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Walnut Creek
Followed by
Lindsey Wildlife Museum

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Message From The President

Thinking about those New Year's Resolutions? Why not include one to get the old Cadillac or LaSalle running (if it isn't already in good shape) and join your fellow club members on some of the great tours we have planned for 2008. Check out the array of events in our annual calendar, and come be part of the fun. Also take a look at the President's Day event outlined on page 8. I've arranged for a limited number of tickets to see the car collection at the SF Academy of Arts.

I look forward to meeting you at any one of our many club functions. I want to wish everyone in the Nor-Cal CLC a very Happy New Year.

Don Barnes



A Word From The Tour Director

While the holidays are typically merry and bright, it's always a relief to get back to normal and see how many resolutions we can keep in the New Year ... it is already here! Aside from our early December planning meeting (with 2008 agenda posted elsewhere) all has been quiet ... not even stirring mice ... so I look forward to catching up with fellow members at the 2008 kickoff brunch at Marie Callender's in Walnut Creek on January 13th.

Of interest to nearly everyone is the opportunity to be included (only the car, of course) in a movie shoot. The call for old cars came to my attention through several emails requesting cars, primarily of the 60's and 70's, for consideration in the upcoming Sean Penn drama about Harvey Milk, to be shot on location in San Francisco. Other clubs have been approached, too, and I imagine the promoters will have a plethora of beauties to choose from. If you want to throw your keys into the ring, email good sharp photos to danmar2@earthlink.net and sfmoviecars@hotmail.com.

National elections aren't the only ones in our future. Three seats are open on the CLC board and coming up for grabs. Votes must be tallied no later than mid-March in order to make presentations at our New Members Brunch. Hopefully, by now all candidates have made their intentions known (yours truly is campaigning to be re-elected) and the race is on.

While the weather outside is frightful, rarely is it an issue when our upcoming winter events are so delightful. In addition to the January brunch, and the pending Academy of Arts tour in February, we have taken a cue from another club (Freewheelers) and will host our first-ever "New Members Brunch" at the end of March. Brand new members (those who have joined the club for the first time) will have a complimentary meal on us to show our appreciation and welcome them to our ranks. Election results also will be announced at that event. Forthcoming details will be posted when complete. (Our annual banquet has been re-crafted into a holiday party and moved to December.)

See you on tour,

Sandy Carrion



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CLC 2008 Calendar of Events

If you have an event or article you would like to submit, please contact the newsletter editor. The **deadline** for all submissions is the 25th of the month prior to the publication date.

January	Sun 13th 11:00 AM	CLC NorCal Kick off Brunch at Marie Callender's 1101 SO. California Blvd. Walnut Creek, 94596. Followed by Tour of Lindsey Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek (See details inside)
	Sat 26th 11:00 AM	CLC NorCal Board of Directors Meeting – All members invited. Celia's Mexican Restaurant at 2040 4th St, Berkeley, CA 94710
February	Fri 15 th - Sun 17 th	* Classic Car Show at Fisherman's Wharf hosted by the SF Bay Area Model A Club. Tour of Car Collection at the Academy of Arts. (See Details Inside)
March	Sat 15th	St. Patrick's Day Work Party at Joe & Mary McDonalds (Corned Beef & Cabbage, plus bring your own tools and help put Joe's '47 back together; Details TBD)
	Sun 30th	CLC NorCal New Members Brunch, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM The Carvery in Foster City. All members are invited;
April	Sat or Sun 5 th or 6th	Tour to Santa Cruz (Details TBD)
May	Sun 18th	West Marin-Sonoma Tour (Details TBD)
June	Sun 1st - Sat 7th	2008 National Driving Tour. A week-long tour through Sierra Nevada Gold Country (Details TBD)
	Sat 28 th	Swap Meet at Dave Ricci's Times Passed Garage
July	Sun 27 th	Portal Park - Don Frolich Memorial Car Show & BBQ Picnic Cupertino, CA (Details TBD)
	TBD	Cable Car Tour with CHVA (Details TBD)
August	Tue 12 th - Sat 16 th	2008 Grand National – The Golden Jubilee of the CLC 1958 - 2008 Hosted by the Valley Forge Region, Cherry Hill, NJ (Visit www.cadillacallasalleclub.org for more details)
	Thur 14 th - Sun 17 th	* 2008 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Visit www.pebblebeachconcours.net for details.
	Sun 24 th	Joint tour with the Packard Club (Details TBD)
September	Sat 6 th or Sun 7 th	Napa Mystery Tour with Oldsmobile Club (Details TBD)
	Sat 27 th - Sun 28 th	* Ironstone Concours d'Elegance and Saturday PM CLC BBQ hosted by Jeff and Jeanene Nielsen
October	Fri 3 rd - Sun 5 th	2008 North-South Meet (Details TBD) Date may be changed to Fri 10 th – Sun 12 th (Stay tuned for final date)
	Sun 12 th	* Alameda Car Show (Details TBD)
November	Sun 9 th	CLC NorCal Planning Meeting (Details TBD)
December	Sat 13 th	CLC NorCal Holiday Party & Brunch (Details TBD)

(*) Indicates an event of interest, but not an official club event. (TBD) Indicates dates or details are To Be Determined

Member Ads

For Sale: 1928 303 LaSalle Roadster

Outstanding example and restoration. Red with black hood and fenders. Body by Fisher and custom. This re-bodied car was shown at Pebble Beach and won "Best In Show" at Palo Alto Concours. It has also been featured in the Cadillac-LaSalle calendar. Runs and drives perfect. \$115,000 will consider interesting British or Italian trade.

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Photo at right was included in The Headliner dated November 2004. Photo is by Dmitry Popov Photography, and was featured in a Russian automotive magazine, Autopilot produced by Kommersant Publishing -- Moscow, Russia.

-- Editor



Member Ads

For Sale 1984

Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible. Very rare- Hateras Blue with White leather. 59,000 original miles, always garaged. Mint Condition! If interested please call Mike Leahy @ 707-704-8223, or email me at: oldcaddies@yahoo.com Price reduced to \$15,000 obo.

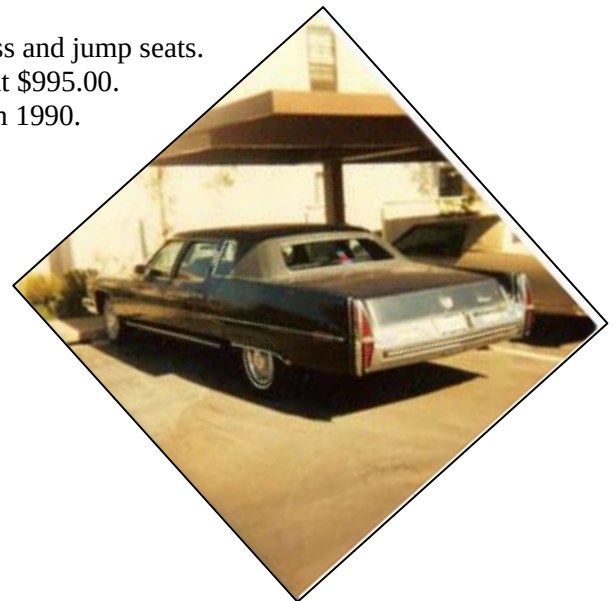


For Sale 1978 Cadillac Eldorado Classic. The Classic was a limited production Biarritz model with only two thousand units produced between May to July of 1978. The Classic included the following options which were basically offered on the Custom Biarritz. There was the two-tone exterior paint, which combined Arizona beige and Demitasse brown on the front hood and the roof surface. There were additional options that were offered unique to the Classic which were the two-tone interior in light beige and dark saddle, leather wrapped steering wheel rim, gold plated Biarritz script on the exterior sail panels and the trunk lid, and dark brown accent stripping. The ONLY flaws of the body are places that the paint was chipped to check for new painting on the back of the car. It has an automatic sunroof which works perfectly as well. The only flaw inside is the motor on the drivers side seat is broken. Other than that, everything is in fantastic condition. I am including a website which a previous owner posted of the history of this special car: <http://members.cox.net/phxjer/eldo/history.htm>.



As I mentioned this car will and has been appraised for \$18,000 or more. I am selling to hopefully a member of a Cadillac club of some sorts because it has been in many shows already. I will sell the car to them for \$8000 or best offer. Contact Floyd Johnson at email johnsonfloyd@mac.com or phone 702-508-4776. Feel free to call or email with any questions or requests for information.

 **For Sale** 1973 Cadillac 75-S, 9 passenger limousine w/privacy glass and jump seats. Runs great! Licensed; needs TLC. Must sell – drive it home. Offered at \$995.00. Contact Dennis Echols in Stockton, CA at 209/939-9261. Photo taken in 1990.

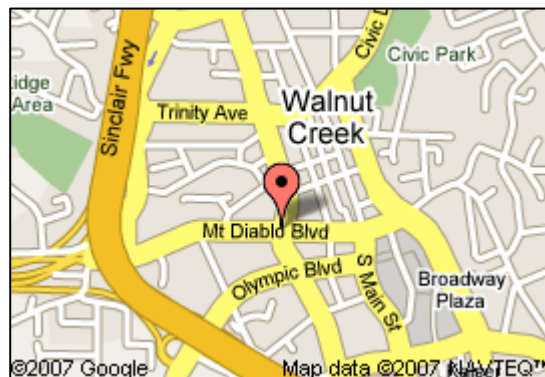


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2008 Kick Off Brunch

Join us on January 13th at Marie Callender's at 11:00 AM in Walnut Creek to "Kick Off" the 2008 touring season. The address is 1101 SO. California Blvd. Walnut Creek, 94596. After lunch there will be a tour through the Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek.



Driving directions: From Berkeley take hwy 24 through the Caldecott tunnel toward Walnut Creek, take the I-680 exit toward San Jose, take the Mt. Diablo exit on the left, stay straight to go onto Mt. Diablo Blvd., end at Marie Callender's

From the south, take I-680 north toward Sacramento, take the Olympic Blvd. exit (exit-45B), turn right onto Olympic Blvd., turn left onto SO California Blvd. Note: Marie Callender's is on the corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd and Olympic Blvd.

Directions to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum will be handed out at Marie Callender's. To get a head-count for the restaurant, please call Nick Rassushin at (925) 672-6221 or email at cadman57@astound.net to let him know you are coming and how many are in your party.

Call for Candidates

2008 NorCal CLC Board of Directors

The annual election of Board Members is coming up in first quarter 2008. If you would like to be considered for a seat on the Board, please fill out this form and send to Don Barnes, 1342 Cabrillo St.; San Francisco, CA 94118. You can also call 415-387-8965 or email Donald_barnes@msn.com to express your interest. You must be a member in good standing in both the Regional NorCal CLC and the National Club, and you must be a resident of California. Elected members serve two-year terms; Members-at-Large serve one-year terms. The Club needs your participation!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address, Phone, E-Mail ID: _____

Introduction (Briefly, tell us about yourself – use additional paper as necessary) :

Why I'd like to serve on the Board: _____



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The Next Generation of Cadillac-LaSalle Aficionados

The photo at right was submitted by Mike Gonzales as evidence that there is hope for the next generation of Cadillac-LaSalle enthusiasts. Pictured on the fenders of Mike Leahy's 1947 Fleetwood Sedan are his two nieces, 4 year old Caitlyn and 6 year old Jordyn Chalmers.

We should all encourage the participation of younger generations in our hobby and in our club. Most of our events are family oriented, and many members would love to have a guest in their passenger seats as we motor through beautiful Northern California back roads.

We should take the time to show them the details and the minute differences in various makes and models. We should teach them that at one point, cars were like farm implements, crude and temperamental. And as time progressed, they became symbols of wealth or statements of fashion. Nowadays, it seems that automobiles have, in some

cases, become symbols of how

environmentally sensitive one is. We should pass on the stories of how fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers and those before them came to acquire an automobile that not only gave them the freedom to move about, but also gave them cause for some great memories. And we should definitely tell them about the cars we longed to own or just to drive, but could not afford the cost. These memories and wishes are what drive our hobby. After all, these younger folks could become the next judges who evaluate your chrome and steel rolling sculpture!



■ Editor, Charles Thompson



The SF Bay Area Model A Club hosts the annual Classic Car Show at Fisherman's Wharf on Pier 45 February 15, 16, 17 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). The Classic Car Show is held each February, Presidents' Day Weekend. Cars are displayed inside, out of the weather, on Pier 45 at Historic Fisherman's Wharf. Security guards are on duty throughout the night.

This Classic Car Show features numerous events including on Friday, the Mayor's Parade from Pier 45 to City Hall and back with police escort. A banquet dinner at the Franciscan Restaurant is planned for Friday evening. On Saturday, events include a walking tour of San Francisco's North Beach, lunch at Fior d'Italia, a night tour of Alcatraz, and a Saturday Nite Social at Boudin's Bistro. On Sunday, they have two tours planned: First, a Transportation Tour which includes travelling on historic streetcars, cable cars and learning about San Francisco's Municipal Railway.

Second, a tour of the car collection housed at the Academy of Art University's School of Industrial Design located at the corner of Washington and Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. There will be an afternoon farewell gathering at Boudin's Bistro, and later after the car show is officially closed, a late nite supper at Fior d'Italia.

Of particular interest is the tour of the car collection housed at the Academy of Art University's School of Industrial Design. The 55 mint-condition classic cars are a link to the past of great American craftsmanship. Though these automobiles were anything but "green," they inspire students to solve problems of fuel efficiency through environmentally friendly design. For example, the 1929 Auburn Speedster, one of the collection's most exquisite and rare cars, gets about 12 miles to the gallon. That's lower than today's SUVs!

According to NorCal CLC President, Don Barnes, there are two ways you can see this collection during the President's Day festivities. The first way is that you can register to participate in the Model A Ford Club's car show and sign up for that event. You can display your car all three days or just Saturday and Sunday. There are activities all three days of the show and the Sunday activity is the tour of the Academy of Arts School of Industrial Design Classic Car Collection. You can download an application and the schedule of events planned for the 2 to 3 day car show from the www.sfmodelaclub.org or call 415/621-0500. Here's the second way to see this collection: If you are unable to enter a car in the show, but want to see the SF Academy of Arts Classic Car Collection, Don has arranged to have 12 tickets available for this single event. The price is \$25.00 each. Please contact Don at 415/387-8965 or donald_barnes@msn.com **before January 31, 2008.**

The tour of the collection starts at 11:00 am on Sunday 2/17/08. There will be two cable car busses leaving from Pier 45 at 10:30 AM sharp for those with tickets for the tour, and returning to Pier 45 after the tour is over.

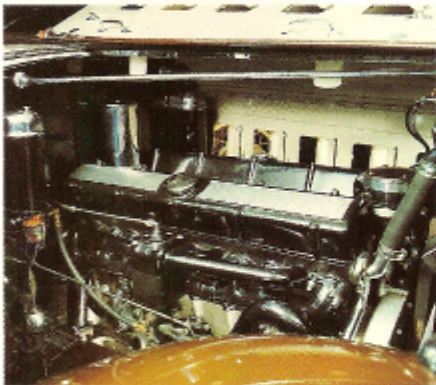
A brief bit about the Academy of Art University:



Ask your grandfather to describe the double-edged safety razor he used as a teen; then, look at the sleek, pivoting, three-bladed razors of today. The function remains the same, the form has changed somewhat, but they sure look different. And, they work a lot better.

Think now of snowballing technology, of things that never existed five or ten years ago. Think of new ways to design a television or a computer. Think of automobiles propelled by electricity, the sun, or air vapors. Think of everyday products. How might they look and function tomorrow? Think of a new means of transportation. How it might work? Think hard enough, creatively enough, successfully enough, and you'll think of the Academy of Art University.

A page selected from the
Automobile Collection -
Heritage Plantation of
Sandwich, Massachusetts
[Pub 1986]



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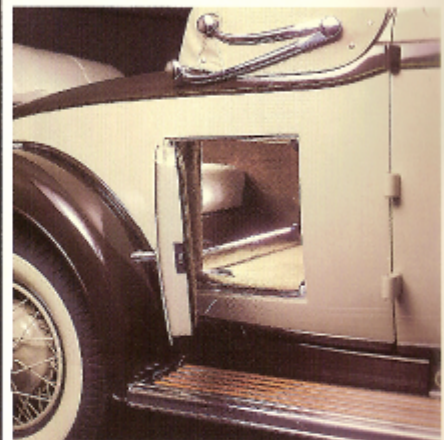
Price new: \$6,900

Engine: Sixteen cylinders in two banks of eight each, overhead valve configuration, 3" x 4" bore and stroke, 165 horsepower

Wheelbase: 148 inches

Transmission: Selective three speeds forward, one reverse with synchromesh second and third gears

Manufacturer: Cadillac Motor Car Co., Detroit, Mich. (1903-present)



1930 Cadillac V-16 Convertible Coupe

No less a personage than the great British auto engineer and designer W.O. Bentley described his test drive in a Cadillac V-16 thusly: "My chief memories of this automobile (although that term is inadequate) were its astonishing refinement with perhaps the most completely successful elimination of evidence that explosions were occurring under the bonnet ever obtained in a motor car. The word 'torque' also took on a new meaning with this V-16. . ."

Indeed, Cadillac's V-16 was a mechanical tour de force of jovian proportions and

Bentley, a man hardly given to overstatement, had gotten the characteristics of this remarkable powerhouse exactly right.

Cadillac's introduction of these mammoth motorcars during the onset of the Great Depression might seem the height of folly at first blush. But sheer profit wasn't the motive with the V-16 and companion V-12 cars. The objective instead was to snatch the prestige car crown from arch-rival Packard, and Cadillac's scheme succeeded to some good extent, making inroads at the top of the luxury market.

The Heritage collection's V-16 carries a Fleetwood custom body, as do most of these

cars, since Fleetwood was General Motors' "in-house" custom coachworks. This beautiful car carries such amenities as a small door each side for golf clubs, arm rests in the rumble seat which has an interior release for security, and mahogany strips on the running boards and the trunk rack.

The car has a prodigious appetite for fuel, averaging 4½ mpg in normal driving.

Cadillac's early V-16's are considered by many classic car connoisseurs to be among the very best automobiles ever built in America, and the equal of any contemporary from overseas as well.

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Radical new tire design by Michelin. The next generation of tires. These tires are airless and are scheduled to be out on the market very soon. The bad news for law enforcement is that spike strips will not work on these tires. This is what great R&D will do, and just think of the impact on existing technology:

- ☺ No more air valves
- ☺ No more air compressors at gas stations
- ☺ No more wide whitewalls!?
- ☺ No more Smokey the Bandit shooting out tires
- ☺ No more repair kits

Having enough air in our tires is a safety check American's just don't seem to be able to handle. Now, Michelin may take air out of the safety equation with their revolutionary new "Tweel," a combination of tire and wheel that rides on rubber permanently attached to flexible spokes fused with a flexible wheel that deforms to absorb shock. Checking tire pressure, fixing flats, highway blowouts and balancing between traction and comfort could all fade into memory—if the Tweel becomes real. Over a hundred years ago, in the 1890s, the Michelin brothers were the first to use air-filled tires on a racecar. Almost 60 years ago, the company introduced the radial tire.

"Major revolutions in mobility may come along only once in a hundred years," said Terry Gettys, president of Michelin Americas Research and Development Center in Greenville, S.C. "But a new century has dawned and Tweel has proven its potential to transform mobility. Tweel enables us to reach levels of performance that quite simply aren't possible with today's conventional pneumatic technology." Gettys said the name Tweel was created to represent the fusion of tire and wheel. He added it is "one of the most exciting breakthroughs in tire technology in my lifetime."

Benefits: At the Detroit Auto Show, Michelin showed a video with an Audi A4 running on concept auto Tweels. The Tweel doesn't look like a conventional tire, you can see through it, but it has some unconventional aspects that are drawing attention from the U.S. military. Stopping to repair flats can be dangerous for soldiers, making them vulnerable to ambushes. Landmines and other explosives can disable trucks. Preliminary tests by Michelin show that the Tweel can run over explosives and keep on rolling even if some of the spokes are broken and some tread ripped off. It also directs the blast energy of land mines and other explosives outward rather than up and into the vehicle like traditional tires.

Brought to our attention by Nick Rassushin – Thanks, Nick.

