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PHOTOS BY CHARLES THOMPSON

"Jeff, that was a great event you organized yesterday at the auto museum!
Didn't get to express my thanks before we left. We enjoyed the outing so much. Thanks for your efforts!"
Chris Bailey & Vanessa Andrews

More about the Academy of Art University Automobile Museum Tour on page 4.

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2017 CLC Calendar



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.
Bold = CLC Events.

APRIL 22	**Penngrove Tour**
APRIL 29	Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay
APRIL 30	Red Oak Victory Ship Tour, Richmond *(see pg 9)*
MAY 7	Cars & Coffee @ Blackhawk *Cadillac sub meet at the event.* *(Meet at Starbucks, 11000 Crow Canyon Rd., Danville)*
MAY 14	Maxwell Show
MAY 21	Friendship Day, Redwood Shores *(see pg 3)*
JUNE 4	Cars & Coffee @ Blackhawk *Cadillac sub meet at the event.* *(Meet at Starbucks, 11000 Crow Canyon Rd., Danville)*
JUNE 24	**Board Meeting – 11:30 am** **Spinnaker Restaurant, Sausalito**
JULY 2	Cars & Coffee @ Blackhawk *Cadillac sub meet at the event.* *(Meet at Starbucks, 11000 Crow Canyon Rd., Danville)*
JULY 14-16	Hillsborough Concours de'elagance
JULY 30	**Portal Park, Cupertino**
AUG 1-5	**Washington, DC Grand National**
AUG 20	Pebble Beach Concours de'elagance
SEPT 9	**Point Reyes/Cowgirl Creamery**
SEPT 9	17th Annual Antique Autos, San Jose
SEPT 23	Ironstone, Murphys
OCT 1	Sausalito Show
OCT 1	Niello Show (Serrano) El Dorado Hills
OCT 13-15	**North-South Meet**
OCT 14	Bonn Aire, Sausalito
OCT 22	**Board Meeting**
NOV 4	**Planning Meeting**
DEC 3	**Holiday Party**

Monthly Cars & Coffee Events:

First Saturday
San Francisco

First Sunday
Blackhawk/Danville,
Novato & Sausalito

Second Sunday
Scotts Valley @ Canepa's



CLC Presidents Message

Hello Cadillac Lovers,

We had a great time at the San Francisco Art Academy Automobile Collection. Wow, what a collection! Thanks to Paul Borgwardt for setting this tour up. We have some great choices for tours coming up. Try to join us for at least one of them. It's a guaranteed good time.

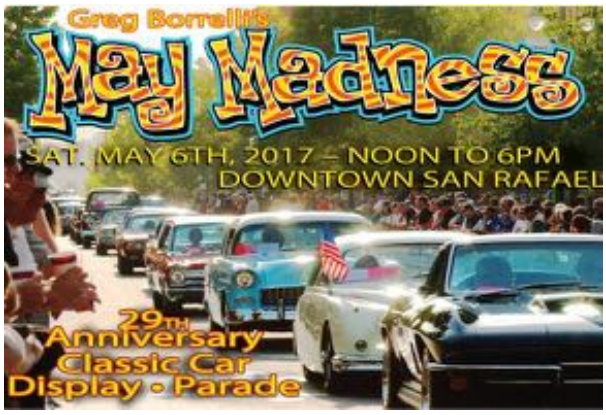
Don't miss out on David Barnhardt's Penngrove Tour, David knows how to put on a great tour. I will be taking reservations for David while his is on vacation.

The Hudson Club has invited us to join them for a tour of the Red Oak ship and Rosie the Riviter Museum on April 10, (see page 9). Friendship day is always one of my favorite events it's low-key with about 4-450 cars.

Jeff Nielsen

42nd Annual Friendship Day
May 21, 2017
8 am – 3 pm

3 Lagoon Drive, Redwood City. Take Marine Parkway (Ralston Ave.) exit off hwy 101 we are east of 101 between Oracle and The Hotel Sofitel. This is our 42nd event and we hope that it will be one of our best. We generally have approx. 400 to 450 vehicles (rain did bring that down to 125 once) and they are of all makes, models and years. There is no judging, and no reservations. $15 entrance fee with complimentary coffee and doughnuts for the early birds. That fee also includes a goodie bag with dash plaque and more, and door prize ticket. Please check out our web site at MPOTAC.org.





1982 CADILLAC ELDORADO BIARRITZ COUPE

This dark blue metallic, 6 way power 50-50 blue leather seats, stainless steel and dark blue leather landau top, heated rear window defogger, illuminated entry system, electric outside rear view mirrors, illuminated vanity mirrors, cruise control, electric fuel filler door, deluxe tilt and telescopic wheel, am/fm stereo scan digital radio, digital instrument cluster, climate control air conditioning, 10,200 original miles, $22,000, Bob Williams 864-246-0318, e/mail: rfw122927@aol.com, web-site: cadillaccreampuffs.com.

More on the Art Academy Tour

STORY & PHOTOS BY: CHARLES THOMPSON

We had a group of about 30 some odd in attendance. Unfortunately, Paul Borgwardt was not feeling well and could not attend to show us around and answer our myriad questions. But he arranged for other employees of the Academy, Wayne and Brian, to welcome us and talk about these magnificent driving machines. We lucked out by arriving at the same time that two of the cars were returning from an outing and parked on Van Ness Avenue. Traffic was stopped on Van Ness as we watched a huge and very long Rolls Royce town car and a gorgeous Packard coupe being carefully backed in to the showroom. With no power options to help steer, Brian showed us how much shoulder muscle must be used to back in to spaces with pillars and other priceless cars close by. Once the two cars were tucked away, I asked if David Barnhardt could park on the street in front of the Academy building. Not only did they agree to this, but told David to bring his 1956 Fleetwood Cadillac and back it right into the collection entranceway. What a thrill! (Photo below)





Based on a recommendation from Don Barnes, we lunched together at a nearby New York style delicatessen that was completely full of clamorous people and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the service and the food. Special thanks to Jeff Nielsen for arranging the tour and to Paul Borgwardt, Wayne and Brian for making this happen, and thanks to all who attended this not-to-be-missed event!



A maroon 1948 Cadillac convertible.
Be still, my heart!

CLC NorCal Tour
Penngrove Power and Implement Museum
Saturday, April 22, 2017

WHEN: Meet at 9:30 AM in the museum parking lot. Tour begins at 10:00.
WHERE: 200 Phillips Dr., Penngrove, CA. 94951 707 795-4849 (Watch for small street sign)
WHAT: A demonstration of large fossil fueled WORKING machinery .
Noisy! Smelly! Oily! Smokey!



The Penngrove Power and Implement Museum is dedicated to preserving, in working condition, the equipment and machinery that helped transition our country from manual labor and animal power to external power sources such as steam, internal combustion (diesel & gas) and electricity. Example: Fairbanks Morse engine 70,000 lbs!

Please meet in the museum parking area at 9:30 AM. We will be allowed to bring our Vintage cars inside the grounds for parking and photo opportunities. More Modern vehicles have to park on the road.

LUNCH: We will rendezvous at Twin Oaks Tavern after the tour. Burgers, Salads, Beer, Fun!

COST: There is a $15 per person donation for the museum.

RSVP: Please call Jeff Nielsen to RSVP and ask any questions at: 650 740-5204.

Directions: A context map is provided on the next page.



Twin Oaks Tavern
5745 Old Redwood Hwy
Penngrove, CA 94951
(707) 795-5118

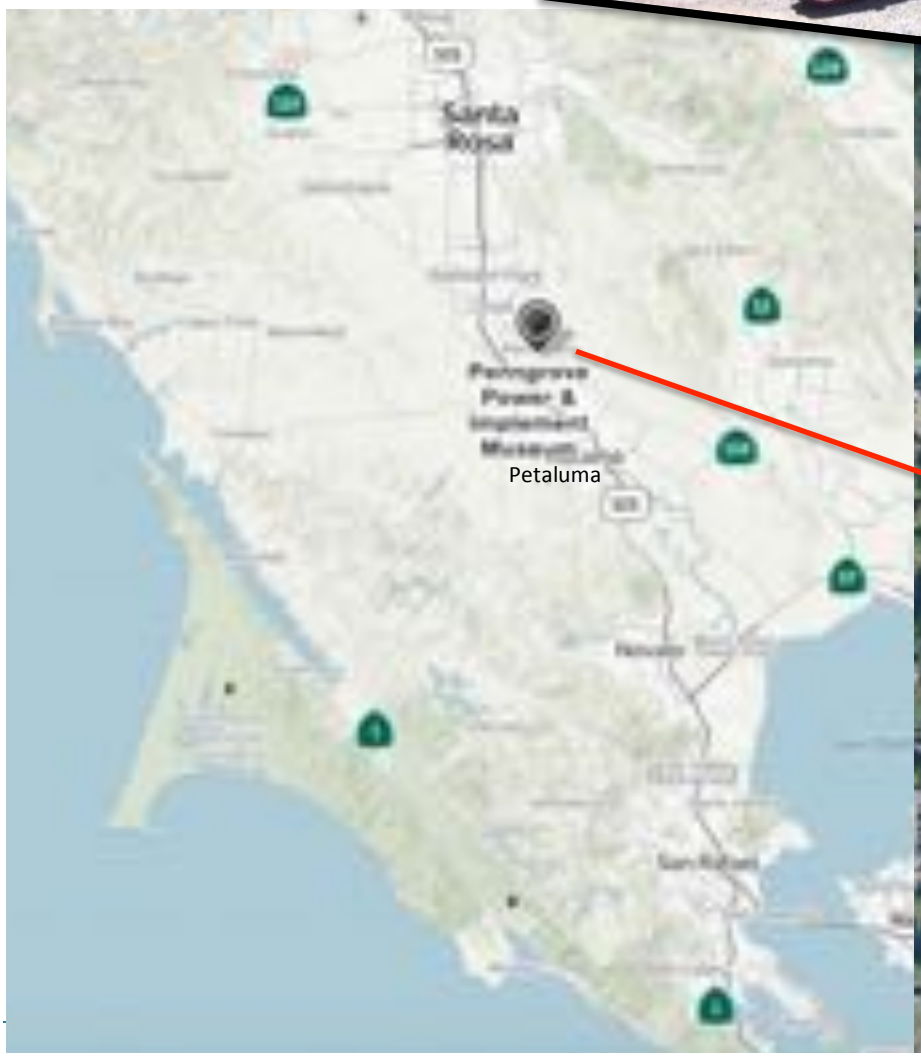


PENNGROVE

POWER AND IMPLEMENT MUSEUM









Cal Expo April 29, 2017

Hi Guys, Girls & Long Time Swap Meet Vendors,

We will now have a permanent home with much more support from the Cal Expo staff. Plus a chance to grow the swap meet — add a classic car auction and we will now have assigned vendor spaces. We hope to have four swap meets a year at Cal Expo. There will be a $10 public parking fee but there's…NO WAY AROUND IT!

I want to thank everyone for all of their past help and support. We sure had some rough spots and you guys helped us to get through (or "Segway" through) those challenges.

Call John Sweeney if you have any questions 916-764-0700.
Sacramento Swap Meet Inc.
P.O. Box 670
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916-955-8777

Nesting Falcon…Nature at its Best!

We've all seen many remarkable nature photographs over the years but this photo of a nesting Falcon in an old tree is perhaps the most remarkable nature shot that I've ever seen. Please show this to your older friends since the younger ones probably have never seen a falcon, and wouldn't recognize it.





Me & My Car: Massive ’39 Caddy a Joy to Ride

By **DAVID KRUMBOLTZ**



We all know Cadillac, America’s best known luxury car and General Motors’ flagship product. But that’s not how it started. Cadillac, now 114 years old, is the second-oldest car brand in America. Only Buick is older. The firm was started with the assets of the financially troubled Henry Ford Co. in 1902, when Henry walked away with $900 and the use of his name. The new company was named after the man who founded Detroit, Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac. Today’s Cadillac crest is based on his coat of arms.

When General Motors bought the Cadillac Motor Co. in 1909, Cadillac already had established an excellent reputation for quality. They were and continued to be a leader in technology including electrical systems, a complete steel roof and the synchromesh transmission in 1928.

This issue’s 1939 Cadillac Series 7519 seven-passenger sedan has been owned by San Leandro resident Cliff Thompson for about six years. He bought it from his good friend and neighbor, George Teebay, who owned the Cadillac for 42 years but has fallen in love with Pierce-Arrow cars. When Thompson acquired the car, it wasn’t running. Thompson, Teebay and other car collectors in the area help each other with their classic vehicles. Collectively it took about 2½ years to get it running properly. Teebay said this Cadillac was built on Nov. 4, 1938, and shipped to the Cadillac dealer in Reno. “My speculation is that it was sold to someone with a large family where the kids don’t mind sitting on a jump seat.”

This model has an adjustable front seat, not normal in the limousine-size Cadillac. At the time this car was built, it would have probably been chauffeur-driven, so by making the front seat stationary, a long-legged chauffeur can’t move the driver seat back to infringe on the passenger area. This car is technically not a limousine, although it is the same size. To qualify as a limo it would have to have a glass partition to separate the chauffeur from the passengers.

The car has been driven about 150,000 miles and is all original, not restored. Even the AM radio works. Thompson calls his car a survival-class vehicle. Naturally the black paint shows some wear from its 78-year history, but the interior is unbelievably nice. The cloth headliner is perfect, as are the soft-pleated cloth bench seats in the front and rear, plus it has two jump seats. It has a unique feature I had never seen before. On the back of the front seat, a slender hinged compartment the width of the seat opens to store umbrellas. Once open, the door becomes a narrow table, suitable for holding containers of liquid refreshments for the passengers in the rear. Could this have been the forerunner of the cup holder?

Thompson’s Cadillac is on its third engine, but it is a legitimate 1939 Cadillac 346-cubic-inch V-8 engine rated at 140 horsepower and has a three-speed column-mounted manual transmission. The column transmission was introduced in 1938, and GM called it a “Safety Gear Shift Control.”

At the time this car was built, the national highway speed limit was 45 mph, and the Cadillac did that well. But Thompson felt it was dangerously slow for today’s freeway travel. Trying to go the current speed limit of 65 mph was stressing the engine, so he added a Mitchell overdrive unit. Now the car is always in overdrive, even in first gear and it works perfectly. He also added turn signals and an electric fuel pump. “Because the wheelbase is so long that without an electric fuel pump in the back, the car gets vapor lock easily, especially on summer days.” When the door slams, you know it is a very well built car. It weighs about 5,500 pounds and sits on a 141.3-inch wheelbase. Gas economy is not a feature, with Thompson reporting his car gets somewhere between 8.5 and 10 mpg. Four-wheel hydraulic brakes are standard and seem to be pretty effective.

There were only 2,069 Cadillac 75 models built in 1939, and the list price was $4,115, or about $70,000 in today’s dollars. The two side-mount spare tires were an option. This car’s current market value is probably in the neighborhood of $40,000. The body of the Cadillac was built by Fleetwood, formally an independent automotive coachbuilder, that was purchased by Fisher Body in 1925. Fisher Body was then purchased by General Motors a year or so later.

Have an interesting vehicle? Contact David Krumboltz at MOBopoly@yahoo.com.

ACCC NEWS:
No on the Gas Tax

Here's what the tax increase will roughly cost:

• Average Car = 20 gallons per week or $2.40 per week times 52 weeks = $125.00.

• Vehicle registration fee = $38.00 increase to $81.00 per year.

• $125.00 plus $38.00 = Roughly an increase of $163.00 minimum per vehicle. If you are driving two vehicles that's almost $326.00 per year increase.

An increase to fuel tax rates will raise the price on nearly everything from groceries to construction equipment. Almost everything you buy at the store is transported in via truck and those companies are going to have raise their fees to cover the increases in taxes so prices will go up…High gas prices are already hurting working people and putting jobs in jeopardy. Californians need greater access to affordable fuel, not billions in new gas taxes! The real down side is that the democrats in both the Senate and Assembly now have a "Super Majority" and can pass any and all tax increases with just a party-line vote. This is why we all need to contact our representative today in both the Senate and Assembly and let them know we oppose any tax increases and "Say No On the Gas Tax"! Unsure who your representative is?
Go to http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/



The Hudson Club has invited us to....



Tour the WWII Home Front National Historical Park & Red Oak Victory Ship

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Meet at 10:30 am the
Visitor's Center,
1414 Harbor Way South, Richmond.



We will tour the
Rosie the Riveter Museum.
Contact: Jerry (510) 673-4067 or
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EXTRA! EXTRA! CLC NEWS

How COOL is this?



Pretty Pink Pair - 1959 Cadillac Sixty with Shasta Trailer.

Old News is Still News!
CLC Member Honored!
As a variation of “Cars and Coffee” events around the Bay Area, the Biscotti and Coffee is held in Sept. 2016, on the first Saturday of the month at Poggio's restaurant in Sausalito. **Don Barnes** was honored to have his 1958 Eldorado Biarritz selected as the poster car. There were a number of cars parked in the Bank of America parking lot for all to see.

