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Upcoming Events:

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April 30 - Grass Valley Car Show

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2011 Nor Cal CLC Calendar of Events

(*) Indicates an event of interest, but not an official club event.

March 19

Tank Collection Tour

April 23

Board Meeting, TBD

April 24

Mille Miglia start at Fairmont in SF

April 30

Grass Valley Car Show

May 14

Disney Museum in Presidio, SF

May 1

Benecia Waterfront Car show *

June 4-5

Goodguys Summer Get-Together, Pleasanton

June 11

Winchester Myster House Tour & Lunch

July 26

Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance*

July 23

Wente Winery Car Show*

July 24

Don Frolich memorial Portal Park Cupertino

August 10-13

Grand National - Ohio

August 21

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance*

August 28

Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance*

September 9

Bucks Brunch/Tesla Factory Tour, Woodside

September 24

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance, Murphys, CA

October 7-9

North-South Meet, Pismo Beach

October 22 or 23

Marin Lunch Tour

November 13

Planning Meeting

December 2-3 or 9-10

Cornish Christmas in Grass Valley

Board of Directors Meetings

April 23

TBD

^ September 24

Murphys

^ November 13

TBD (Planning Meeting)

Coordinator

Carolyn Dippel

Don Barnes

Sandy Carrion

^ indicates that the Board Meeting coincides with another event.

If you have an event you'd like to share with the club for 2011, send it to Carolyn Dippel.

Board Elections are coming up, If you are interested in running for a spot on the Nor Cal CLC board, please call Jeff Nielsen @ 650-740-5204 by February 10th so he can add you to the upcoming ballot.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE OLD/NEW TOUR DIRECTOR

It's been quite a while since we last connected but it looks like I'm back in print! Even though I'm long gone from the Bay Area I still can fulfill most of my duties from up here in the Sierra foothills. Thanks to all the members that stepped up and planned something for the 2011 Tour Calendar. Even though I won't be able to attend many of the scheduled activities I will still be visible... just not as highly as before.

It's taken a major adjustment moving from a sophisticated metropolitan area to the virtual boonies. Everything took some getting used to, from the lack of major shopping to the shocking higher prices for everything except real estate. Ah, but the scenery and the rustic ambiance of gold rush history right under my feet. However, the mindset of the mountains really takes some getting used to. Sadly, after moving here my Eldo was stored several miles away... out of sight and out of mind... hopefully to be hauled out of mothballs this summer.

Gone but not forgotten members are still around... and it sure is nice that a couple of them (Doug Caldwell, Eric Clausen) are right here in the Grass Valley area. I've joined the local hot-rod club and recall how long it took to get to know people in the CLC... it took years! It really brings home the principle of warmly greeting new members so they feel welcome. I'd forgotten how tough it is to show up (alone) at a function and socialize with total strangers, trying to make some new friends and just be included in a conversation (or at least not be ignored). I vow to improve my own welcoming skills in the future! We can't forget new members are trying to simply belong and have some fun. They deserve our most gracious attention.

Our February tour to the Tesla factory has been postponed until September. Also, on Saturday, April 30th, a car show tour is planned here in Grass Valley for the 6th consecutive year (see write-up on page 4). The Walt Disney Museum tour will be advanced to mid-or-late May (thank you Patti and Dave). How nice to have a full schedule in 2011!

Sandy Carrion
Grass Valley, CA

GRASS VALLEY CAR SHOW INFO

Saturday, April 30th, 2011

Rain or Shine

After hosting this event for 6 years in a row I've become adept at planning a pretty fun weekend and this year will be no exception.

First, you must download your application (www.historicgrassvalley.com) ... space is limited to 500 cars... and send it in soon. Then, decide if you want to stay overnight on Friday only, do the car show and drive home in time for the Sunday, May 1st event. Or stay both nights and join our Saturday night group dinner. Last year the group was small but cozy and most enjoyable.

Please contact Sandy Carrion for more information (530) 205-9750 cadwoman1@hotmail.com

CLC Board of Directors Meeting - Jan 16, 2011

Minutes by Pat Brick, recording secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm at the Spinnaker Restaurant. In attendance were Charles Thompson, Jerry and Pat Brick, Jeff Nielsen, Joe McDonald, Nick Rassushin, Don Barnes, John Smith.

Treasurers Report: Submitted and approved. CD is \$10,321 and checking account has \$8242. Renewal date not known at this time, will check further. Chase bank is changing their free checking plan but with our balance it is still free for now.

Tours: Sandy Carrion was appointed tour director again, approved and seconded. The upcoming Tesla dealership tour (per Amy Berg) is postponed until Sept 9th or 16th due to Feb not a good time for Tesla. We need a Feb tour to fill the space. Ed Gunther spoke about his driving tour to the Northwest in 2013 and asked Jerry for a list of the previous attendees. The board approved up to \$1500 in expenses to have a dry run of the tour.

Membership: Renewal time is near, Jeff ready to go. Ask Carolyn to send a reminder in the newsletter. Elections to be done in March and new directory mailed in June.

New Business: Ballots to go out for club elections in March. Jeff, Charles, Sandy are not up for election. Pat, Jerry, Nick, Joe, John, and Don are running again. Carolyn not present, her plans are not known. The membership will be solicited for the 2 Members-at-large position to see who might want to run. One week will be allowed for a special mailing to ask for responses for anyone that may want to run. Jeff to email Carolyn re the mailing. Pat suggested that board meetings should be separated from club tours and events in case board members do not attend some of those events.

The board voted to donate \$2500 to the Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center, Jerry will send a check and letter.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

CLC TOUR OF THE MILITARY VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION

Date: Saturday, March 19th, 2011

Time: Leaving at 9:15 am sharp
Our tour is scheduled for 10am at the Foundation

Location: Meet at Woodside Plaza shopping center, corner of Massachusetts and Woodside Rd (hiway 84) in Redwood City. There is a coffee shop in the plaza or coffee available at the Lucky Market. Park in the lot near the Wells Fargo Bank. We will be traveling a few miles south on 280 to Alpine Rd in Portola Valley, total driving distance about 10 miles.

We're going to have a guided tour of the Foundation buildings, formerly known as the Littlefield Collection. For those of you that haven't seen this collection before, it's really an impressive sight. The buildings are full of restored tanks, artillery, amphibious vehicles, missile launchers, and many other military vehicles. Mr. Littlefield passed away over a year ago and the collection is now a historic foundation. There is an admission donation fee of \$20 per participant (children under 12 and seniors over 65, \$10 each).

The tour will take about two hours and we will stop for lunch after the tour at the Alpine Inn in Portola Valley, well known in the area for it's burgers, beer, and large outdoor patio.

Note: This tour is limited to about 35 people so please confirm your attendance ASAP to save a spot. Old cars are always welcome but this is not a driving tour, so modern cars are perfectly acceptable. We've been told parking is limited at the collection, so carpooling is encouraged.

RSVP to Jerry Brick by March 5th , 650 366 0127 or email jbbrick@yahoo.com with your count.

For more information on the tour, their website is www.mvtf.org and there are also many great videos to see on their website.



Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center Update



The rendering above shows the building design concept of the new Cadillac Museum that has been approved by the CLCMRC Board of Directors and the Gilmore Advisory Committee. As soon as the Gilmore Board of Trustees approves this design concept (scheduled for late February), design of the actual building details will begin.

The CLCMRC (Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center) Board held their winter meeting in Quincy, MA on Friday, January 14, 2011. Like the CLC Board the Museum Board overcame the winter elements and travel hurdles to meet in the Boston area in January!

The two main topics of focus for the board meeting were the status of the building design proposal as well as the status of the fund raising campaign.

The Gilmore is establishing the future look and direction for the museum campus expansion and therefore it has been a slower and more arduous process than anticipated. The Gilmore Advisory Committee has agreed on a design (see rendering above) and will recommend its approval at the February meeting of the Gilmore Museum Board. It is a 1940's / 50's rendering from the 1948 General Motors Planning Automobile Dealer Properties publication. Once approved communication of the final design will be forthcoming.

The "Celebrating the Standard" fund raising campaign is progressing nicely. Early in the campaign with approximately 2% of the membership and some Region treasuries already having pledged, over one-eighth of the goal has been reached. That is quite an encouraging start and gives an indication that our goal is reachable.

BELOW IS SOME SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION IN MAKING A TAX-ADVANTAGED GIFT TO A CHARITY TAX RELIEF ACT EXTENDS IRA OWNERS' OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE TAX-ADVANTAGED DIRECT GIFTS TO CHARITY

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If you have an individual retirement account (IRA) and have reached age 70-1/2, the Tax Relief Act passed in December provides you with a special tax-advantaged way to support CLCMRC. A tax incentive that previously expired at the end of 2009 is now extended through the end of this year.

In general terms, an IRA account owner who is at least 70-1/2 years old may distribute up to \$100,000 per year by direct gift from his or her IRA to a qualifying charity. The benefit is that this direct gift will not be included in the donor's income for tax purposes, but will count toward satisfying his or her minimum required distribution (the amount that must be withdrawn from one's IRA each year to avoid penalty).

If the direct gift is made by January 31, 2011, the donor may elect to treat it as made in 2010, which has two potential advantages: (1) it can count toward satisfying his or her minimum required distribution for 2010, and (2) it permits him or her to make a second contribution up to \$100,000 for 2011. If a husband and wife have separate IRAs, each one may make a direct gift up to this limit.

Generally the direct gift must be made from a traditional IRA, not a qualified plan or a 403(b) plan. (In unusual circumstances, it may be possible to use a Roth IRA, but you would need to contact your tax adviser about this.)

Only certain charities qualify to receive direct gifts. CLCMRC does qualify, but direct gifts may not be made to donor advised funds, most private foundations, and "supporting organizations". And, of course, the correct procedure must be followed -- the payment must be made by the IRA trustee directly to the charity.

This technique offers significant advantages over withdrawing funds from one's IRA and donating them to charity. While at first glance the income and deduction may appear to be a "wash", it isn't necessarily so. Some taxpayers use the standard deduction, and do not itemize. Some taxpayers who itemize receive only limited tax benefits from their itemized deductions. Others may lose tax benefits by taking the IRA withdrawal into income, even if they turn around and give it to charity. The technical rules go beyond what we can discuss here, but your tax adviser will be able to explain.

If you are eligible to use this tax incentive, and would like to take advantage of the opportunity to support CLCMRC, contact your tax advisor for further details.

If you have questions, or would like more information about the museum, contact:

Fred Bausch, CLCMRC Vice President

New-Members Brunch

On Sunday, Jan 16th we had our first 2011 tour at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito. A large hungry crowd of about 40 attended. The weather that day was wonderful and with good food and a great view, the event was a winner. Two new couples joined us, Wendell Joost and guest, and Cliff and Bev Thompson. They assured us they were glad they joined us and hope to attend more meets. Other members included Charles & Diane Thompson, the Smyk's, Nick Rassushin and guest Darlene, Joe and Mary McDonald with their family, Don Barnes, the Brick's, John & Margi Smith, David Barnhardt, the Hadley's, Lionel Mattos and Marilyn, the Horley's, the Southon's, Ed Gunther, Bob Hoffman, Bob and Carol Schultz with guests, and Geoffrey & Katherine Smith.

Lots of drawing items of wine, car items, and food added to the festive mood. The meet was such a great way to start our year. Everyone had a good time and we hope you'll take advantage of the rest of our 2011 tour calendar.

After brunch, since we had a quorum, we had our board meeting in the adjoining banquet room.



Pat Brick





FIRST STREET GREEN AT THE BEAUTIFUL BENICIA WATERFRONT

Pre-1976 American Made Car/Truck Show - Sunday May 1st 2011 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Supports the award winning Benicia High School Band Program. Free breakfast (for 2, until 10 AM). With car registration. Goodie bag and Dash Plaques for the first 300 entrants. Show trophies for numerous categories voted by other entrants and our High School Band students. Bring your car with the whole family to picnic on the Green. Vendor booths to sell food, crafts, and car-related merchandise.

beniciacarshow.com

Goodguys 18th Summer Get-together June 4 & 5, 2011 Alameda County Fairgrounds - Pleasanton, CA

get \$10 off you registration if you sign up before May 20th.

The Nor Cal CLC is thinking about having a presence at this event, so let us know if you're going!

www.summergettogether.com

Help Needed

One of our members, Jane Francone (Nick's wife), is looking for someone who can troubleshoot and work on her 1986 sedan de ville. The problems seem to be around (a) not driving it enough to keep up the battery, and more importantly, (b) she smells something burning and the car occasionally stalls. She says she restarts and continues on. The Cadillac dealer in the Castroville area seems to be willing to work on it, but the cost is too high. Please call her at 510-538-1797 if you can help or can suggest an alternative mechanic in the Castro Valley area.

For Sale

Dear club members, if anyone is interested in 1956 Eldorado Biarritz convertible from British Columbia please email me. It is emerald green with gold trim package...is a driver that deserves restoration. \$45,000 Thanks, Bill
wshurvell@shaw.ca

