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Green Fields and Rolling Hills Highlighted the April Drive Tour

– by Michael Amodt & Jay Remick

The hills of Hollister, green from recent Spring rains, provided a perfect setting for The Freewheeler's first drive tour of the year.

Our day was off to an auspicious start however as many club members, confused by the address in our Flyer, circled several parking lots over and over in search of our meeting place, Starbucks. As it turns out addresses are vague when one is in a Premium Outlet. Once we all were finally together things calmed down and the merriment commenced. Our tour, planned by Kip Darcy and James Lindstrom, was well attended by some 34 members and

guests traveling in nineteen spotless automobiles. We were briefed on the day's activities by James and given maps with Google directions printed on the back.

We were pleased to be introduced to our new member, Bill Rogstad of San Jose, who appeared in his nicely-optioned Wimbledon White 1965 Thunderbird hardtop. Also first on tour, were the following: Ed Finch's 1936 Ford Phaeton, Mike Zampiceni's 1986 Porsche 944, Steve Hamp's 1987 Cadillac Sixty-Special, Mark Busch's 2006 Mazda MX-5, and Glen Taber's 1998 Volvo S90. The usual tire kicking

and chatting took place as some members perked up with a cup of high-octane coffee. The long distance award surely would go to Steve Hamp who, along with Randy Smith, traveled all the way from Redding. Steve's father, Richard who lives in San Jose, joined them for the tour.

In short order total chaos ensued once again as many club members immediately became separated from the caravan and scattered in all different directions. Blame can be put in part on the masses of crazed bargain hunters descending upon the outlet and clogging

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President's Message...



On April 12 California Senate Bill S.B. 1224 which would have given emissions exemption status to vehicles up to 1981, has failed to pass through the committee by a vote of 4-3. The bill is not completely dead however, as the committee has voted 9-0 to have the bill reconsidered.

S.B. 1224 recognizes the minimal impact of pre-1981 vehicles on emissions and air quality and acknowledges that pre-1981 vehicles still constitute a minuscule portion of the overall vehicle population and are a poor source from which to look for emissions reduction. S.B. 1224 also endorses the fact that pre-1981 vehicles are overwhelmingly well-maintained and infrequently driven (a fraction of the miles each year as a new vehicle).

For years, legislators, regulators and stationary source polluters have felt the heat from failed efforts to meet air quality goals and have looked to older cars as a convenient scapegoat, using false data and inflated annual mileage assumptions to further their case. S.B. 1224 helps validate the truth. The old car hobby should not continue to carry the burden of past mistakes.

We have an opportunity to contact the committee members and ask for them to support the passage of the bill. We *can* make a difference, and this is our chance. Follow this link for contact information on the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee members:

<http://bangshift.com/blog/sema-needs-help-to-exempt-all-pre-1981-vehicles-from-smog-in-california.html>

Closer to home, the Freewheelers Car Club is looking for a new Flyer editor in 2013. After many years of dedicated service to the club, editor Marty Hanson is stepping aside to pursue other interests. If you have a flair for composition and an artistic bent, this is your chance to shine. The editor collects the articles and photographs from contributing members, reviews their syntax (a particular challenge with yours truly) and drops them into a pre-existing template. If you think this is something you might be interested in, know someone who might enjoy editing the Flyer, or have questions, you can contact Marty at the email address or phone number listed below in the Board of Directors section. Marty has also graciously offered to mentor the new editor and be available for questions.

I look forward to seeing many of you at future events and board meeting.

Keep 'em rolling.

Stuart Gunn

President, Freewheelers Car Club

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You can still RSVP for the Ramshead Tour!

At-a-Glance:

What: Ramshead Collection Tour and Lunch
When: Saturday, May 12, 2012, tour beginning at 11 a.m., lunch at 1 p.m.
Where: Ramshead Automobile Collection, 1500 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA, followed by lunch at John & Doug's home (directions will be provided at the event)
Fee: \$25/person includes tour, buffet lunch and beverages
RSVP: Respond to the eVite or contact Marty Hanson at 916-202-2011

NOTE: An RSVP is mandatory in order to provide an accurate headcount for lunch and must be received no later than Monday, May 7, 2012, after which time a list of attendees will be generated. If your name is not on the list at the event, we cannot guarantee your lunch. If you RSVP but don't show, you will be invoiced.

Directions to Ramshead:

- Take Interstate 80 East toward Sacramento
- Continue on Interstate 80 East toward Reno
- Take Interstate 5 North toward Redding
- Take the Arena Blvd. Exit off of Interstate 5
- Turn right on Arena Blvd.
- Travel east approximately 3 miles (past Truxel & Gateway Blvds.)
- Arena Blvd. becomes North Market Street
- Building 1500 is on the right (look for the office building w/clock tower & "Inland Business Systems")
- Ample parking is available in front.



2012 New Mateys Brunch



AVAST Y'SWABS! Maaaaark ye calendaaaaarz for Sunday, June the 10th to join ye fellow scallywags at yon Clubhouse in the San Francisco Bay. Prepare to be bedazzled by yet another maaaaar-velous buffet brunch with a **PIRATE** theme, and show our new mateys how much fun we Freewheelers aaaaare!

So bring ye eye patch, peg-leg, and an appetite for a Pirate's Treasure of taaaaarrific treats! And of course, there'll be plenty o' great caaaaars and tire-kickin' for all to enjoy! Just look for the Jolly Roger!

AT-A-GLANCE:

What: 2012 New Mateys Brunch

When: Sunday, June 10...clubhouse opens at 11 a.m., brunch at noon

Where: Freewheelers Club House, 2060 Cesar Chavez St., San Francisco

Fee: Free to new mateys (we know who ye aaarrre), otherwise \$15 for brunch

AAAARRSVP: to the forthcoming eVite or contact Stuart Gunn at 510-482-1191

WEST COAST MEET 2012 - CÔTE D'OBISPO

Springtime at the Côte

by Count deBoozo

Buenos jour, darlings! Spring has sprung, and I have been out in the garden admiring all the beautiful men who tend to my flowers. And speaking of flowers, all those vibrant colors remind me of the myriad tints a personal luxury vehicle could come in! Like a Persian Lime Eldorado, or a Dubonnet Toronado, or a Frost Turquoise Imperial! Or perhaps a Cartier Mark V with trim accents of... of... dark red? The Queen must have called in sick that day.



And you know what else spring reminds me of? Fashion! The Duchess de Deux Rûn-Rûn and I were just at Fashion Week in Paris, and she came up with some smashing ideas for her Friday night Haute Côte-ture extravaganza. No joke, darlings, she smashed those cigarette-and-Tic-Tac-eating girls one by one as they came down the runway! You gotta watch out for Heidi, though. She's got a wicked bite! Needless to say, you won't want to miss the Friday night event at Côte d'Obispo.



And really, darlings, why wait to register? The Jet Set may be all filled up, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't reserve your spot for July. This is shaping up to be a West Coast vision never before realized! You can download the registration form or register online by going to www.thefreewheelers.net.

While you're filling out your registration form, don't forget to order your embroidered West Coast Meet POLO shirt. When I bumped into Anna Wintour in Paris, she gave the shirts two enthusiastic thumbs-up, and there will be very few left over for purchase at the event.

Don't forget to friend me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KountdeBoozo and like the West Coast Meet Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/West-Coast-Meet-2012-Côte-dObispo/127540977334781.

See you at the Côte!

Salud!



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the parking lot just as our group attempted to begin our tour. In the confusion we misread the directions and turned left on to Arroyo Circle instead of crossing it. From that point on the directions made no sense at all. DUH...!

We were following James' 450SL which was being driven by a friend of his when we suddenly we realized they were no where in sight! Later we learned they had returned to the outlets to start over again from the beginning. No problem, I thought. I asked Siri on the iPhone for directions to Pacheco Pass and she repeated "you want directions to Pumpkin Patch?" True! Siri and I were having our first fight.

We continued on and like a scene from 'The Great Race', we saw a bunch of sparkling, mostly 1960's cars occupied by handsome men converging from several different directions on to Airport Road. Miraculously we all arrived at our meeting place, the Paicines General Store, at the same time. Thank you GPS. A sense of calm was again restored and the chatting and tire-kicking continued. But soon we were interrupted by the roar of at least twenty motor cycles driving by. Peter Anning could be heard above all the racket as he exclaimed: "Here come the Lesbians!"

After munching on snacks at the General Store we jumped into our cars and continued on to our next stop, the DeRose Nostalgia Vintage Car Museum and Winery. Surprisingly the trip there was relatively uneventful. The road twisted and turned its way past farms and vineyards through the hills to Hollister. Siri and I once again made peace since this time we chose to read AND follow the directions (and the people ahead of us seemed to know where they were going).

Once at the museum, three docents took turns providing a car-by-car description of the interesting bunch of vintage automobiles there on display. The DeRose family has been adding to their collection for more than forty years and says they have the distinction of owning the largest number of Graham-Paiges. The collection began when a son-in-law purchased for the family matriarch, Mary DeRose, a Graham-Paige much like the one she once owned and continued to speak of affectionately. We viewed what is likely to be the lowest mileage 1956 Thunderbird in existence – Mary DeRose's all original pink and white roadster which has traveled just 2,100 miles since new. Several of the cars were owned and used by the DeRose family over the years and one car was said to have originally belonged to movie star, Doris Day. The newest car there was a sporty BMW Z8, thus quite a range of cars. More information about the collection may be viewed at www.derosewine.com.

A few members took advantage of the wine tasting before weaving over the hills to our final destination, picturesque San Juan Bautista. Most of our group chose to have lunch on the huge patio of Jardine's Mexican restaurant. After our relaxing and tasty meals, we said our goodbyes and headed home. All in all a most delightful way to spend a sunny Spring day.

Our co-host for the event, Kip Darcy was not in attendance as he had left California the day before for his new home in Michigan. As a board member and long-time Freewheeler, we all wish Kip well in his new digs. In addition we wish to thank James Lindstrom for all his work in planning the event.



Freewheelers gather for tire-kicking & coffee before the first leg of the tour.





PREVIOUS PAGE, Top-to-Bottom: New member Bill Rogstad poses with his first-on-tour 1965 Ford Thunderbird 2-door hardtop. Another first-on-tour was Ed Finch's beautiful 1936 Ford Phaeton. Freewheelers line up their classics as they gather at the Paicines General Store

THIS PAGE, Top-to-Bottom: Mike Zampiceni poses with his first-on-tour 1986 Porsche 944 Turbo. Ted Downer talks "Edsel" with Steve Hamp, Randy Smith, and Steve's dad Richard.



Counter-clockwise from, Top: Graham-Paiges were the featured vehicle in the DeRose "Nostalgia" Car Collection. Matriarch Mary DeRose's ultra-low mileage 1956 Ford Thunderbird was also on display in the museum. Detail of one of the Graham's grills shows creativity and a touch of class!

Lincoln Continentals (including Doris Day's 1956 Continental Mark II), Flints, and LaSalles rounded off the DeRose Collection.



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THE 2012 DON FROLICH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MEET

AT PORTAL PARK IN CUPERTINO, SUNDAY JULY 29th, 2012

Hosted by The Northern California Region, Cadillac-La Salle Club, Inc.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION FORM* AND CHECK FOR THIS YEARS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-CLC NATIONAL MEET! This is always the most popular event of the NORCAL CLC touring season.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION FORM* AND CHECK TO JEFF NIELSEN BEFORE JULY 20th.

Earlier would be most helpful. After that deadline, you are still welcome to attend, but bring your own food and drink and plan to park in the parking lot.

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS – EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE FURNISHED!

CHOICE OF CHICKEN, ITALIAN SAUSAGE, OR BBQ'D TRI-TIPS OF BEEF, CHILI, CHOICE OF GREEN OR POTATO SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, WATERMELON, AND HOT DOGS FOR THE KIDS

SEE THE REGISTRATION FORM* TO REGISTER YOUR CAR AND ORDER THE BBQ LUNCH

PLAN TO ARRIVE AT PORTAL PARK BETWEEN 10:00 AND 11:30am.

THE BARBQUE LUNCH IS SERVED PROMPTLY AT NOON!

PLEASE NOTE: (ESPECIALLY NEW MEMBERS) you don't need to come in a Cadillac, LaSalle, or other vintage vehicle in order to participate in this event, nor need your automobile be in top show condition to join us. This is a very low key, social, fun event. There's a great play area for small children, and there is lots of grass and shade in this safe RESIDENTIAL PARK AREA.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? Please call JEFF NIELSEN @ 650-740-5204.

SEATING FOR EATING

Since we are experiencing a larger group at this event every year, and seating in the designated BBQ area is minimal, I would like to encourage anyone who has a folding picnic table and benches, to bring them along. There are lots of places under the trees where you can set up for your BBQ lunch in shady comfort.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO PORTAL PARK IN CUPERTINO

From anywhere in the Bay Area – Get on 280 (between 85 and 880) in Cupertino.

- Turn west on WOLFE ROAD (toward the hills)
- Go past the Cupertino Square Shopping Center, to STEVENS CREEK BLVD.
- Turn right on Stevens Creek and go 1 long block (pass 1 stop light) to PORTAL AVE.
- Turn right on Portal Ave, go past the round-a-bout and you will soon see PORTAL PARK on the left.

There are barriers at the first parking lot entrance, so go to the 2nd entrance where you will see the "CLC BBQ" sign. Turn left into the lot, left again, and follow the signs and arrows back thru the parking lot and they will guide you into the park and BBQ area. (Turn right up a slight incline next to the debris bins) It's a piece of cake from there!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!

*The RESERVATION FORM can be found on the Calendar page at the Freewheelers Website - www.thefreewheelers.net/calendar.htm - under the event date.

Welcome New & Returning Members!

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1966 Cadillac de Ville Convertible

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San Francisco Pride is Coming!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Sunday June 24 for the 42nd Annual San Francisco Pride Celebration! Visit <http://www.sfpride.org/> for more details about the weekend event.

As the oldest LGBT car club, the Freewheelers have been asked once again to participate. So we're looking for volunteers not only to promote our club to the LGBT community, but to let over a million people see our pride and joys!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND/OR THEIR CARS!

1. The Grand Marshal/Parade Official Convertible Conveyance (starts at 10 a.m.): We need 12 to 15 convertibles to carry parade grand marshals, dignitaries and celebrities. The Freewheelers have partnered with SF Pride for a number of years, providing stunning transportation. You won't want to miss it...there is nothing like seeing the parade from behind the wheel!
2. The Freewheelers Car Club Contingent (starts at 10 a.m.): This year we will be marching (or driving!) in the parade and having our own parade contingent. If you don't have a convertible but would like to drive in the parade, this can't be beat!

Contact John Kiszla at john.kiszla@yahoo.com if you'd like to volunteer either as a driver or marching in the contingent...and watch for additional details to follow.

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FOR SALE: 1978 Datsun 280Z

All original, the last and best of the original Z series. Always starts, drives solid, shifts well, is a great cruiser. Have service documents dating back to 1985. Well preserved, unrestored car that has always been well taken care of. Asking \$7500. Red on black, 127K miles, manual trans., shifts smooth and beautifully. AM/FM/cassette w/power antenna, cold A/C, working clock, no leaks, tires have less than 1K miles on them, easily passes a smog check, clean title. For more information and pictures, please contact John at mullare@comcast.net. (2)



FOR SALE: 1969 Ford Landau

Coupe Beautifully cared for and equipped with the following: 429 4V 7 liter Thunder Jet engine, Cruise-o-matic transmission (C6), factory A/C, power steering, disc brakes, door locks, tilt away steering wheel, power driver's seat, power windows, power recliner's passenger seat, am radio w/mp3, speed (cruise) control, luxury wheel covers, power remote trunk release, radial WSW tires, cornering lamps, vinyl landau roof. Extensive work performed including timing chain, timing cover/timing set, water pump R&R, intake manifold gasket R&R, freeze plugs replacement, exhaust pipe packaging including resonators, transmission assembly R&I, NAPA battery, Petronix ignition, ignition coil. CA black plates. This powerful "Glamour Bird" shows well, drives beautifully at all speeds including freeway speeds. Contact Tom at saabguys@gmail.com. (3)



San Francisco

The 4th Wednesday of every month, 7p.m. Coldwell Banker, 2355 Market Street (parking garage access on 17th Street & Hartford). There are approximately 12 indoor, secure parking spaces available and are first-come, first-serve. We can close up the bay doors to lock up our cars after we meet, then grab a bite to eat at one of the local restaurants. Contact Mike Sousa at michaelsousa@princetonap.com/650-533-0009.

East Bay, North Bay, Peninsula, Sacramento, & South Bay

We're looking for Hosts and a Venue for these areas! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact one of the board members.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2012

Sat., 05/12: Ramshead Collection Tour and Luncheon in Sacramento...RSVP by May 7! Details on page 3.

Wed., 05/16: Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light dinner, meeting 7-9 p.m.

Sat., 05/19 – Sun., 05/20: Sonoma Concours

Sun., 05/20: Friendship Day Car Show in Redwood City

Sat., 05/26 – 05/27: The Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary Weekend Event & Car Show

JUNE 2012

Sat., 06/02: Sacramento Pride at the State Capitol

Sun., 06/03: Sonoma Pride in downtown Guerneville

Sun., 06/10: **SAVE THE DATE** for the 2012 New Member Brunch at the Clubhouse... details on page 3.

Wed., 06/20: Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light dinner, meeting 7-9 p.m.

Sat., 06/23 – 06/24: San Francisco Pride Weekend. Visit www.sfpride.org/ for more details

JULY 2012

Thurs., 07/12 – Sun., 07/15: **SAVE THE DATE** for the 27th Annual West Coast Meet – "Côte d'Obispo" featuring personal luxury cars. Join us at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo in July. More information on page 4, registration form in this issue!

Wed., 07/18: Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light dinner, meeting 7-9 p.m.

Sun., 07/29: The 2012 Don Frolich Memorial National Meet at Portal Park in Cupertino. Details on page 9.

AUGUST 2012

Sun., 08/05: **SAVE THE DATE** for Peninsula Tour and Pool Party...details to follow

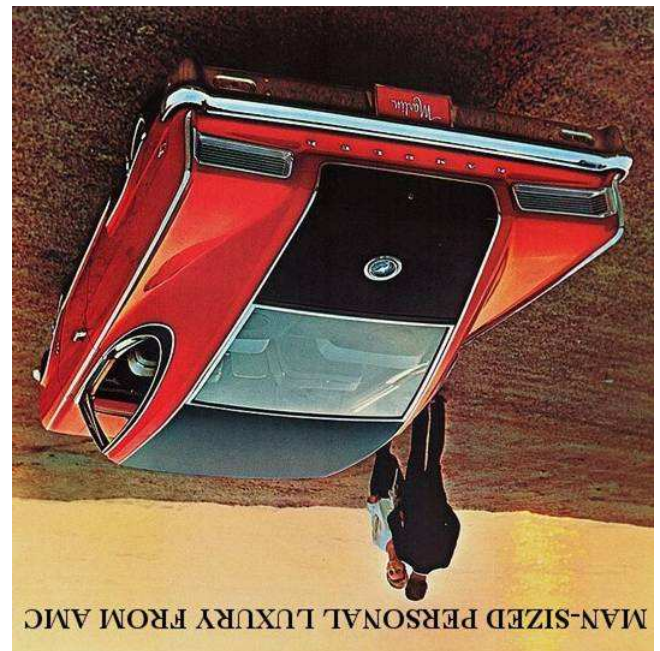
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SEPTEMBER 2012

Sun., 09/16: **SAVE THE DATE** for the 28th Annual Benefit Car Show in the Castro...details to follow

Wed., 09/19: Board Meeting at the Clubhouse in San Francisco. All members are welcome to attend. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light dinner, meeting 7-9 p.m.

NOTE: Calendar listings are subject to change without notice.



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