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Coming Events & Headlines

Grass Valley Car Show

Grass Valley, CA
April 28th & 29th

Brass In The Grass

Santa Rosa, CA
May 6th

Pacific Coast Dream Machines

Half Moon Bay, CA
April 28th & 29th

CLC Board Meeting

May 13th 11:30 AM
Harry's Hofbrau
Foster City, CA





Message From The Editor

Dear Fellow CLC Members,

There was quite a flurry of excitement around our house in March. See page 10 for a full description of the "Return to Hollywood" of my 1949 Caddy as co-star in the musical play Sunset Boulevard. One of the famous lines spoken by Gloria Swanson playing the part of Norma Desmond was, "And now, Mister DeMille, I'm ready for my close-up." I felt that my Cadillac had reawakened to its Los Angeles heritage, saying "And now, Mister Scanlon, I'm ready for my close-up."

The Judging Seminar hosted by Bob Fracolli and Carl Steig on March 18th was a very productive and enjoyable event (See page 8 for photos). We watched the video provided by Carl and chatted about the ins-and-outs of judging other people's vintage cars, and having our own "babies" judged as well. One of the most important lessons learned, as we went about the detailed evaluation of scrutinizing every nook and cranny, was that normal wear and tear is sometimes to be cherished rather than downgraded. The focus on authenticity, originality and usability are all seen as important factors.

The weather throughout April has tried its best to keep us all at home and "in the garage." I'm looking forward to the sparkling, rain-washed days coming our way in latter April and May. I have four new Diamondback Cooper Radial tires on the way to my local Goodyear store – my Cokers lasted almost 9 years. I hope to be doing a few other odds and ends to prepare my car for the 2012 touring and showing season. I would be most interested in hearing what you're doing with your vintage car, so send me your stories. The season is about to get into full swing, and it all starts with the starter.

All the Best!

Charles Thompson



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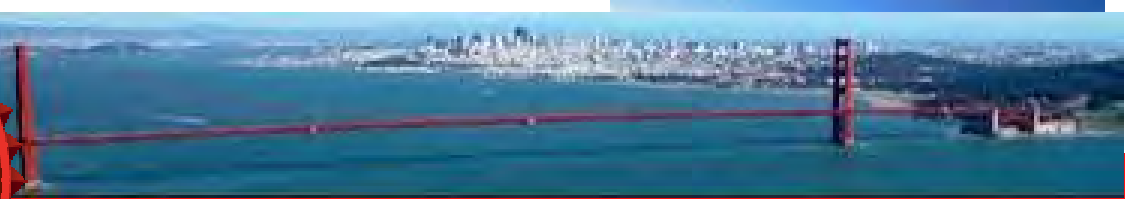


CLC 2012 Calendar of Events

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.

April 1	* Jack Passey Car Collection, San Jose & Watsonville
April 28 - 29	* Grass Valley Tour and Car Show
April 28 - 29	* Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay Airport
April 29	* Benicia Classic Car Show, 9-3 PM www.beniciacarshow.com/
April 29	* 22nd California Mille Preview; 950 Mason St., San Francisco; 11 AM – 6 PM – Free Admission.
May 6	* Brass In The Grass, Santa Rosa http://brassinthegrass.com/
May 5-6	* Livermore Wine Country Festival on First St.
May 12	* May Madness, San Rafael (Deadline May 9th)
May 13	CLC Board Meeting 11:30 AM Harry's Hofbrau, Foster City
May 17-19	* Salute to American Graffiti Car Show, Petaluma
May 20	* Marin-Sonoma Concours, San Rafael
May 20	* Friendship Day, 1300 Seaport Blvd, Redwood City. \$15/car.
May 26 - 27	* Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary http://goldengatebridge75.org/
June 1-2	* Thunder Valley Casino and Downtown Lincoln Car Shows (See details inside).
June 7-11	* Peggy Sue's All American Cruise, Santa Rosa
June 13-16	CLC Grand National, St. Augustine, Florida
June 16	* CVMF Cambell Veteran's Memorial Foundation Car Show and Barbeque; 11 AM - 6 PM, Campbell, CA (see flyer inside)
June 23-24	* Palo Alto Concours
June 24	* Pinole Cruisin' In The Sun Car Show. 510/233-0721 http://www.northerncaliforniacruisers.com/
July 8	Spinnaker Lunch and Bay Model Tour, Sausalito
July 13-15	* Hot San Jose Nights
July 29	Portal Park, Cupertino, CA
August 5	CLC Board Meeting 11:00 AM Pyramid Brewery, Berkeley
August 7 - 12	* Reno Hot August Nights. http://www.HotAugustNights.net
August 12	Roaring Camp Tour, Felton, CA near Santa Cruz Mountains
August 19	* Pebble Beach Concours
August 19	* Nostalgia Days, Novato, CA
August 26	* Hillsborough Concours - Cadillac will be a featured marque!
September 15	* Danville Concours d'Elegance http://www.danville-delegance.org/
September 22	* Ironstone Concours, Murphys, CA
September 28-30	North-South Meet, Location TBD
September 30	* Nostalgia Day Car Show - Livermore www.altamontcruisers.org/
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 and
	CLC Board Meeting 11:30 AM Harry's Hofbrau, Foster City
November 11	Veteran's Day Parade in San Francisco or San Jose (Details to follow)

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



Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary

Golden Gate Festival <http://goldengatebridge75.org/>

The Golden Gate Festival is the center point of the Bridge's year-long 75th anniversary program. With the theme of "Bridging Us All," the free community event seeks to honor this amazing landmark in a way that reflects the ingenuity, inclusiveness and creativity of the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

The festival will offer thousands of people the opportunity to reflect on the beauty of the Bridge, learn about its history and be inspired through music, dance, entertainment, art and exhibits.

Bridging Us All

The 75th anniversary public celebration will be a spectacular event on May 26-27, 2012, spanning the waterfront from Fort Point to Pier 39. Major program venues include Crissy Field and the Marina Green; additional activities and events will be held at the Presidio, Fort Mason Center, Ghirardelli Square, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39. While the Bridge will be open to auto traffic only and there will be no Bridge walk, there will be numerous vantage points and ways for the public to share in the Festival experience.

Preliminary Festival Plan

Saturday, May 26

Take in magnificent views of the Golden Gate, to learn about the Bridge's history and significance and enjoy the national parklands anchored by the famed span.

- Art installations at Fort Point
- Interpretive talks and self-guided walks
- Bike trips to the bridge for youth, a YMCA program
- Displays of historic bridge artifacts
- Bridge-related art show at SFMOMA's facility at Fort Mason Center
- Photographic exhibition in the Presidio
- Music and displays at Fisherman's Wharf
- Film night in the Presidio with movies featuring the Bridge

Sunday, May 27

Sunday will feature a wide assortment of activities at Crissy Field and Marina Green, including history and educational presentations, display of cars from 1937 to the present, an historic watercraft parade, music and dance stages, art installations, Bridge construction films, and displays by corporate and media partners. At about 9:30 pm the weekend celebration will conclude with a spectacular 75th anniversary fireworks display and grand finale. Other venues and activities include:

- Presidio – photography exhibit on military history at the Golden Gate (also open Saturday)
- Fort Mason Center - Outdoor art installation (also open Saturday)
- Ghirardelli Square - Panel exhibit telling the story of the Golden Gate Bridge
- San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park - Tours aboard the Alma, music, photo displays & vintage cars (also open Saturday)
- Fisherman's Wharf - Music, historic images, vintage automobiles and maritime history (also open Saturday)
- Pier 39 - Music and dance festival highlighting the 1930s

The Bridge towers are 746 feet above water.

That's approximately the height of a 50-story building.



Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary is still looking for cars in the 1970's, 1980's, 1990's and 2000's. Send in your application today!



Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary
Sunday, May 27, 2012
Vehicle Display Hours: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
www.goldengatebridge75.org



Vehicle Display Application

Bridging Us All

On Sunday, May 27th, in San Francisco, there will be a waterfront wide celebration to honor the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. There will be a wide assortment of activities at Crissy Field and Marina Green, including history and educational presentations, display of vehicles from 1937 to the present, an historic watercraft parade, music and dance stages, art installations, Bridge construction films, and displays by corporate and media partners. At about 9:30 pm the day will conclude with a spectacular 75th anniversary fireworks display and grand finale.

We are seeking classic vehicles representing each year from 1937 to the present (75 total) to participate in a static (parked) Vehicle Timeline Display that will be located at Crissy Field in the Presidio. One from each year will be selected. If you would be interested in having your historic vehicle displayed, please fill out the following:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____
(Email is preferred)

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION:

YEAR OF VEHICLE: _____

MAKE OF VEHICLE: _____

MODEL: _____

VEHICLE REQUIRES TRAILER FOR TRANSPORT: _____ YES _____ NO

DESCRIPTION: _____
(Color and other distinguishing details)

Please submit this application form with a photograph* of your vehicle to:
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Email: ggb75.autos@gmail.com

***Applications without a photograph will not be accepted!**

THUNDER VALLEY SHOW & SHINE JUNE 1, 2012



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DOWNTOWN LINCOLN CAR SHOW JUNE 2, 2012

Friday, June 1st

- * Thunder Valley Casino Show & Shine, from 4 PM to 10 PM, 1200 Athens Ave, Lincoln
- * Display of American Classic cars, '72 & older American made or American powered
- * Raffle, Music, Awards, Food & Drinks and lots of Fun
- * **Lodging: Thunder Valley Resort @ 877-468-8777 or www.thundervalleyresort.com**

Saturday, June 2nd

- * Historic downtown Lincoln Car Show-Open to all American made or American Powered Vehicles 1972 and older
- * Registration from 7 AM to 10 AM, Awards at 2:30, 50+ Trophies, Club Participation \$100
- * Dash plaques and Goody Bags for the first 200 registered cars
- * NSRA Safety inspections will be available
- * Great Raffle prizes, Great Music, wide variety of vendors in beautiful downtown Lincoln
- * Boy Scout Troop 160 will host a Pancake Breakfast from 7 AM to 10 AM at VFW Hall
- * All to Benefit the Gathering Inn, Ride to Walk and Placer SPCA

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Early Registration by May 15— \$20 _____

Club Affiliation _____

Registration after May 15— \$25 _____

Vehicle: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Stock/Modified _____

T-Shirts: S M L XL XXL (ADD \$2 FOR XXL) Quantity ____ x \$12.00 _____

T-Shirt & Registration enclosed _____

Will you attend the Thunder Valley Casino Show & Shine, June 1, 4 PM-10 PM? Yes__ No__

As a participant in this event, I agree to release the Rods N Relics Car Club of Lincoln Hills, the Veterans of Foreign Wars to include VFW Post 3010, the City of Lincoln, and any other sponsors of this event, jointly and severally and each organization's members, officers, officials, directors and chairpersons, jointly and severally from any and all liability arising out of this event.

Signature (required) _____ Date _____

Send this form & check, payable to VFW Post 3010 to VFW, PO Box 1055, Lincoln, CA 95648. Additional information at www.rodsnrelics.net or call Chairman A. Taylor @916-749-7468 or J. McVey @ 916-543-9113

George Teebay is turning the BIG 70

So we're having a BIG pot luck BBQ party in his honor on September 15, 2012. It will be at Lake DelValle, Livermore California, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Come to the School House Flats group picnic site on the far side of the lake. In order to properly celebrate George's 70 years, we're hoping for 70 beautiful vintage cars to fill the site.

We need everyone coming to RSVP as soon as possible and no later than August 15. Let us know if you can bring any food or drink. Please e-mail your confirmation and any pictures you have of George to Cliff Thompson at hunt7m@hotmail.com or call 510-562-4599.

Hope to see all of you.

Please no gifts.



CLC Name Badges

Don't be a nobody... get your own name badge just like those other proud members.

This is the newer style in shiny black plastic with double magnet fasteners (no pins). The CLC Logo, the Club name and your name are laser engraved in a bold white for better visibility.

Price? Only \$12.50 each including postage. Send a check made out to CLC NorCal and fill out the form below. Please PRINT clearly to avoid mistakes.



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Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Additional badge names: _____

Amount enclosed @ \$12.50 each: \$ _____

Send this completed form to: Jerry Brick, 733 Crompton Rd, Redwood City 94061.
Please allow a few weeks for delivery since we have to wait for enough to have a batch run.



Judging Seminar -- March 18, 2012

Bob Fracoli and Carl Steig collaborated to host the seminar at Bob's garage in San Ramon. Our Regional CLC Club provided coffee, juice and donuts, and all the guys chowed down at Nations for a hamburger later in the day. Carl showed a new 30-minute judging video from the National Cadillac & LaSalle Club that will help others who are interested in becoming better judges of vintage Cadillacs and LaSalles. Attendees included: Bob Fracoli, Lee Baker, Don Barnes, Dominic Bavaro, Ed Gunther, Jeff Nielsen, Carl Steig, Jim Serwer and Charles Thompson. We are tremendously grateful to Bob Fracoli for opening his home and his immaculate garage for this event. It was really great!



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MATCH-UP PUZZLE

CLC member, John Paval, sent me a puzzle he found while going through some material at his parents house. To make it even more fun, I have added a number of additional items to list. See if you can match the description to the right choice.

For example, who is the Indian chief pictured at left who in May 1763 with 300 followers attempted to take Fort Detroit by surprise? You'll find his name in the list of choices below.

Descriptions	Answers	Choices
1 To cross a stream		AMBASSADOR
2 To avoid		AUSTIN
3 A famous rock		BIARRITZ
4 A river		BISCAYNE
5 Founder of Detroit		CADILLAC
6 A German Emperor		CHALLENGER
7 A city in Texas		CHEVROLET
8 A president		CHRYSLER
9 A skyscraper in NY		CIMARRON
10 An inebriated baker		CORVETTE
11 A Frenchman named Louis-Joseph		DODGE
12 A chief		ELDORADO
13 Named for Ransom Eli		ESCALADE
14 To grate		FIAT
15 A ancient Roman god who served as a messenger		FORD
16 An African antelope		GALAXY
17 A space shuttle		HUDSON
18 A lake that spans two states		IMPALA
19 An assault on a fortified place		JAGUAR
20 A large system of stars		KAISER
21 A legendary treasure city of South America		LA SALLE
22 A city in SW France on the Bay of Biscay		LINCOLN
23 An inlet of the Atlantic Ocean on the SE coast of Florida		MERCURY
24 An authoritative decree		NASH
25 A large spotted feline		OAKLAND
26 A diplomatic official		OLDSMOBILE
27 A city near San Francisco		PLYMOUTH
28 A brown speckled European bird		PONTIAC
29 A lightly armed, fast warship		SKYLARK
30 French explorer of North America 1643-1687		STUDEBAKER
31 A wild sheep of the Rocky Mountains		TAHOE

welcome spring!



'49 Cadillac Co-Stars!

There was excitement around the Thompson household on March 11th when several members of the cast of the musical stage play *Sunset Boulevard* showed up at Charles and Diane Thompson's house to film scenes with their 1949 Cadillac. Starring Annmarie Martin as Norma Desmond and Robert Lopez as Joe Gillis, the play started at the Leshar Theater on March 16th and ran through April 15th. The show featured a backdrop of scenes of the star driving the car in an attempt to evade a Repo Man. The play is set in the year 1949, so this car was particularly appropriate.

From the SF Chronicle: A magnificent tale of faded glory and unfulfilled ambition. Silent movie star Norma Desmond longs for a return to the big screen, having been discarded by tinsel town with the advent of "talkies." When she meets struggling Hollywood screenwriter Joe Gillis in dramatic circumstances, their volatile relationship leads to an unforeseen and tragic conclusion. Extravagant, spectacular, witty and genuinely poetic - this is Lloyd Webber at his most lushly melodic! Winner of 7 Tony Awards including Best Musical.

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Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Sunset Blvd.* - Now Playing through April 15, 2012



["Sunset Blvd" Trailer](#) from [Erik Scanlon](#) on [Vimeo](#).



Pictured above is Filmmaker Erik Scanlon. Erik and his Dad crafted the gadget (shown in the photo below) attached to the Cadillac with a suction cup. This ingenious tool held a high definition iPhone that captured many of the moving scenes. It held on tightly and did absolutely no damage to the car.



The photo on the previous page depicts Norma Desmond pulling back the drape as she peers down on Joe driving into the garage at her estate. The hand drawing back the drape is actually that of Diane Thompson.



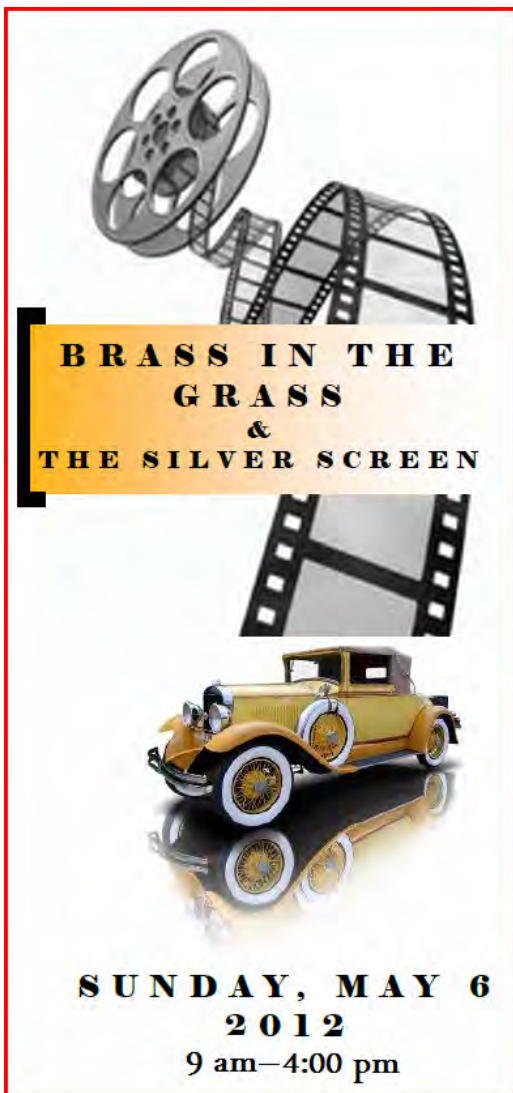
The cast involved in filming in on Bahia Drive (a.k.a.: Sunset Blvd): Robert Lopez as Joe Gillis; Joshua Milbourne as Artie Green; Erik Scanlon as John; Jim Coniglio as Hog-eye.

At right is Charles Thompson, along with Videographer Erik Scanlon, Diane Thompson, and Lead Actor Robert Lopez.

At upper left, the gates at nearby Valley Memorial Cemetery became the "gates to Norma Desmond's estate."



Special tribute to Movies of the 1900-1949 era, Special guests and celebrity interviews!



To all friends of Brass in the Grass:

Have you heard? The 'Brass in the Grass festival, will be three years running on May 6th 2012! It is a celebration, of the 1900-1949 eras! Focusing on our heart of the show, Brass and Nickel Antique automobiles and trucks, enhanced by True Classics and Special Interest vehicles, to and including the year 1949.

This show is unique! Unlike any "car show" North of the Golden Gate! We strive to be different, and attractive to affectionado's of the hobby, and the first time attendee. Male and Female, Young and old alike! We offer an atmosphere that will surround you with the music, style, and good times of a Sunday in the park of a time gone by. A time tunnel trip to the days of your grandparent's youth. We do this by exhibiting the vehicles of the era, Automobiles and Trucks, Motorcycles, Wooden Power Boats, Military Vehicles and Farm equipment, and Fire Engines. We build 'sets' on the lawn to enhance the vehicle displays. This year we are adding to our theme and including, 'The Silver Screen'! Yes, this year our 'sets' will be theater and movie inspired! Flicks and Flivers, all from the same eras 1900-1949!

A Family event that will bring a gleam to young children's eyes, and pride from Fathers and Mothers who will tell them about Grand Dads and Grand Ma's time, "when they were your age!" The show is held on a beautiful school campus green, however it is neither a Concours, or School Carnival, cruise, nor a casual parking lot meet. It is however a beautiful show on the green with a campus policy of no alcohol, or smoking, and we respect and appreciate this site and atmosphere.

Come dressed as you are, or as your favorite Screen Character of the era. Or period dress, or Military uniforms from the 1900-1949. There will be vintage clothing vendors there, and maybe you will find the Fedora or Flapper dress you have always wanted? So much is planned for your entertainment. A USO show and Tribute to all Veterans from all services, with a Veteran of the Day. Vaudeville acts, 18 piece Big Band, the Moonlighters, a 'Dancing with the Cars' contest, an Andrews Sisters tribute by the Fondette's, the '40's Radio Show, the marching Roaring Twenties Ukulele band, Blue Shoes! Auto and Movie Celeb

interviews, a giant Quilt show, a 'proving ground test track where the young and young at heart can ride in Model T's and other Special Automobiles. Raffle prizes, great food, Antique cars, motorcycles, boats, military vehicles, fire engines, commercial and vineyard trucks all in concours to preservation to barn find condition, sharing the green as the works of art they are, for your pleasure!

So as the Director of Brass in the Grass III & the Silver Screen, I personally invite you to a great celebration of the 1900-1949 era. Don't miss it!

Sincerely, Bill Obeirne

Director of "Brass in the Grass III & the Silver Screen 2012"

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