



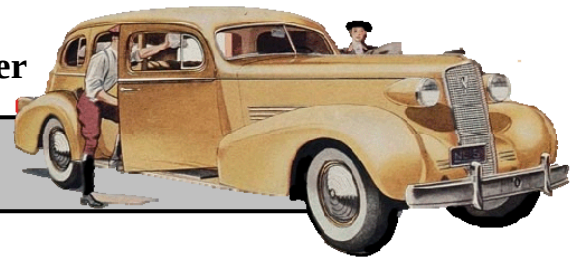
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Coming Events & Headlines

First Edition of 2012 Calendar of Events

Photos from
Marin-Sonoma Tour
And Annual Planning Meeting





Message From The Editor

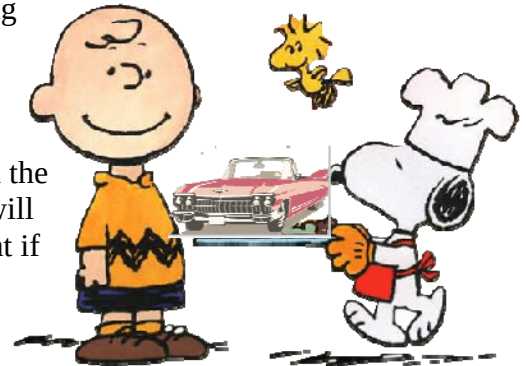
Dear Fellow CLC Members,

Well, it seems that our beautiful Indian Summer has finally yielded to Fall rains soon to be followed by Old Man Winter. It's been rainy all weekend, but I was able to get my trusty '49 out to do some errands on Saturday. It can hold a ton of supplies from Costco, the hardware store plus the laundry, and still has a bit of room. I hurried home because the windshield wipers are very nervous – especially when it looks like rain.

We had a great Marin-Sonoma brunch at the Flamingo in Santa Rosa followed by a visit to Francis Ford Coppola's Winery in Geyserville. We also had a very nice Planning Meeting at the Buttercup in Oakland followed by a lively brainstorming session for tours and events in 2012. See the photos inside. Our calendar is once again full and is ready to be refined and filled out even more.

I'd like to wish one and all very happy holidays. Thansgiving is just around the corner and Christmas will be upon us before we know it. My old Cadillac will soon be donning her traditional red velvet ribbons with brass hobnails so that if the weather breaks, we can take a ride and enjoy the spirit of the holidays.

Charles Thompson



For Sale (once owned by long-time CLC member, Allan Jones)

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CLC 2012 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.

January 1st	* California Mille Anti-Football Run. For those who don't wish to watch football all day on New Year's Day, join in the Anti-Football Run. You can simply show up or you can register and get a cool sweatshirt (cost is \$35). See website: http://www.californiamille.com/amicievents.html#newyear
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February TBD	* John Mozart World Famous Car Collection, Palo Alto
February 17-19	Sacramento Autorama; www.rodshows.com ; contact Butch Gardner at 877-763-7469 x12 or 530-677-4761

March TBD	Judging Seminar organized by Bob Fracoli
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April 28 - 29	* Grass Valley Tour and Car Show
April 28 - 29	* Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay Airport

May 7	* May Madness, San Rafael
May 17-19	* Salute to American Graffiti Car Show, Petaluma
May 20	* Marin-Sonoma Concours, San Rafael
May 20	* Friendship Day

June 13-16	CLC Grand National, St. Augustine, Florida
June 23-24	* Palo Alto Concours

July 8	Spinnaker Lunch and Bay Model Tour, Sausalito
July 13-15	* Hot San Jose Nights
July 29	Portal Park, Cupertino, CA

August 12	Roaring Camp Tour, Felton, CA near Santa Cruz Mountains
August 19	* Pebble Beach Concours
August 19	* Nostalgia Days, Novato, CA

September 22	* Ironstone Concours, Murphys, CA
September 28-30	North-South Meet, Madonna Inn, San Luis Obispo, CA

October 10-13	National Driving Tour, Las Vegas, NV
October TBD	Academy of Arts & Don Lee Tour, San Francisco, CA

November 4	NorCal CLC Annual Planning Meeting
November 11	Veteran's Day Parade in San Francisco or San Jose (Details to follow)

Board of Directors Meetings and Coordinators TBD

^ Indicates that the Board Meeting coincides with another event.

If you have an event you'd like to share with the club for 2012, send it to Charles Thompson, Newsletter Editor.

Also whatever you're doing with your vintage car, we are interested.
Please send description and photos and get "your mug" in The Headliner!

Please note that the 2012 Events Calendar was created on November 13th, and is therefore in draft form. Watch for additions and changes; don't hesitate to contact the Newsletter Editor with additions or corrections.



Cadillac & LaSalle Club of Northern California

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, November 13, 2011

A Very Successful and Enjoyable Event!

On Sunday, November 13th, the Annual Planning Meeting was held at the Buttercup Restaurant in Oakland. Tour Director, Sandy Carrion, could not be present, but we send her many thanks for arranging the event. Everyone brought their ideas and CLC President, Carolyn Dippel, saved the day by jumping in and bringing printed calendars and a white board to record all of the ideas for events in 2012. Photos are from right going clockwise: Carolyn Dippel, Charles & Diane Thompson; Don Barnes, Nick Rassushin, Larry Drees, Jeff Nielsen and Fred Bausch; Albert & Jeanette Horley and Carl Steig; John & Margi Smith; Joe & Marilyn Benz, Joan Drees, Pat Brick and Ann Marie Steig.

Take a look at the new Calendar of Events on Page 3 to see the first draft of our 2012 Touring Season. Thanks to all who attended and to all those who brought forward ideas!





MARIN-SONOMA TOUR

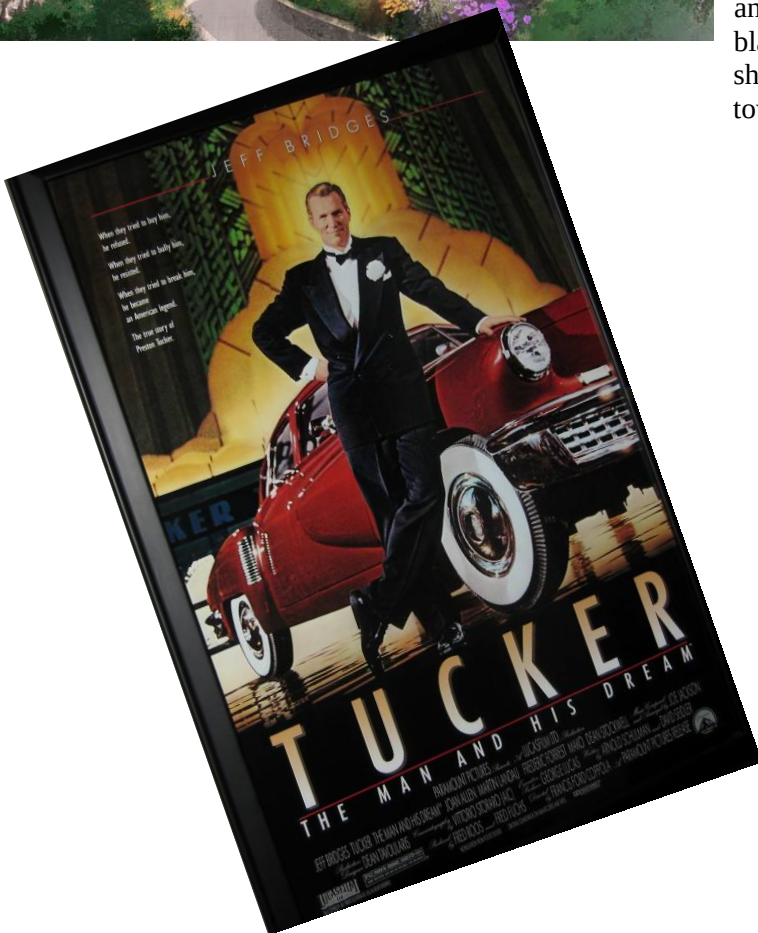
FLAMINGO HOTEL BRUNCH • FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA WINERY

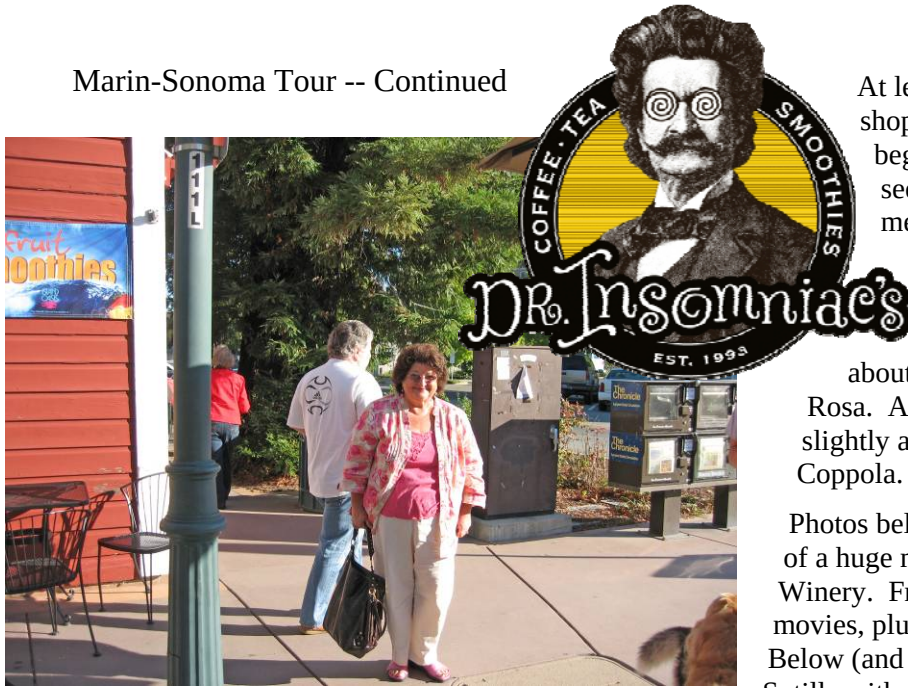


On Sunday, October 30th, our group met at Dr. Insomniac's coffee shop for beverages and pastry. Once assembled, we drove up to the Flamingo Hotel for a huge breakfast/lunch buffet. After that, we drove further north to the Francis Ford Coppola Winery where we looked at movie memorabilia, the gift shop, the winery and swimming pool. Many lounged around the pool and bar area tasting wine or soft drinks as we whiled away a beautiful afternoon chatting together. The following pages show photos from this tour. The tour was planned and organized by Charles and Diane Thompson of Novato.



Below are Don Barnes, Paul and Connie Borgwardt, and Diane Thompson in front of Dr. Insomnia's coffee shop which occupies an historic black smith shop in old town Novato.

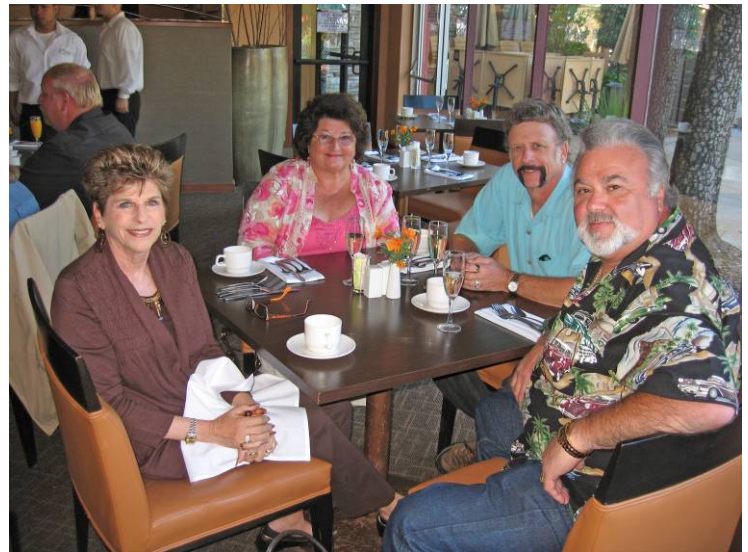




At left, we see Diane Sotille at Dr. Insomnia's coffee shop in Novato where we started the tour – people began arriving around 9:00 AM. We were so glad to see Diane because she has been recovering from a medical problem with her knee and she wasn't sure she was ready for an outing. But there she was with a big smile and looking great.

We gathered everyone up and left Novato at about 9:45 AM headed for The Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa. After brunch, we strolled around the grounds of the slightly art deco Flamingo before heading to the Francis Ford Coppola.

Photos below at left are Charles and Diane Thompson in front of a huge model ship on display at the Francis Ford Coppola Winery. Francis has collected many many artifacts from his movies, plus there were many items for sale for us to peruse. Below (and going clockwise), we see Anthony and Diane Sotille with guest Rhoda and another friend. Next are Connie and Paul Borgwardt, Diane and Charles Thompson, and Don Barnes. Next is Dorothy Smyk (with Tim Smyk just out of sight across from her); John Paval and guest, April; and John and Margi Smith.





Marin-Sonoma Tour – Continued.

Above is Don Barnes' 1937 Cadillac Convertible Sedan. At right and going clockwise, we see Marilyn and Joe Benz (dusting off the Caddy); Wendell Joost with friend Ellie next to Wendell's '58 Cadillac

Next is Don Barnes standing behind his '37 Cad... note he parked handily in a "Compact" parking space! Then another shot of Wendell and Ellie with the Pink '58. And just below is Tim and Dorothy Smyk with their snow white 1967 Coupe de Ville.





More Marin-Sonoma Tour photos: Above is Anthony and Diane Sotille's modern iron Caddy. At right are Paul and Connie Borgwardt at the Coppola Winery. Below them is a snapshot of Tim Smyk admiring the 1948 Tucker on a turntable display at the Winery. Below that are John Paval and friend April next to John's 1993 Allantè. Continuing clockwise, we see John and Margi Smith with friend holding a Cadillac Court sign in front of John's 1952 Series 62 Sedan. And last, but certainly not least, we see the Borgwardt's 1967 dark red convertible.

