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November 8th - Annual
Planning Meeting

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2009 Nor Cal CLC Calendar of Events

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

November 8th Annual Planning Meeting Hosted by Sandy Carrion, at the Buttercup Pantry in Oakland. See sign up info in this issue

Enjoy a tasty dinner, and bring your ideas for interesting things the club can do together - Let's fill up this calendar with fun events for next year!

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A Message from Your President



September and October are my favorite months here in Northern California. It's the time of year when our weather shows off its best. It can still warm but not so much as to entice that cold Pacific fog to cascade over the coastal hills. The air is clearer especially if we get one of those early Fall rain showers. Occasionally, there's that faint, indescribable fragrance that says cooler weather is on the way – that little something that let's you know that a change is coming. And, of course, there are more old car events than you can shake a stick at!

At the end of September, the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance proved once again to be a perennial favorite. Held at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, CA in gold country, it is a well-managed delight for any old car buff. The cars are arrayed around

Ironstone's massive lawns and amphitheater. There is something for everyone – the dizzying array of classics and vintage automobiles, the antique travel trailers, ladies strolling in vintage clothing. Once again this year, I was invited to join the judging teams led by Head Judge Ted Raines. Ted and his chief assistant, Jim Sinclair, have the judging procedures down to a fine science. It is very well managed and turns out to be one of the delightful parts of the Ironstone experience. Along with other helpers from the CLC, Ted's wife, Jo Raines, was out early on Saturday morning to greet the cars as they entered and to present them with a loaded goody bag. On Saturday evening, Jeff and Jeanene Nielsen hosted a terrific Barbeque up at Fran's house on top of the mountain. Fran is Jeanene's Mom, and she opens her lovely house to us for a wonderful meal and a do-it-yourself ice cream sundae dessert. The sunset from Fran's front porch is exquisite.

The following weekend on October 2-4, the Southern California CLC (SoCal) hosted the annual North-South Meet. I believe this was the 48th annual occurrence of this event. The event was extremely well planned by Rob and Linda Leonard, and Craig Chally. Mr. Richard Manley, a resident of Visalia, arranged a four-part tour. Part 1 was a visit to Vic Groah's garage where we met Vic and his son who restore and maintain a bevy of antique autos, and they are building a replica of a vintage wooden aircraft – the "Pete-n-Pull." After looking at the delicate little plane, I came home and Googled Pete-n-Pull... but to no avail. I did however find a product under Bernard H. Pietenpol from Cherry



Grove, Minnesota for the “PIETENPOL AIR CAMPER. The Original Model A Powered Light Plane - Designed to get the best possible performance from Model A motor, to be easy to fly, and to get the most flying hours for the money invested.” Could this be what’s being built in a garage way out in a field in Visalia? If so, I’d better start a prayer chain in case they ever try to take off in a cloud of dust!

Part 2 of the tour was the Tulare Agricultural Center Heritage Museum – a tractor museum! Fortunately for me, I learned a long time ago that some tours might sound mundane, but I have found such tours to be surprisingly fun and informative. This was exactly one of those kind of tours. There were about 50 old tractors and displays about farming and dairy operations. Visalia lies at the heart of the San Joaquin Valley and is the single most productive farming area in the United States! If only these old tractors could tell stories of hardworking, inventive farmers who replaced dozens of mules with a single tractor. Some of them were so big, you found yourself trying to figure out how they got up into the drivers seat (actually sometimes nothing more than a wooden bench). So massive, so heavy... they left you scratching your head and in doubt that they could ever actually move in a dirt field. Things have gotten better though... they had a mock up of a modern tractor cab, one that was fully glass enclosed, air conditioned, with a seat that looked like it came from a Porsche.

Part 3 was lunch at the Black Bear restaurant. Good food, nice people. Part 4 of the tour also held a huge surprise for all of us. We drove out to the home and walnut groves of George and Annabelle Pope. We walked around in George’s garage containing about a dozen cars ranging from Model A Fords to a 1953 Rolls Royce. And we checked out the collection of memorabilia arrayed around a huge theater-size organ housed right in George and Annabelle’s family room.

But an even bigger surprise awaited us as George led us out to a large warehouse and pushed back huge sliding doors to reveal... a full size, working, antique, fully restored ... Carousel! The antique Carousel was manufactured in 1928 by the Allen Herschell Carousel Co. of North Tonawanda, NY. It features 28 leaping horses, 2 animals and 2 chariots. George described how he found the derelict Carousel and hauled it in a truck back to his house. Annabelle described it as a truckload of pipe and lumber that bore no resemblance to a Carousel. George told us the story of the years of restoration of his Carousel and described how a Merry-Go-Round is different from a Carousel. According to George the major difference is that a Merry-Go-Round has all horses, whereas a Carousel has horses, animals



and chariots. Being a dutiful cub reporter, I came home and Googled a comparison of these two devices and found a great deal of information that ended up deciding that they were synonyms, but I like George's definition best. Another factoid that you might find interesting to enter into your memory bank is that in the U.S., these devices go in a counterclockwise direction, while in many European countries they go in a clockwise direction. Nevermind all this data and fact finding... the biggest thrill was when George allowed us to climb aboard and pick out a favorite horse while he busied himself with the controls. Soon, the lights came on, the music started up so loud our eyes bulged, and the Carousel began to take us for a bouncing ride. And all of this in the middle of huge farming and walnut expanses! We never would have guessed.

Our special thanks go out to Rob, Linda, Craig and to Rich Manley and his friends Vic Groah and George Pope for arranging a very special, down-home North-South Meet where we could all get together with friends and just have a good time.

- *Charles Thompson*



Notices

Event

November 21, 2009: The Annual San Jose Classic Chevy Club Toy / Food Drive Car Show at the Cathedral of Faith Church, 2315 Canoas Garden Ave, San Jose, CA 95125. The entrance fee for each vehicle is a new toy and non-perishable food item.

Wanted

Car clocks-- pre 1970. What do you have? I am building a small collection to display at an event... Will purchase and pay shipping.. E-mail to Lionel@garlic.com or call 409-776-1373

Minutes from the Norcal CLC board meeting 9/25/09 Murphys, CA

Board members in attendance: Don, Nick, Charles, Carolyn, Joe

Called to Order 6:14P.M.

Minutes from last board meeting accepted

Unfinished business - 2014 Grand National, 2 yesses and 2 no's for doing the 2014 Grand National.

Planning for possible GN: look into ability to hire people to do certain tasks, Talk to recent previous GN holders, Attending GN's between now and then, Breaking down parts to manageable groups. Next step to look over paperwork then commit or pass. Until next meeting, brainstorm ideas for possible locations (pros/cons).

Treasurer's report \$17,694 total. New account is set up.

Tour Director's Report - Christmas event cancelled. North South coming up, Planning meeting need registration sent out again before event.

Membership Report - Need timeline established for 2010 renewals, Just do a first notice and follow-up (no need for third notice). Remind people to add members to their directories.

Newsletter Report - add the monthly due date for contnet in newsletter. We are down to one ad, need to ask folks to think about running an ad.

New Business

We should make an effort to bring club photo albums to appropriate events, If Club Historian is not attending an event, he should get another board member to pick up albums for that event.

Nick to plan next board meeting.

Ajourned at 7:03 P.M.

A WORD FROM THE TOUR DIRECTOR

October 2009

Weekends often have conflicting activities and choices must be made over which event is dearest to your heart. For me, it was either trekking to Ironstone and seeing the gang (where last year it was so hot I couldn't even breathe, and our house party fizzled out) or staying home and attending the annual Draft Horse Classic at the Nevada County Fairgrounds... which happens to be virtually in my back yard. Horse lover that I am, what could be better than four consecutive days of seeing the "Gentle Giants" in action and patting noses? I've opted to choose real horses over horse-power for the last decade but wish I could've gone to Ironstone, too. Hope everyone had a fabulous time!

Another event I couldn't attend is the upcoming North-South Meet... one of only a few I've missed since I joined the club. Although Visalia is an unusual destination it is also someplace new and offers something for everyone. There aren't many places left in the "half-way" geographic area where we haven't already held a meet so this one promises to be different and a welcome change from the same old places. Sorry to miss it!

Where I *will* be, however, is the Alameda Car Show on October 10th. One of dozens of "home town" shows this one is always laid back and all the local merchants throw open their doors and mark down their wares. Plenty to see and do (over 350 cars this year), lots of tasty food choices, and the weather is almost always perfect. If you're going, please let me know so we can meet and greet, maybe do lunch!

In November, PLEASE plan to attend our annual planning meeting at the Buttercup Grill in Oakland (see RSVP form elsewhere in this newsletter). This meeting is essential so that we may put our 2010 tour calendar together! We need ideas and feedback and yes, volunteers, to host an event next year. It's fun to see old friends, the food is good and reasonably priced, and your participation is vital to preparing a well-filled schedule that offers a variety of events... whether or not you choose to be a host!

(Footnote: earlier this month a mammoth car show (900 cars) was held up here at the most beautiful fairgrounds in California and cars of every description were lined up for the Fri-Sat-Sun event. Hosted by the Roamin Angels Car Club, this annual show was an amazing demonstration of volunteer team-work with proceeds going to several local charities. RA members support the event in full-force and contribute their time and labor to making the event a huge success very similar in scope to our Grand Nationals.)

See you on tour,

Sandy Carrion

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ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, November 8, 2009

3PM Meeting and Early Bird Dinner

This is one of the most important club gatherings of the entire year! We eat and socialize, brain-storm, and construct our 2010 tour agenda. Members are encouraged to bring their ideas and formulated plans for open discussion and inclusion on our calendar. Without new ideas and offers to host an event, next years' schedule would be quite blank! No idea is too small to be developed into a fun event for our member's enjoyment. Plenty of *help* is available.... so please consider hosting an event in 2010.

Location and meal format was so successful last year that we'll duplicate the agenda and have the meeting first, then an early dinner afterward. We will have table service and our own private room (with windows).

Meet at 3:00PM: Buttercup Grill, 1000 Cotton Street, Oakland, CA 94606 - (510) 535-1640

880 Northbound from San Jose - exit at 23rd Avenue, stay straight to merge onto 23rd, make U-turn almost immediately at signal onto 23rd southbound, right on East 7th Street, right on Kennedy Street, left on Dennison Street and you are there ... corner of Dennison and Cotton Streets.

880 Southbound from San Francisco/Oakland - exit at 23rd Avenue, and slow down to 25mph for immediate first right onto Dennison Street, right onto Cotton Street.

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Please RSVP and mail check payable to: **CLC NorCal** to Jerry Brick, 733 Crompton Road, Redwood City, CA 94061-1211. Deadline is November 4, 2009.

Dinner includes bread, mixed green salad, starch, vegetables, and a non-alcoholic beverage. Choice of Chocolate Silk cream pie or Upside Down Apple Walnut pie with ice cream. Includes tax and gratuity. No-host cocktails are available.

Roast Prime Rib.....	\$23.50	X	_____	=	_____
Fresh Salmon.....	\$23.50	X	_____	=	_____
Chicken Champagne.....	\$21.00	X	_____	=	_____
BBQ Baby Back Ribs - Half Slab.....	\$21.00	X	_____	=	_____
Chocolate Silk pie.....	X		_____	=	Included
Upside Down Apple Walnut pie.....	X		_____	=	Included

TOTAL..... \$ =====

Note: Refunds for late cancellations can be made only if the order can be resold. All orders are prepaid in advance to the restaurant. Thank you for your understanding.

