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Upcoming Events:

Jan 16 - Kick-off Brunch in Sausalito, CA

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2011 Nor Cal CLC Calendar of Events

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

January 16

Kick-Off Brunch Sausalito - CALL CHARLES To RSVP

February (TBD)

Tesla Factory Tour

March 19

Tank Collection Tour

April 24

Mille Miglia start at Fairmont in SF

May 1

Disney Museum in Presidio, SF

June 11

Winchester Myster House Tour & Lunch

July 26

Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance

July 23

Wente Winery Car Show

July 24

Don Frolich memorial Portal Park Cupertino

August 10-13

Grand National - Ohio

August 21

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

August 28

Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance

September 24

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance Murphys, CA

October 7-9

North-South Meet Pismo Beach

October 22 or 23

Marin Lunch Tour

November 13

Planning Meeting

December 2-3 or 9-10

Cornish Christmas in Grass Valley

Board of Directors Meetings

* January 16

Spinnaker

April 23

TBD

* September 24

Murphys

* November 13

TBD (Planning Meeting)

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• indicates that the Board Meeting coincides with another event.

If you have an event you'd like to share with the club for 2011, send it to Carolyn Dippel.

President's Message – January 2011

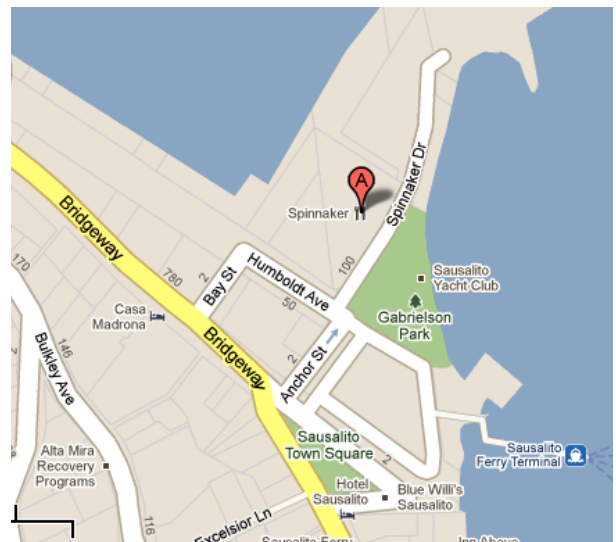
Happy New Year to all fellow Cadillac and LaSalle Lovers! Or lovers of any old cars, for that matter. With the departure of 2010, we are entering a whole new decade as well as a new year. Take a look at the list of events in our 2011 calendar and you will see that there will be lots to choose from to “quench your thirst” for things old-car related. All of us in the Regional Club hope that you will plan to take advantage of the many events throughout the year. We are always open to new ideas and we sincerely hope that you will participate and enjoy.



The first event of 2011 will be a Kick Off Lunch combined with a New Members Lunch (lunch is “on the club” for anyone who joined NORCAL CLC in 2010 or 2011). The lunch will be on Sunday, January 16th at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito. A great place for seafood and a variety of other dishes, and one of the world’s best views of the San Francisco Bay. See the map below of Sausalito – you can access Sausalito from Highway 101 just south of the Golden Gate Bridge. Please RSVP to Charles Thompson with your intention to participate and the number of guests you are bringing. Contact Charles at email Cadillac1949@aol.com or cell phone 415-519-7468. I will be letting the restaurant know the number in our party by about January 13th, so get your RSVP in right away. If the weather is good, you might consider driving a vintage car to this event – I’m sure the many tourists will love seeing your “Pride ‘n Joy.”

I’ve placed articles about a couple of other events that occurred in latter 2010 elsewhere in the newsletter. It was great to see old friends and to make new ones at the North-South Meet in San Luis Obispo. Many thanks to those who attended this early October event, and thanks a million to those who helped make the event a success -- most especially Don Barnes.

The Planning Meeting and luncheon at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville was a real treat. Thanks to Carolyn Dippel for arranging the event and the catered lunch which also included complimentary tickets to the museum itself. I was amazed to see so many folks brave the grey and rainy day to gather together and plan our annual event calendar.



So, let the new year begin! Our favorite GM brand continues to provide interesting and beautiful modern cars to the newest generation of car buyers – how about this Urban Luxury Concept from Cadillac?. It would be good to see some of the newest generation of Cadillacs at our events along with the vintage iron.



Charles Thompson

2010 North South Meet

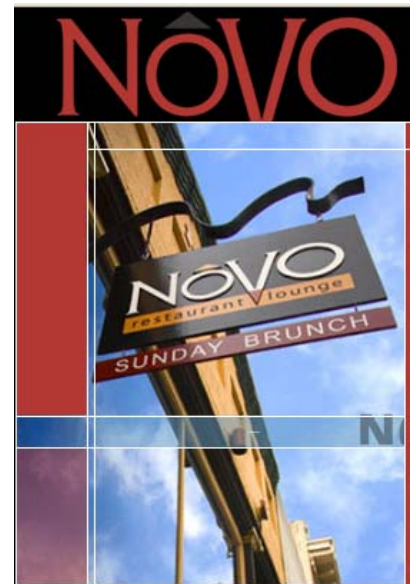
San Luis Obispo -- October 2010

Plans were set to stay at the Olive Tree Inn in San Luis Obispo. Don Barnes led a tour from the San Francisco Bay Area, meeting in San Jose, lunching in King City and arriving in San Luis Obispo in time to set up the Hospitality Suite. It was great to see the Cadillacs majestically turning in to the motel and finding parking next to their brethren.

On Saturday, we toured from San Luis Obispo to Morro Bay, then south to Pismo Beach, stopping for lunch at Steamers of Pismo. Following lunch, several of us braved the long set of stairs going down to beach. After a leisurely walk on the beach down to the boardwalk pier, we faced the climb back up the stairs to the top of the bluff. We then gathered together and headed south from downtown Pismo Beach to Arroyo Grande looping back northwest to San Luis Obispo. After I took two wrong turns causing the line of long elegant Cadillacs to do U-turns, we skipped the rest of the scenic route and came back on highway 101.



On Saturday evening, we dined on the outdoor patio at the NOVO restaurant which has Brazilian-Portuguese fare. We had a great crowd seated together in a long table. Earlier in the day, we had asked the Olive Tree Inn staff to walk around the parking lot and select their favorite cars. Jerry Brick had handled the production of excellent awards with small gasoline pumps mounted on a base with the colorful dash plaque. Awards were presented to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Best of Show. Bob Hoffmann's 1970 Cadillac Convertible "Madame- X" won Best of Show.



Dan and Kitty Fisher not only won an award of merit, they also won the hard luck award – a grab bag containing WD-40 and Duct Tape! Dan's beautiful 1949 Coupe de Ville suffered a burned out generator on the trip up from the LA area. But with perseverance and help from a couple of "Mister-Fixit" club members, a new part was found and installed in time for the trip home.

Fortunately, Dan is stalwart in the face of problems, and even more fortunately, Kitty has the patience of a saint and kept her sense of humor through it all.



Everyone enjoyed the Hospitality Suite hosted by Charles Thompson with the help of several other “helpers,” most notably, Don Barnes. Here are a few more photos of the event provided by Charles Thompson and Jerry Brick. These and other photos can also be viewed on our excellent club website which is maintained in good stead by David Brick.





The Spinnaker



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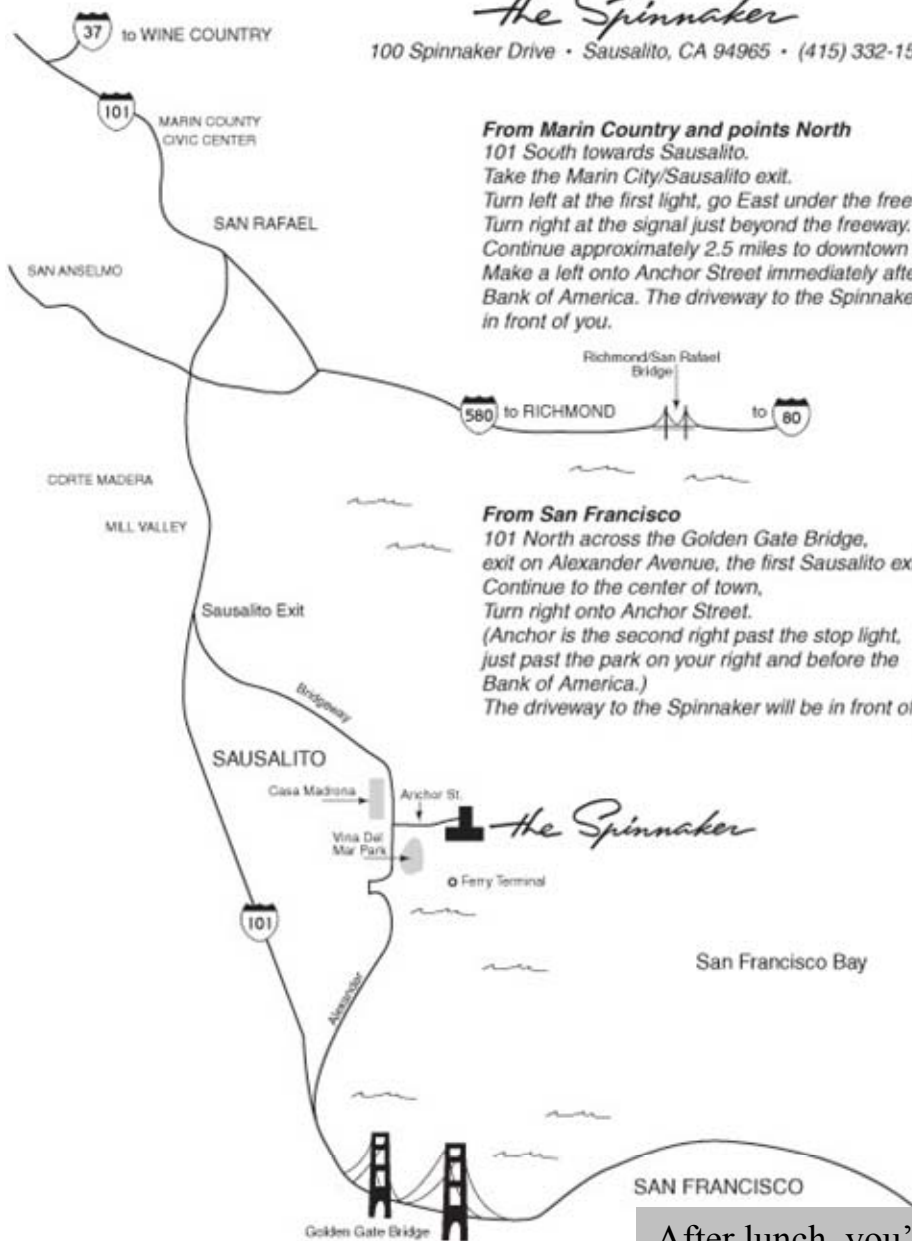
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From Marin Country and points North

101 South towards Sausalito.
Take the Marin City/Sausalito exit.
Turn left at the first light, go East under the freeway.
Turn right at the signal just beyond the freeway.
Continue approximately 2.5 miles to downtown Sausalito.
Make a left onto Anchor Street immediately after the Bank of America. The driveway to the Spinnaker will be in front of you.

From San Francisco

101 North across the Golden Gate Bridge,
exit on Alexander Avenue, the first Sausalito exit,
Continue to the center of town,
Turn right onto Anchor Street.
(Anchor is the second right past the stop light,
just past the park on your right and before the Bank of America.)
The driveway to the Spinnaker will be in front of you.



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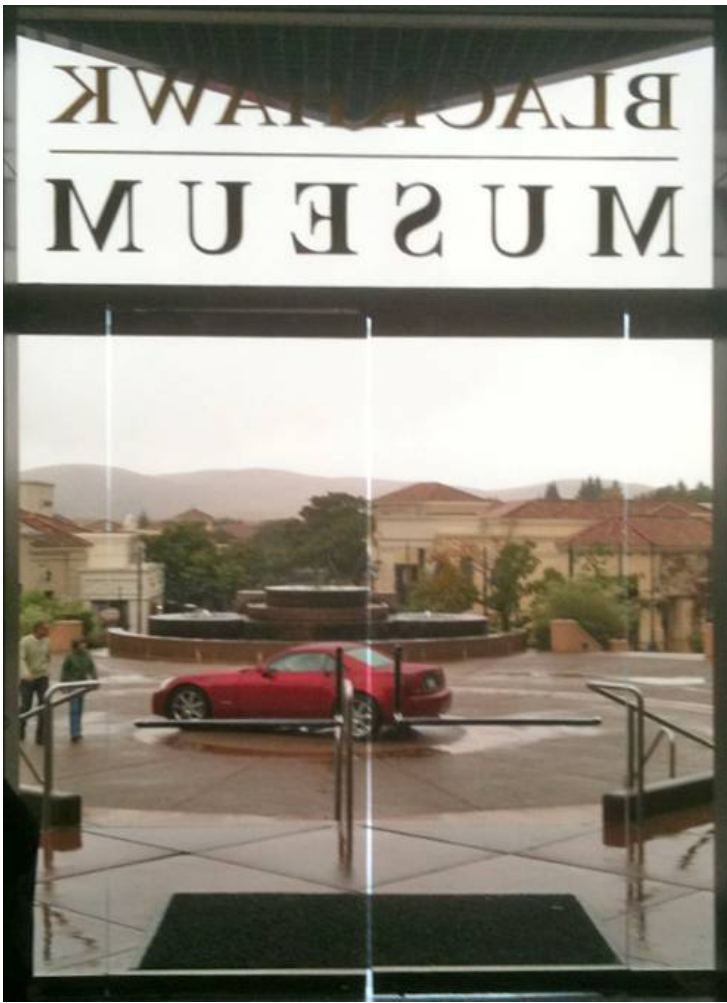
2011 Kick-Off Luncheon

Sunday, January 16, 11:15 AM

You are cordially invited to join us for our annual kick-off luncheon in Sausalito. New members joining our regional club in 2010 or 2011 will receive lunch at no cost compliments of the Club. You'll be able to select your lunch from an extensive menu to suit your appetite. The Spinnaker specializes in seafood, but also offers a variety of salads, pastas, meats and poultry.



After lunch, you'll be able to talk and mingle with friends, and take a walk around charming Sausalito. If you bring a vintage Cadillac or LaSalle, the tourists will be most appreciative. The Spinnaker has valet parking, but I'm sure the valet would allow you to self park your vintage vehicle should you desire. Please join us and indicate your plan with an RSVP to Charles Thompson by calling 415-519-7468 or emailing Cadillac1949@aol.com no later than January 13th.



NorCal CLC Annual Planning Meeting November 7, 2010

The Annual Planning Meeting is a time not only to greet friends and have a nice social engagement, but also to draft the events calendar for the coming year. This year, Carolyn Dippel arranged a multi-faceted event with the planning meeting, a catered lunch set on the upper floor of the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, and complimentary tickets to tour the museum.

The photos on this and the next pages say it all... well almost all. The photos (delightfully composed by Jerry Brick) show the luncheon group and the outstanding museum below. But what must be added is a sincere and hearty thank you to all who attended and all who provided ideas for tours in 2011. It was a blustery, rainy day in the Bay Area. Yet we had three large round tables of club members in attendance. The catered lunch was excellent and a tour of the museum is a constant delight.

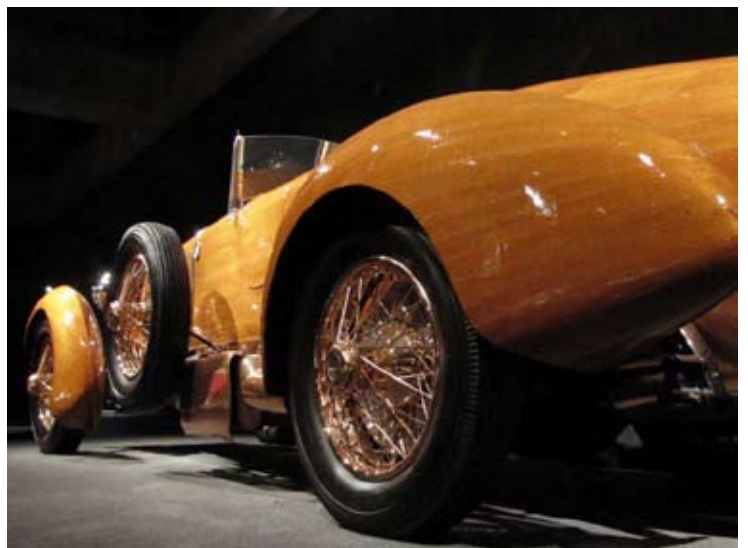


The photo at upper right was taken from inside the museum of Charles Thompson's 2005 XLR Roadster parked in the circle in front of the museum, providing an interesting reverse image of the museum entranceway. The photo at right is of the same XLR but this time from the outside toward the museum.

At left is some of the group as they arrived for the luncheon. The museum is full of memorabilia and items for sale in the gift shop, as well as being full of prime examples of why we love this hobby.

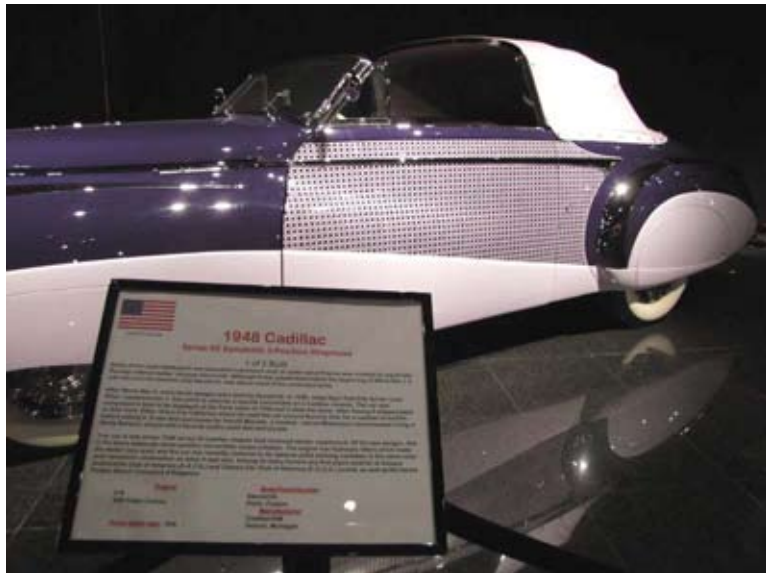


The photos on the following pages show the attendees having lunch and the view of the museum below. The museum was built to be a “jewel box” for displaying fabulous automobiles, and it certainly lives up to that analogy.





1948 Cadillac Series 62 Saoutchik
3-Position Drophead



The **Alfa Romeo BAT** is an Italian concept car. The car originated in a joint collaboration project between Alfa Romeo and the Italian design house; Bertone that began in 1953. Of the successful project came three cars: the BAT 5 in 1953, the BAT 7 in 1954, and finally the BAT 9 in 1955



Below: 2005 Cadillac XLR – photo taken
by Jerry Brick on a cloudy day at
Blackhawk Museum.



Below: 1937 Cadillac V-16 Series 37-90
Hartmann Cabriolet

