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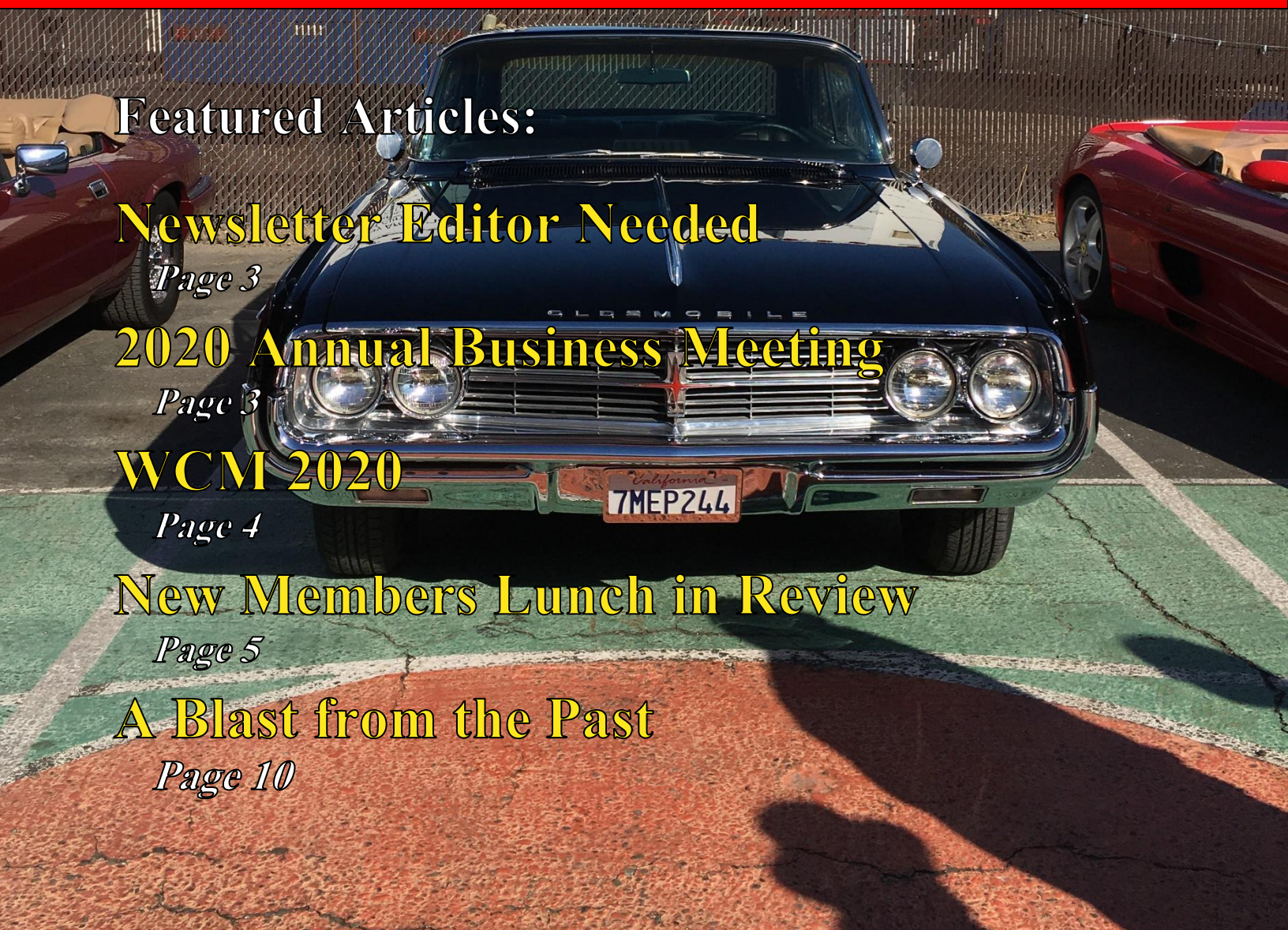
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President's Message

Ok! I'll start with the uplifting message...Happy Holidays! Wishing you all the very best this season and hope that you find just the right car part under the tree on Christmas!

Now for the not so uplifting message... yes, it's true...our wonderful newsletter editor Marty Hanson is retiring and no one has stepped up to replace him. What this means is that this will be your last newsletter unless by some holiday miracle someone volunteers to fill that position.

As you all know and I always try to remind everyone is that this an entirely volunteer run organization and we need your help to keep it going month to month...that could mean organizing a monthly event, joining the board, or even cooking for a luncheon. Remember, "ask not what your car club can do for you, ask what you can do for your car club!"

Motor on!

Scott Mikkelson

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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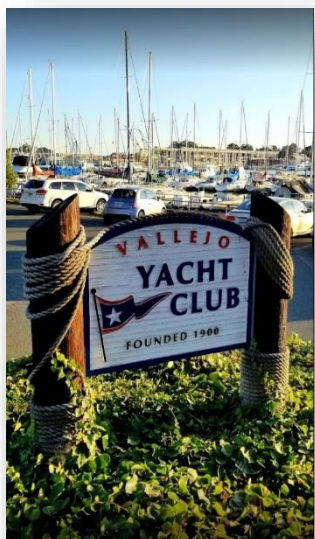
The Freewheelers Newsletter Editor position will become vacant effective January 2020. Unfortunately, we have not had any offers to fill the position from the membership, so until the position is filled, there will be no future newsletters generated after this one.

Typically, there is no newsletter in January anyway, so there's still time and opportunity for someone to set up and offer their services to the club. At our annual business meeting at the end of January, we will also express our need for a newsletter editor if the membership wishes to continue to receive monthly newsletters.

Event notifications will continue to go out via email, however articles and photos of events, new member announcements, classified ads, and upcoming event information typically included in the monthly newsletter will not be available until such time as the position is filled.

If anyone is interested in filling this position, please feel free to contact any board member (listed on page 2) and they'll be happy to assist you with transitioning you into the position. Thank you for your continued support of the Freewheelers Car Club!

JOIN US FOR THE FREEWHEELERS 2020 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, January 26, 2020 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 2019's accomplishments and talk about our plans for 2020. We will also be looking for nominations for open board positions as well as ideas for 2020 events, so bring your tour/event ideas to the floor!

The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. as we gather in the parking lot for some tire kicking (weather permitting) and socializing before gathering in the Yacht Club to enjoy a delicious catered lunch*...then getting down to club business around 1 p.m.

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: The Freewheelers 2020 Annual Business Meeting

When: Sunday, January 26, 2020; tire kicking beginning at 11 a.m., lunch around noon, Business Meeting beginning at 1 p.m.

Where: The Vallejo Yacht Club, 485 Mare Island Way, Vallejo, CA 94590

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

RSVP: Via the invitation email or contact Bill Hall, 510-612-3300, williamhall1234@yahoo.com.



Greetings Earthlings!

– Brian Kanamu, WCM 2020 Co-Chair

West Coast Meet is getting closer and the planning has “lifted off.” As Co-Chair with Bob Krambuhl, we have a number of things we’ll need help with. Volunteering for WCM is an opportunity to get to know people better and provides satisfaction when you see the results of your work. I speak from experience. Non-Freewheelers are welcome to help too, so if you’re a non-Freewheeler and would like to lend a hand (and learn how we do it) we’d love to have you!

Bob is already well into putting together the groups and plans for the creative side, leading the decorations (inside and outside) and entertainment, as well as many other aspects of the event. There are opportunities galore with planning, sets, the actual shows, set-up/take-down and much more. Don’t be shy! You will thoroughly enjoy it I assure you. I’m still stuck on his “Tinfoil Hat” song as you will be too.

For the operations part, the car show is of course hugely important. We always need a little help with parking, sign making, day of show set-up as well as vote counting (now computerized). Since most of us have cars to show too, this is intended not to infringe on your morning vehicle prep.

One new thing that we are trying out this year is a very limited number of gluten free meals for Friday and Saturday banquets only. I’m Celiac and this is a HUGE deal to me. It’s no fun sitting there watching everyone else eat. Since the number of GF meals will be extremely limited for this experiment, for 2020 this offer will be extended first to people who can’t eat gluten, and if extras I will include those who choose not to eat gluten. **Please note:** The GF meal option will not be on your registration. If you’d like to participate in the GF experiment, please reach out to me directly and I can put you on my list. First come, first served!

Moving along, all signs point to another side-splitting WCM. May will be cooler than July and the hotel is much cheaper. We recognize that May causes scheduling issues for some of you and we are sincerely sorry to miss those that can’t come. Having WCM in May is likely to become the new norm for cost reasons.

I can be reached at citromatic@yahoo.com and Bob at rtkbob@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all in May!

Freewheelers Welcome New Members



– by Gregg Cannella

The 2019 New Member Brunch got off to a great start thanks in part to the beautiful autumn weather and with the support and help from several Freewheelers members, including: Bill Hall, Scott Mikkelson and Glen Taber. This annual event was held at Buchanan Airfield in Concord (thank you John Jung) among the fine autos found in Hangar Six! 66 Freewheelers attended including 10 new members:

*Bill Bliler
Brooke Russo & Tambria Turco
Chris Kenward
Dennis James
Jerry & Susie Jones
Ken Broz
Pat Sieler
Rhonda Madden*

The day began with coffee, tire kicking, and time well spent in the parking lot admiring and lusting after the beautiful cars several members drove to the event! Several first on tour autos were in attendance including Keith Cambra and Tony Nettle's 1962 Oldsmobile Starfire! A delight in all its interstellar glory with chrome side spears and bucket seats!

Jeffrey Wood brought his gorgeous 1985 Buick Riviera that is a local Concord car with only 37,000 miles on it. Parked behind Gregg Cannella's 1985 Riviera they made quite a lovely pair in white with red leather interior. Other first-on-tours included Pat Sieler's 1971 "green machine" Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser wagon, and Jerry & Susie Jones' fully restored 1956 Chevy 210 2-door sedan.

President Scott Mikkelson gathered everyone together before lunch to welcome members and to explain the importance of participation in a volunteer organization, and that the club relies on the membership to help create and execute events, and to be active participants to help make our club great! Actively involving club members who have not organized events or held positions on the board is highly encouraged!

A hearty lunch of Lasagna and Caesar Salad was served at 12:30, followed by individual deserts of raspberry, pistachio, chocolate and Tiramisu. It was great to see so many Freewheelers in attendance and everyone enjoyed the time to be able to catch up and relax for a bit and welcome the many new members to the club.

The event concluded at around 2:30 as everyone slowly made their way home, reflecting on a nice time had by all. We look forward to seeing everyone at the holiday event on December 1st in Pleasanton!



First-on-Tours: (previous page) Pat Sieler's 1971 Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser Wagon, (above) Jerry & Susie Jones' 1956 Chevrolet 210 2-door Sedan, Keith Cambra's & Tony Nettell's 1962 Oldsmobile Starfire 2-door Hardtop



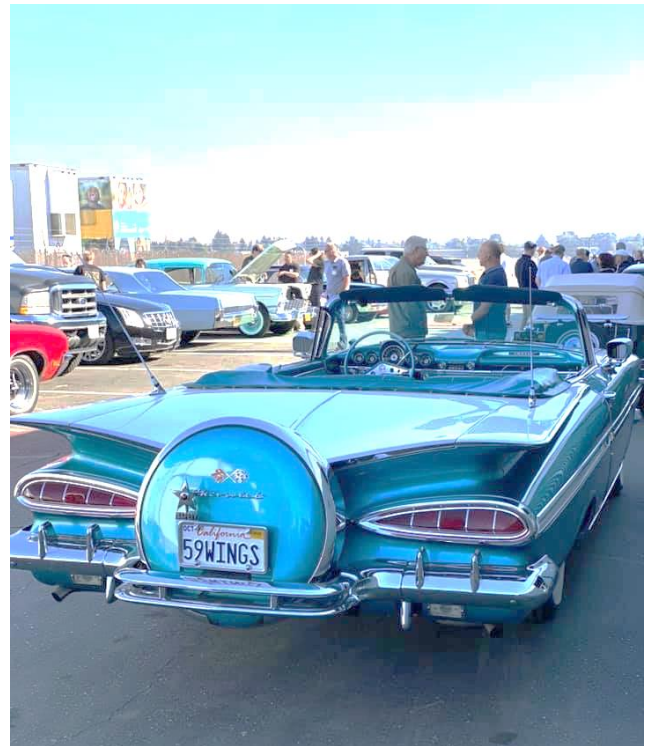
On such a beautiful day, it seemed only proper to greet and gather outdoors!



Seeing double with Gregg Cannella's and Jeff Woods' twin 1985 Buick Riviera Coupes!



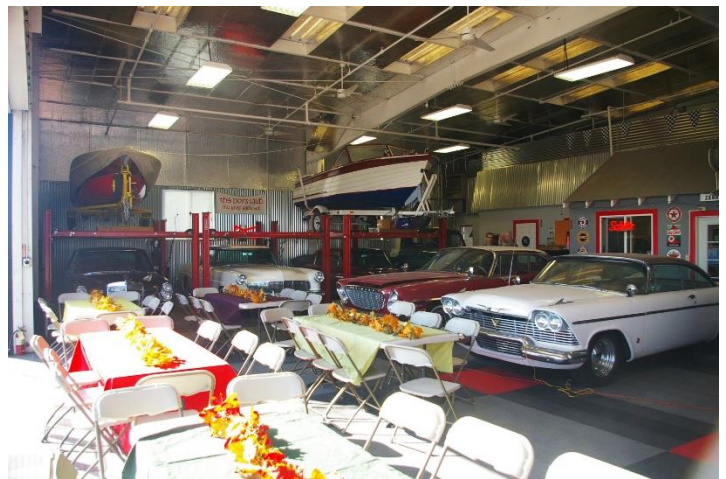
If red's your color, we had a double dose with Cliff Travis' 1972 Buick Skylark convertible and Allen Nixon's 1999 Ferrari Spider 355 Convertible



Fabulous Fins – inside and outside Hangar Six!



President Scott Mikkelson rallies the troops before lunch is served.



Festively decorated tables await luncheon guests



Guests enjoy lunch, camaraderie and a view of the airfield!



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	

MEMBERSHIP DUES

☐ Print Flyer(s): _____ @ \$60 each = \$_____ (includes one printed Flyer per paid membership)

☐ Digital Flyer: _____ @ \$35 each = \$_____

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
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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!

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS!

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A Blast from the Past!



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Freewheelers David Robinson and Todd Darling don lederhosen, adding some authentic "oom-pah-pah" Austrian flair to Oktoberfest Weekend!

Ein Schönes Wochenende im Oktober!

by Herr Clint Moore

Gut Got im Himmel, Oktoberfest was a smashing success! Sleepy San Jose played host for a weekend of fantastic festivities for a sold-out crowd of nearly 80 registered attendees. Great Autos' President Michael Berckart and about 15 other Southern Californians made the trek to experience the Freewheelers' legendary hospitality. Freewheelers drove in from all over the bay area and Sacramento knowing a great weekend was in store.

Friday night started the weekend off right with a special welcome reception. About 50 people packed themselves into Clint Moore's modest home to enjoy candy, cookies and cocktails. Many new members joined in the fun, finding the Freewheelers to be a great group to get to know. The party spilled out into the garage and street to admire the autos old and new in the moonlit night. Eventually, the crowd thinned as partygoers headed to their homes and hotels.

Sunny Saturday morning came bright and cheery as the group met at the home of Larry Camuso and Kirk Wentland for a spot of coffee before hitting the streets to the first car collection. Larry and Kirk had dressed their yellow and black 1949 Nash as a bee for Halloween complete with antenna, wings and a stinger!

Among the other cars on tour was the 1968 Ford Country Squire station wagon that will be raffled off at West Coast 2008! You cannot purchase tickets yet, but be sure to look for it at other upcoming events!

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CLASSIFIED



FOR SALE: 2007 Bentley Azure – Excellent condition, all service under my ownership (since 2016) at Bentley Walnut Creek, have service records from 2012 forward. The last of the full-sized Bentley convertibles, short run 2005-2010, only 796 built. A joy to drive, only selling to make room for another PMC that I have fallen in love with. Moroccan Blue (metallic) with Magnolia/Navy Blue/Elm Burl interior, 23K miles, \$87.5K OBO. Contact anixon@pacbell.net, 707- 546-3723. (1)



FOR SALE: 1969 Continental Mark III – one of only 95 that came from the factory without a vinyl top – special ordered. This is the ONLY vinyl top delete in this color. In fact, only 463 out of 30,000 came in this color. Medium Aqua with Aqua leather interior. 37K original miles. Car is completely original – paint/interior, etc. Full documentation including original dealer invoice, build sheet deluxe Marti Report plus letter from Marti verifying only 95 1969 Mark III's were built at the factory without a vinyl top. We are third owner and have owned the car since Sept. 2005. This is NOT a 100 point fully restored show car but (as you may have seen) in amazing condition for a 50-year-old completely original car. Everything works on the car as it should except for the A/C and clock. Car has won both junior and senior LCOC awards as well as awards at WCM and other shows. Very important to us that it goes to a good home. It is a very special car. \$48K OBO. Contact Sandy at sse58@me.com; 310-689-1155.



FOR SALE: 1979 Mercury Bobcat – completely original car. Tangerine with matching Orange plaid interior. Concours d'Lecons 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. \$15K. Contact Sandy at sse58@me.com; 310-689-1155.



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

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY, the 26th, 2020 – Annual Business Meeting in Vallejo, see page 3 for details.

MAY 2020

THURSDAY, the 7th – Saturday, the 9th, 2020 – 36th Annual West Coast Meet in Atascadero, watch for more information in the coming months...registration opens February 1st!

NOTE: Dates/events/locations subject to change. NOTE: Club Board Meetings are typically held the second 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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