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President's Message

OMG! It's fall! Where'd the summer go? We attended the Ironstone Concours last weekend which is generally accepted as the end of the car show season and it got me to thinking of our clubs events — the railroad train museum tour, WCM, the pool party, the Fabulous north bay drive tour...I hope each of you attended at least a few of these events.

Your board of directors and volunteers take great care in putting together these event tours, and I would hope that the members appreciate their efforts and make it a point to thank them! Better yet, become a volunteer and put together an event for us to enjoy!

Speaking of volunteerism, we need a person to take over the newsletter. The illustrious Marty Hanson is stepping down from his duties as of January 2020 and if we don't find a new editor there will be no more newsletters! Dead serious here folks, it's time for someone to step up!

I hope to see everyone at this month's event...

Motor on!

Scott Mikkelsen

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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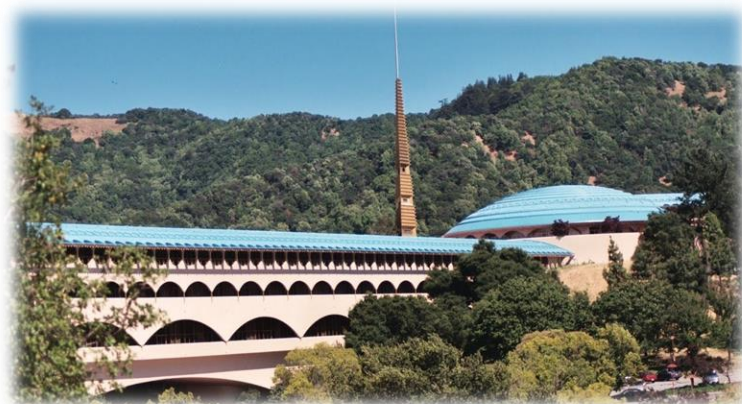
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OCTOBER TOUR OF NORTH BAY HISTORY!

– by Brian Kanamu



Join us **Saturday**, October 19th as we explore the wonders of the North Bay! We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Historic Marin Civic Center (3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903) for requisite coffee, donuts and tire-kicking.

The beautiful Marin County Civic Center, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, is located in San Rafael, California. Groundbreaking for the Civic Center Administration Building took place in 1960, after Wright's death and under the watch of Wright's protégé, Aaron Green; it was completed in 1962.

To get to the Center, take the San Pedro exit from Highway 101, take the first left, and another quick left onto Peter Behr Drive to go up and under the building. Just after the building on the way downhill, we will gather in the parking lot on the left.

From the Civic Center, we will then take a mini-drive tour around Point San Pedro, past China Camp, Robin Williams' old neighborhood, and cruise past Dominican University on our way into San Rafael.

Our final destination will be The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bay Model in San Rafael. It is a working hydraulic scale model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta System. Tours of the Bay Model are free!

At a glance

What: North Bay Tour – Marin Civic Center & U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bay Model in San Rafael

When: SATURDAY, October 19, 10 a.m.

Where: Marin Civic Center, 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903, then onto the Bay Model

Event Fee: \$5.00, lunch on your own

RSVP: Reply to the email invitation or contact Bill Hall at 510-612-3300/williamhall1234@yahoo.com



November New Member Lunch



Sunday, November 17, we are planning a New Member Lunch at the Buchanan Airfield in Concord where we can hang in the hangars with cars and planes! For any new club member as of our last New Member Lunch, the event is on us...no fee! Watch for details in the next issue of the Flyer!

December Holiday Party

Sunday, December 1, join us at the Veterans Hall in Pleasanton where once again we'll hold our holiday gathering. Weather permitting, bring one of your classics and receive preferential parking right across from the hall! It'll be fun and festive to assemble a lot full of classics and create our own Merry Little Holiday Concours! Watch for details in upcoming issues of the Flyer!



Renew Your Membership for 2020!



It's time to renew your membership with your club, the Fabulous Freewheelers! Joining now will cover your membership for the remainder of this year and all of next year. Our 2019 events have been very well received and attended, and our 2020 line-up promises to be excellent as well!

A record number of members have switched to our online Flyer and interactive online Roster. Members who choose this "digital" option pay just \$35 annually. Or you can pay \$60 to receive hard copies of the Flyer in the mail (which reflects the actual per-person printing and distribution costs).

Feel free to fill out your application/renewal online (www.thefreewheelers.net) for the \$35 digital renewal, or mail in the application included in this issue of the Flyer (page 8) if you wish to go the \$60 route for hard copy newsletters. Online payment options include PayPal which will allow paying with your bank account or using a credit card if you have a PayPal account. Still not crazy about paying online? No problem! You can still mail your completed application in along with a signed check (mailing address on the form).

We hope everyone will take advantage of the privileges of membership, including the camaraderie experience, networking and support from all who have the passion for classic cars. From parts to repairs to events, being a member of the Freewheelers is an invaluable resource!

Membership also adds so much to your experience with the Freewheelers...the more you participate, the more involved you feel, the more friends you make, and the more you learn about your cars and those of others. Our monthly events adapt to the participation and involvement of our members, and even as we grow, we still maintain a strong sense of family.

Just a reminder – Miss Cleo is dead, so if you've had any changes or updates to your membership information since last time (address, phone, email, cars, partners, etc.), PLEASE submit an updated form so we have your most current information – we're not psychic! Thank you in advance for being – or becoming – a Freewheeler!

September Saturday Sonoma Tour

— by Paul Baker & Scott Prickett

Sonoma County is so captivating along the backroads.



We arrive at the Chiotti Residence on Calistoga Road in Santa Rosa at 9 am. We're still sleepy as we back Tim Lawler's 1992 Fleetwood Brougham d'Elegance into the church parking lot next door. We disembark, pour a cup of coffee, greet friends and kick the tires of automotive icons from prior times. Before we know it, we hear the breakfast party next door, and we head on over.

Many are already in line at Marilyn and Dave's breakfast buffet, and what an incredible spread it is. Fresh fruit, more coffee and home-made brownies with white chocolate chips work for us. After the self-guided tours of the collections, it's time to grab a personalized goodie bag and caravan west across town.

Several dozen cars can only stick together so long, and inevitably strings of cars will get lost at traffic lights and blind turns. We all know that feeling. But there are New Rules, and this time is different. In bold print, the swag bag sends an important message: "Be sure the car behind you sees you turn!" It proves to be good advice, and the caravan is mostly intact as we wind north 40 miles through backroad vineyards we've never seen before.

At the Sonoma Lake Overlook, we emerge from the air-conditioned, burgundy leather living room and it's getting hot. Side note: that's why we didn't bring our Tempest (no AC). We stretch our legs, hike over to the viewpoint past the pair of athletic German men speaking in their tongue, and scarf down the goodies-bag feast. Then we re-board and the caravan again winds through internationally esteemed vineyards: south on Dry Creek Road, Westside Road, and finally River Road, where our parade passes through Guerneville and Monte Rio on the way to restrooms in the cute town of Duncan Mills. Just in time again, and everybody shares a relaxed moment in the now-cool ocean air.

Onto the last leg of our journey now through Cazadero, we turn onto the fern-lined one-lane Kidd Creek Road, climbing at 7 mph up into the redwoods. One-by-one, we arrive at the secluded CazSonoma Inn, disembark, and head to the champagne table in the meadow. Sun's still up, so everyone is clustered in the shade until the host announces dinner.

What a scene...picture about forty of us helping ourselves to platters of the freshest and tastiest home-cooked food you'll ever encounter, enjoying the company of our caravan comrades, and chatting away in the dining room of the storied Millpond Cottage.

Special thanks to the Chiottis, board members, and others who meticulously planned and executed such a unique and memorable experience for our members!

The Saturday night and Sunday morning supplement to "The 2019 Kilometer Tour of Sonoma County"
by Dave Chiotti

After the good-byes were said and most of the members had departed, nine of us remained to enjoy the hospitality of our hosts Richard and Renee Mitchell.

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PREVIOUS PAGE: (1) Some of Dave and Marilyn Chiotti's beautiful classics greeted us upon arrival. (2) Tambria Turco, Ron Crosetti and Brooke Russo enjoy some Continental breakfast treats before the drive tour. (3) Freewheelers Vice President Bill Hall and our host, Dave Chiotti. (4-5) Freewheelers arrive and gather in the parking lot adjacent to Dave and Marilyn's home.

THIS Page: (1) Follow that Jeep! (2) Panoramic view from our first tour stop at Vista Point (3) Final Destination – the remote and beautiful CazSonoma Inn. (4) Dave has champagne and raffle prizes ready for the arrivals at the Inn. (5) Guests admire the verdant, rural grounds with the lovely Inn set back in the trees. (6) Guests enjoy champagne and camaraderie before gathering for a late lunch in the Inn's dining room.



2020 Application for Membership/Membership Renewal

Hello fellow auto enthusiast! Please complete the application, **sign and date the bottom of the form** acknowledging the club's liability policy, and return it with your check for or money order (includes access to our club roster, monthly newsletter, and privileged website access). You may also register and pay using your PayPal account or a **credit card** at www.thefreewheelers.net and clicking on 'contact us / join' which we prefer.

Membership Rates: The membership rate will remain at \$60.00 per year to more closely reflect actual printing and distribution costs. HOWEVER, for those wishing to receive the flyer and the roster digitally/online without a print version there is a \$25.00 discount – \$35 per year (same as last year)! Note that all or part of the Flyer may be printed from the internet if you desire a hard copy.

Membership is for the **calendar year from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**. **New** Members who join on or after October 1, 2019 will have the following year at no charge (up to 15 months).

Please include an e-mail address. We use these addresses for event registration and payment as well as notifications between Flyer issues. We will use only the 'Primary Members' email address for all communications. 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.

New Member ☐ Renewal ☐		Where did you hear about the Freewheelers?	
If Renewal, then member since:			
Name of Primary Member		Occupation (optional)	
Partner/Spouse (if applicable)		Partner's Occupation (optional)	
Address		Home Phone	Work Phone
City, State, ZIP		Cell Phone	Other training/talents/skills?
E-mail Address		Partner's E-mail Address	
Please list your vehicles below. Attach additional sheet(s) as required.			
Year	Make	Model	Body Style
It is the Freewheelers Car Club policy that all vehicles driven at Club events must have liability and property damage insurance. The Club assumes no liability for accidents occurring in connection with Club events and/or activities. Proof of insurance must be supplied upon request. Please sign below acknowledging this policy.			
Date		Signature	

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Meet Me on Mars – WCM 2020

Don't forget the Tinfoil Hat Contest on Friday night! You can start making one anytime, but foil will also be provided in everyone's registration packet! A prize will be awarded for the most Fabulous Foil Fedora!



NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

Our current newsletter editor will be retiring at the end of this year, so we are looking to fill the vacancy for 2020-2021. This is a board position, so if you or someone you know has some computer talents and a desire to become a part of the board and more involved with the club, please contact any board member.

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Dave Gilbert, Mike Cowles, Robert Ecton, Brooke Russo, Tambria Turco, their son Jordan, his friend and Dave and Marilyn Chiotti spent the night. Some of us spent time on the back deck telling stories and enjoying a glass of wine and/or a cocktail, while some browsed through the library.

Around 7:30PM, Renee set up the DVD player and some of us watched the first installment of "Miss Fisher's Murder Mystery" – a delightful series about a very risqué young lady detective, set in 1920's Melbourne.

After retiring for the night, the smell of fresh brewed coffee coaxed us to the dining room Sunday morning. We were served a wonderful breakfast of homemade sausage, roasted potatoes, quiche, toasted sourdough, and a fruit cup.

Final packing was done and the last goodbyes were made and we all headed home. Some took adventurer routes down the coast, while others headed northeast to pick up some local refreshments and some headed straight for home.



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FOR SALE: 1979 Mercury Bobcat – completely original car. Tangerine with matching Orange plaid interior. Concoors d'Lemons and WCM winner. Featured in Hemmings, Autoweek. Motor Trend and soon to be in Vanity Fair! Comes with 2 matching shirts, 1979 Color & Trim Selector and Salesman's Guide. \$15,000. Contact Sandy at sse58@me.com; 310-689-1155.



OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY, the 6th, 2019 – Board of Directors Meeting in Concord.

SATURDAY, the 19th, 2019 – Bay Model Tour in Sausalito, see page 3 for details.

NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY, the 3rd, 2019 – Board of Directors Meeting in Concord.

SUNDAY, the 17th, 2019 – New Members Brunch in Concord, details to follow.

DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY, the 1st, 2019 – Holiday Party in Pleasanton, details to follow.

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY, the 26th – 2020 Annual Business Meeting in Vallejo, details to follow.

NOTE: Dates/events/locations subject to change. NOTE: Club Board Meetings are typically held the first Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. in Concord, and are open to all members. Contact a board member if you're interested in attending to confirm the time and place.

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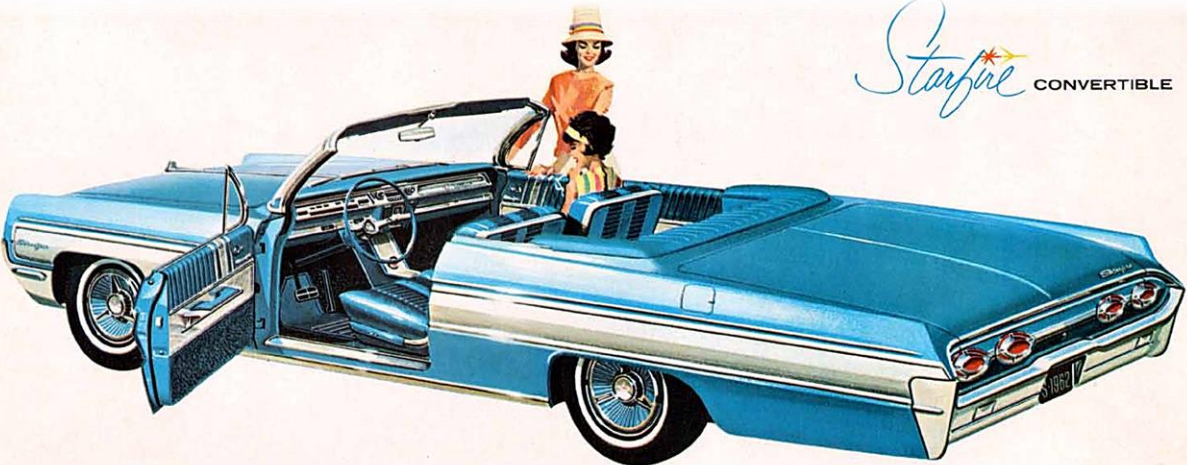
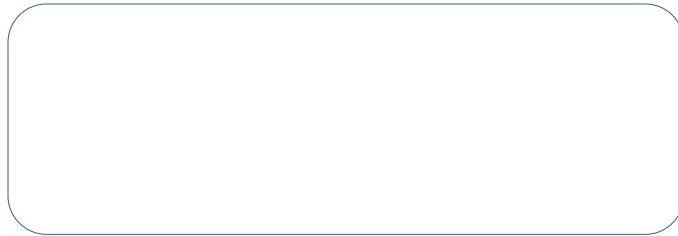
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