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2016 Annual North-South Meet October 21-22-23, 2016

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Charles Thompson

"We had a lovely time today driving up through the valley having lunch at the Majestic Hotel. Back to the host hotel for cocktails and the banquet."



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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.**



MARCH 11 Art Academy Tour (See page 4)

APRIL 1 Board Meeting - 11:30 am

Citra Grill - 1550 Olympic Blvd, Walnut Creek

APRIL 22 Penngrove Tour

APRIL 29 Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay

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

JUNE 4

Cars & Coffee @ Blackhawk

Cadillac sub meet at the event.

(Meet at Starbucks, 11000 Crow Canyon Rd., Danville)

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 7 or 14 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

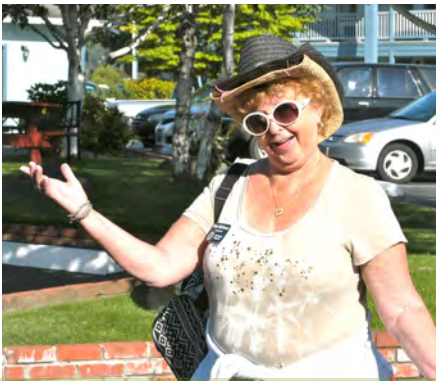
Happy New Year to Cadillac LaSalle Club members!

I encourage you to mark your calendars for at least a few events this year. We are always looking for old and new faces and cars. Coming up on March 11th is a wonderful tour of the fabulous Academy of Art University Automobile Museum of San Francisco.

We thank our Member Paul Borgwardt for hosting us. We will be allowed access to the bulk of the collection which is not open to the public. See details on page 4.

So it is time to get the space heater in the garage and get your car ready to cruise. We are also planning some casual get togethers at Cars and Coffee locations.

Jeff Nielsen
CLC President



Mary Therese McDonald
October 3, 1944 – November 1, 2016

To all who knew her, Mary was a grand figure, spilling over with personality. She lived a rich, full life. She and Joe raised wonderful kids who grew up to be kind adults, built beautiful homes, made dear friends, and jetted around the world.

Our hearts go out to you Joe.



Al Murolo's beloved wife, Judy passed away on November 1, 2016. They had been on a Princess Cruise to

see the fall foliage in the New England area when Judy became ill. A month later she succumbed to pneumonia. Such heartbreaking news and we are sorry for Al's loss.

Al joined us in attending many car-related events and drove his 1960 bright red Cadillac convertible alone with a small group for the Bay Area to Las Vegas for the 2016 Grand National where everyone had a grand time.

Academy of Art University Automobile Museum Tour

March 11, 2017



Grab a car (any car) and a friend (any friend) and come to the fabulous Academy of Art University Automobile Museum. We will be visiting two different locations.

FIRST: We will meet at 10:30 am at 1849 Washington St. on the corner of Washington St. and Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. After visiting the first museum we will get lunch on our own (maybe Mel's Diner or Tommy's Joynt).

SECOND: We will drive down to the parking garage at O'Farrell and Polk St. We will meet at the second museum around 1:00 pm. This tour will take about 1½ hours. There is a \$10.00 fee for the museum.

To get a preview go to www.academyautomuseum.org

Important Things to Bring: good walking shoes, quarters or credit card for first museum parking, money for lunch, a ten dollar bill for quick payment.

Call, Email or Text Jeff Nielsen. We need a head count by March 3.

Jeff Nielsen - jnielsen2219@gmail.com or 650 740-5204.

We look forward to seeing you March 11.

Cars & Champagne... What an Enjoyable Night!

Members of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club were invited to a cocktail reception by The Academy of Arts University the evening before the official opening of The San Francisco International Auto Show at Moscone Center on November 18. There were dozens of filled champagne glasses just waiting for the clock to strike 6:30 PM before the eager attendees could descend on the table. There was also wine, beer, water and a buffet table full of goodies.

The 1959 Cadillac was created several years ago in Italy by Celebrity Customs and local car-builder John D'Agostino, to pay homage to Elvis. The full story on this car is available if one Googles "Elvis III Cadillac" and is on the car's information placard at the Show.

The Academy had on display a large number of the most beautiful vintage automobiles for us to feast our eyes on before perusing the rest of the show. We so much appreciate The Academy and Paul Borgwardt for inviting us to attend. We all had a terrific time!

By Charles Thompson



"I'M PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE CLC MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED ENJOYED THE RECEPTION AND I THANK YOU FOR COMING ON BEHALF OF THE ACADEMY. THERE WERE SO MANY GUESTS THAT I DIDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY HELLO TO EVERYONE!"

**WITH BEST REGARD,
PAUL BORGWARDT**



More on North-South Meet....By Charles Thompson

Cover Story Continued

The 2016 North-South Meet is behind us, and it was a terrific time. Earlier in the year, Joe McDonald and Don Barnes made an advance run over to Oakhurst at the southern end of Yosemite. They selected the Best Western Yosemite Gateway Inn as our venue and negotiated with hotel management to set aside a block of rooms for our club members. And they arranged for a Saturday evening buffet and the use of the banquet room as our hospitality suite. A family medical problem drew Joe away from active participation, so Don recruited me to help with buying and transporting wine and taking care of expenses. But it was Don who shouldered most of the coordination and planning for the trip. On Friday, October 21st, people from the northern club caravanned over to Oakhurst from the Bay Area while people from the southern club made their way from southern climates. For our Friday "meet & greet," Don had arranged for platters of cheese, crackers and fruit, and we broke out the wine. He provided detailed instructions for the next day's tour and a list of nearby restaurants for Friday evening dining.

On Saturday, we Yosemite Mountain Because the our breakfast took train approached and able to leave in time stragglers. Off we swinging around little or no tire

The train ride was and maybe a bit along a narrow ancient forest while who told us about the industry that flourished, and how difficult life stopped to fill the old engine with water and close to the locomotive before continuing next leg of our trip took us along the winding through a long and very dark tunnel, at the the wonderful view of the valley. We christened Majestic Hotel and walked courtyards of this magnificent and historical convertible top and Don Barnes and Alan trip back to Oakhurst. We stopped with the vista point that has the best view of the whole valley. The parking lot had several large tourist busses waiting for their passengers to record their trips. As our Cadillac's cruised into the parking area, many cameras that had been trained in the granite structures turned in unison to snap photos of our big old Caddies that posed like the aging Hollywood stars they had dreamt of being. For Don and I in the front seat behind the windshield, the trip was a breeze, but Alan in the back was subjected to a gale. A blanket and raised windows made the trip bearable.



met for breakfast in advance of heading to the Sugar Pine Railroad about eight miles north. restaurant was not a fast food establishment, longer than anticipated. The time for our steam we had to move fast. Some "early birds" we're but I became the lead for the remaining went with my trusty '49 at the lead and we went curves rapidly. Everyone kept up and there was squealing, and we made it with time to spare.

unique, fun, educational, crowded. We chuffed gauge rail through an listening to a conductor history of the logging was at that time. We got to walk around up back to the depot. The roads of Yosemite, end of which we burst on lunched at the recently through the halls and hotel. I lowered the Clarke joined me for the others from our group at

The banquet proved to be a winner with participants enjoying an all-you-can-eat buffet plus the case of wine I had packed. Several people stood and spoke about their appreciation for a job well done, and Rob Leonard from the SoCal club tantalized the crowd with a description of plans for the 2017 North-South Meet which will include Ventura, Santa Barbara and more.

All in all, the 2016 N-S Meet was a very nice success and we send big thanks to all who made it happen for all of us. There were a total of about 40 attendees. We hope more members will join us on these types of tours. While bringing an older car is often more fun, you need not come in vintage car. The important thing is that you come and join together for a good time.

LEAD: friend has a new "perfect" mint repro 1938 or 1938 cad bumper nameplate he wants to sell. If you are interested call Jerry Brick (650) 366-0127.



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EXTRA! EXTRA! CLC NEWS



HO HO HO!

Over twenty members of the CLC attended the Holiday Party at the Claim Jumper in Concord was a success! We had great food, prizes and White Elephant surprises. David Barnhart we applaud you in organizing another great get together!

Santa Riding in His Sleigh...

in Charles Thompson's '49 Cadillac. Playing the part of Old Saint Nick was Marv Giambastiani. We drove around Novato to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker. Well, actually it was the grocery stores, a pharmacy and several coffee shops. It was fun being in the brisk air and getting many smiles, horn honks and shouts of Merry Christmas. Many thanks to Marv for bringing joy to a lot of folks!

