



Editor's prerogative? Marty Hanson's first-on-tour 1991 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster!

It Might As Well be Spring in Walnut Creek!

—by Marty Hanson

Can that be right? Seventy degrees on the first weekend in March? As an old native born Californian would say "It's a most unusual day!" But sure as god made little green apples – and despite some peripheral fog – sun and spring like temperatures greeted Freewheelers as we gathered at the Rossmoor Shopping Center in Walnut Creek.

Jay Remick and Michael Amodt had coffee and donuts ready for arrivals as Eric Whitney and Richard Bae tutored Gregg Cannella on his first event as Registration Chair. Event host Keith Cambra was also handily prepared with easy-to-read drive tour directions to the much anticipated Model Railroad Museum.

Much tire-kicking and camaraderie ensued as Freewheelers and guests admired the many lovely cars brought out for the event. Many first on tours made an appearance including:

- ☛ New members Jack Daniels' and Brock Rasmussen's sporty 2002 Chevrolet Corvette Z06
- ☛ Clint Moore's stately 1955 Packard "The 400" 2-door hardtop
- ☛ Roger Emmett's and Geoff Caccamo's freshly restored 1963 VW 3-door Transporter
- ☛ Peter Anning's and Jim Mulvaney's impeccable 1969½ Citroën DS-21 Pallas
- ☛ Scott Mikkelsen's and Todd Darling's rare 1987 Jaguar XJ-SC Roadster
- ☛ Tom Halloran's triple white 1972 Cadillac Eldorado
- ☛ Ted Downer's and Marc Williamson's brand spanking new 2015 Dodge Challenger
- ☛ Adair Roberts' practical 2015 Mazda 3 Crossover

And yours truly brought out my recently procured 1991 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster. Along with Eric Whitney's 1986 560 SL and Jay Remick's 1979 450 SL, they made a formidable trio when parked together!

Around 11 a.m., Keith gathered folks together to welcome them, give them a general idea of the day's events ahead, and to acknowledge new members at the event including Jack Daniels and Brock Rasmussen. Taking the lead in his 1969 Lincoln Continental Mark III, Keith started off the tour with a flock of Freewheelers following gaily through the quaint neighborhoods and foothills of Walnut Creek.

Our round-about tour delivered us at the Walnut Creek Model Railroad Museum which included ample parking both on the street and in their parking lot. Aptly placed on Buena Vista Avenue, the museum sits adjacent to the beautiful Larkey Park. Since ours was such

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President's Message

"A day without sunshine is like, you know, night." - Steve Martin

And there should be plenty of sunshine for this month's drive tour. That's right, our little car club is doing an actual drive tour! Many have asked for it and this month the Freewheeler's are hitting the road for an afternoon of scenic motoring through the south county country side.

Longtime Freewheeler Clint Moore has put together a great little road trip starting in Morgan Hill and meandering all the way down to historic San Juan Bautista. Usually we have events and outings to specific locations but with the start of spring this is a great way to dust off those tires and get your classic back on the road. Keep an eye out for the Eventbrite invitation for all the details and make sure to pull out those Jackie O sunglasses and head scarf (just don't pull an Isadora Duncan).



If you'd always thought your motor should be a star, well now it can be. The Freewheelers will be participating in a club exhibit at the California Auto Museum in Sacramento. This is your chance to have your vehicle displayed in all its glory!

You will find information in this newsletter on how you can participate and what the criteria is being considered. Because of space constraints, only a limited number of vehicles will be considered, so be sure to reply as soon as possible if you're interested. It's a great opportunity to share your Freewheeler spirit! Here's looking forward to a fantastic spring.

Until then, happy motoring!

Peter Escobedo

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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Let's Go For a Drive!

—by Clint Moore

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 19, and fill up your gas tank for the Freewheelers' first driving tour of 2015. We will meet in Morgan Hill for coffee, donuts and tire kicking in the vast Hobby Lobby parking lot before embarking on the tour. Concerned about the location? The notoriously conservative store is closed on Sundays!

The tour will depart Morgan Hill and wind its way more than 30 miles through the hills of the South Bay taking in spring wild flowers and quaint rural towns. Parts of the drive will recall days long past in most of Silicon Valley with farm houses and open fields.

Ultimately, we will arrive in the sleepy mission town of San Juan Bautista. There will be ample time to explore the beautifully preserved town square, which many will recognize from the Hitchcock classic "Vertigo." Many restaurants dot the town, many with outdoor patios, for you to enjoy lunch and the rest of the afternoon.

Watch your email for the **Eventbrite** invitation, and please RSVP so we will have enough coffee and pastries for everyone. We hope to see you there!



At-a-Glance:

When: Sunday, April 19, 10am tire kicking, 10:45 tour departure

Where: Hobby Lobby parking lot, 990 Cochrane Plaza, Morgan Hill

Fee: \$5 Event Fee payable via **Eventbrite**

RSVP: Please reply via the Eventbrite invitational email or contact Clint Moore at (408) 426-0741

We encourage you to register and pay in advance using Eventbrite.

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 16th. Thanks!

DIRECTIONS: From both north and south, exit 101 at Cochrane Blvd. and turn west. Hobby Lobby is adjacent to the freeway on the left.



You're Invited to the New Member Luncheon and the Freewheelers Cavalcade of Cars Exhibit at the California Automobile Museum

—by Jay Remick

Join your fellow Freewheelers on Sunday, May 3rd, to welcome and introduce new members who have joined the club over the last year. Our host is the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento. We will 'cut the ribbon' on our month-long display of vehicles in the museum's "Cavalcade of Cars." And a poster with the Club Logo and information will be *permanently* installed on the wall in back of the display. For those who have not been there recently, the museum has changed a lot!

We will tire kick and have coffee and donuts at 10:30, premier the Cavalcade Display at 11:30 and have lunch at noon. You will be free to tour the museum at any time. Current exhibits include *Flash and Flair: The Atomic '50s and '60s*. For more details about the museum, its display and current activities, visit their webpage at www.calautomuseum.org.

We are looking for members who would like to display their car in the Cavalcade for the month of May. If you are interested see the information in the 'Cavalcade of Cars' article on page 5.

At-a-Glance:

What: New Member Luncheon and Opening of the Freewheeler Cavalcade of Cars

Where: California Automobile Museum, 2200 Front Street, Sacramento, CA

When: Sunday, May 3 at 10:30AM

Fee: Free for new members, \$15.00 for everyone else
Includes lunch and admission to the museum

RSVP: **Eventbrite** or respond to Jay Remick at jayremick@me.com or 831-601-8080



*Please let us know by Wednesday April 29th so we can plan food, chairs, tables, etc.
We encourage you to register and pay in advance using Eventbrite. Thank you!*



🚗 DIRECTIONS TO THE C.A.M. 🚗

- Take I-80 Bus. E/US-50 E/Capital City Freeway (signs for Interstate 80 Business/ Sacramento/ South Lake Tahoe) **DO NOT TAKE 80 TOWARDS RENO!!**
- Take the **5th Street** exit toward downtown (.3 mile)
- Take a slight right onto **5th Street**
- Take the second right onto **Broadway**
- Take the third right onto **Front Street**
- Destination will be on the left: 2200 Front Street, Sacramento

THE FREEWHEELERS TEAM UP WITH THE CALIFORNIA AUTO MUSEUM IN SACRAMENTO TO PUT ON THE MAY 2015

“CAVALCADE OF CARS!”

—by Tom Ortiz

For over a decade, the California Automobile Museum (C.A.M.) has taken great pride in producing beautiful, month-long exhibits known as the “Cavalcade of Cars.” Car clubs from all over Northern California have presented collections that showcased their members’ cars, and provided interesting insights into the individual chapters within the hobby.



The Freewheelers will have their chance to do so this year by setting up our own month-long* museum display at the C.A.M. beginning on Saturday, May 2, 2015 and ending on Saturday, June 6, 2015; including a display case with some of the club’s history, photos and memorabilia.

And as a part of the unveiling, we’ll also be holding the 2015 New Member’s Brunch at the museum on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015 at 10:30 am. Lunch will be catered by the fabulous Scott and Todd from the Red and Black Garage! See the details on page 4.

For the display, we’re club is looking for 5 to 6 cars that will present nice, colorful examples of the Freewheeler’s membership... any make or model, preferably vintage...but keep in mind, your vehicle will remain in the museum for the entire month with no in-and-out privileges, and you’ll be responsible for delivery and pick-up of your vehicle at the museum.

If you’d be interested in having your car included in the club’s display at the museum, please contact Jay Remick at (831) 601-8080 or jayremick@me.com.

We will need to hear from everyone interested in displaying a car by no later than Monday April 13th.

*(*There will be no in-and-out privileges for any vehicles in the display during the month.)*

MYSTERY OF THE WEEK!

—by Dave Chiotti

Can anyone explain this paranormal event? Sometime last week someone dropped an item off at Jim Sinnes’ place. It was in a white envelope and neatly printed on the outside with a permanent Sharpie was: “1939 Studebaker.” Jim asked if anyone knew where it came from or who had left it by the door of the shop; no one knew anything about it. Seeing I am the only one Jim knows with a 1939 Studebaker, he kept it until I arrived on Monday morning. Peering into the envelope I found a piece of stainless steel trim, six and three quarters long by three quarters of an inch high. Looking down the length it has a tent shape. This piece of trim fits on the cowl between the hood and the door of our ’39 Studebaker Commander.



Here is where it gets interesting.... In 1994 when we first acquired the Studebaker it had been under a walnut tree in San Jose for 40 plus years. The only piece of trim missing was the piece that goes on the cowl between the hood and the door. I looked for a replacement but was never able to find one quite nice enough. As it turned out I had to make the piece out of sheet brass and have it plated. The piece of trim left at Jim’s is the exact piece that was missing from our car. Does anyone have an explanation? I am dying to hear it! Dave: (707) 539-6073 dechiotti@aol.com.

And Your World's Fair Comes to....Cambria!

—by Pat Aulicino

It will soon be here – the all new for 2015 West Coast Meet, where our own 2015 World's Fair descends upon beautiful Cambria, California, for the second weekend in July.

Is it really all new, you ask, or just a reworking of the taillights and chrome trim? Well, consider this – instead of a four story hotel nestled between a shopping center and the freeway, we have a 25 acre resort with dozens of buildings, many different gardens, a dog park, and a pool. Instead of one large treeless parking lot in which to display our cars, our displays will be spread throughout the lush resort. Want something different to do besides going to the mall when not looking at cars? How about going for a walk on the boardwalk on nearby Moonstone Beach, exploring the antique shops and galleries in Cambria, or visiting some local wineries? You may even elect to take in a tour of nearby Hearst Castle, if only to pretend that you are Marion Davies for a day!



Want to have even more fun? Get in on the action by volunteering to help with a specific aspect of the event that interests you, whether it be helping with registration, designing decorations, tallying ballots, or helping to place cars for the big show. It's a great way to meet people! To sign up to help, please send a note to our volunteer coordinator, Stu Suede, at Ssuede@charter.net.



Over 150 people are already convinced that this is going to be a great time, as that is how many have already have registered in the first two weeks! The registration form is included again in this issue for your convenience. And for those who may have or wish to share a room, please contact our Registration Chairs Gene Matson and Rich Seymour at Register54WCM2015@gmail.com or 760-749-9468.

Get ready for your own World's Fair experience, and create some better ideas all your own as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mustang and the history of the Ford Motor Company!



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Complete this form and mail it,
along with your check (payable to
Great Autos of Yesteryear), to:

Gene Matson and Rich Seymour
West Coast Meet 2015
P.O. Box 460276
Escondido, CA 92046

ONLINE (pay via PayPal):

Go to our website **greatautos.org**

*Use the "Activities and Events" menu

*Select "West Coast Meet 2015 -
Register & Pay" from the menu

*Follow the on-screen instructions

*Pay via PayPal.

You'll need a PayPal ID (a \$5 per
person convenience fee applies)

REGISTRANT

Please print all information clearly

Name _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Car Club Affiliation _____ Arrival Date _____

Address _____ Day Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ Eve Phone _____

Email _____ Mobile Phone _____

Staying at Cambria Pines ☐ Yes ☐ No

GUESTS

Include your guests below, but your spouse/partner in the section above

Name (1) _____ Name (2) _____

CARS

(For additional cars, please enter information on back and check here) ☐

(Car 1) Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Bodystyle _____ Name on Placard _____

(Car 2) Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Bodystyle _____ Name on Placard _____

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Cambria Pines Lodge

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Cambria, CA 93428

Other local lodging options

can be found on the website
cambriachamber.org as the Pines
is fully booked as this is written.

You must be registered for the event
to be a registered guest at the hotel.

If you are not registered
by 6/10/15, your hotel

registration will be cancelled.

EVENT FEES

Register early!

*Weekend Activity Fee _____ tickets @ \$110 each \$ _____

Includes Souvenir pin and the Saturday night dinner and awards show

Saturday dinner entrees (enter quantity): _____ Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian

LATE Fee _____ @ \$25 per person after June 10, 2015. \$ _____

*Friday Evening "Mustang Roundup" dinner tickets @ \$40 each \$ _____

Friday dinner entrees (enter quantity): _____ Mixed Grill _____ Vegetarian

*"A World of Better Ideas" Souvenir T-shirts @ \$20 each (choose sizes below) \$ _____

_____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL

*Include a check (payable to Great Autos of Yesteryear) TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 10, 2015. Any registration forms postmarked after then will accrue a \$25 per person late fee added to the activity fee. Space is limited, so register now! If registering/paying online, a \$5 per person convenience fee will be added to each Weekend Activity Fee ticket. **CANCELLATION POLICY:** 100% refund if requested by June 10, 2015, minus a \$10 administration fee, a 50% refund if requested by June 30, 2015. No refunds after June 30, 2015. Registration questions? Email Gene and Rich at Register4WCM2015@gmail.com or call them at 760-749-9468

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: The undersigned, desiring to enter and participate in West Coast Meet 2015, to be held July 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2015, at the Cambria Pines Lodge in Cambria, California, does hereby tender his/her application to participate. If this application is accepted, the undersigned and registrant, having suitable automobile insurance, and his or her guests assume liability from and shall indemnify and hold harmless Great Autos of Yesteryear, Inc., and its members, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, invites and assigns from and against any and all liabilities arising from said event. The undersigned holds the aforementioned harmless and indemnifies them against judgments whatsoever arising, directly or indirectly, out of or in conjunction with participation in said event. Event registration required for Cambria Pines Lodge hotel stay.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

☐ Contact me about volunteering
to help with this event

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a large group, we had the museum reserved for “Freewheelers Only” offering us a private and personal tour of the collection and its many fun and interesting facts and history.

The “Diablo Valley Lines (DVL)” model railroad is one of the most mountainous and largest exclusively HO scale model railroads in the United States. This model railroad features standard gauge, narrow gauge, and interurban (overhead electric) freight and trolley lines. All trains, planes, and electronics are operated at the whim of the many technicians in the facility, including an imposing loft of operators working complex banks of dials, gauges and switches...all for the entertainment of their guests – as well as themselves!

Reaching a gargantuan 34 feet, the model display’s terrain not only featured miniature trains but also a “bucket load” of miniature vehicles of all makes and models. Freewheelers took great joy in identifying those classic little Suburban wagons, Cadillac Eldorados and AMC Javelins!

A “thunderstorm” even rolled into the Diablo Valley while we were there. The room darkened – enhancing all the illuminated buildings, signs and vehicles – and bright lights would flash intermittently, followed by a rumbling thunder clap. There were even a few raindrops as docents circled the museum guests with little water pistols! But soon, the sun came out again, and as some Freewheelers continued their conversation with the museum staff, others opted for lunch al fresco in the lovely park next door. Still others gathered in groups to head off to enjoy the local cuisine.

Many thanks to Keith Cambra for putting together this 2015 kick-off event, as well as to the other faithful Freewheelers who lent a helping hand, making it enjoyable to all. We’d also like to thank the Walnut Creek Model Railroad Museum staff for their friendly and informative accommodation.

Also, thanks to Freewheeler Bill Peachee who opened his home (“Shady Pines” less the pines) in Walnut Creek for an informal gathering after the day’s activities. All-in all, a most unusual...and delightful day!



Freewheelers and their first-on-tour rides: Tom Halloran with his triple-white 1972 Cadillac Eldorado, Ted Downer and Marc Williamson with their brand new 2015 Dodge Challenger, and new members Jack Daniels and Brock Rasmussen with their sporty 2002 Chevrolet Corvette Z06



LEFT COLUMN: More first-on-tours included Scott Mikkelsen's and Todd Darlings' 1987 Jaguar XJ-SC roadster, Peter Anning's and Jim Mulvaney's 1969½ Citroën DS-21 Pallas sedan, Adair Roberts' 2015 Mazda 3 Crossover, and Clint Moore's 1956 Packard "The Four Hundred."

RIGHT COLUMN: Freewheelers gather for coffee and donuts before heading out on the drive tour. Red, white and blue Mercedes SL's flock together as do the golden Imperials. Keith Cambra rallies the troops to outline the tour and welcome new members.



Very rare (an popular) was Roger Emmett's and Geoff Caccamo's freshly restored 1963 Volkswagen Transporter 3-door truck!



Spring-like weather prompted top-down cruising on the drive tour.



Bill Neill and Todd Darling take the drive tour in Bill's 1917 Hupmobile Touring.



Freewheelers get an exclusive look at the mammoth and meticulously detailed train display. Reaching 34' in height, it features multiple levels of miniature trains constantly in motion, as well as animated billboards, oil derricks, and even an airplane circling overhead!

Welcome New and Returning Members!

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1999 Audi A 8 Sedan
2004 Mercedes-Benz CLK 320 Coupe

Doug Tamo & David Platt

108 Miramonte Road
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Cars: 1966 Ford Mustang GT Convertible
1967 MG B Roadster

Jamie Thigpen & Keith Zimmerman

4562 Suisun Valley Road
Fairfield, CA 94534
(415) 203-4264

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Cars: 1925 Chevrolet Superior Model Series K Phaeton
1957 Ford Thunderbird Convertible
1957 Ford Thunderbird Roadster
1960 Ford Thunderbird Hardtop
1965 Ford Thunderbird Hardtop
1966 Ford Mustang Convertible
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APRIL 2015

Sunday, 04/19 - Morgan Hill Drive Tour – details on page 3.

MAY 2015

Sunday, 05/03–New Member Brunch & premier of the Freewheelers Display at the California Auto Museum in Sacramento. Details on pages 4-5.

Saturday, 05/09 – Board of Directors Meeting, 12 pm, at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord.

JUNE 2015

Sunday, 06/07 – Board of Directors Meeting, 11 am, at the Rainbow Community Center in Concord.

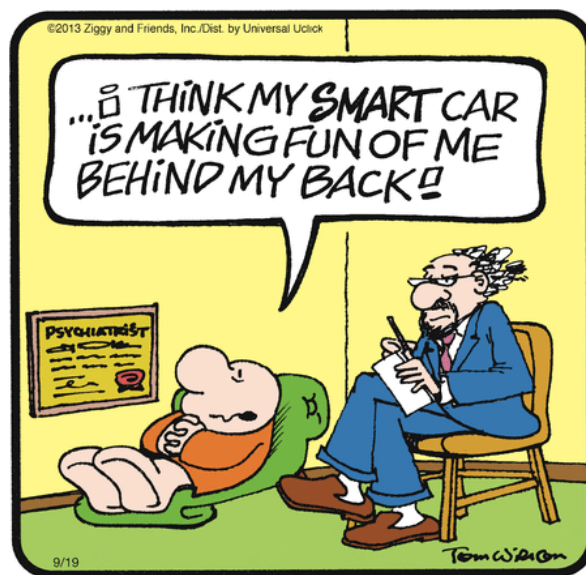
Sunday, 06/14 –Marin County Driving Tour and Cheese Trail! Details to follow!

Sunday, 06/28 – The 45th Annual San Francisco Pride Parade. Visit www.sfpride.org for more information.

JULY 2015

Thursday, 07/09 - Sunday, 07/12– The 31st Annual West Coast Meet in Cambria. Watch for details and registration info. in this issue of the Flyer!

NOTE: Calendar listings subject to change without notice.





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