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Coming Events & Headlines

Walt Disney Museum tour

San Francisco Presidio
Sunday, January 29th

Autovino Luncheon and Mozart World Famous Car Collection

Mountain View, CA
Saturday, February 25th

Judging Seminar

San Ramon, CA
March 18th

Message From The Editor

Dear Fellow CLC Members,

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were joyous and stress-free, and that the decorations will soon be put away for another year.

Our calendar is looking very good for tours and events to enjoy. I look forward to more detail about upcoming tours as our members say goodbye to a tumultuous 2011 turn their to focus to 2012.

I hope you can take advantage of the invitation from The Packard Club to join them on a January 29th tour of the Walt Disney Museum in the Presidio followed by lunch. Time is very short, so please make your plans and RSVP by January 21st. We are grateful to Hal Schuette for arranging this invitation!

The luncheon at Autovino and the tour of the Mozart Collection also coordinated by Hal Schuette in February sounds too delicious to miss. And the Judging Seminar and hamburger lunch coordinated by Bob Fracolli and Carl Steig in March should prove to be very interesting as well as a lot of fun. See details elsewhere in this newsletter on these and other events.

A long-time friend from Florida sent me information about the Cars of Cuba. My friend's family was among those who fled Cuba during the revolution in the 1950's. For your amusement, I have excerpted parts of the article and some of the photos – especially of the Cadillacs still running around Cuba.

Fred Bausch provided us with an article about the Gilmore Museum in Michigan, and the Motor City Regional Club has special 2012 Cadillac-LaSalle calendars for sale – buy one for yourself and a few more for gifts!

Charles Thompson

New Arrival from Cadillac – the XTS

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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 29	* Tour of Disney Museum at the SF Presidio (see details inside)
February 17-19	Sacramento Autorama; www.rodshows.com; contact Butch Gardner at 877-763-7469 x12 or 530-677-4761
February 25	* Autovino/John Mozart World Famous Car Collection Tour, Mountain View, CA (see details inside)
March 18	**Judging Seminar organized by Bob Fracolli (**see details inside)
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, 1300 Seaport Blvd, Redwood City. $15/car.
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!

For Sale: 1937 LaSalle Grill, $400 or best offer. Contact Phil Fortier in Santa Cruz via phone at 831-426-3045.

Tour to The Walt Disney Family Museum

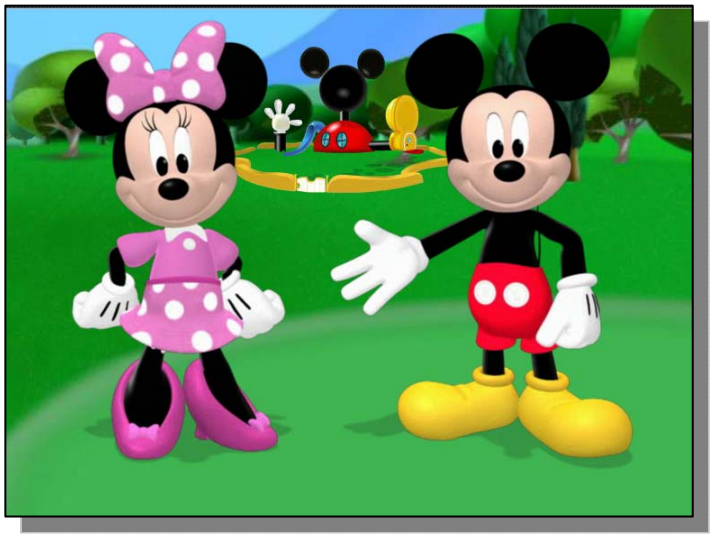
104 Montgomery Street
The Presidio of San Francisco
415-345-6800
Sunday, January 29, 2012

The Board of the Nor Cal Packard Club has invited the Nor Cal Cadillac LaSalle and the Nor Cal Classic Car Club of America membership to a joint tour on 1/29/12 of the SF Disney Museum.

This event will begin at 10 A.M. with our meeting at the Walt Disney Family Museum. There is plenty of free parking directly in front of the museum on Montgomery Street in the Presidio. The museum charges $20 per adult, with a $5 discount for seniors (over 65) and a $5 discount for AAA members. Because of these discounts, we will pay individually upon entry. The museum allows for a self-guided walking tour in a comfortable and accessible new facility. There is a coffee shop for those who want a snack. We will spend a couple of hours exploring the ten permanent galleries, arranged in chronological order, recounting the history of Walt Disney's life and creative career. The museum is intended for adults, not young children. It is really delightful. For further information about the museum and its location see www.waltdisney.org.

We will gather by our cars at 12:15 P.M. to take a short driving tour around the Presidio, which was established as a military reservation in 1776 by Spain and continued as a military post until being converted to a National Park in the 1990's. For more details on the Presidio, you can go to www.presidio.gov.

The drive will end up at the Presidio Cafe in the Clubhouse at the Presidio Golf Course at 300 Finley Road, http://presidiocafe.com/. Lunch will be a deli buffet in our private tent (which we get courtesy of a wedding the previous day!) at 1 PM and will cost $33/person. This includes green salad, penne pasta salad with chicken, a selection of deli meats and cheeses, fixings for sandwiches, rolls, fruit, cookies, and coffee, decaf, teas, sodas and juices, tax and tip. There will also be a no-host bar. Please call Mark or Kay Barchas with any questions at 650-941-1120. Checks must be mailed by January 21, as we must have our count in by January 24. Guests are welcome at this event.



Please send check made out to NorCal PAC by 1/21 and mail to:
Mark Barchas, P.O. Box 1469, Los Altos, CA 94023-1469

Names: _____

Number of people for lunch _____x $33 each = _____Total

Please enclose check for above total amount.

Welcome New Members

Bill Gardner
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1905 CADILLAC MODEL F SIDE ENTRANCE TOURING 4 PASSENGER

A Grand National Champion at the Cadillac LaSalle meet in 2002. First Cadillac built October 17, 1902 and test driven by Olanson Bush. It is outfitted with the 1 cylinder engine known as "Little Hercules" by Leland and Faulconer. A water-cooled 1 cylinder with 2 speed planetary transmission.

Henry Leland was brought into the company as a consultant to approve the plant so it could be sold. He showed the owners the engine rejected by Olds and suggested they continue the company, thus Cadillac automobile co was founded 1902. The first car went to the New York auto show in January of 1903 where Sales Manager, William Metzger, sold an astounding 2,285 cars by mid-week when he declared they were sold out. The new Cadillac looked like a "Jewel from Tiffany". This Cadillac enjoyed a total in-depth, professional restoration. It was completely researched to authentic original perfection. It was shown at the Cadillac LaSalle meet where it won Grand National Champion in 2002. The car is show perfect in every intricate detail and worthy of the most discerning collector. Complete video of this vehicle available for $50, refunded with vehicle purchase, and includes overnight shipping of video. Call our classic car division at 815-385-8408 for video and/or vehicle information.

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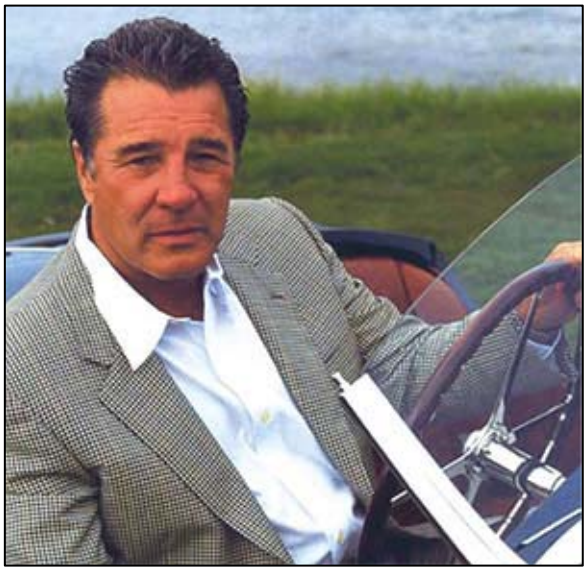
Autovino and Mozart Collection Luncheon Tour
February 25, 2012

- Catered Lunch at Autovino, Cost: $25.00 per person
- Arrive at Autovino by 11:00 AM. 205 Constitution Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025
- Depart for Mozart Museum by 12:45. Museum is no cost.
- Arrive Mozart Museum by 1:00PM. 1325 Pear Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043
- Contact Hal Schuette at 650/595-2806 or harold355@comcast.net for details and payment for lunches.



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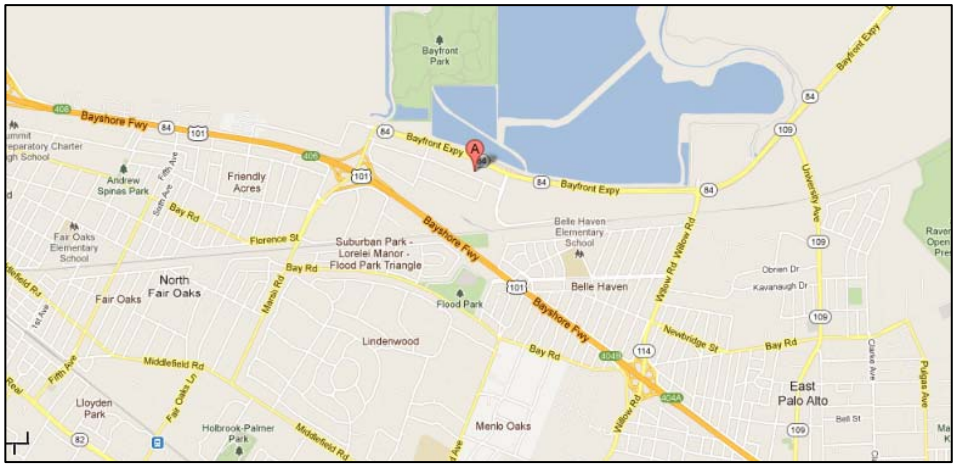

Maps for Mozart Collection
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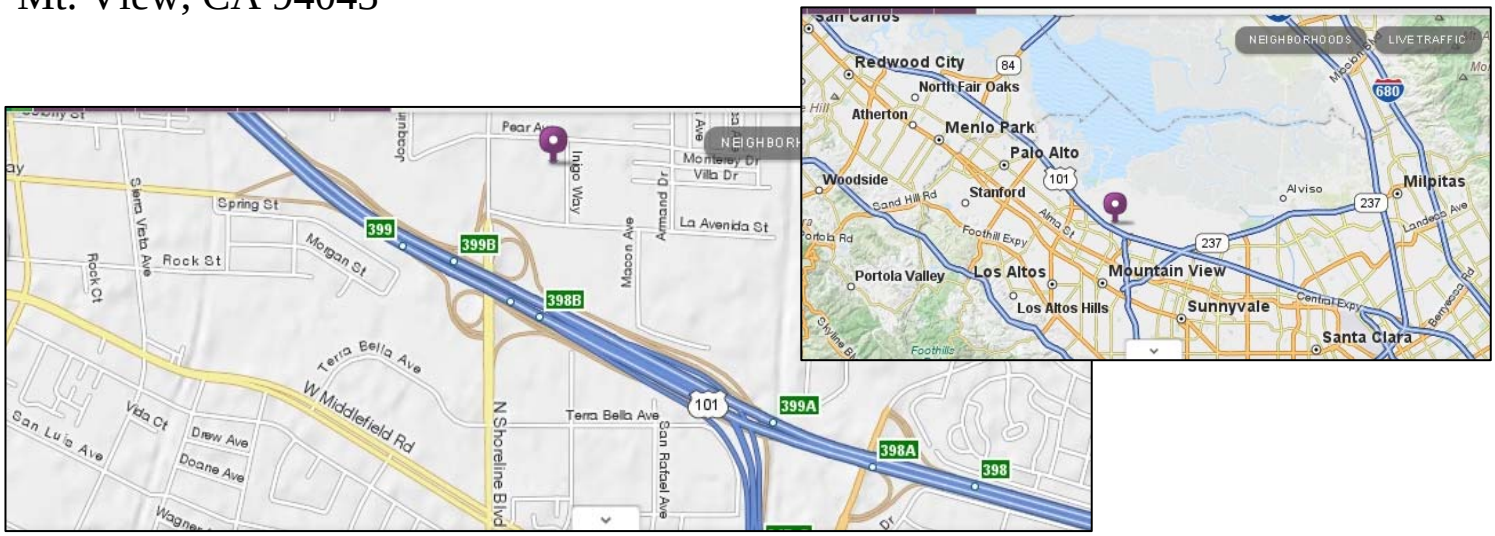

The Cars of Cuba

Excerpted from the Hagerty Magazine

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Collector Bob Ames joins one of the first authorized American tours of Cuba, armed with a camera and free sparkplugs for dedicated drivers of '40s and '50s "Detroit Iron"

HAVANA, Cuba – The American trade embargo with Cuba in 1960 had the effect of instantly separating thousands of 1940s and 1950s Detroit-built cars from their spare parts supply. Amazingly, many are still on the road more than 50 years later, cherished by owners who have patched them up with Russian and Chinese tractor parts.

While the subject of Cuba still has the same effect on Congress as a full moon on a werewolf, at least American tourists are once again able to visit this 40,000 square-mile Caribbean paradise. It's absurdly close to the U.S. mainland – only 90 miles from Miami.

Since the American trade embargo began in 1960, there have been no U.S.-made cars exported to what was one of Detroit's most enthusiastic customers. GM's presence was huge, and even today Cadillacs, Buicks, Oldsmobiles and Chevrolets outnumber Ford and Chrysler products four to one on the island.

Convertibles were always popular, thanks to year-round tropical weather. The place for posing with your ride is hard to miss in Havana. The squares around Capitolio, a flattering copy of Washington's Capitol building, are lined with 50-year-old American cars during daylight hours. Most are taxis looking for fares, and they don't leave on their semi-fixed routes until every seat is filled. Others, however, are available for tourist hire by the hour or day.

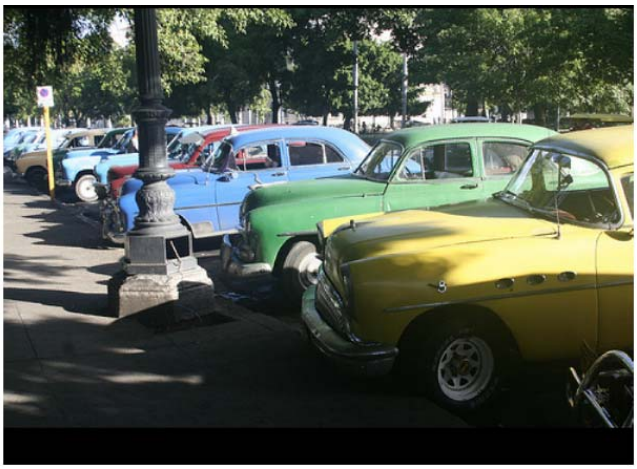
Back in Havana, there is a fascinating car museum on the Calle Officios, a historic pedestrian street lined with lovely restored 18th century buildings. One of these houses Museo del Auto Antiquo, which features Cadillacs, Rolls Royce, Packards and other reminders of the country's splendid, decadent past. The machines on display are generally untouched originals, although Cuba's oldest car, a 1908 Cadillac, was away for restoration.

Given the age of Cuba's passenger car fleet, and the fact that most have been cut off from factory support for 50 years, mechanical ingenuity is highly developed. I saw pistons made on a belt-driven lathe and was told of a man who can make bumpers for your '58 Caddy – out of tin.

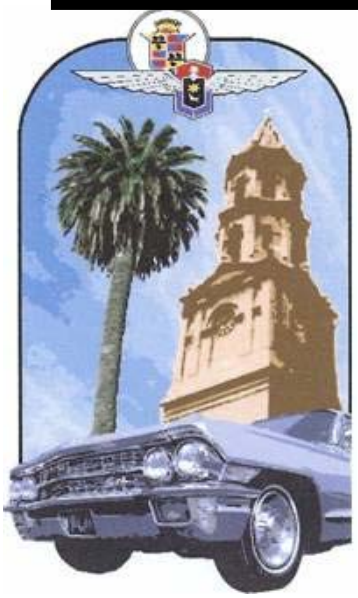
Eight Things You Didn't Know about Cuba

1. Ladas are worse than the Fiat 124 sedans they copied.
2. Many of the older American cars are now running on Soviet or Chinese diesel engines, often from tractors.
3. There is a club for car enthusiasts – The Fangio Club – and the clubhouse is reputed to be near where Cuban rebels kidnapped the five-time F1 champion in 1958. He was later released, and remained friendly with his captors. The incident was dramatized in the 1999 Argentine film "Operation Fangio."
4. **More Cadillacs were sold in Cuba, per capita, than in any other country – including the U.S.**
5. Hemingway's last car in Cuba was a 1955 Chrysler New Yorker – a convertible, of course – and it still exists.
6. Cuba has an eight-lane motorway the length of the 800-mile island. It has more carts drawn by burros on it than cars – and more potholes than burros, as well.
7. If classic Havana buildings haven't been restored, you'd be well advised not to walk to close to them, as pieces can fall off at any time.
8. Coca-Cola may still be banned, but there is a local equivalent. Otherwise how could you have a Cuba Libra?

The Cars of Cuba



A Call for Volunteers to Help with the 2012 Grand National



Florida Suncoast Region Presents
Nation's First City Grand National
June 13th through June 17th 2012

As you've probably seen in the Self Starter, registration has started for our 2012 Grand National. For each event, we need a volunteer or volunteers to represent our organization as a host, to guide participants and deal with any unexpected issues that may come up during the event. Don't worry – you' ll have full backup with a number to call for advice and direction. Each host will participate in the event **free of charge**. Hosts need not be a member of the Florida Suncoast Region and will be thoroughly briefed on the details of the event. For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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NorCal CLC Judging Seminar
Sunday, March 18, 2012 9:30 AM

14 Greenwood Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-2057

If you ever have your car judged at a vintage automobile show, or even if you don't, you may be interested to learn more about the criteria and methods used by those who are judging a car. Well, here's your chance to not only learn about judging, but also to get together with fellow car enthusiasts to enjoy a casual judging seminar and a hamburger lunch. The focus will be not so much on judging, but on BEING judged.

Bob Fracoli and Carl Steig have collaborated to host the seminar at Bob's garage at 14 Greenwood Place in San Ramon. Our Regional CLC Club will provide coffee, juice and donuts.

Carl has a new 30-minute judging video from the National Cadillac & LaSalle Club that we'll show. **You will need to bring your Cad/LaSalle International Membership Directory,** since there is quite a bit of judging information included in it. The event will finish with participants actually judging a car in teams. There will be an optional, no-host lunch after the seminar at a nearby Nations Hamburger restaurant.

Space is somewhat limited in the garage, so sign up early by calling Bob Fracolli at cell phone 925 640-4924.

Gilmore Car Museum Opens Year Round

Driven by Success - Museum Experiences Unprecedented Growth

Hickory Corners, MI

The ever-expanding Gilmore Car Museum, a favorite destination which has been visited by more than a million guests since opening to the public in 1966, has begun year-round hours for the first time in its 45-year history.

"It is a very exciting time for us," said museum executive director Michael Spezia, "as we become a resource for a much larger community."

The museum and its 90-acre park like historic campus located near Kalamazoo, MI has long been revered as a Mecca for automotive history lovers.

"The Gilmore Car Museum is so much more than just a tribute to a collection of historic automobiles" explains Keith Crain, Detroit publisher of *AutoWeek* Magazine. "With the museum's newest construction projects, its onsite museum partners, incredible grounds, outstanding programming and world-class collections it is truly becoming the nation's premier auto museum."

Opening the facility all year was a classic move by an organization driven by its success. With the completion of museum's largest expansion to date—an all-new $5 million, 32,000 square foot Automotive Heritage Center—visitors and area students alike will be treated a large portion of the collection all year long. The Center will feature a large exhibit gallery, a state-of-the-art multimedia theater, and an expansive research library and archives, as well as educational and interactive areas, a museum store, offices, and artifact storage facility.

Fashioned as an early 1900s factory, the new Heritage Center actually connects to one of the museum's historic barns, which leads to five additional exhibit galleries as well as the vintage Franklin Auto Dealership. The historic campus, which contains more than a dozen structures including a train depot, 1930s service station and 1940s diner, will open seasonably from April through November. Long renowned as one of the top car museums in America, the Gilmore Car Museum continues to experience unprecedented success and growth. Visitor attendance has routinely out paced national trends and within the last three years alone nearly 80 collector cars have been donated to the collection which now numbers near 300 vehicles.

Recently the museum constructed the Restoration and Education Center for its "Gilmore Garage Works" high school program, partnered with the H. H. Franklin Club in recreating an early Franklin Motor Car dealership and completed a new exhibit wing. In 2011, a new building dedicated to exhibiting vintage m otorcycles opened and announcements followed that three more prominent museums—Cadillac–LaSalle, Lincoln, and Model A Ford—would each being joining the Gilmore Campus with museum structures of their own.

Also on site are:

- Classic Car Club of America Museum
- Pierce-Arrow Museum
- Franklin Collection at Hickory Corners
- Midwest Miniatures Museum and the
- Tucker Historical Collection and Library

"When Donald and Genevieve Gilmore opened their private collection to the public nearly 50 years ago, they invested the Gilmore Car Museum with a mission to teach and inspire," said museum executive director Michael Spezia. Today, just as when the Gilmores first presented the non-profit museum to the community, it is driven by success.

The Gilmore Car Museum, located in the heart of west Michigan midway between Detroit and Chicago and northeast of Kalamazoo, is now open year-round. To plan your visit, please go to: GilmoreCarMuseum.org or call the museum at 269-671-5089.

Photo credit: Gilmore Car Museum

Get Your CLC Museum & Research Center

2012 Calendar

The CLC Museum & Research Center is in the middle of a fundraising campaign. A location for a permanent building has been selected at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The sooner our fundraising goal is met, is the sooner that ground can be broken to start construction.

Please consider purchasing a calendar or two if you have not already placed your order for this year. Shown below is an order form and couple of photos of the beautiful Cadillacs included in this year's calendar.

Thank you.
Sue Pash
Motor City Region CLC

2012 Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum Calendar Order Form

Please send check or money order (sorry, we're unable to accept credit cards) made out to the CLC Museum & Research Center, Inc. (U.S. funds only), indicating quantity desired to:

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