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Coming Events & Headlines

**Spinnaker Lunch
and Bay Model Tour**
Sausalito, CA
July 8th

Roaring Camp
Felton, CA near Santa Cruz Mountains
August 12th (Detailed Plans coming soon)



Concours d'Elegance
August 26, 2012
Featuring Cadillac!

<http://www.hillsboroughconcours.org>

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**2012 HILLSBOROUGH
CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE**

CRYSTAL SPRINGS GOLF COURSE • AUGUST 26TH, 2012 • 10AM - 4PM



Message From The Editor

Dear Fellow CLC Members,

Urgent Request: Please enter your Cadillac or LaSalle in the Hillsborough Concours. Cadillac is a featured marque, and we really want to make a good showing of our prized possessions. See details for registration inside – deadline is July 15th; event is August 26th.



May has been a busy month, hasn't it?! On my own agenda, I had scheduled some long-needed maintenance to my '49 Caddy in preparation for the car show season. The car went into the shop at Vintage Vehicles here in Novato early in the month for a Spring Spruce Up (this means replace or top off all fluids, tighten anything that looks like it could be tightened, try to stop those pesky little leaks, adjust the brakes, etc. This year I decided to address some chrome pieces that were in need of re-chroming. Am I the only one who still falls on the floor when I see how much re-chroming small parts can cost? I also sprang for four new Diamondback tires and new, properly fitting carpet. I had tried to do a carpet kit on my own a couple of years ago, and have suffered numerous insults from friends about how awful the carpets looked.

By the time the parts were removed, sent off for chroming and returned for installation, it was one week before the Marin-Sonoma Tour d'Elegance and Concours. I sweated bullets all the way to the Friday before the event when my good friend Walt Jenson at Vintage Vehicles called to announce the job was done. The result was a big improvement to the old buggy.

The Tour d'Elegance was wonderful. We started in downtown Larkspur for registration, pastries, coffee and tire kicking with the outstanding array of cars and drivers. The tour went east to Stinson Beach then north on CA-1 through some of the most beautiful country in the world. We ended up at the Keller Estate Winery near Petaluma to view just a few of Arturo Keller's automobile collection... Awesome is the best term I can come up with to describe the garages full of Italian and French automobiles, each one magnificent. The 1931 Alpha Romeo Concorrente 6C 1750 GS Flying Star Touring, pictured here with Mr. and Mrs. Keller is just one example.



The following day was the Concours which was another outstanding event chaired by John Nirenstein of Tiburon. I joined a crew of people lead by Bob Capurro to manage the Entry Gate – welcoming each entrant and helping them get parked in their appropriate class areas. Once all the entries were placed, I simply enjoyed the show.



The work on my Caddy paid off – it won 2nd in Class and received a beautiful crystal trophy with Frank Lloyd Wright design.

All the Best!

Charles Thompson



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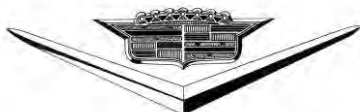
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CLC 2012 Calendar of Events

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.

June 7-11	* Peggy Sue's All American Cruise, Santa Rosa
June 13-16	CLC Grand National, St. Augustine, Florida
June 23-24	* Palo Alto Concours
June 24	* Pinole Cruisin' In The Sun Car Show. 510/233-0721 http://www.northerncaliforniacruisers.com/
June 24	* Sunday Cruise In in Downtown Petaluma -- last Sunday of each month, May thru October. Website: www.SundayCruiseIn.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 25-26	* Hillsborough Concours - Cadillac will be a featured marque! Visit www.hillsboroughconcours.org for registration details
September 15	* Danville Concours d'Elegance http://www.danville-delegance.org/
September 22	* Ironstone Concours, Murphys, CA
September 30	* Nostalgia Day Car Show - Livermore www.altamontcruisers.org/
October 5 - 6	North-South Meet, The Apple Farm in San Luis Obispo
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)

Congratulations to the new lineup of NorCal CLC Board Members

We would like to give a **big thanks** to outgoing member, Nick Rassushin and a **big welcome** to incoming new member Jim Serwer. The continued service to the club by all of the members of the Board is crucial to the success of the Club. See all the names and positions in the panel at left.

Here's a treat. Watch the YouTube video at

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=b4S7T05zTqY

What better automobile could have delivered Betty White onto the stage?





August 25 and 26, 2012

The Hillsborough Concours will be held on the beautiful fairways of the Crystal Springs Golf Course. An exclusive group of cars that meet the selection committee's high standards of authenticity and excellence will be on display amidst a setting of lush green coastal foothills and the Crystal Springs Reservoir. The golf course is conveniently located immediately upon exiting the Black Mountain Road off-ramp of Highway 280 in Hillsborough.

Taking advantage of the Bay Area's record of near-perfect early fall weather, the Tour d'Elegance, a road-rally for Concours participants and car enthusiasts, will be held on Saturday, August 25th. The Concours D'Elegance will take place on Sunday, August 26th.

The Hillsborough Concours Foundation was established in 2010 to significantly extend the philanthropic reach and impact of the Concours organization. In addition to the Hillsborough Schools Foundation, all net proceeds from the Concours and its associated activities will benefit Autism Speaks, a national charity with the goal to change the future for all who struggle with Autism spectrum disorders, and the 49ers Foundation, which supports development programs for underserved youth that help keep them 'Safe, on Track and In School.'

Whether a veteran Concours entrant or a first time attendee, all will marvel at the timeless automotive designs whose aesthetics, innovative engineering, character and attention to detail make them as relevant today as they were when first introduced decades ago.

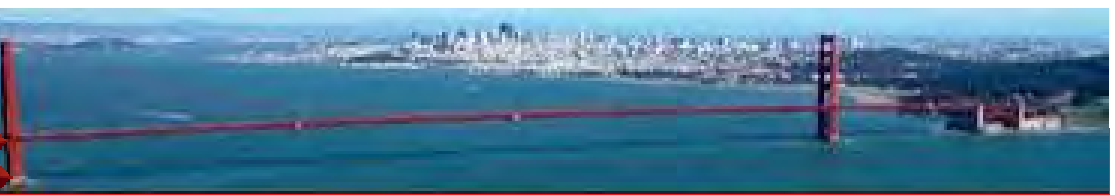
Visit website <http://www.hillsboroughconcours.org> to find the online application. If you don't have internet access and would like a paper copy to mail in, just contact Charles Thompson at 415-519-7468.

Saturday 25th August -- Pre-registration required.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Tour d'Elegance - Our 12th Annual event! Includes luncheon and memento.
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Honorary Judge's Reception held at the famous Candy Store.

Sunday 26th August – the 56th annual Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance

7:00 am - 9:30 am	Cars placed on the field
10:00 am	Gates open to the public
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Judging of Classes
1:00 pm	Parade d'Elegance, featuring Master of Ceremonies, John Joss
2:45 pm	Presentation of Class Awards, Overall Awards, and Best of Show
4:00 pm	Cars exit the field



Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary

Golden Gate Festival **Sunday, May 27**<http://goldengatebridge75.org/>



The 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge was a monumental event (pun intended)! The day was filled with cars, stars, flyovers, ships, boats, helicopters, music, food... you name it. These next pages show a bit of the good time had by a small group of friends who, at first huddled in a circle of lawn chairs snug in our jackets. As the day evolved, the sun came out and the jackets came off. This particular Plymouth was very special: a rare



1942 "blackout" model owned by Denise Brady seen here in her Rosy-the-Riveter outfit. It seemed like a zillion people just had to have a picture of "Rosy" next to her wartime Plymouth.





We loved seeing Bob Shultz' 1937 Cadillac Model 7529 that was one of the first cars to drive over the GGB on May 28, 1937. Fireboat, the Jeremiah O'Brien. Another first across the bridge – the 1937 Packard. We were shocked at the size of the USS Nimitz Aircraft Carrier with about 3,000 sailors lining the edges.





Here we see Charles Thompson's '49 Caddy in the early morning fog (the top came down when the sun came out), and Don Barnes camped out behind the sharkfins of his 1958 Elodorado Biarritz. Below right is Al Murolo in his 1960 Cad convertible. Below that is immense trunk of the 1963 or 64 Cad Coupe de Ville driven by Anthony and Diane Sotille. Below at left is a new member of the Henry Hopkins – Richard Palmer collection. It is a beautiful Pontiac woody station wagon.

The fireworks were beyond fabulous. They started with a rain of fire falling from the entire length of the bridge, a veritable Niagra Falls of fire. This was followed by barges shooting fireworks and laser lights. More fireworks were shot out from



CLC California Regions Annual North-South Meet

October 5 - 6, 2012, San Luis Obispo



Start looking forward to making reservations at the Apple Farm for the nights of October 4th and 5th (the event is on October 5th and 6th). More detailed plans will be revealed in the next newsletter. We traditionally organize a tour from the Bay Area (usually from San Jose) down to San Luis Obispo. If you would like to join such a tour, contact Jerry Brick (contact info is on page 3).

The Spinnaker

50 YEARS OF BREATHTAKING VIEWS & MEMORABLE OCCASIONS

SPINNAKER LUNCH & BAY MODEL TOUR **July 8, 2012 – Arranged by Nick Rassushin**

We will start with lunch at 11:30AM, at The Spinnaker (100 Spinnaker Dr., Sausalito, CA 94965, 415-332-1500). Lunch is on your own. After lunch, it's a very short drive to the Bay Model Visitors Center. Hours for Sunday are 10:00AM – 5:00PM, (2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965, 415-332-3871). Although the address for the Bay Model is on Bridgeway, the building itself is actually located off of Marinship Way, which splits off of Bridgeway just to the south and runs down a small hill to the building. Once you've turned onto Marinship Way signs will lead you to parking, you can't miss the building since it's over two acres in size.

The cost for admission is free but a donation is requested (and well deserved, since they're teaching people to preserve the Bay).

What makes the model special is that its pipes and hydraulics make it a real simulation of the water environment of the San Francisco Bay and the Delta. The tide actually changes every 3.8 minutes. Go to <http://www.oursausalito.com/bay-model.html>, to find more interesting facts of the Bay Model.





Marin Sonoma Concours d' Elegance





John Nirenstein,
Chairman





THE 2012 DON FROLICH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MEET AT PORTAL PARK IN CUPERTINO

Hosted by the
**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION,
CADILLAC-LA SALLE CLUB, INC.
SUNDAY JULY 29th, 2012**



NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK FOR THIS YEARS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-CLC NATIONAL MEET! This is always the most popular event of the NORCAL CLC touring season. There is an entry blank/reservation form elsewhere in this newsletter. You will find driving directions below.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK TO JEFF NIELSEN BEFORE JULY 20th. *Earlier would be most helpful. After that deadline, you are still welcome to attend, but bring your own food and drink and plan to park in the parking lot.*

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS-**EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE FURNISHED** ;
CHOICE OF CHICKEN, ITALIAN SAUSAGE, OR BBQ'D TRI-TIPS OF BEEF, CHILI, CHOICE OF GREEN OR POTATO SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, WATERMELON, AND HOT DOGS FOR THE KIDS

**SEE THE REGISTRATION FORM TO REGISTER YOUR CAR AND ORDER THE BBQ LUNCH
PLAN TO ARRIVE AT PORTAL PARK BETWEEN 10:00 AND 11:30am.
THE BARBQUE LUNCH IS SERVED PROMPTLY AT NOON!**

PLEASE NOTE - - (ESPECIALLY NEW MEMBERS) you don't need to come in a Cadillac, LaSalle, or other vintage vehicle in order to participate in this event, nor need your automobile be in top show condition to join us. This is a very low key, social, fun event. There's a great play area for small children, and there is lots of grass and shade in this safe RESIDENTIAL PARK AREA.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? Please call JEFF NIELSEN@ 650 740 5204. PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK TO JEFF BEFORE JULY 20th. THANK YOU!

SEATING FOR EATING

Since we are experiencing a larger group at this event every year, and seating in the designated BBQ area is minimal, I would like to encourage anyone who has a folding picnic table and benches, to bring them along. There are lots of places under the trees where you can set up for your BBQ lunch in shady comfort.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO PORTAL PARK IN CUPERTINO

From anywhere in the Bay Area - - - Drive to 280 (between 85 and 880) in Cupertino. Turn west on **WOLFE ROAD** (toward the hills). Go past the Cupertino Square Shopping Center, to **STEVENS CREEK BLVD**. Turn right on Stevens Creek and go 1 long block (pass 1 stop light) to **PORTAL AVE**. Turn right on Portal Ave, go past the round-a-bout and you will soon see **PORTAL PARK** on the left. There are barriers at the first parking lot entrance, so go to the 2nd entrance where you will see the "CLC BBQ" sign. Turn left into the lot, left again, and follow the signs and arrows back thru the parking lot and they will guide you into the park and BBQ area. (Turn right up a slight incline next to the debris bins) It's a piece of cake from there. ----

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE! Jeff Nielsen

THE 2012 DON FROLICH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MEET
AT PORTAL PARK IN CUPERTINO, SUNDAY JULY 29TH, 2012
HOSTED BY THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION INC., OF
THE CADILLAC & LASALLE CLUB, INC.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS ENTIRE FORM AND SEND IT WITH YOUR CHECK MADE OUT TO NORCAL C&LC TO---- JEFF NIELSEN 949 CHERRY ST. SAN CARLOS, CA 94070-3204

CHECKS AND REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE JULY 20th.

CLASSES (Cad and LaSalle only)....Please indicate yours on the entry form below

(A) 02-24 CAD	(F) 48-49 CAD	(L) 61-64 CAD	(Q) 1981 TO CURRENT CAD
(B) 25-33 CAD	(G) 50-53 CAD**	(M) 65-70 CAD	(R) V12 & V16, ALL YEARS
(C) 34-40 CAD	(H) 54-56 CAD**	(N) 71-80 CAD	(S) LA SALLE 27-33
(D) 1941 CAD	(J) 57-58 CAD**	(O) ELDO 53-66	(T) LA SALLE 34-40
(E) 42-47 CAD	(K) 59-60 CAD*	(P) ELDO 67-80 **EXCEPT ELDORADO	

PLEASE LIST YOUR ENTRY(S) ("MAKE" means Cadillac, LaSalle, or other Marque)

MAKE	YEAR	CLASS	SERIES	BODY STYLE

OTHER MARQUE	YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE

THE FOLLOWING RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED !

Whereas the undersigned, desiring to enter and participate in the 2012 Nor Cal Region, C&LC Inc. National meet does hereby tender his/her application to participate. Now therefore, in consideration of acceptance by the Club of the undersigned's application to participate in said event, the undersigned does hereby:

RELEASE THE CITY OF CUPERTINO, ITS OFFICERS AND AGENTS, THE CADILLAC AND LA SALLE CLUB, INC. AND ITS OFFICERS AND AGENTS, AND THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION OF THE C&LC AND ITS OFFICERS AND AGENTS, FROM ANY LIABILITY ARISING FROM SAID EVENT; AND 2, RELEASE ALL OTHER MEMBERS, PARTICIPANTS, AND OFFICIALS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING FROM SAID EVENT.

THIS APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED IN ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SIGNATURE(S) _____ **OR** _____
 OWNER/MEMBER DATE EXHIBITOR DATE

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ADULTS---CHICKEN x # _____ ITALIAN SAUSAGE x # _____ @ \$16.00 EA= \$ _____

BARBEQUED TRI TIPS 12 OZ x # _____ @ \$18.00 EA= \$ _____

CHILDREN (under 10 years) HOT DOG & trimmings x # _____ @ \$ 9.00 EA= \$ _____

REGISTRATION FEE, including any number of cars will entitle the registrant to one dash plaque per vehicle. THIS REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE PAID BY EVERY REGISTRANT!!! \$ 10.00

MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO NORCAL C&LC FOR THE AMOUNT SHOWN- total- \$

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME _____ Phone (____) _____
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