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April 5th starting at 11:45 AM

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Message From The President

I hope everybody has returned their membership renewal applications and remembered to vote for the board of directors. If you forgot, it is not too late to send it in. Contact Jeff Nielsen if you can't locate your application and need to get another copy – 650/595-5793.

In 3 1/2 months the Grand National in Las Vegas begins. I am planning to drive my 1958 Cadillac to the Convention. If you are thinking of driving from the Bay Area and want to tour with a bunch of old Cadillac's please contact me. I am planning to leave on Sunday or Monday (June 14th or 15th) and will stay overnight about half way and then drive the next morning to Las Vegas. This is just in the planning stage, therefore if you are interested in touring and have any good ideas, let me know. So far, a couple of members have expressed an interest in driving to Las Vegas, but a larger touring group would be better. Also, check out the tour planned by Baxter Culver described inside this newsletter, and see if it is attractive to you.

Please remember to check the calendar of events and plan on joining with other club members on one of the tours listed.

Don Barnes

A Word From The Tour Director



It's been very quiet out there. Hopefully, it is time for everyone to come out of hibernation, depression, or whatever has kept you at home and out of touch. It's nearly spring and a time of renewal. The saying goes "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" or vice-versa. At this moment, looks like it's going be a lamb. Thankfully, we've had a little rain already but we could sure welcome a whole lot more. I used to wish it wouldn't rain because the moisture might interfere with my plans or get my Eldo dirty.... it leaks a little, you know? Now, I hope it pours until April (for May flowers)... the car can handle a little dirt as long as I keep a towel handy.

Lately, I've been reminiscing about the old days back in 1990 when I first joined the club. A sea of faces have come and gone, and sometimes I wonder where they went and what they are doing today. We had so many events back then, lots of overnighters, huge turnouts, and new adventures to look forward to with each upcoming month. Of course, all of us were much younger then and possibly our enthusiasm has waned a bit over the years, not to mention our aging bodies and shrinking disposable income. Or, perhaps, my memories have magnified exponentially and things really aren't that different. Nowadays, there are so many events competing for our attention, time, and money that choices must be made about how to get the most bang for our buck since we can't do it all.

It would be fun to hear from some of you about your own memories and how you got interested in Cadillac. Maybe a monthly featured article that highlights you, your car(s), your family, and the history that lead you to join the club. Since we don't seem to get out as much as we used to, we can still stay in touch with other members via the written word. Have you heard from any old members? What's new with you? What's your story? We would be interested to know! Drop a line to our editor, Charles Thompson.

See you on tour,

Sandy Carrion

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CLC 2009 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. (*) Indicates an event of interest, but not an official club event.

March	21st or 22nd	~~**East Bay Driving Tour and Lunch/Brunch**~~ Cancelled
April	Sun 5th	**2nd Annual New Members Afternoon Tea – hosted by Jeff and Jeanene Nielsen at The English Rose restaurant.** Walking Tour in San Carlos at 11:45 AM, Afternoon tea at 2:30 PM. See Details Inside.
	Sun 26th	* Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay Airport. For information, call 650/726-2328 or visit www.miramarevents.com.
May	Sun 3rd	**San Juan Batista Driving Tour and Lunch hosted by Jerry Brick.** Details TBD.
	Sun 3rd	* Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance. Phone 650/344-2272 http://www.hillsboroughconcours.org
	14th – 16th	* 4th Annual Petaluma's Salute to American Graffiti. See details inside. (707) 762-3394, info@americangraffiti.net
	Sun 17th	* The First Annual Marin Sonoma Concours d'Elegance. Marin Civic Center, San Rafael, CA. Contact 415/479-9323 or 707/718-2975 or www.MarinSonomaConcours.org.
	Sun 17th	* Friendship Day at Canada College in Redwood City. Contact Bob Moll at FriendshipDay09@aol.com or phone 650/851-4944.
June	16th – 20th	**Grand National in Las Vegas.** See your November - December 2008 Self-Starter for Registration Form and Schedule. Check the fabulous video at www.cadillaclasalleclub.org.
	Sun 28th	* 43rd Annual Palo Alto Concours. For information and registration, contact: Palo Alto Lions Charities, Inc.; 800 San Antonio Road, Suite 6; Palo Alto, CA 94303 Tel: 650-813-1100 www.paconcours.com
July	Sun 19th	* Presidio of San Francisco Concours d'Elegance. See details inside. If you need assistance with getting an application, contact Charles Thompson (contact info at left under Newsletter Editor).
	Sun 26th	**Portal Park Picnic –2009 Don Frolich Memorial National Meet.** Coordinated by Fred Bausch. Look for details later in the year.
August	12th – 16th	* Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Carmel, CA Contact 831-622-1700 (phone); info@pebblebeachconcours.net
	Sat 15th	* Garden Railroad Tour and Food Drive. Visit website www.bagrs.org and click on "15th Annual Benefit Layout Tour". Contact Dale McAnally at dalemcanally@verizon.net or call 408-683-4537 [days] or 408-848-1440 [evenings]
	Sat 29th	**Wings & Wheels in Napa, hosted by Mike Gonzales**
September	Sat 26th	* Ironstone Vineyard's - 13th Annual Concours d'Elegance. Details TBD.
October	Sat-Sun 3rd – 4th	**North-South Meet in Visalia, CA** Hosted by the CLC SoCal Region. Details later in the year.
November	TBD	**Annual Planning Meeting** Hosted by Sandy Carrion. Look for details later in the year.
December	TBD	**Christmas Tour and Lunch at Dunsmuir House.** Hosted by Sandy Carrion. Look for details later in the year.

New Members Afternoon Tea
Sunday, April 5, 2009
The English Rose
in San Carlos

First, a walking tour that will take approx. 2.5 hours, followed by a relaxing private afternoon tea in a quaint English tea house. The tea plate consists of tea sandwiches, scones, sausage roll, mini quiche and desserts. So, have a hearty breakfast that will last you until 2:30 pm.

Times:

- **11:45 am** Meet & Greet in parking lot behind The English Rose in between El Camino & Laurel Street (look for the English Taxi like the one shown below). Access parking lot off El Camino (north or south bound) by making a Right or Left turn on Cherry Street.
- **12:00 noon** Tour Clocksmith (Fred & Penny's fabulous clock store) 806 El Camino, San Carlos (1 1/2 blocks South of meet location)
- **1:00 ish** Tour Specialty Sales (New Location) Classic Car/Showroom 850 El Camino, San Carlos (1/2 block South from Clocksmith)
- **2:30 pm** Tea at The English Rose, 663 Laurel Street, San Carlos

Cost: $20.00 per person.
Free for a new member* (in the last year) and one guest.
Space is Limited to 36 people, so get your RSVP in now.

Hope to see many Cadillac & LaSalle members and your cars...come see old friends and welcome our new members.

Thanks, Jeff & Jeanene Nielsen

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The hood ornament on the cover?

It's a 1933 Cadillac Series 355C Town Sedan formerly in the Art Astor collection.



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Porsche and Mustangs Featured – at the Palo Alto Concours - June 28th



You are invited to submit your 1987 or older automobile for consideration as an entrant in the 43nd Annual Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance at Stanford, Sunday, June 28, 2009. To be eligible for consideration, entries must be postmarked NO LATER THAN May 15, 2009. Letters of acceptance or rejection will be mailed by June 1, 2009. For Ticket or Entry information, call 650-813-1100 or visit www.paconcours.com. To be eligible for consideration, entries must be Postmarked NO LATER THAN *MAY 15, 2009.* Letters of acceptance or rejection will be mailed by June 1, 2008. The deadline for entering a Corral is May 31, 2009. Please reply promptly.

Events are individually priced and include:

"THE DRIVE" Saturday, June 27, 9 am - 2 pm. A picturesque and exciting drive toward the coast and back, with lunch at The Candy Store.

Concours Dinner and No-Host Cocktail Party Saturday, June 27, 6 pm - 10:30 pm, Stanford Faculty Club, 439 Lagunita Dr., Stanford University.

Concours CAR Entry Sunday, June 28 (An SCCA sanctioned event). Includes admission for two adults, gift, program, and two continental breakfasts. Complete the Car Entry Application and Assignment Sheet, enclose picture, check, sign and return the form.

PATRONS Pavilion Sunday, June 28, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Includes shaded, ramp-side table seating, continental breakfast, Mimosa hour and a catered buffet lunch, including beer and wine.

Marin Sonoma Concours d' Elegance

May 17, 2009
at the Marin County Fairgrounds
San Rafael, California

The Marin Sonoma Concours d'Elegance will bring to Northern California an event inspired by classic European auto shows. In the early years of the motor industry, after cars had developed reliability, auto makers began to focus on style. The first generation of designers was born, and shows called Concours d'Elegance were created. Cars in these shows were judged solely on elegance of concept and design. At a typical American auto show of today, cars are evaluated mostly on condition. The Marin Sonoma Concours d'Elegance will combine the European and American models of car shows by evaluating individual classes on interior, exterior, engine and chassis then selecting the *Best in Show* awards based on elegance and design.

You are invited to submit your automobile for consideration as an entrant in the 1st Annual Marin Sonoma Concours d'Elegance at the Marin County Fairgrounds, Marin Civic Center, Sunday, May 17, 2009.

Please find the registration form at http://www.marinsonomaconcours.org/entrants.htm.

For automobiles built in 1929, registration is free however a donation to Hospice By The Bay is requested. Checks can be made out to Hospice By The Bay Foundation. Please download the 1929 entrant application for 1929 automobiles only.
Print the form (it cannot be entered online), fill it in, and mail it, along with a photo of your car and a check made out to, "Hospice by the Bay Foundation" to the address below.

Hospice By The Bay Foundation
c/o Marin Sonoma Concours d'Elegance
150 Paul Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903
415/479-7227



The Inaugural Presidio of San Francisco Concours d'Elegance

WHEN – July 19, 2009.

WHERE – The Presidio of San Francisco – MAIN POST. Enter the Presidio through the Lombard Gate and follow signage to event site.

ACCESS - Event is open to the public from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tickets are $50.00 and must be purchased in advance via our website. Tickets will go on sale February 15, 2009. Proof of event ticket purchase will be required to enter event parking. Limited parking is available at event site for a fee.

ENTRIES - We invite you to submit your motorcar for entry in the 2009 Presidio of San Francisco Concours d'Elegance. Download the PDF Entry Form at http://www.sfconcours.com/visitor_info.htm. $65 Entry fee (incl 2 tickets + gift packet).

BENEFITTING CHARITY - A portion of the net proceeds from the Presidio of San Francisco Concours d'Elegance will benefit the Presidio Historical Association.

PARKING - Proof of event ticket purchase will be required to enter event parking. Limited parking is available at event site for a fee.

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Car Placement
10:00 AM - Judging Begins
12:00 Noon - Fashion Show
3:00 PM - Awards Presentation
4:30 PM - Best of Show Presentation

Join us for a fabulous event…

We have planned an exciting day of activities for the 2009 Presidio of San Francisco Concours d'Elegance. This inaugural year we will celebrate the marques of Packard and Bentley. Since its inception, the Concours d'Elegance has provided an opportunity for its attendees to experience automotive history in a purely physical perspective. By placing a Concours against the backdrop of the fabled San Francisco Presidio this inaugural Concours d'Elegance combines history of the motorcar with one of California's truly significant landmarks.



In the tradition of a true Concours d'Elegance, The Presidio of San Francisco Concours will bring motorcar enthusiasts together to enjoy a grand automobile show on the green at the Presidio MAIN POST.

This truly spectacular venue is nestled in one of the most beautiful public spaces in the country: the Presidio of San Francisco, a national park characterized by many wooded areas, hills, and scenic vistas overlooking the famed Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco Bay.

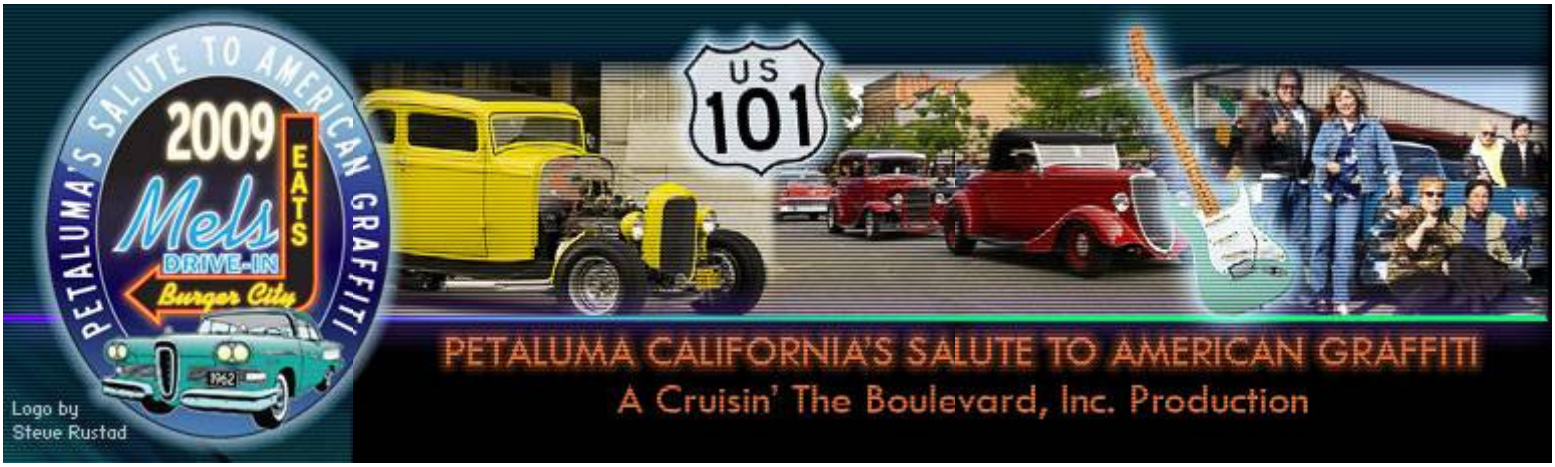
The Concours event will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2009 and will combine not only one-hundred years of motorcars on display, but also a Cigar & Cognac Lounge, fashion show, gourmet food and wine tasting. Also special to this event will be both green car and vintage military vehicles displays.

The Concours d'Elegance is a motorcar display like no other; our feeling is we need to put on an event like no other. The Presidio lends itself to the vision of an automobile exhibit that will complete the California experience of the Concours. This is an event you will want to be a part of! Whether it be as an entrant or an attendee you will enjoy your day at the Presidio.

Ticketing for this event is on an ADVANCE PURCHASE basis ONLY. No tickets will be sold on event day in an effort to control attendance level as response to this event is expected to be tremendous. Please visit our website http://www.sfconcours.com/ for more information.

You are cordially invited to submit your motorcar for consideration of entry in the 2009 Presidio of San Francisco Concours d'Elegance. Please download an entry form from our website and submit promptly as we do expect quite an enthusiastic response to this inaugural event. Judging will be performed by the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and your participation in this event will enable you to be in the running for the 2009 Championship Award. This award will be presented to the automobile with the most points from the 2009 Concours Season. Championship Award presentation will be at the Niello Concours at Serrano on October 4, 2009.





May 14 -16, 2009 – 4th Annual Petaluma's Salute to American Graffiti

Join us each year in May as Cruisin' The Boulevard honors George Lucas' timeless, coming-of-age film, American Graffiti, most of which was filmed here in Petaluma in the early summer of 1972. Grab your favorite squeeze, jump into your hot rod, candy-colored screamin' machine or the family car for that matter, and cruise on back to the "happy days" of the '50s and '60s.

Petaluma's Salute to American Graffiti is a non-alcoholic community-wide celebration! It's family fun for everyone…. from boys and girls to grandmas and grandpas! Proceeds fund our Petaluma Save-A-Life Project, Henry Travers' Memorial Scholarships, Petaluma Museum American Graffiti Exhibit and other projects and programs that support arts, education, history, safety and welfare.

So, put on your poodle skirts, peggers, jeans, white sox and loafers, and come kick up your heels to our live rock 'n roll bands! Grab a root beer float, see if you can still hula hoop and check out all of the cool American classic cars and trucks cruising the same streets where the movie was filmed 35 years ago! As the Wolfman would say: Be there or be square baby!

Contact Cruisin' The Boulevard, Inc., P.O. Box 4412, Petaluma, CA 94955-4412,
(707) 762-3394, info@americangraffiti.net

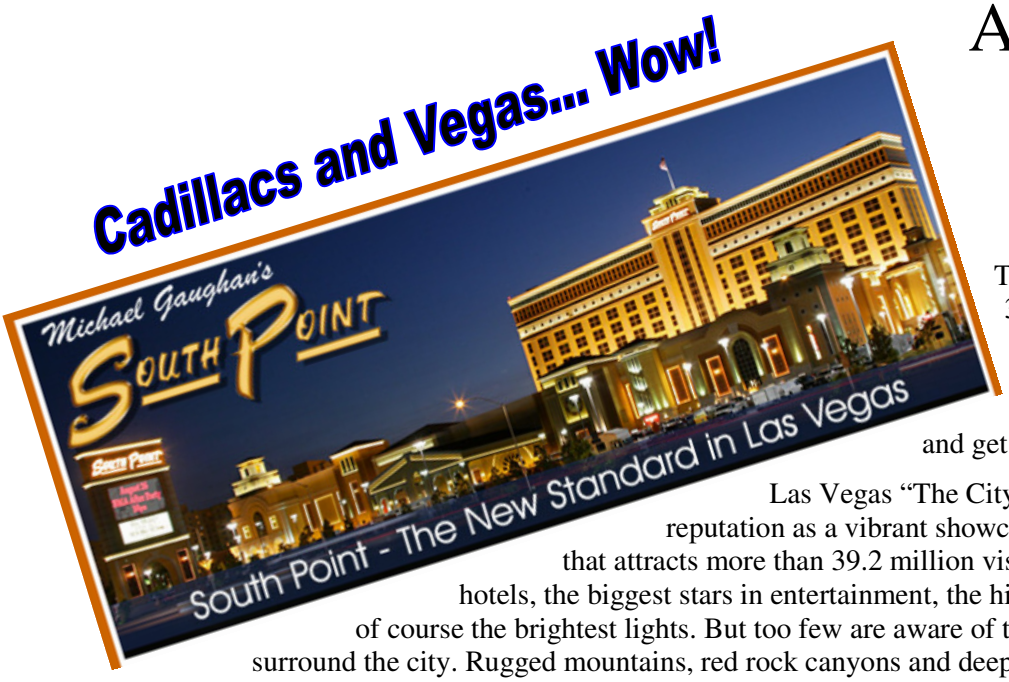
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Are you ready for the 2009 Grand National?

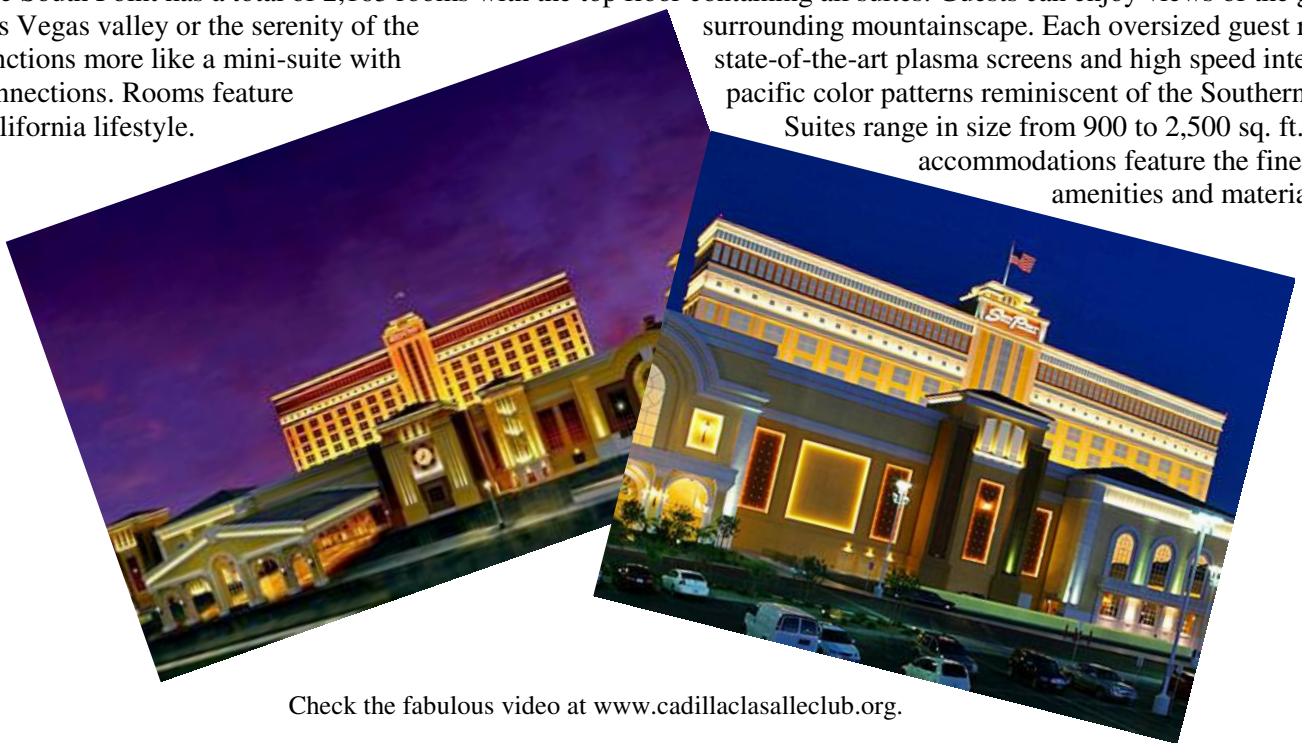


The Las Vegas Region is proud to host the 30th annual Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National --the first indoor Grand National – June 17-20, 2009. Check out website: http://www.lasvegasclc.org/09grand.htm and get yourself registered.

Las Vegas "The City of Entertainment" builds upon its reputation as a vibrant showcase for the extraordinary. This is the city that attracts more than 39.2 million visitors a year by offering the grandest hotels, the biggest stars in entertainment, the highest caliber of award-winning chefs and of course the brightest lights. But too few are aware of the wonders of Mother Nature that surround the city. Rugged mountains, red rock canyons and deep desert valleys offer stunning scenery and many outdoor recreational opportunities. If you have time, take a road trip to some beautiful scenic areas within a days drive, such as; Valley of Fire State Park (55 miles), Zion National Park (158 miles), Death Valley National Park (141 miles) or The Grand Canyon National Park (250 miles). Las Vegas has something for everyone. In the summer the pools are perfect, and there is always world-class food and high-energy casino action. So start thinking about how you want to spend your time while at the 2009 Las Vegas Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National.

South Point is located in the heart of the premiere southwest Las Vegas valley, just minutes away from the famous Las Vegas Strip. Some of the many amenities include a 16-screen Century Theatre movie complex, 64-lane bowling center and a handful of restaurants that cater to all appetites and tastes. The casino features a large selection of table games and the latest slot and video poker machines. This distinctive hotel features spacious rooms and suites with 42-inch plasma televisions, Point Plush mattresses and Wireless Fidelity throughout. A unique feature to this property is its Equestrian Center, which is the finest horse facility in the country. Recently added is a fabulous 400-seat showroom that features headliner entertainment and dancing to live bands on weekends.

The South Point has a total of 2,163 rooms with the top floor containing all suites. Guests can enjoy views of the glittering Las Vegas valley or the serenity of the surrounding mountainscape. Each oversized guest room functions more like a mini-suite with state-of-the-art plasma screens and high speed internet connections. Rooms feature pacific color patterns reminiscent of the Southern California lifestyle. Suites range in size from 900 to 2,500 sq. ft. All accommodations feature the finest amenities and materials.



Check the fabulous video at www.cadillaclasalleclub.org.



DRIVING TO LAS VEGAS

June 15 & 16, 2009
Grand National— June 17-20

Northern California-Oregon Cadillac-LaSalle Club members are invited to join a group driving to Las Vegas for the Grand National meet in June.

Tentative plans are to leave Sacramento on June 15th, cross the Sierra Nevada on less traveled, non-Interstate roads. Highways 50 or 88 are likely routes. After a stop in Yerington, NV, we will head south on US 95 to Tonopah for an overnight stay. June 16th is a short (200 mi.) drive into Las Vegas, arriving early to mid afternoon.

I will be driving my 1939 Cadillac 60 Special (see photo below) so moderate speeds, stops for photos, gas and comfort breaks are expected. This drive is intended to be a leisurely, no-pressure tour. Hotel and meals will be the responsibility of each participant. I will contact hotel accommodations in Tonopah and pass that information along so reservations can be made well in advance.

Folks coming from the Bay Area or north of Sacramento can arrange to meet along the route—or in Sacramento before we start out. The route selected will be far superior to a drive down Interstate 5 or Highway 99. Plus, drivers will have the benefit of fellow club members traveling in a group and sharing the experience. Cars can proceed at their own pace and take side trips or stops as desired.



Detailed planning is ongoing. If you are interested in joining us, or just learning more about the trip, send me an e-mail or give me a call.

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Dear Auto Friends and Acquaintances:

I will be hauling an empty 20' enclosed car trailer east in mid June, from the San Francisco, CA area to the Chicago, IL area. Please contact me if you are interested in me hauling your vehicle. There are photos of my truck (The Beast, a Ford F-250) and trailer (Bullet, a Pace American Shadow GT) online here: http://www.starship.org/bugsby/adventures2006/060225_Bullet/index.html.

I will be leaving from the San Francisco area on or about June 12 and plan to arrive in the Chicago on or about June 16.
The direct route will take me through California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois. I would consider deviations from this route to accommodate pick-up or delivery of your vehicle. Thank you for your tolerance of this unsolicited email message.

Sincerely,

Lynn Kissel -- Livermore, California
AACA #411172, CCCA #35861, HCCA #106987, VMCCA
OCA #38949, NAOC #5871, NCOC #2468



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In Memoriam ~ Bev Ferreira

Long time CLC member, Bev Ferreira passed away on the weekend of February 14th 2009. Bev and his wife, Dorothy (pictured below), were married for 22 years and had joined many CLC tours and events. Dorothy passed away on July 31, 2008. I remember a conversation with Bev about his 1948 Tucker. Apparently, he and Dorothy drove the Tucker down to southern California on occasion. On one trip, Bev was reminicesing about how he was cruising along I-5 when a CHP officer pulled up beside him and indicated with his hand that Bev should slow down… just a warning. Bev checked the speedometer, and the Tucker was doing a very smooth 80 MPH. I think he said he slowed down for a while until the officer disappeared. Below are some of the memories of Bev that have been shared.



Memories shared by Jeff Nielsen:

In the mid 70's working part-time at our family service station, Bev came to consult Bob Kipps about transmission problems with his Tucker. I looked in the back of Bev's truck to see a box of gears and parts. I was impressed that these men had the know-how to repair the rare transmission.

During the late 70s at a Classic Car club tour to Clear Lake, Bev gave my family a ride in his 1953 Chris Craft with a 1953 Cadillac engine. We were totally impressed by the ride and condition of the boat.

What a great memory.

Here is an excerpt of an article published by Robert Higday in the Auto Action News:

To start at the beginning, Bev was born in San Francisco and lived his whole life there. His lifetime involvement with automobiles came about because his father was in charge of maintenance for the fleet of White Trucks owned by the White House Department Store. His father expected him to work in the garage as a young boy and man and so he learned the auto mechanics trade. The department store moved downtown and they let Bev's father keep the garage located at 3rd and Geary under the same name. Early in the 1950's Bev opened his own repair shop, Bev's Auto Repair, in the Marina District. He had it for 15 years until someone made him an offer he couldn't refuse.

Bev says that he was too young to retire so he opened another business, Bev's Antique Auto Parts. As a result of this long history of involvement in the car business he had a basement full of old repair and owner manuals for all makes of cars, collected over the years.

Undoubtedly the most interesting car in his collection was the'48 Tucker. He was at the right place at the right time and bought the car from the Cliff House Museum when they were selling everything off. Just as I do, you may remember seeing the car displayed there many years ago. As you might expect, Bev performed all the restoration work on his cars, even repainting the Tucker and a T-Bird.

Bev's collection of cars was very impressive. He had a beautiful 41 Packard Super 8, 4 Door. He had sold the' 42 Indian 4 cylinder Motorcycle, which he acquired in 1950 and rode for many miles. His "new car" was a '57 Ford Ranchero, which he purchased new. In addition to his interest in cars he had also been involved in pleasure boats. In 1953 he bought a brand new 18' Chris Craft all wood runabout minus an engine. That was because he wanted to put his own pumped up Cadillac engine in it. He hung out at the Mariposa Yacht Club located down on Pier 50, where he was the fleet captain a number of times and had the responsibility for planning activities. He also kept in touch with the Bayview Boat Club located a little further south.

During WWII Bev was a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne and had 3 jumps to his credit. He admits that he made the jumps because it gave him $50 a month more pay. In keeping with his automotive background he was a motor sergeant for the Division Headquarters Company. He spent time in the Philippines and was part of the occupation forces in Japan after the war ended.

Exerpted from the website of CoachBuilt (Date unknown).

Bev Ferreira, 81, is a retired mechanic and auto parts store owner. He paid $5,000 for his Tucker 31 years ago. "That was a lot of money in 1970," he said. It had been on display at the Sutro Baths, which were being dismantled. When he bought it, "I never even knew what a Tucker was," he said. He restored it, repainted it ("I don't like a black car") and has driven it 33,000 miles in the past three decades. Ferreira, his Tucker and his Indian police motorcycle all appeared in the "Tucker" movie. It wasn't memorable for the lifelong San Franciscan. "Too damn much sitting around," he said.

Both Bev and Dorothy will be missed… we are sorry to see them go.