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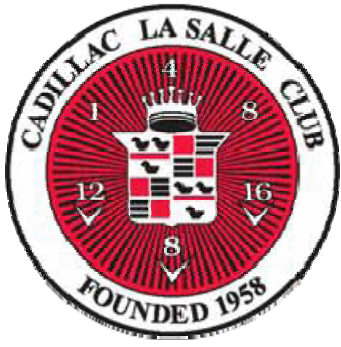
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March 15th:
St. Patrick's Day
Corned Beef & Cabbage
Work Party

March 30th:
Brunch honoring
New Members

June 1st – 7th :
CLC NorCal National
Driving Tour
Sierra Nevada
Gold Country Adventure





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Message From The President

About a week ago I made my reservations at each of the motels for the National Driving Tour coming up this June. While talking to the reservation clerks, I asked about room availability and was told that they only had a few rooms left at the group rates. So if you are thinking about going, decide quickly and make those reservations. **This is going to be a sold out event.** If anyone has any trouble making reservation let me know and I will see if I can help. Now is the time to get the old Cadillac and LaSalle ready. If you have been putting off making some repairs, it is time to get them done. Make a list of the parts to put in the trunk. Some examples are tune- up kit (points, rotor, condenser, distributor cap, spark plugs), belts (fan, water pump, etc.) hoses (radiator and heater), spark plugs wires and fuel pump. This is only a partial list. If you have other suggestions for parts to take along, send your list to our Newsletter Editor and they can be listed in the April Newsletter. One more thing I want to add, make sure your brakes are in good working order. We are going over the Sonora Pass at 9626 feet.

Don Barnes



A Word From The Tour Director

Where did February go? Time has flown and I must confess I've been preoccupied with matters non-car related. Haven't heard any feedback about the SF Academy of Art car collection tour ... did anyone attend? [See story and photos inside... Editor]

On Saturday, March 15th, the St. Patrick's Day work party at Joe and Mary McDonald's promises to be a nice social opportunity for all. Corned beef and cabbage is on the menu for all regular and wannabe mechanics ... all hands, (including the ladies) will be put to work, either in the garage or the kitchen! At the end of the month, our first annual New Member's Brunch and officer election results will be held at The Carvery (aka Harry's Hofbrau) in Foster City on March 30th. Both tour leaders request the courtesy of your RSVP ... please contact Joe or Jeff if you plan to attend.

Several driving tours are coming up for the months of April and May ... check for any published details.

The signups for the National Driving Tour in June have been brisk and, according to the jungle drums, motel rooms have gone into overflow status. If you were planning to go and haven't gotten around to making your reservations yet ... better hurry! This will be a great opportunity to meet members from other regions and make new friends. Typically, an event like this is also an excellent venue to sell that neglected beauty in your garage/storage or maybe to buy the car of your dreams.



Some interesting feedback ... a few people from another club who were chosen for filming in the SF movie about Harvey Milk discovered it wasn't as glamorous as it appeared. One of the cars was returned with dings and paint chips ... insured, of course, but who needs the aggravation? Since my Eldo is right for the time period, it was selected for an audition. However, I was warned by a friend at Paramount Studios never to let the car out of your sight ... the production company will do whatever they deem necessary to expedite the shot (graphic horror stories were told). Moral: if you can't stay with the car and watch it like a hawk, it might be wiser to pass. Bummer.

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.

March	Sat 15 th	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; See details inside)
	Sun 30 th	CLC NorCal New Members Brunch, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM The Carvery in Foster City. All members are invited. New members (since 1/1/07) and one guest will receive brunch compliments of the Club.
April	Sat or Sun 5 th or 6 th	Tour to Santa Cruz (Details TBD)
	Sun 27 th	Pacific Coast Dream Mancines – all vehicles welcome. Half Moon Bay Airport. 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, no pets please. \$30 entry fee before April 15 th . Contact Coastside Adult Day Health Center at 650/726-5067.
May	Sat & Sun 3 rd & 4 th	Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance. 2600 Ralston Ave, Hillsborough, CA. www.hsf.org/concours, or contact Bev Turnbaugh at 650/344-2272
	Sat 10 th	CLC NorCal Board Meeting (Details TBD)
	Sun 18 th	West Marin-Sonoma Tour (Details TBD)
June	Sun 1 st - Sat 7 th	2008 National Driving Tour. A week-long tour through Sierra Nevada Gold Country (Details in February 2008 Self-Starter)
	Sun 22 nd	Palo Alto Concours, Sand Hill Road at Pastuer Drive, Stanford University Ticket or Entry information – 650/961-5444 or www.paconcours.com.
	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.cadillaclasalleclub.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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🚗 For Sale: 1940 Cadillac 60-Special

I bought the car from the grandson of the original owner in St. Joseph MO. The odometer is not operating, but shows 38,000 miles. Don't know if it's been around once or not. As delivered it was black. In 1981. The grandad brought it into his shop where most of the chrome was redone and it was repainted oxblood maroon, an original color. Has the correct iridescence. Heater works, radio not. Has the original factory seat covers and the material beneath it looks very good. The seat covers have a tear on the drivers side and a small hole in the center of the front seat. I didn't want to remove them as they are original with the car. Has a new wiring harness and there is no cobbling of the electrics. Has the accessory front bumper override. Engine runs very well, smooth and quiet. No overheating, vapor locking or hot start problems. It's been to Santa Rosa and San Francisco in the middle of summer with no problems. Came up Willits grade at 55mph + in 90 degree heat with no



problem. Engine uses about a quart of oil in 300 or so miles depending on how hard it is driven. I use straight 30 to avoid stressing the oil pump drive gear. It does not smoke or foul plugs. All I've done to it is a tune up, replaced intake gaskets, new front brakes and bearing repack, back flush the cooling system and replace a couple of bulbs. Also replaced the rear door weatherstrips. Water pump and fuel pump was replaced when it was delivered. Same for generator and regulator. All the under hood stuff is there and correct: coil, regulator (delco) piping for the heater, wiring etc. Would need detailing to be show ready. Paint is good, although it has some chips and has been retouched with a color that doesn't match. The paint on the catwalks in front is faded and slightly mismatched. The fog lamps don't go with the car. I had borrowed them from a buddy while he finished restoring his and I was trying to find a good set. I'll leave the switch and wiring in however. Contact Tony Cometto near Eureka at (707) 768-3046.



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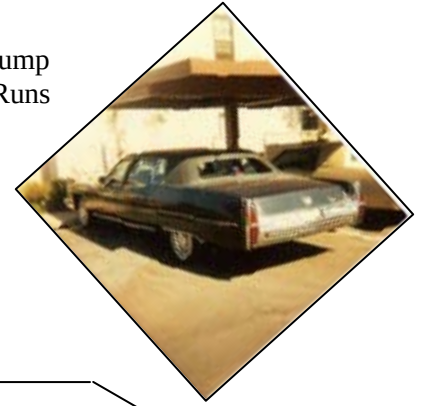
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 **For Sale** 1984 Cadillac Fleetwood Limousine. Black Ext and Int; good condition; approximately 114,000 miles. Asking \$4,500 or best offer. Contact V. Ralph at 415/626-2653.



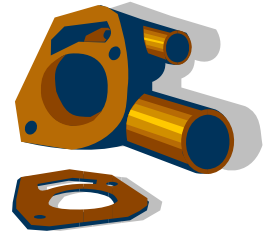
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 **For Sale 1973 Cadillac** Formal 75-S, 9 passenger limousine w/privacy glass and jump seats, black leather front, black cloth rear, clean interior, straight body, nice chrome. Runs great! Licensed until December 2008; Condition #4, needs TLC. Must sell – drive it home. First \$1,000 takes! Contact Dennis Echols in Stockton, CA at 209/939-9261. Photo taken in 1990.



 **Parts For Sale -- Garage Sale! Contact Mike Gonzales 707/815-9068**

- 1949 engine hard parts & block. Carburetor, Water Pump, Generator, Fuel Pump, Oil Pump, Reground Crankshaft, Oil Pan, New cam, etc. Front Turn signal Bezels.
- 1958 Window Motors.
- One pair Black Sport Seats.



New Members – Welcome!

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1949 Cadillac 6169 Fleetwood



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HARRY'S HOFBRAU

Meet & Greet -- New & Old Members Brunch

Sunday March 30, 2008; 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Harry's Hofbrau "The Carvery" Restaurant

1297 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404

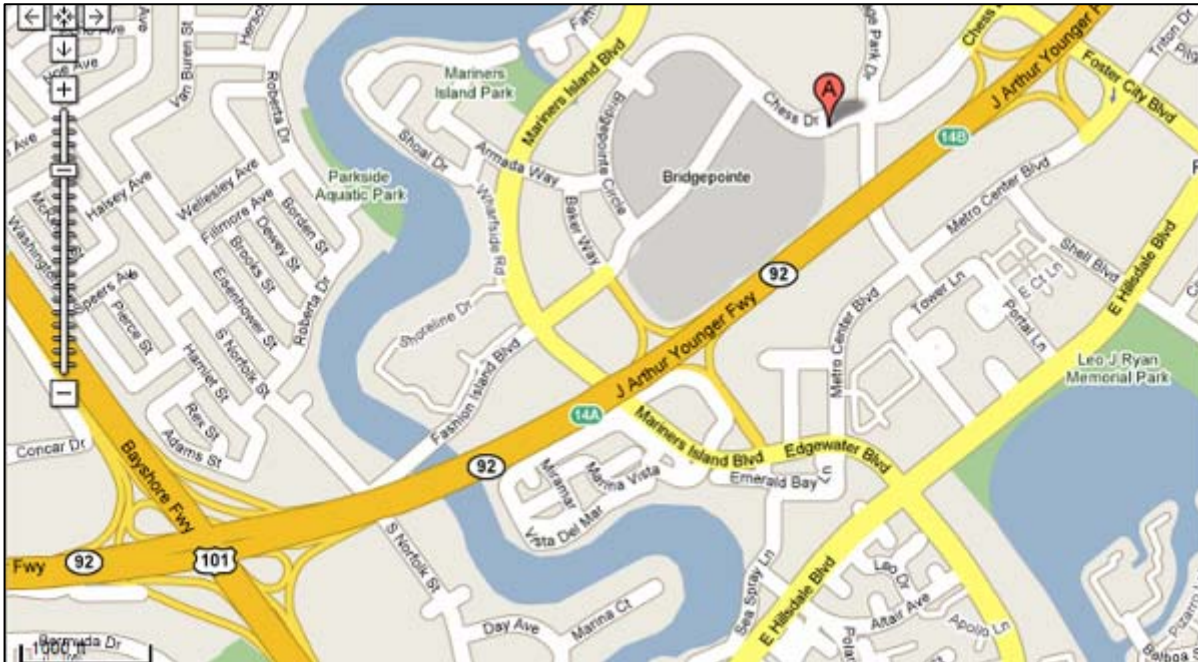
RSVP to 650/595-5793



Join us for this get together for all members especially arranged to welcome new members. Registered members who have joined since January 1, 2007 and one guest of their choice will receive a complimentary brunch from the NorCal Cadillac & LaSalle Club.



We encourage you to bring your car or pictures and enjoy an afternoon making new friendships and renewing old ones. RSVP with the number in your party by March 22, 2008 to Jeff Nielsen by calling 650/595-5793 or emailing Jeff at karkidd121@comcast.net.



Directions Going East or West: From Hwy 92, take Mariners Island Blvd/Edgewater Blvd Exit. Go North, Make a Right onto Fashion Island Blvd. It will become Bridge Point Pkwy, Turn Right onto Chess Drive. Harry's Hofbrau Carvery phone number is 650/349-8411.



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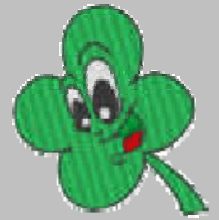
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St. Patrick's Day Work Party at Joe & Mary McDonald's Saturday, March 15th



Joe McDonald is hosting a work party to assemble parts for restoring his 1947 Cadillac.

Start Time: 9:00 AM
Place: The house with the Irish Flag flying
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Projects:

- Assembly of Convertible Top
- Assembly of Dashboard
- Reworking Power Window Lift Mechanisms
- Other challenges to be determined on site

What to bring:

- Expertise and a smile
- Joe has tools, but you are welcome to bring your own small tools, and if you think useful - drill motor.

In celebration of our Irish Heritage, corned beef and cabbage will be served, including rolls for those who prefer a sandwich. Beer, soda, ice tea and water will be available.

***Please RSVP by email or phone**

Cadillac Provoq Concept

LAS VEGAS - Cadillac unveils a new vision for the future of luxury transportation with the innovative Provoq fuel cell concept – a hydrogen fuel cell crossover vehicle that continues GM's commitment to displace petroleum through advanced technology.

The Cadillac Provoq fuel cell concept is the latest example of GM's groundbreaking E-Flex propulsion system, combining the new fifth-generation fuel cell system and a lithium-ion battery to produce an electrically driven vehicle that uses no petroleum and has no emission other than water. The concept's fifth-generation fuel cell technology is half the size of its predecessor, yet it has been developed to produce more power and performance.

"Cadillac is a natural fit for GM's next step in developing the E-Flex platform," says Jim Taylor, Cadillac general manager. "Cadillac, at its very essence, is about premium luxury, design and technology, so it's fitting that Cadillac would be propelled by the most elegant solution. This signals Cadillac's intent to lead the industry with alternative-fuel technology."





CTS Coupe Concept celebrates Cadillac's Design Renaissance

DETROIT – Having earned critical acclaim, industry awards and brisk sales, Cadillac CTS has moved into the vanguard of contemporary design. In doing so, Cadillac designers faced the question of what to do next. Their answer celebrates that design legacy with the exhilarating Cadillac CTS Coupe Concept, which premiered at the North American International Auto Show.

The CTS Coupe Concept takes Cadillac's acclaimed Art and Science design language and adds more of both. More expressive, more technical and very personal, the CTS Coupe Concept extends the dramatic design of its sedan predecessor with all-new sculpted bodywork aft of the front fenders.



"The CTS Coupe Concept is pure design," said Ed Welburn, vice president of global design. "We did not create it because market research demanded it, nor is its shape trimmed to suit the input collected at a consumer clinic – it is emotion on four wheels and the very essence of what defines Cadillac today."

The CTS Coupe Concept has a classic 2+2 interior layout, highlighted by black leather and Alcantara microfiber trim that is complemented by yellow ochre-colored seat inserts and leather stitching. It is designed to accommodate a range of engines for the global luxury market, including Cadillac's popular 3.6L Direct Injection V-6, as well as a new 2.9L turbo diesel currently in development.

"This Coupe Concept is a natural extension of our design language, and of the CTS itself," said Jim Taylor, Cadillac general manager. "Very simply, the dramatic design of the sedan begged the question of what it would look like in the unbridled form of a Coupe."

Generated from the spark of the CTS design team's imagination, the CTS Coupe Concept casts a profile unlike anything else on the road. Its fast-rake styling – it has the same wheelbase as the CTS, but an overall height that is approximately four inches (101 mm) shorter – blends with hand-sculpted bodywork that bulges around the wheels, giving the vehicle a ready-to-pounce stance that is dramatic, powerful and sleek.

"Just about every decade, Cadillac designs a landmark car that becomes synonymous with the brand's character of the period, such as the 1938 60 Special, the 1959 lineup and 1975 Seville," said John Manooogian II, director of exterior design for Cadillac. "The CTS Coupe Concept is the next great design, carrying the baton from the Evoq Concept that ushered in the Art and Science era in 1999."



Photos from the San Francisco Classic Car Show February 15, 16 and 17. Dozens of cars of all types and vintages... something for everyone. This was a very well organized and well attended car show. The venue included walking tours, the Mayor's Parade, a tour of the Academy of Art University car collection, rides in motorized cable cars and double-decker open top busses, lunches and dinners galore! Plus the circus-like atmosphere of Fisherman's Wharf. What a show!



Prominently displayed was John & Margi Smith's 1952 Series-62 Sedan.





Don Barnes' 1937 Cadillac 4-door convertible is shown above and was a favorite in the Mayor's Parade. Below left is Eric Clausen's 1937 Cadillac model 7067 Convertible Coupe – a favorite of the crowd. Below right is Eric's Reo Speedwagon that was parked discreetly in the outside parking lot. This is Eric's everyday work truck... not too shabby! Eric made a number of hard-to-find parts including the name plate shown below.





More photos from the Fisherman's Wharf Classic Car Show. Above right is a vintage 1923 Garbage Truck from the White Motor Company of Cleveland, Ohio. Hard rubber tires and steel of the same gauge as a steamship. The garbage collection crew had to carry full cans up the steps and dump them over into the bin and another lucky worker had the job of sorting the garbage. A '49 Club Coupe at upper right... a "diamond in the rough?" Below right is Denise Brady's 1942 Plymouth convertible recently restored to drivable condition. Below left is Charles Thompson's '49 Cad Convertible. At the bottom is Mike Gonzales posing with Pinky, the owner of the pink and white Studebaker station wagon. Even Pinky's hair was pink!



One of the events available at the Fisherman's Wharf Classic Car Show was a tour of the automobile collection housed at the Academy of Art University on Van Ness in San Francisco. These photos only do the barest of justice to this collection. Here were dozens of the most revered automobiles, in concours condition, with no ropes or glass cages to keep you from touching them, even though as respectful fellow enthusiasts, we would never have done so.

At right is an Auburn Boat Tailed Speedster, a masterpiece of design (except for the wiper motors, which Mike Gonzales and I felt could have been designed to be a bit less intrusive). Below is one of my all time favorites – a 1948 Chrysler Town and Country Convertible. Posing with the superb wood work in the background is one of the delightfully attired attendees.

Editor – Charles Thompson



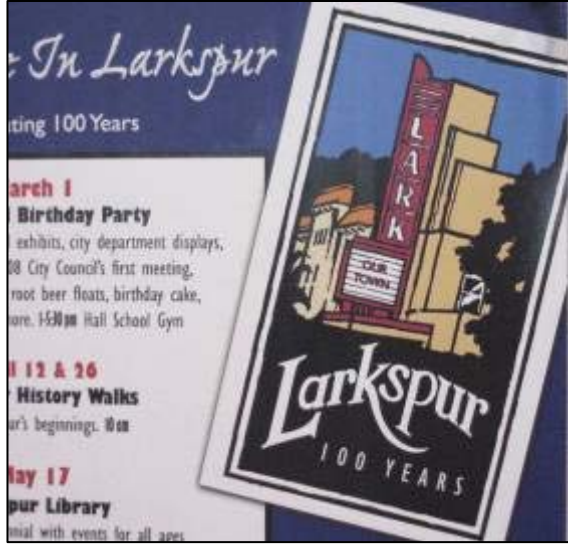


Included in the collection at the Academy of Arts was this 1941 convertible coupe and it's hood ornament at left. At right was this magnificent Buick Eight which was brought out for the Mayor's Parade and glided down Market Street as if on a cloud. Below left is a 1959 Biarritz that obviously had the air suspension which had sat idle long enough for the car to settle down to it's frames. The '49 Coupe de Ville was also in mint condition, and was situated next to a coral colored Kaiser Manhattan 4-door convertible. At the bottom are a few hood ornaments: the archer from a Pierce Arrow and the swimmer and the flying tire from Packards. Everyone appreciated this rare, priceless collection!



LARKSPUR, CALIFORNIA – 1908 - 2008

100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – MARCH 1, 2008



Larkspur is a small town in Northwestern California, in Marin County, at the foot of Mr. Tamalpais. The celebration of it's 100th birthday was a delicious pot pourri of parade with vintage fire engines and automobiles; townspeople and town council members dressed in period costume; a huge get together at the high school gymnasium with exhibits, a reenactment of the 1908 town council meeting, and several huge cakes along with root beer floats. It could not have been more charming. Check the reenactment of Claudette Colbert below right.





