be renewed for 2013, so we will meet for socializing and reminiscing while enjoying a **Build-Your-Own-Sandwich buffet**. The event is **free**; however, we would like a response to bring an appropriate amount of sandwich fixings.

But wait, there's more!

For many years, the Clubhouse has served as meeting place for Board Meetings and New Member Brunches, not to mention staging area

for West Coast Meets and the perennial automotive sanctuary (“Give me your cars, your wrecks, your unrestored masses yearning to pass smog”). It has also become a depository for memorabilia, artifacts, object d’art and, quite frankly, a lot of stuff that needs to be tossed out before surrendering the lease.

In an effort to help clean up the warehouse, we are appealing to your sense of “garagical” gratification: you will be urged to take a piece of Freewheeler history with you, be it in the form of books, decorations or 1,000 packets of sugar. Your participation (and trash bags) will be greatly appreciated.

We hope to see you there!

NOTE: This event will be immediately followed by the November meeting of the Board of Directors (from 2 p.m.-4pm.), please feel free to stay if you wish to sit in!

At-a Glance:

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- WHAT: Farewell to The Clubhouse Sandwich Buffet & Clean-Up, followed by Board of Directors Meeting
- WHEN: Sunday November 11, at 11:00 a.m.
- WHERE: The Freewheelers Clubhouse, 2060 Cesar Chavez Street, San Francisco.
- FEE: This event is no charge to members!
- RSVP: To the upcoming eVite or contact Stuart Gunn at 510-482-1191
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Membership Renewal notifications for 2013 will be going out soon, so be sure to watch your mailbox or email box in the coming weeks! As always, you can remit your membership dues via PayPal to the renewal@thefreewheelers.net account. You can also email any changes you'd like to make to your roster listing to membership@thefreewheelers.net. If you prefer to complete a new membership form, one is available in this newsletter and at the website www.thefreewheelers.net. If you don't have email or internet access, we'll be contacting you via letter.



It's That Time of Year!

Please set aside the afternoon of **Sunday, December 2** to join your fellow Freewheelers for the Annual Holiday Party, once again graciously hosted by John McCue at his beautiful home in Half Moon Bay. In addition to a delectable feast for the palate brought to you by Sacramento Freewheelers Todd Darling and Scott Mikkelson, there'll be incredible cars, decorations to the nines; a fun-filled gift exchange, and maybe even some holiday caroling!



Yes, Virginia, there will be a white-elephant gift exchange after dinner, so start rummaging through your closet, garage, or attic for that "special" gift item you've always wished you could share with someone else! And remember, it's the thought that counts!

So make sure that you have your car all shined up for the holidays! We look forward to seeing you on Sunday afternoon, December 2, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at John McCue's house in Half Moon Bay...and join us in a toast to our gracious host!

Deck John McCue's Halls!

On Saturday November 24, grab your sparkling balls and join your Freewheeler friends at the home of John McCue to help decorate for the club's holiday party! This is your chance to start the season off right by practicing your decorating skills on someone else's house before you tackle your own place. The fun begins at 1 p.m., and John will have food and beverages for everyone who helps. Please RSVP to Larry Salvador at 925-687-0727.

At-a-Glance:

When: Decorating Party: Saturday, November 24, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Holiday Party: Sunday, December 2, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Where: John McCue's home at 2171 Bayhill Court, Half Moon Bay
Event Fee: Holiday Party: \$20
RSVP: For the Decorating Party, RSVP to Larry Salvador at 925-687-0727
For the Holiday Party, RSVP to the eVite or John McCue at 650-726-3632 by no later than Wednesday, November 28. Those who do not RSVP may be subject to limited dinner availability.

- Directions to John McCue's Home -

From Sacramento/San Francisco:

Take 101 South to 280 South, Daly City. Just before Serramonte, take the Highway 1 cutoff and proceed south on Highway 1 to Half Moon Bay. Go two miles south of Highway 92 (2nd stoplight in HMB), then...

From San Jose:

Take 280 North to Highway 92 West and go over the hill into Half Moon Bay. Turn left on Highway 1 (2nd stoplight) and go two miles south of Highway 92 on Highway 1, then...

You will see the golf course on the right, then the entrance to "Ocean Colony" (your 4th stoplight in HMB). Turn right into the Ocean Colony Entrance (Fairway Drive) and stop at the gatehouse to tell the guard you're visiting John McCue.

Proceed 2 blocks to the first stop sign (Bayhill Road) and turn right.

Proceed 2 short blocks on Bayhill Road, and then turn right into Bayhill Court.

Proceed to end of the cul-de-sac on Bayhill Court to 2171; John's is the large colonial.

Lost? Give John a call at 650-726-363

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Sueko handed out directions for the drive tour which included a jaunt through central Livermore, past some famous wineries, and through the winding foothills of the surrounding area. It was a turnabout tour, so those leading the pack got a chance to see those following behind on the way back down to the main drag which made for some fun photo ops.

The next leg of the tour led us to the active Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Station #6 and its adjoining parking lot where we gathered for some additional conversation and tire-kicking before heading over for our tour there. Upon our arrival at the firehouse, the firemen immediately received a call and had to head out with the “big” truck. We were left on our own for a little bit to check out the other vehicles and equipment in the station, but the truck soon returned and the crew made themselves available for any questions. Of particular interest was the red “Centennial” light bulb which has been burning steadily since 1901!

After our tour of the fire station, we continued on our tour per Dave and Sueko’s directions to the hilltop home of Freewheelers Roger Emmett and Geoff Caccamo, featuring a panoramic view of the valley below. Roger and Geoff also have some goats roaming about on their property, including a 2-day old baby goat that received a lot of Freewheeler affection.

Roger and Geoff had appetizers and beverages ready for arriving guests with the help of Stuart who’d arrived earlier. With lots of parking in front for classics, their commodious backyard offered ample seating for everyone along with the spectacular view. Roger assumed chef duties and prepped chicken and Bison burgers on the outdoor grill, while Geoff and company helped to set up the dinner buffet in their spacious kitchen.

Soon hungry guests were filling their plates with delectable goodies including macaroni salad, baked beans, fruit, chips, and condiments – in addition to the chicken and burgers...even veggie burgers were available for those who wanted one!

Being early autumn, the days are shorter and folks began bidding their thanks and adieus before it started to get dark. Many thanks go to Dave and Sueko Gilbert for setting up the drive tour and firehouse tours, and to Roger Emmett and Geoff Caccamo for opening their beautiful home for our afternoon barbeque. And to Mother Nature for reserving for us such a glorious day in October!

To see these and more pictures, visit www.thefreewheelers.net.

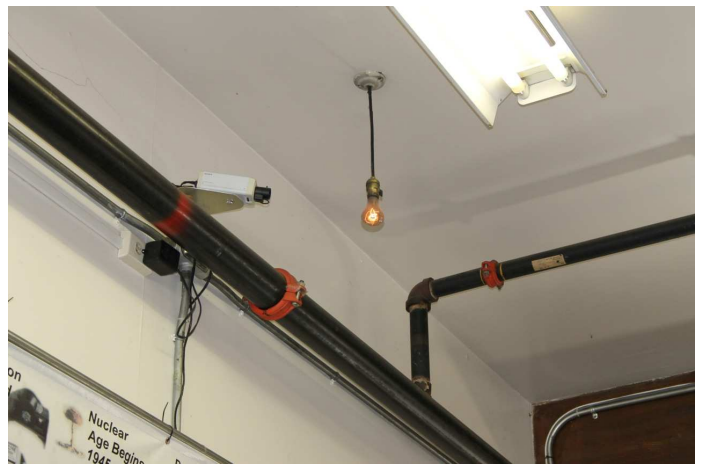


THIS PAGE: Ted Downer's 1978 Ford Thunderbird sported a colorful interior. Mark Mayes' 2012 Fiat 500 Abarth packed a lot of punch under such a tiny hood. Sueko Takahashi-Gilbert and Tom Costales smile for the camera.

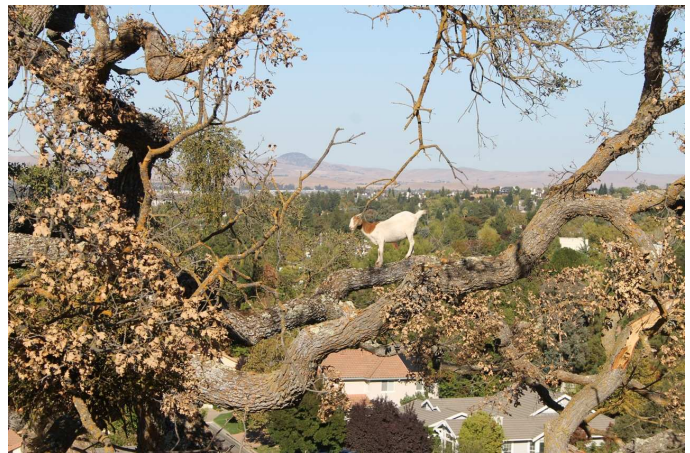
NEXT PAGE: A bevy of Buicks lined up for the tour including Glen Taber's 1972 Skylark convertible, Bill Peachee's 1960 LeSabre 4-door sedan, and Jay Remick's 1963 Riviera. Freewheelers take an informal tour of the Historic Duarte Garage. The drive tour featured some fun winding roads through the foothills.



Dave and Sueko Gilbert lead the pack of Freewheelers in their 1958 Edsel Citation convertible winding through the foothills of Livermore.



PREVIOUS PAGE: Freewheelers besiege the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Station #6 where the crew gave us a tour. The firehouse featured the Centennial light bulb, burning since 1901. Guests admire the view from Roger Emmett's and Geoff Caccamo's backyard.



THIS PAGE, Clockwise from upper left: One sign says it all. Scott Mikkelsen makes friends with Roger's and Geoff's new-born goat. Brian Kanamu and Scott Fairbanks enjoy the BBQ buffet. One rouge goat takes its chances on a fallen oak. Camaraderie continues on the back patio. Tire kicking and conversation resume at fire station #6 before heading to Roger's and Geoff's. The Duarte Garage featured a Model T fire truck.



Application for Membership/Membership Renewal

Hello fellow auto enthusiast! Please complete the application, sign the bottom of the form acknowledging the club's liability policy, and return it with your check for or money order \$50 (includes access to our club roster, monthly newsletter, and privileged website access). You can also pay using your PayPal account by remitting to renewal@thefreewheelers.net and submitting your information under separate cover!



Couples have 2 Options:

First option - Membership is \$50 for both if you use one listing for both you and your partner have one address and the same cars listed. Both names will be included in a separate section in the Roster that cross-references partners' names.

Second option - If both of you want individual listings, each must pay \$50 individually. In this option, both of you can receive your own copy of the Newsletter and Roster[†]. Submit check(s) totaling \$100 to the address below.

Applications without signature and payment cannot be accepted (applications are subject to approval by the Board of Directors).

Many Freewheelers have e-mail addresses. The listing of your e-mail address provides another communication channel for members and event notifications such as e-Vites. The optional occupational listing is for the Board's access only and is not available to the general membership. From time to time the Board seeks advice on subjects relating to the club's needs.

GO GREEN! Members have the option of receiving the monthly newsletter and/or annual roster in either a hard copy form or as an electronic document available to members only that can be printed out on the website. Please select below as to how you would like to receive the newsletter and/or roster (NOTE: no selection will default to "No" hardcopy):

PLEASE CHECK "YES" or "NO" FOR EACH: Hard Copy Newsletter: Yes ☐ No ☐ Hard Copy Roster: Yes ☐ No ☐

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Date	Signature
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Primary Membership(s): _____ @ \$50 each = \$_____ (includes one Roster and monthly Flyer per paid membership)

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Total payment included: \$_____

Please send this form and your check or Money Order (drawn in U.S. funds) to:
Freewheelers Car Club C/O Jay Remick, 1588 Willow Oaks Drive, San Jose, CA 95125
jayremick@me.com/408-269-1899

LCCI-Central Arizona Region – January 17-19, 2013

– by Steve Possnecker



This year, LCCI-Central Arizona Region celebrates the mythology of the Phoenix by celebrating our own city which continues to celebrate its past and rises to have an even brighter plumage in its future. And now it's time for you to make your reservations to join the Central Arizona Chapter for the event of the year and to have a chance to explore our past, present and future brilliance!

Weekend Highlights – Go back 1,500 years to the thriving Hohokam Civilization with the Pueblo Grande Museum. Rise into the modern century through the Arizona Historical Museum. Then there's the beautiful plumage, patinas, colors and shiny chrome of the Saturday Car Show. Cap off your weekend by celebrating the accomplishments and joys of the weekend with a gleaming banquet, awards celebration, and entertainment. Join us for a night that will live on in your memories. Lastly, don't forget that the Phoenix area is home to a whole host of auctions that weekend...one might just may have the vehicle you've been looking for!

Hotel – Hilton Garden Inn, 4000 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85012; 1-602-279-9811 (\$124/rate if you mention "Lambda Car Club").

Registration – Go to www.azgaycar.com and register online. Full package pricing is \$135 per person until December 25, 2012. The price goes up to \$145 per person starting on December 26, 2012. We also offer à la carte pricing for those who can only join us for part of the weekend. **See you in Arizona!**

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Welcome New & Returning Members!

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Eric Whitney & Richard Bae

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Car: 1986 Mercedes-Benz 560SL Convertible

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2012

Sat., 11/03 – Sun., 11/04: Palm Springs Pride...visit www.pspride.org for more information.

Sun., 11/11: **SAVE THE DATE** for the "Farewell to the Clubhouse" sandwich buffet and clean-up! Details on page 3.

Sun., 11/11: **CHANGE OF DATE** Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather immediately after the buffet event; meeting from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Thurs., 11/22 – Mon., 11/26: The 55th Annual International Auto Show in San Francisco. Visit www.sfautoshow.com for details.

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Sun., 12/02: **SAVE THE DATE** for the Freewheelers Annual Holiday Party in Half Moon Bay. Details on page 4.

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