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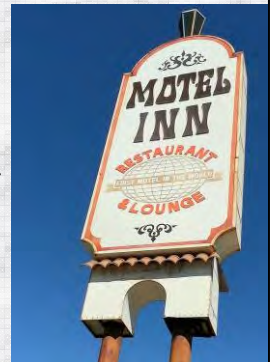
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Coming Events & Headlines

2013 Planning Meeting
Harry's Hofbrau in Foster City
Sunday, November 4th 11:30 AM

Photos from The
North-South Meet
October 5-6-7, 2012





Message From The Editor

Dear Fellow CLC Members,

October seemed to come and go quickly. And here I thought the car-related events would be winding down for the season. Not so; the California weather got a bit rainy but just enough to scrub the air and bring on a wonderful Indian Summer.

We all got caught up with watching the marvelous entertainment brought by the San Francisco Giants and all the funny and weird fans that can't get enough. Congratulations to the team for once again bringing the World Series trophy home to SF. The photo below shows what my car (or your car) would look like to celebrate the victory.

This newsletter is loaded with photos from the North-South Meet. All who went had a great time and enjoyed the company. All the "Old Tire Kickers" were in their prime, and there was a good deal of vying to see who had paid the most for gas which was nearing the \$5.00 per gallon mark. Remember when the old gas pumps used to ring as the gas was being pumped in? Now we just hear the "ka-ching, ka-ching" of our Cadillacs as we roll up the miles, and we try to ignore the gas guage.

A group of us had an opportunity to get inside not one, but two of the showrooms owned by The Academy of Arts University in San Francisco. CLC NorCal member, Paul Borgwardt, was kind enough to take us on a grand tour. We inserted a lunch between seeing the two showrooms, and went to a special, old-time delicatessen recommended by Don Barnes. Everyone expressed appreciation to Paul and his buddies, and to the owners of those magnificent machines for allowing us to get up-close and personal with a bit of history. Hopefully, I will have a lot of photos of that event to show you next month and make you thoroughly disgusted that you didn't come out and join us. Maybe next time!

It's important that you participate in this year's planning meeting on Sunday, November 4th. If you can't join us for the lunch at Harry's Hofbrau in Foster City (which I hope you can), then please send your ideas via email or letter. We want to plan events and tours that will provide fun for everyone.

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, our Webmaster, do such an outstanding job!

All the Best! *Charles Thompson*



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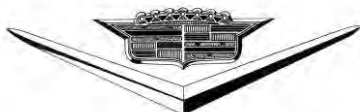
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CLC 2012 Calendar of Events

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.

November 4 **NorCal CLC Annual Planning Meeting and
CLC Board Meeting 11:30 AM Harry's Hofbrau, Foster City**

Welcome!
New Members

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47 Cad Series 61 Fastback

**COME TO THE 2013
PLANNING MEETING
NOVEMBER 4TH, 11:30 AM
SEE ARTICLE ON NEXT PAGE**

Check out all the photos from the 49th Annual North-South Meet in San Luis Obispo. Everyone enjoyed driving down in excellent weather and getting together to renew acquaintances with friends from all corners of the Golden State (and some other states as well).



2013 Nor Cal CLC Planning Meeting

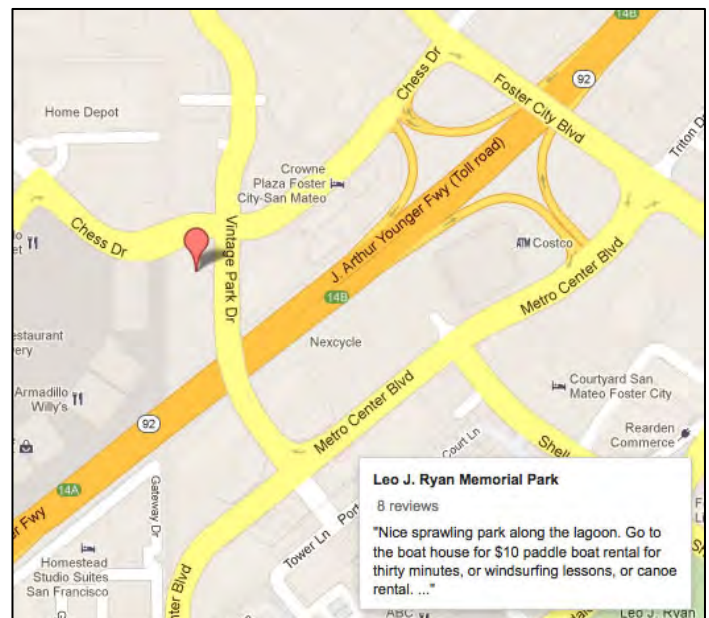
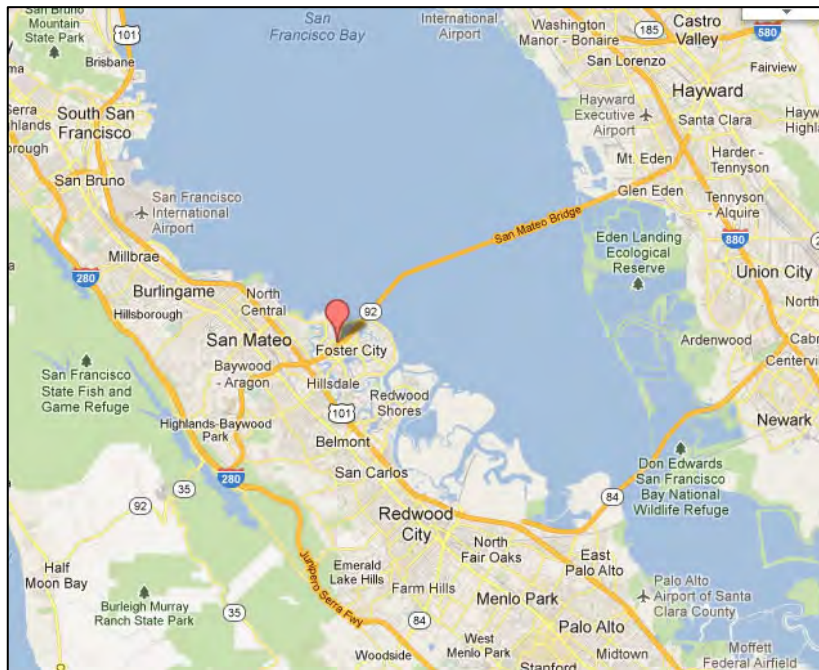
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Harry's Hofbrau Foster City
1297 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404 650/349-8411

See the maps below

The planning meeting this year will be in conjunction with lunch that will be held at Harry's Hofbrau in Foster City. Lunch is on your own, so no need to sign up for this event; just show up with your appetite and some touring ideas!

Immediately after lunch, we'll hold our planning meeting - bring your ideas for tours you'd like to go on in 2013, and any interesting events we might be able to partner with other clubs on. We'll also hold a raffle, with prizes (please contact Carolyn Dippel at 650-823-5584 if you'd like to donate anything to the raffle).





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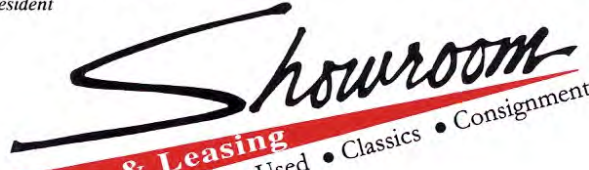
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CLC California Regions

Annual North-South Meet

October 5 - 6, 2012, San Luis Obispo



The 49th Annual North-South Meet was held at the Apple Farm in San Luis Obispo. People travelled north from the greater Los Angeles area and south from the San Francisco Bay and as far away as Oregon! We descended on the Apple Farm and inundated the front desk with people anxious to get settled and get out and meet each other. Jerry & Pat Brick hosted the hospitality suite where there was a spread of appetizers and beverages to share. Everyone put their heads together to decide on where to have dinner on Friday evening. I had the pleasure of riding down to Pismo Beach in Nick Rassushin's 2008 CTS and back to San Luis Obispo in the back of the spacious 1964 Cadillac sedan owned by Rob and Linda Leonard. See more photos on following pages...



More photos from the North-South Meet. Cadillacs young and old populated the Apple Farm's parking lots. Members of the hotel staff were invited to peruse the array of cars and select the winners of an informal "Hotel Staff Best of Show" contest. The awards were designed and commissioned by Jerry Brick, and held an engraved plaque along with an old fashioned gas pump. These were highly prized, especially since the price of gas had zoomed to near \$5 per gallon, and many of us have Cadillacs that rarely like to pass by a station without a sampling of the wares.







Scrabble, anyone?





This 1956 Cadillac Custom View Master Station Wagon showed up unexpectedly at The Apple Farm, and caused quite a stir in that it was simply exquisite. These were built by the Hess & Eisenhardt Company in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1955 and 1956. William 'Bill' Hess, who designed this wagon in conjunction with the Cadillac Motor Car Division of GM, was a graduate of General Motors Institute of Technology; in the fifties, he was considered one of the most advanced stylists in the industry. These luxury station wagons were built on the Series 62 chassis (129-inch wheelbase) using Series 86 Commercial cowl and floor pan. Doors were by Fleetwood. The tail-gate glass was that of the Chevrolet Nomad wagon. Seven were manufactured, each one being different in color and finish from the next; they stood two inches taller than the regular Series 62 Cadillac and each weighed around 5000 pounds. All had chrome window pillars all round and most had imitation wood side-paneling in Fiberglass.



Looks like Scrabble really caught on!



NorCal CLC member Dominic Bavaro (pictured at right) took 3rd place in the Pre-war and Post-war Preservation Class at the Niello Concours held on October 7, 2012 with his lovely 1947 Cadillac 6247 Sedan. Dominic reported that “The event was very enjoyable and extremely well done. The 1st place car was a gem. It was a 1902 Prescott Steam driven carriage, I never saw anything like it before.” The photo below was plucked from the internet and is a 1902 Prescott Steam Racing Car, Prescott Automobile Mfg. Co. New York, NY 1901-1905. Congratulations, Dominic!





There was a wonderfully eclectic group of cars to be enjoyed at the Bon Air Invitational Car Show coordinated by Bob Capurro and supported by a small army of supporters recruited and led by Bob.

This is typical of car shows across America where car owners come out with their shining examples of vintage transportation and “camp out” in folding chairs to welcome the curious passersby. They grin at the gawkers and provide answers to various questions. Sure, cars are made to get one from Point A to Point B, but they are so much more when it comes to a display of heritage, style and open road freedom. God Bless America!

