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Coming Events & Headlines

**Marin-Sonoma Tour
Geyserville, CA**

Sunday, October 30th

**Annual Planning Meeting
Oakland, CA**

Sunday, November 13th





Message From The Editor

Dear Fellow CLC Members,

It seems that September and October are not only some of the best months for weather in the Bay Area, but also some of the best months for car shows. This month's newsletter is full of news and photos from various events, and I hope you have been able to partake of as many as possible. It's a fantastic hobby that we share and it is always a treat to see fellow CLC members and their guests at any event.

Coming up very soon, we have two events that you should consider. The first is a tour On Sunday, October 30th through Marin and Sonoma Counties to the **Francis Ford Coppola Winery** in Geyserville. This will be a relatively simple tour wherein we meet for coffee in Novato, take a drive on 101 north to Geyserville, and enjoy lunch at the winery. Walk around at your leisure, order from the menu to suit your appetite, and enjoy good company. This tour is being planned and coordinated by Charles Thompson. See details on page 4 of this newsletter.

The second upcoming event, planned and coordinated by our Tour Director, Sandy Carrion, is our **Annual Planning Meeting** to be held on Sunday, November 13th at 3:00 PM at the Buttercup Restaurant in Oakland. We will not only enjoy good food and good company, we will also plan our 2012 Touring Season. Please bring (or send) your ideas and consider hosting a tour. See details on page 5.

I would like to express our gratitude for two events that occurred recently in September and October. The **Ironstone Concours** was once again an outstanding event hosted by the Kautz Family at their Ironstone Vineyard facility. Proceeds of the Concours benefit young people involved in agriculture, notably 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America and the California State Fair Scholarship Fund. If you haven't attended a concours at Ironstone, I highly encourage you to do so. It takes place in the heart of California's Gold Country and is both elegant and fun. The little town of Murphys is welcoming, historic and quaint. See the photos on pages 6 & 7.

The other event was our **North-South Meet** held on October 7th – 9th at Morro Bay, CA. We toured down Highway 101 together and lunched in King City at the Wild Horse Restaurant. We motored on down to Morro Bay and met members of the SoCal Club. Craig Chally did a great job in coordinating everything, and a good time was had by all. We enjoyed cocktails and dinner at the Morro Bay Inn, and joined the group at the hospitality suite. We arose early on Saturday to clean up our cars and "kick tires" in the especially reserved parking area. Many people toured around Morro Bay on their own for lunch. We met on Saturday evening for a fine banquet and speeches from Rob Leonard and Fred Bauch. See the write-up starting on page 8.

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CLC 2011 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.

October 30 **Marin Lunch Tour (See details inside)**

November 13 **Planning Meeting (See details inside)**

December

Board of Directors Meetings and Coordinators

^ November 13 Planning Meeting -- Sandy Carrion

^ Indicates that the Board Meeting coincides with another event.

If you have an event you'd like to share with the club for 2011 or 2012, send it to Charles Thompson.

Also whatever you're doing with your vintage car, we are interested.

Please send description and photos and get "your mug" in The Headliner!

Welcome New Members

John Paval
3610 Portage Circle South
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1993 CAD VS67 CVT



Lee and Valerie Baker
26449 Fairview Ave
Hayward, CA 94542
510/537-4511
1963 CAD 6267 CONV

For Sale: Mint 1952 Cadillac. Series 62
Golden Anniversary 4 door Sedan. 54,000 miles.
Everything as in 1952. Painted once - gray. Asking
\$15,000 o.b.o. Contact John Smith at 415 586-
0857 or email margi.john@att.net.



CADILLAC CIEL CONCEPT

General Motors wowed the crowds in Monterey this year with the Cadillac Ciel Concept. In addition to being a larger-than-life convertible, the vehicle featured a level of attention to detail that hasn't been seen from the Wreath and Crest in over a century. That includes the beautiful olive wood interior hewn from a 300-year-old olive tree that fell in a storm just outside of Naples, Italy. The tree was shipped to a Pennsylvania wood yard where it was then sectioned and kiln-dried. That's where the designers from GM caught up with it and sent the 30-inch wide planks through a planer from the 1940s, then sanded and arranged them on a gantry, and then photographed the



planks so that their unique grains could be recreated in a special computer program. From there, the chunks were sent to 3D Mass Design and Engineering, where they were cut to GM specifications and glued into their final configurations. Then, Metalcrafters in Fountain Valley, California took on the task of test-fitting and applying the final stain and finish.

How's that for craftsmanship?



Cadillac & LaSalle Club

Northern California Region

Marin Luncheon Tour

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Sunday, October 30, 2011



Please join us in a relaxing drive through Marin County up to the **Francis Ford Coppola Winery and Restaurant** in Sonoma County's Geyserville. We will meet between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM for coffee and pastry at Novato's Dr. Insomniac's Coffee Shop at 800 Grant Avenue. Directions: Highway 101 north to Novato's DeLong exit; turn left on DeLong and after a short distance, turn right on Reichert just beyond the Whole Foods Grocery Store; go one block to the corner of Grant Avenue and Reichert Avenue. Park in any of Novato's free downtown parking spaces.

We will savor our beverages and enjoy one another's company on the back patio area of Dr. Insomniac's. We'll depart from downtown Novato around 10:15 AM and head north straight up Highway 101. After driving for approximately 50 miles, we should arrive at the Francis Ford Coppola Winery by about 11:30 AM. Take 101 exit 509 -- Independence Lane; Turn left on Independence and merge onto Archimedes. After touring the grounds, perusing the gift shop, marveling at the Movie Gallery, and maybe conducting a wine tasting, we will gather for lunch at Rustic, which has both outdoor patio dining and



CA-116 through Sebastopol. Directions will be provided. Once back in Novato, you will be free to return home via your favorite route.

Please notify Charles Thompson at 415/519-7468 of your intention to attend along with the number of people in your party. This will allow us to alert the restaurant.

*You are cordially invited.
Please come!*

indoor tables. Rustic serves a variety of Francis' favorite dishes (mostly Italian) and you can view their menu in advance at their website address: <http://www.franciscoppolawinery.com>. Their phone number is 707/857-1485.

After a leisurely lunch, you may want to socialize with friends or enjoy a tour of the winery. Take a closer look at the movie memorabilia including an authentic 1948 Tucker automobile and the desk used in *The Godfather*. When we are ready to depart, we will come back to Novato via Highway 101 and



Cadillac & LaSalle Club of Northern California

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, November 13, 2011

3PM Meeting and Early Bird Dinner



Don't miss this most important club gathering of the year. Members are encouraged to bring their ideas for open discussion and inclusion on our 2012 calendar. No idea is too small to develop into a fun event for all to enjoy. Plenty of help is available so please consider hosting an event. We will have our planning meeting first and then an early dinner afterward in our own private room.

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 on 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 on Dennison Street, right on Cotton Street.

Please RSVP and mail check payable to: **CLC NorCal** c/o Jerry Brick, 733 Crompton Road, Redwood City, CA 94061-1211. **Deadline is November 7, 2011.**

Dinner includes bread, mixed green salad, starch, veggies, 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.

Names: _____

Phone: _____

Prime Rib	\$25.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Salmon	\$25.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Champagne Chicken	\$23.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
BBQ Baby Back Ribs – Half Slab	\$24.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chocolate Silk pie		X _____ =	Included
Upside Down Apple Walnut Pie a la mode ...		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 understanding.

Sandy Carrion
Tour Director



Another smash hit for the Ironstone Concours! While the weather was in triple digits on the Friday before the September 24th event, it cooled down to the high 80's with some welcome clouds sailing above. The show was excellent and head judge Ted Raines and his army of judges carefully coordinated the difficult task of choosing the best of the best using the Amelia Island judging techniques for elegance, originality and condition.

There were many outstanding automobiles on the field, and here are but a few photos with a focus on the Cadillacs (of course).



One non-Caddy shown at left is a very special 1947 Chrysler Town 'n Country convertible once owned by Leo Carillo who was famous for his role as Poncho in the Cisco Kid. The car has two hoods – this one features a huge steer head with horns, eyes that light up, and an electric horn that sounds like a not-too-happy heifer. Below left is Charles Thompson's trusty 1949 Convertible. To the right is an amazing 1929 Graham-Paige 837 Limousine owned by Eugene Calman of San Diego. This car looked like a locomotive from the front and had plenty of room inside as well as "balcony seating" at the rear.

The '47 Club Coupe featured a photo from many moons ago when the car was new, and highlighted it's beautiful condition 64 years later.



Eugene Calman
San Diego, Ca
1929 Graham-Paige
837 Limousine



Rob & Cheryl Bearden
Waterford, Ca
1947 Cadillac 62 Club Coupe



More photos from Ironstone show a stunning '41 convertible and a sleek '53 Coupe de Ville. Below is a photo of Charles Thompson and Dominic Bavaro standing in front of Dominic's 1947 Model 6289 Sedan – a fine example of the Unrestored Post WWII class. Dominic hales from Fresno and was in attendance with members of his family. At the bottom right from Walnut Creek is Paul and Connie Borgwart's 1947 Model 6069 showing the height of elegance for 1947. The remaining two photos at bottom left are of Mike Willemssen's 1954 Jaguar XK120M Roadster. Mike "bombs" around the Arnold and Murphys area with fiancé Carol in this classic open Jaguar – when you see them, you can't help but smile!

While in Murphys, Charles Thompson and Don Barnes held a small party at their rental house, and CLC President, Carolyn Dipple, presided over a CLC Board of Director's meeting. The Little Yellow House with its backyard patio proved to be a fitting spot for "apres concours" vino.





North-South Meet--October 7-9, 2011

The Southern California CLC did a wonderful job arranging the 2011 North-South Meet in Morro Bay, CA. Special thanks go from all of us who attended to Event Coordinator Craig Chally, and to Rob and Linda Leonard and everyone involved. Among those from the NorCal Club who met in San Jose to tour down together were Jerry and Pat Brick, who led the pack in their 1941 60-Special, Joe and Mary McDonald, Patti and Dave Ricci, Larry and Joan Drees, Don Barnes, Charles Thompson, and Bob Hoffmann. Chip Benson and Nick Rassushin with friend Darlene met us in Morro Bay. Fred Bausch and his son attended with some very special friends, Bruce and Bronwyn Reynolds from Lindisfarne, Tasmania, Australia! We heard many interesting stories about living in Tasmania (see the photo just below) even though you had to totally concentrate to understand the language they were speaking. By the way, they were speaking English!

Photos from Morro Bay North-South Meet
From Jerry Brick and Charles Thompson



Photos from Morro Bay North-South Meet





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from
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Photos from the 2011 Pebble Beach Concours provided by Jim Serwer. Jim sent a number of photos with one car that especially caught my eye. It's the 1953 Cadillac Roadster shown below. It is very elegant, and the cutdown proportions appear to work well. Thanks to Jim for sharing his memories with us!



More photos of this stunning 1953 Cadillac Roadster can be found at <http://www.supercars.net/gallery/119513/2697/13.html>

