



# THE HEADLINER

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## Coming Events & Headlines

**Walt Disney Museum Tour**  
Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**Winchester Mystery Tour**  
Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>

*If you haven't paid your dues, this  
will be your last Headliner.*





# Message From The President

Hello Cadillac Lovers,

I'm happy to represent you as president of the Nor Cal Region for this upcoming year!

A little about me: I've been in the Cadillac-LaSalle club for 12 years, and currently have a 1967 Eldorado. I also have two 'out of commission' cars, a '67 deVille convertible, and a 1979 Coupe deVille; and have previously owned '93 and a '95 Eldorado Touring Coupes. I've been a judge at 4 CLC Grand Nationals and some Concours shows here in the Bay Area.

The Nor Cal CLC is such a great region because of all of our interesting events throughout the year. Please find inside this newsletter sign up forms and information on the May 22nd tour to the Disney Family Museum in SF, the June 11th Winchester Mystery House tour, and the much anticipated forms for the July 24th Don Frolich memorial meet in Portal Park in Cupertino. Other events that are popular with members include the June Good Guys Summer Get-Together, and the Concours season is starting. Hurry and sign up for these shows if you haven't already, and hope to see you there!

This is also a very exciting time at the national level, as we get closer to our goal of a new Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center! The building is on its way to becoming a reality and your donations are appreciated now more than ever. We're also looking for a person or two in the Nor Cal club to act as our local representative for the museum and research center. If you are passionate about the rich history that the Cadillacs and La Salles offer, and would like to help in our fund-raising efforts (or even if you might just have some leads on possible business donors) please get in touch with me.



Happy Motoring!

*Carolyn Dippel*

# A Word From The Newsletter Editor

Dear Members,

Following the recent election, a new Board of Directors for the NorCal CLC has been seated. The new Board is made up as follows: Charles Thompson, Sandy Carrion and Jeff Nielsen are continuing their previously elected two year terms through March of 2012. Elected by the membership for new two-year terms are Jerry Brick, Carolyn Dippel and Don Barnes who will serve through March of 2013. Pat Brick, Nick Rassushin and Joe McDonald were appointed as Members At Large for one-year terms ending in March of 2012. The Honorary Board position was not carried forward this year.

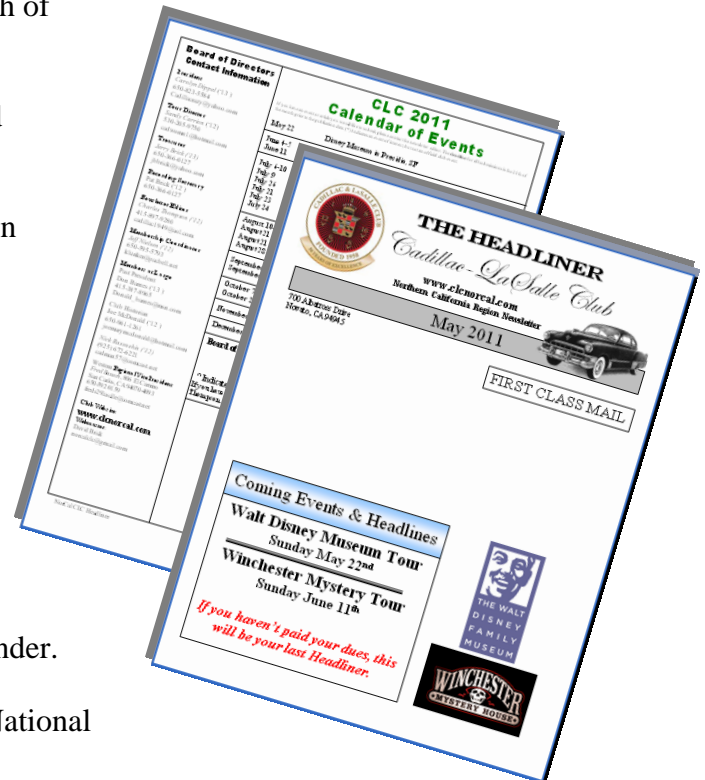
Officer positions were retained as they were with the exception of President and Newsletter Editor -- Charles and Carolyn swapped jobs. So the lineup is:

1. Carolyn Dipple - President
2. Sandy Carrion - Tour Director
3. Jerry Brick - Treasurer
4. Pat Brick - Secretary
5. Jeff Nielsen - Membership Coordinator
6. Charles Thompson - Newsletter Editor
7. Joe McDonald - Member at Large and Club Historian
8. Don Barnes - Member at Large
9. Nick Rassushin - Member at Large and Love Boat Commander.

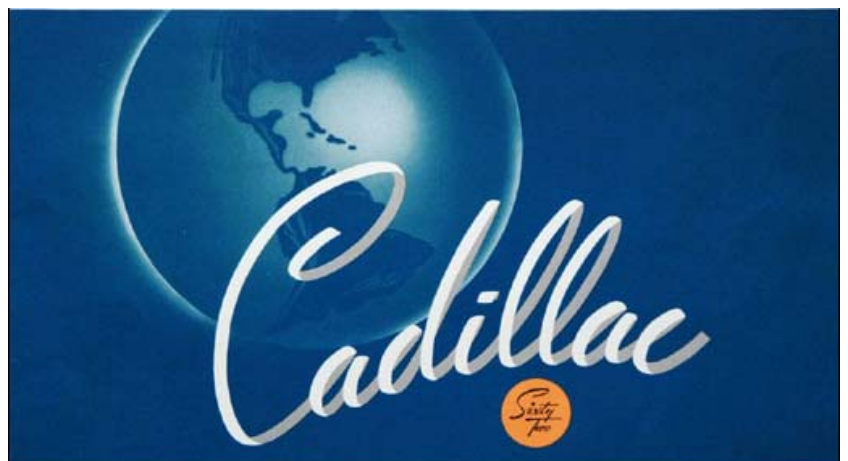
Joe McDonald agreed to work with Ed Guenther to plan the National Driving Tour.

It has been an honor to be your President and I look forward to returning to the post of Newsletter Editor. I urge each of you to contribute to the newsletter. Please send articles, photos or just comments about anything relevant to our vintage car hobby. We really want to hear about what your doing with your vintage Cadillacs and La Salles – car shows, parades, weddings, local events, anything!

Welcome to a new year! Let me know if you have questions or comments.



*Charles Thompson*



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# CLC 2011 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.

<b>May 22</b>	<b>Disney Museum in Presidio, SF</b>
June 4-5 <b>June 11</b>	Goodguys Summer Get-Together, Pleasanton <b>Winchester Mystery House Tour &amp; Lunch</b>
July 6-10 July 9 July 16	Hot San Jose Nights - hotsanjosenights.com/* Marin Yacht Club Classic Car Show (See ad inside) * Gualala Arts Auto Show, 46501 Gualala Road in Gualala, CA <a href="http://www.gualalaarts.org/Exhibits/Gallery/2011-07AutoShow.html">http://www.gualalaarts.org/Exhibits/Gallery/2011-07AutoShow.html</a>
July 26 July 21 July 23 <b>July 24</b>	Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance* Danville Hot Summer Nights* Wente Winery Car Show* <b>Don Frolich memorial Portal Park Cupertino</b>
<b>August 10-13</b> August 21 August 21 August 28	<b>Grand National - Columbus, Ohio</b> Danville Hot Summer Nights* Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance* Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance*
<b>September 9</b> <b>September 24</b>	<b>Bucks Brunch/Tesla Factory Tour, Woodside</b> <b>Ironstone Concours d'Elegance, Murphys, CA</b>
<b>October 7-9</b> <b>October 22 or 23</b>	<b>North-South Meet, Morro Bay (details TBD)</b> <b>Marin Lunch Tour</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Planning Meeting</b>
<b>December 2-3 or 9-10</b>	<b>Cornish Christmas in Grass Valley (CANCELLED)</b>

**Board of Directors Meetings and Coordinators**

- ^ September 24 Murphys Don Barnes
- ^ November 13 TBD (Planning Meeting) 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 Charles Thompson.



# Ninth Classic Car and Yacht Show Saturday, July 9, 2011

We would like to extend an invitation and warm welcome to your club, as well as an invitation to your individual members to show their classic cars. Gates will open for car owners at 8:00 AM. The Show begins at 11:00 AM, and will officially close at 4:00 PM. The entry fee is \$25 per car and includes one lunch, and one dash plaque and program. Buffet dinner and live dance music is \$31 per person.

Members of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club who are interested in showing their cars should complete the entry form found on website <http://www.marinyachtclub.com/> and either email it to Lee or send it via US mail to:

Lee Cordner  
 Marin Yacht Club Classic Car Show  
 24 Summit Ave.  
 San Rafael, CA. 94901

Lee can also be reached at 415-455-9192.

If you are not able to download an application from the internet, please contact Charles Thompson at 415-519-7468 to get a printed application via U.S. Mail.



## NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

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If you have not sent in your 2011 dues, please send your check made out to NorCal CLC to Jerry Brick, Treasurer at 733 Crompton Road, Redwood City, CA 94061-1211. Annual dues are \$25 for those receiving newsletters via the internet, and \$35 for those who prefer paper. If you do not have access to the internet, you may request a waiver and pay only the \$25. If you have membership questions, contact our Membership Coordinator, Jeff Nielsen at 650-595-5793 or email [klunker@pacbell.net](mailto:klunker@pacbell.net).



May 14 and 15, 2011

Photos and Commentary by  
Charles Thompson

The Third Annual Marin-Sonoma Concours d'Elegance showcased over 180 unique and elegant vehicles in 18 different classes, and featured a display of classic wooden boats. Included in this year's event were many other special exhibits, such as a celebration of the 100th anniversary of both the Indy 500 and Chevrolet, with Indy race cars and pace cars in attendance, plus a decade-by-decade assemblage of vintage Chevrolets. Another fascinating display showcased classic travel trailers and campers, including the highly recognizable Airstream brand with its signature curved aluminum body.

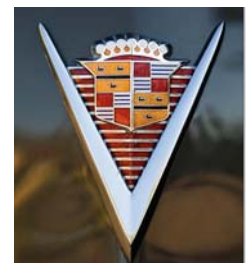
On the Saturday before the Concours, there was another annual event known as The Drive. Over 100 cars assembled in Tiburon and drove a route out to Muir Beach and north on CA-1 to Tomales, then east of Petaluma ending for lunch at the Cline Winery. After the drive back home, there was wine and cheese at Il Davide restaurant in San Rafael. Huge congratulations go to Charlie Goodman, Chair and John Nirenstein, Vice-Chair for a truly memorable and wonderful event!

Here are but a few photos to memorialize a fantastic weekend of auto enthusiast nirvana. At right is the painting produced by artist Aaron Johnson who studied under a scholarship at the California College of the Arts in San Francisco. I also



noticed that the Best of Show Special Award – Concours de Sport was sponsored by CLC members Geoff and Katherine Smith. How cool is that!?

Photo at left is the unrestored 1947 Cadillac Series 62 Sedan owned by new member Domenic Bavaro of Fresno, CA. This car won first in Class U2, a beautiful trophy sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. Congratulations, Domenic!





At right is the 1934 La Salle Series 350 Convertible owned by Jason and Ben Solomon of Novato, CA. Another award-winning, outstanding example of the art deco period for La Salle.

Below is the immaculate 1960 Chrysler New Yorker Convertible owned by Bill Jones of San Rafael, CA. Note how the front seats swivel to assist entry and exit. The lady in the hat is one of the judges.



Below is the stunning 1925 Rolls Royce Torpedo Tourer owned by Jim Faulknor of South San Francisco. This car is said to be easily one of the most opulent motor cars ever built – and this for India’s Umed Singh II Sahib Bahadur, Maharajah of Kotah (1889-1940). Towed behind the Rolls is a Gatling-type machine gun carriage that was used for the Bengal Tigers.

I’m thinking of getting something similar to tow behind my Cadillac to ward off tail gaters! Do you think CHP would mind?

At the bottom is a photo of John Nirenstein thanking Jim Faulknor for bringing the Rolls and Gatling Gun out for all to behold.



Above is Charles Thompson’s 1949 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible which was presented with the Senior Judges Award sponsored by Eldercare Specialists, LLC -- this lovely glass trophy can be seen proudly on display above on the boot as a photographer positions his camera for a picture.



At right is a 1927 Stutz AA 5-Passenger Sedan owned by Jim Callahan of Oakland, CA. Even though it was in rough, unrestored condition, it started and ran under it’s own power just fine.





## Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance June 25 & 26

Saturday, June 25, 2011 Kicks  
off the Weekend Charity  
Event with "The Drive"



**Bring your car to "The Drive" and join the fun!**



**Palo Alto, CA.** Join us for an exhilarating open road ride through the beautiful coastal backroads of the San Francisco peninsula to the Pacific Coast and back through the scenic Santa Cruz Mountains. Both registered Concours exhibitors and dedicated (non-competing) car buffs are welcomed to participate.



**The Drive** has been recognized as one of the best one-day automobile tours on the West Coast. The 75-mile rally is a guaranteed thrill for both participants and route spectators experiencing the cars in their element, the open road. A participation fee of \$85.00 per person includes coffee and snacks at the departure point, catered lunch, a souvenir route map, and gift bag.

If you'd like to join everyone for lunch, but not go on **The Drive**, you're welcome to meet the group at AutoVino, 205 Constitution Drive, Menlo Park at 1:00 PM. The "luncheon only" fee is \$35.00 and includes wine tasting upon arrival, and wine with lunch.

The departure point is the Concours field, at the corner of Stock Farm and Oak Road on the Stanford Campus. Coffee and snacks will be provided, and entrants can socialize and pose with their cars for a group photo. At 9:00 AM the CHP will assist **The Drive's** departure. Faster cars will lead the way through some of Northern California's most breathtaking and scenic countryside.

**The Drive** ends at the famed "AutoVino" in Menlo Park, a posh state-of-the-art automobile, wine, and cigar club for a delicious catered lunch and charity drawing.

For an additional \$65.00 per person or \$120.00 per couple, Saturday's festivities continue into the evening with **The Dinner**, a fun-filled affair of exquisite food and drink, silent auction, and a 50/50 drawing. **The Dinner** is being hosted in the Patrons Pavilion on the Concours field.

If any registered competitors in this year's Concours event should tie in class competition, registration and participation in **The Drive** will serve as a tie breaking element. Be sure to reserve early, as space is limited. For more information, go to: <http://www.paconcours.com/drive/overview.html> or contact Dan Stoner at (415) 515-4935.

Stanford University Campus will again be the home of the 2011 Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, June 26, 2011.

**Date:** Sunday, June 26th **Hours:** 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**Location:** Sand Hill Road, Stanford University, West of Stanford Shopping Center  
**Admission:** Advanced sale \$20, day of event \$25 Age 13 to 21 with Student Body Card

\$10 Under 12 are free **More Info:** [www.paconcours.com](http://www.paconcours.com)

All net proceeds from this charity event go the *American Diabetes Association* to promote awareness, as well as benefiting over 40 Palo Alto Lions Club local community charities.





Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> ...

## LET'S GO SEE THE WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE!

Nick Rassushin is suggesting that we meet at the Winchester Mystery House at 525 South Winchester Blvd. in San Jose at about 9:00 AM and take a 9:30 AM tour (about 2 ½ hour tour). Normally, rates for the Grand Estate Tour are Adults: \$35, Seniors 65+: \$32 and Children 6-12: \$30. Children under 6 are free with a paid adult. However, if we have 15 or more, we may be able to get a discount price of \$23 for adults and \$21 for seniors. **We must have at least 15 paid entries delivered no later than May 28<sup>th</sup> so make your plans and send your check right away.** If you would like to attend, please calculate what you would owe and send a check made out to NorCal CLC to Jerry Brick, Treasurer at 733 Crompton Road, Redwood City, CA 94061-1211. If we don't get 15 or more, your check will be returned to you – we'll still do the tour, but you'll have to pay the normal price. Please include the names and ages of each person you are paying for.

The **Winchester Mystery House** is a well-known mansion which is located in California. It was continuously under construction for 38 years and is reported to be haunted. It once was the personal residence of Sarah Winchester, the widow of gun magnate William Wirt Winchester. However, it now serves as a tourist attraction. Under Winchester's day-to-day guidance, its "from-the-ground-up" construction proceeded around the clock, without interruption, from 1884 until her death on September 5, 1922, at which time work immediately ceased. The cost for such constant building has been estimated at about US \$5.5 million (if paid in 1922; this would be equivalent to over \$71 million in 2010).



The Queen Anne Style Victorian mansion is renowned for its size and utter lack of any master building plan. According to popular belief, Winchester thought the house was haunted by the ghosts of the people who fell victim to Winchester rifles, and that only continuous construction would appease them.

Before the 1906 earthquake, the house had been seven stories high, but today it is only four stories. The house is predominantly made of redwood frame construction, with a floating foundation that is believed to have saved it from total collapse in the 1906 earthquake and the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. There are about 160 rooms, including 40 bedrooms and two ballrooms, one completed and one unfinished. The house also has 47 fireplaces, 10,000 window panes, 17 chimneys (with evidence of two others), two basements and three elevators. Winchester's property was about 162 acres at one time, but now the estate is just 4.5 acres — the minimum necessary to contain the house and nearby outbuildings. It has gold and silver chandeliers and hand inlaid parquet floors and trim. There are doors and stairways that lead nowhere and a vast array of colors and materials. Before the availability of elevators, special "easy riser" stairways were installed to allow Winchester access to every part of the mansion in spite of her severe arthritis. Some 20,500 gallons of paint were required to paint the house.

The house also has many conveniences that were rare at the time of its construction, including steam and forced-air heating, modern indoor toilets and plumbing, push-button gas lights, a hot shower from indoor plumbing, and even three elevators, including one with the only horizontal hydraulic elevator piston in the United States.

Sarah Winchester made no mention of the mansion in her will, and appraisers considered the house worthless, probably due to the unrepaired earthquake damage as well as the impractical nature of its design. It was sold at auction to a local investor for \$135,000, and in February, 1923, five months after Mrs. Winchester's death, the house was opened to the public. Harry Houdini toured the mansion in 1924, and the newspaper account of his visit, displayed in the rifle museum on the estate, called it the Mystery House.

THE 2011 DON FROLICH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MEET  
AT PORTAL PARK IN CUPERTINO

Hosted by the  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION,  
CADILLAC-LA SALLE CLUB, INC.  
SUNDAY JULY 24th, 2011

NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK FOR THIS YEARS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-CLC NATIONAL MEET! This is always the most popular event of the NORCAL CLC touring season. There is an entry blank/reservation form elsewhere in this newsletter. You will find driving directions below.

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK TO FRED BAUSCH BEFORE JULY 18th.** *Earlier would be most helpful. After that deadline, you are still welcome to attend, but bring your own food and drink and plan to park in the parking lot.*

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS-**EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE FURNISHED:**  
CHOICE OF CHICKEN, ITALIAN SAUSAGE, OR BBQ'D TRI-TIPS OF BEEF, CHILI, CHOICE OF GREEN OR POTATO SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, WATERMELON, AND HOT DOGS FOR THE KIDS

SEE THE REGISTRATION FORM TO REGISTER YOUR CAR AND ORDER THE BBQ LUNCH  
***PLAN TO ARRIVE AT PORTAL PARK BETWEEN 10:00 AND 11:30am.***  
***THE BARBQUE LUNCH IS SERVED PROMPTLY AT NOON!***

**PLEASE NOTE** - - (ESPECIALLY NEW MEMBERS) you don't need to come in a Cadillac, LaSalle, or other vintage vehicle in order to participate in this event, nor need your automobile be in top show condition to join us. This is a very low key, social, fun event. There's a great play area for small children, and there is lots of grass and shade in this safe RESIDENTIAL PARK AREA.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?** Please call FRED BAUSCH @ (650) 592-9159. PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK TO FRED BEFORE JULY 18th. **THANK YOU!**

**SEATING FOR EATING**

Since we are experiencing a larger group at this event every year, and seating in the designated BBQ area is minimal, I would like to encourage anyone who has a folding picnic table and benches, to bring them along. There are lots of places under the trees where you can set up for your BBQ lunch in shady comfort.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO PORTAL PARK IN CUPERTINO**

From anywhere in the Bay Area - - - Drive to 280 (between 85 and 880) in Cupertino.  
Turn west on WOLFE ROAD (toward the hills). Go past the Cupertino Square Shopping Center, to STEVENS CREEK BLVD. Turn right on Stevens Creek and go 1 long block (pass 1 stop light) to PORTAL AVE. Turn right on Portal Ave, go past the round-a-bout and you will soon see PORTAL PARK on the left. There are barriers at the first parking lot entrance, so go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance where you will see the "CLC BBQ" sign. Turn left into the lot, left again, and follow the signs and arrows back thru the parking lot and they will guide you into the park and BBQ area. (Turn right up a slight incline next to the debris bins) It's a piece of cake from there. ----

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE! *Fred Bausch***

