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Coming Events & Headlines

**Brunch at The Spinnaker
in Sausalito**
Sunday, January 27th 11:00 AM



International Auto Show
Sunday, January 10th – 13th
San Jose



SILICON VALLEY INTERNATIONAL
AUTO SHOW

**Photos from The Academy
of Art University Tour**
October 25, 2012



Anti-Football Run
January 1, 2013





Message From The Editor

Dear Fellow CLC Members,

You think the old car event season is winding down in deference to the holidays and the end of another year. But, wait a minute, the beat goes on! Just check out the array of events listed in our brand new 2013 Calendar of Events. This list is the result of the work and ideas of a dedicated and stalwart group of CLC Members. This group, made up of members of the Board of Directors and Guests, came together at Harry's Hofbrau to partake of Harry's down home cooking, and to produce an initial list of events. As time goes by, this list will be enhanced and changed, so make sure you always check the latest version. If you have ideas for a tour, and especially if you would like to arrange and lead a tour, please do not hesitate to contact any board member. These tours are intended to provide something for everyone.

One comment I took heed of was that most of our events are car-related, maybe too many. Huh? It was carefully and diplomatically explained to me by Joan Drees and Pat Brick that many people very much enjoy events that you may travel to by car, but which are not about the car. Consequently, we hope you will suggest any type of event that you think our members would enjoy. We'll get there by any means, after all... it's the company that really counts.

We had a terrific time touring the Academy of Art University's collection of some of the finest vintage cars anywhere. Right in downtown San Francisco within a few blocks of each other stand two outstanding garages full of the most gorgeous eye candy this side of Victoria's Secret. The one at Van Ness and Columbus is more formal with placards, statues, hushed surroundings made of stone and marble. Here lives a most regal collection of fine automobiles collected in hopes that the students of the Academy can study and learn from the masters of rolling sculpture, art nouveau, art deco, as well as modern automobiles whose style and youth stirred the heart as more than just vehicles. A second garage at Van Ness and O'Farrell is more of a real garage, albeit one as clean as a pin. It sports a huge spiral driveway ascending from basement level to a third floor. No placards, no chandeliers and no marble statues, just a virtual treasure trove of the best automobiles ever to roll on pavement. This garage is directly across the street from the historic building at 1000 Van Ness which is formerly a Cadillac dealership and is now an AMC theater with space for lease.

Coming up in January is our annual "New Member" brunch. This event is for all members young and old, and members who joined in 2012 along with one guest are being treated to brunch by the NorCal CLC Club. The brunch will be at the Spinnaker in Sausalito where the food is divine and the views are sublime. Please RSVP to Charles Thompson (see contact information inside) and come join us!

We are busy planning for the 2013 National Driving Tour sponsored by our Northern California Region and coordinated by "Tour Bosses," Ed Gunther and Bob Fracolli. Planned for June 2 - 7, 2013, this will be a 5-night, 6-day trip starting in Napa, CA; looping up through the California redwood forests through Eureka and on to Grants Pass, Oregon; then to Crater Lake; then south along the Cascades to Canby, Redding, Red Bluff, Paskenta, and terminating back in Napa, CA. This will be a trip to remember forever, so plan to get your car ready for the road. Details will be coming out soon.

We would like to introduce our new Western Regional Vice President from the National CLC Club, Mr. Phil Terry who resides in Phoenix, AZ. Welcome, Phil! We look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Check our website if you are connected to the internet. www.clnorcal.com has loads of information. We are so fortunate to have David Brick as our Webmaster!

All the Best! *Charles Thompson*



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CLC 2012 - 2013 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.

December 1	12:30 pm, CLC Board Meeting – Jerry Brick's home, 733 Crompton Rd, Redwood City, CA
January 1	* Anti-Football Run - Amici americani della Mille Miglia, 8:00 am meet at Poggio in Sausalito; 9:00 am departure; 1:00 pm no-host lunch at Poggio. See Entry Form inside. Entry Deadline: 12/1/12
January 10 -13	* Silicone Valley International Car Show San Jose McEnery Convention Center 150 West San Carlos Street San Jose, CA 95113 408.277.5277
January 27	11:00 am, New CLC Member Brunch – ALL Members are invited. Spinnaker Restaurant, 100 Spinnaker Drive, Sausalito, CA 94965
February 3	* The Superbowl!
February 10	CLC Board Meeting – Time and Place to be determined (Jeff)
February 17	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Valentine's Day Party at the Bricks, 733 Crompton Road, Redwood City, hosted by Carolyn Dippel and Jerry & Pat Brick. Bring your sweetie pie! Look for more details soon.
March 31	Tour of the KRE Radio Museum in Berkeley followed by lunch. Details coming soon!
April (TBD)	Pixar Studio Tour, Emeryville, CA Details coming soon!
April 21	CLC Board Meeting – Sinbad's restaurant in SF Time to be determined (Don)
April 27 - 28	* Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay, CA
April 28	* California Mille Tribute to Martin Swig, The Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco
April 28	* Grass Valley Car Show historicgrassvalley.com 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Downtown Grass Valley - 530-272-8315
May 17 – 19	* Marin-Sonoma Concours, San Rafael, CA
May 16 – 18	* Salute to American Graffiti, Petaluma, CA An annual celebration of American Graffiti, classic American cars, cruising the "main drag", rock 'n roll music and the "happy days" of the '50s and early '60s.
May 19	* Friendship Day Pacific Shores Center. 1300 Seaport Blvd. in Redwood City, CA.
June 2 – 7	NorCal CLC National Driving Tour Napa, Fortuna, Grants Pass, Crater Lake, Canby, Redding!
July 14	CLC Board Meeting – Pyramid restaurant in Berkeley, CA Time to be determined (Carolyn)



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The 2013 planning meeting was held on November 4th at Harry's Hofbrau in Foster City. Board Members and Guests discussed a myriad of ideas and events. We are pleased to present the initial calendar. If you have ideas, please submit them to Carolyn Dippel at 650/823-5584 or at Cadillaccrazy@yahoo.com.

We very much appreciate those who attended the Planning Meeting and provided their time and ideas!

2013 Calendar of Events (continued)

July 28

2013 Don Frolich Memorial National Meet (Portal Park Picnic) and CLC Board Meeting, Portal Ave, Cupertino, CA

August 17



* Hot August Niles Car Show, Niles Canyon, CA

No car is too old or new! This is an entertaining day for the entire family. Live band will perform. 50/50 Raffle (must be present to win). Pre-registration is \$18 per vehicle, register by Aug 1, 2010 deadline to receive this discounted rate. \$25 after 1st. See <http://nilesmerchants.com>

August 18

* Pebble Beach Concours

September 27-28 * Ironstone Concours, Murphys, CA

October 5-6 **50th Annual North-South Meet** (Dates to be confirmed)

November 10 **2014 CLC Planning Meeting** (Time and Place TBD)



CARS FOR SALE

1964 Cadillac Convertible -- \$25,000 or Best Offer

- Body and Paint complete w / new convertible canvas top including new hydraulic pump and motor
- Complete interior and rugs. Engine rebuilt and new exhaust all done at the same time in April of 2000. At that time the mileage was 42,846
- Brakework completed in 2005, mileage at that time was 48,125
- Transmission rebuilt in 2006
- New Tires in 2008 mileage 53,205
- Current mileage on car as of November 2012 is 58,775

Contact phone # (650) 479-6367 ask for Dave





Sunday Brunch at the Spinnaker January 27, 2013 at 11:00 am

All members of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club and their Guests are invited to enjoy a Sunday Brunch together. Those new members joining our regional club in 2012 plus one guest will receive lunch at no cost, compliments of the Club.

You'll be able to select your lunch from an extensive menu to suit your appetite. The Spinnaker specializes in seafood, but also offers a variety of salads, pastas, meats and poultry.

After lunch, you'll be able to talk and mingle with friends, and take a walk around charming Sausalito. If you bring a vintage Cadillac or LaSalle, the tourists will be most appreciative.

The Spinnaker has valet parking, as well as a self park area. Please join us and indicate your plan with an **RSVP to Charles Thompson by calling 415-519-7468 or emailing Cadillac1949@aol.com no later than January 21st.**



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ANTI-FOOTBALL RUN

New Year's Day

1 January 2013



We'll meet again at Poggio in Sausalito at 8:00 a.m. to drink coffee, sign waivers and distribute the route directions. Poggio is located at 777 Bridgeway in downtown Sausalito, please park in the public parking lot across the street.

The tour leaves promptly at 9:00 a.m. We'll drive, rain or shine, so make sure the top doesn't leak and the wipers work. The drive takes about 4 hours and takes us over some great, scenic backroads. We'll return to POGGIO for lunch at about 1 p.m. and with any mechanical luck, you'll be home before dark!

What do I need to do next? Respond before 1 December 2012 with a check for \$35 per person – this fee applies to all, cap or not. Please respond promptly, as lunch seating and cap supply will be limited.

Please keep upper portion of this form, so you know where and when to meet us. Make your own lunch reservation (no-host) at Poggio by calling 415-332-7771 and tell them you'll be joining the New Year's Day Car Group for lunch.



Which car can I bring? Bring something interesting that you like to drive and others would enjoy looking at. We'd prefer something at least 25 years old, but driving with friends is the important part.

Football: What's that? Bring your Walkman... but this is a lot more fun! Hope to see you there... David Swig

Make your check payable to "Amici americani", and mail to:

Amici americani della Mille Miglia, 154 Mitchell Blvd., San Rafael, CA 94903

Questions: David Swig 415.479.9950 or Dan Radowicz 415.479.9940, dan@californiamille.com

Detach below & return before 1 December 2012 along with a check for \$35 per person.

Due to the holiday closure of our vendor, entries submitted after the deadline will not receive the commemorative cap; and we may have to decline your late entry due to space.



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Co-Driver Name: _____



Tour of the Art Academy University Vintage Car Collection – October 25th

Photos by Jim Serwer and Charles Thompson



1948 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible Coupe

1948 was an important and transitional year for Cadillac. It was the first year for the now famous Cadillac tail-fins inspired by the Lockheed P-38 fighter plane as well as the final year of the venerable “flathead” V8 engine introduced over a decade earlier. The instrument panel design was unique to 1948 models. Of the 5,450 convertibles produced, it is estimated that approximately 100 remain. This 4,450 pound example was priced at \$3,440 when new and was propelled via GM’s excellent Hydramatic four speed fully automatic transmission.

[Editor: because the backlighting was so intense in the museum, photography was very difficult. I have substituted a file copy of this magnificent example.]



1931 Cadillac V8 Roadster

Cadillac was founded by Henry Leland in 1902. He was a gun maker and had a passion for precision craftsmanship and standardized parts for interchangeability. Leland’s Cadillac became part of General Motors in 1909 as a middle priced car. Cadillac introduced its first V8 in 1915. V16’s and V12’s followed in the 1930’s. This model is powered by a venerable 130 HP L-head V8. Coachwork is by Fleetwood and features a rumble seat to add sportiness. Price when new was approximately \$2,950.



Tour of the Art Academy University Vintage Car Collection



Paul Borgwardt was kind enough to arrange tours of not one but two of the University's vintage auto collections. Paul is pictured below center ushering us about the showrooms, explaining things and answering a flurry of questions. Several of Paul's working companions were also present and were most helpful with our questions. At right is a beautiful champagne colored La Salle convertible coupe waiting in the corridor to be driven to its garage space. Below is a 1940 (I think) bright red Lincoln Zephyr convertible.



Tour of the Art Academy University Vintage Car Collection

Below left is Carolyn Dippel studying one of the many informative placards posted in front of cars notifying the viewer of history and interesting facts about each car.



Remaining photos are of a lovely pale gray 1941 Cadillac Sixty Special, a stunning 1940 Lincoln Continental, a Hispano Suiza and an Isotta Fraschini with exquisite beauty built into every detail.



Tour of the Art Academy University Vintage Car Collection

Here, the group is gathered and is trying to figure out what to look at first, what direction to take. To old car guys, being this close to a collection like this is like being in a vast cathedral, causing them to stand quietly, hands in pockets.



At right, Paul Borgwardt patiently answers questions. Below is a 1966 Cadillac, and an incredible 1930 Duesenberg J Dual Cowl Phaeton. At the bottom are photos of our group watching one of the docents gently roll up the second windshield of a huge Packard, and figure out how to deploy the wind wing windows.



1930 Duesenberg J Dual Cowl Phaeton



1949 Cadillac Coupe de Ville

In addition to the one millionth model to roll off the assembly line, Cadillac also introduced its excellent and now infamous overhead-valve V8 engine...a power plant that would remain in production virtually unchanged into the 1960's. Mated to the Hydra-Matic transmission, this 160 HP engine would define the smooth and powerful Cadillac performance image. The Coupe De Ville marked the introduction of the "hard-top convertible" body style that caught everyone by surprise. This particular example is the car from which Franklin Mint would craft its scale die-cast model, so you too may already own it!

[Editor – I checked my collection of Franklin Mint models, and sure enough, I do own this exact model! This model was also included in the January 2013 edition of Hemmings Classic Car Magazine as one of the Top 100 American collector cars of all time. I have notified the editors at Hemmings Classic Car that while they named and described the Coupe de Ville, they pictured the Club Coupe fastback model in their magazine.]



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Below right is Jerry Brick and his Brother-in-Law ready to place their order at Sammy's Gourmet Delicatessen which came highly recommended by Don Barnes. Below left, another two tables full of "tourons" is figuring out what special treats to order. Below are photos of a sweet 1960 MG-A and a pristine 1941 Cadillac Sixty Special.



1960 MG-A 1600 Roadster

The MG-A dates back to 1952 when designer Syd Enever created a streamlined body on the "T" type chassis for Le Mans racing privateer George Phillips. The "A", deemed commercially successful, was introduced at the 1955 Frankfurt Auto show. Over 100 thousand were produced from 1955 to 1962 and most were exported from England. In 1959, the model was improved with front disc brakes and a larger 1588 cc engine of 78 HP mated to a 4 speed manual gear box. Top speed was 98 MPH and these cars were very successful in SCCA racing events.

