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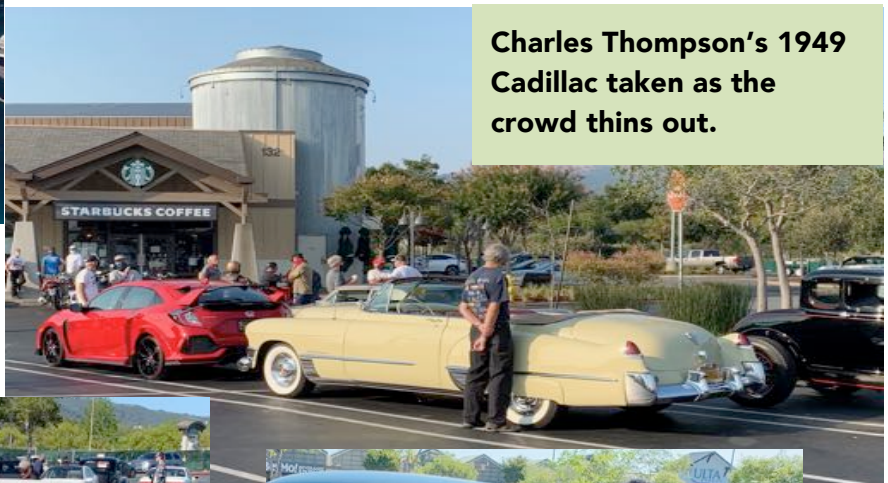
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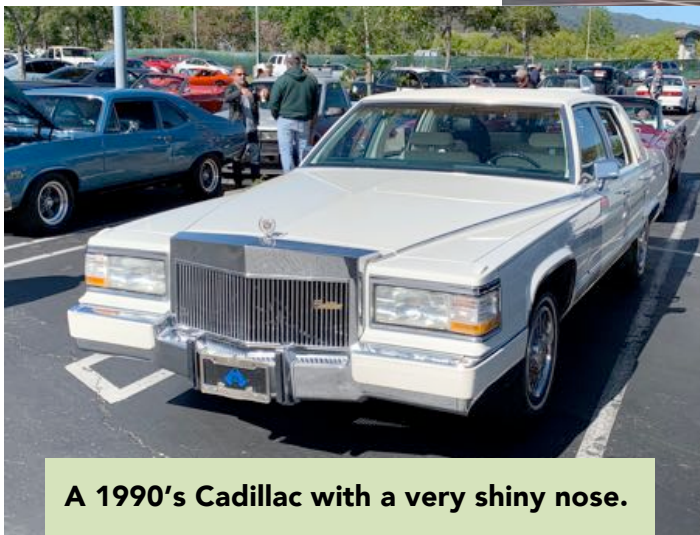
Wendie & Mike admiring the vintage LaSalle.

Record numbers of cars and enthusiasts gather at **Novato's Vintage Oaks** shopping center. It was challenging just to find a parking space at this expansive shopping center. People arrive at 7:00 AM or even earlier, and continue arriving for several hours. Departures start as early as 8:30 or so, and the crowd is usually pretty much gone by 11:00 AM. This is an "organic," loosely organized and spontaneous event every first Sunday of the month.

Thanks, Charles for pictures and story.



Charles Thompson's 1949 Cadillac taken as the crowd thins out.



A 1990's Cadillac with a very shiny nose.



NorCal members and newlyweds Ted and Lois Farber showed off their handsome LaSalle sedan.

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2021 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.**

July 11 Niles Train Ride Meet Up (see pages 4 & 5)

Sept. 19 Antique Autos in History Park
11 am to 4 pm
635 Phelan Ave., San José

Oct. 3 Annual Niello Concours at Serrano
El Dorado Hills

Oct. 8 - 10 North South Meet (see pages 6 & 7)



Bob Fracolli sent this humorous photo he found!
Nice to hear from him.



CLC NorCal Director's Message

Hello CLC Members,

It's great to see life getting back to sort of normal but we still have hurdles to overcome.

I tried to get The Don Frolich Memorial Meet (Portal Park) on the calendar but the City of Cupertino will only allow 50 people with Covid-19 precautions at this time. I will recheck with the City to see if things change later in the year. Maybe we can have a picnic there?

David Barnhardt has arranged an exciting tour to the Niles Railway. See details on page 4. Don Barnes and Charles Thompson are encouraging you to a well deserved weekend away on Oct. 8-10 to our North-South meet. Please show support for all the hard work put into this meet. See page 6 for details.

Summer has just started and if you think of an event just call one of your board members to get help promoting it.

It is with great sadness I inform you of Penny Baush's passing on Saturday, June 19. She was a wonderful woman and a dear friend.

*Stay safe and happy motoring
with no backfiring,
Jeff Nielsen*

Antique Autos in History Park

**September 19, 2021
11 am to 4 pm**

The largest annual antique auto show in the West
"A Living History Day"



The 21th annual Antique Autos in History Park (AAHP), 635 Phelan Ave., San José, CA. 95112 ... a Living History Day... is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José. AAHP welcomes all period-correct pre-1946 vehicles.

In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, displays of Early Crafts and Antique Collectibles, a Dixieland Band, Singers, Dancers, Barbershop Quartet, Blacksmith Shop Demos, Trolley Rides, History San José Open Houses, and Kids Activities.

Bring the family for a day of viewing, entertainment, and fun.



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Niles Canyon Train Ride

Sunday, July 11, 2021-- 10:30 AM

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

A railroad museum where the exhibits come to life! A train ride through the Niles Canyon in all its summer splendor! In summary, our tour will be the Niles Canyon Train Ride in Sunol, and a scenic ride on Foothill Road to our luncheon spot at Jim's Country Style Restaurant in Pleasanton. Here are the details:

If you are interested in coming, you must go to the Niles train web site and buy your tickets. Tours sell out quickly. **ONLINE TICKET SALES ONLY. NO WALKUPS. GET TICKETS ONLINE AT www.ncry.org/.** Click on "Plan Your Ride." Ticket prices \$25.00 for Adults, \$15.00 for Seniors (62+) and Children (3-12). Children under 2 years of age do not need a ticket. The station is located at 6 Kilcare Road in Sunol. Phone 510-996-8420.



There will be a mix of open cars and open window enclosed coaches starting from Sunol station. Seats are on a first-come, first-served basis. Closed-toe shoes are recommended. There is a limited on-board snack bar. Due to COVID restrictions, do not bring your own food or drinks. Only trained service animals are permitted. **Trains depart on time, so plan to arrive 30-45 minutes before scheduled departure time** to allow for parking, check in at ticket window and then board the train. The Federal Railway Administration (FRA) may have a mask order which requires passengers to wear a mask. Children under 3 years are not required to wear face coverings.

For those desiring to meet for lunch after the train ride, the selected luncheon spot is Jim's Country Style Restaurant in Pleasanton. We'll take a fifteen-minute scenic ride on Foothill Road through the canyon to Jim's located at 5400 Sunol Blvd #1 (phone 925/426-7019). We will have maps available.

Directions to Sunol: 680 freeway to CA-84 Sunol exit (Paloma Road), right on Main Street to 6 Kilcare Road; a parking area beside the train station is reserved for the Cadillac Club.



Please RSVP to this notice when you have purchased your tickets so that we know how many are in your party. Also please let us know if you will be dining with us at Jim's. As an alternative, there are many nice outside eating places along the main street in Pleasanton, but parking is spotty.

Thanks and...



For RSVP, respond to Charles Thompson via email Cadillac1949@aol.com, or phone 415/519-7468. For questions, contact David Barnhardt at dbarnhardt@sbcglobal.net. Phone 707/205-9662



A bit of history: The first passenger excursion entered the canyon October 2, 1866. In September 1869, the Central Pacific Railroad completed the transcontinental rail link between Sacramento and San Francisco Bay, finishing the track through the canyon. In 1984, after twelve decades of railroading in the canyon, Southern Pacific ceased operating there. The Pacific Locomotive Association began rebuilding the rail line in 1987.



Bottom Photos

Left: A very fancy and (no doubt), expensive Mercedes flaps its wings in the early morning sun.

Center: Numerous hot rods, resto rods, modern sports and utility vehicles, special interest anything-goes cars.

Right: A 1960 Cad Coupe DeVille inherited by the current owner's mom, who only drove it to the hair salon.

More from page 1.





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2021 NORTH-SOUTH MEET

October 8-10, 2021

It's time to plan ahead for a return to our annual North-South Meet where the San Diego, Southern California and Northern California Regional Cadillac & LaSalle Clubs meet to get reacquainted and enjoy our love for vintage cars, especially the Cadillac and LaSalle models. This is a survey to gauge your interest in attending a meet in October 2021.

In general, the event would involve the following major features:

- On Friday October 8th, tour together from Northern CA, the San Diego area, or the Los Angeles Area to Pismo Beach or Arroyo Grande. Check into a hotel that is yet to be chosen but will be comfortable and inviting. Meet at a Hospitality Suite to see old friends and make new ones while enjoying beverages and snacks.
- On Saturday morning October 9th, gather for a breakfast before motoring to a selected tour destination. This year, we are monitoring the reopening of Hearst Castle for guest tours. There is a variety of tours to choose from (see sample below), and you would make your own reservations to suit your taste. 750 Hearst Castle Road, San Simeon, CA 93452. Phone 800/444-4445. Website: Hearstcastle.org.
- Saturday evening would find us gathering at F. McLintocks Saloon & Dining House located at 750 Mattie Road, Shell Beach, California 93449. Preferably, we will arrange for you to suit your appetite by selecting your order from the menu and paying separately. Phone 805/773-1892. Website: McLintocks.com.
- On Sunday morning, we can once again meet for breakfast and say "So Long" before starting our trips back to our various homes.

All of this has been and will continue to be subject to Covid-19 restrictions as the state goes through a reopening phase. In order to fine tune our plans, we need your input. Please respond to Charles Thompson by email Cadillac1949@aol.com or text/voicemail 415/519-7468 or via USPS to 700 Albatross Drive, Novato, CA 94945:

I'd be interested in coming: ☐ **Yes** (Great, continue) ☐ **No** (You can stop here, but at least think about it)

There will be _____ people in my party.

☐ I would bring a vintage car. (Bringing a vintage car is not required).
Year, Make, Model: _____

☐ I would visit the Hearst Castle website and purchase tickets for a tour of my choosing.

☐ I would visit the Hospitality Suite and enjoy a beverage and a snack.

FEATURED TOURS [View All](#)



GRAND ROOMS TOUR
Travel back in time and experience what it was like to be a guest at The Enchanted Hill.



UPSTAIRS SUITES TOUR
Explore the upper floors of the architectural wonder called Casa Grande.



COTTAGES & KITCHEN TOUR
Tour some of the most personal rooms of the property and some of its most practical ones.



JULIA MORGAN TOUR
This seasonal tour is a two-hour look into the woman behind the masterpiece.



OCTOBER 8-10

PISMO BEACH

**HEARST
CASTLE**

**McLINTOCK'S
STEAK HOUSE**

2021 NORTH- SOUTH MEET

**IT'S TIME FOR
CADILLAC &
LASALLE FANS
TO REUNITE!**



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Image from The Self Starter July 2001.

Members: Please see the
calendar we HAVE two
CLC upcoming
events...Let's get our
Cadillac's back on the
road!