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Photos from the Marin Tour to Inverness and Rancho Nicasio. More on page 3.





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2019 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.**

February 9	Blackhawk Museum <i>(See page 5)</i>
March 16	Academy of Art Collection <i>(See page 7)</i>
April TBD April 27	Rohnert Park Tour with Potluck Board Meeting 11:30 am Harry's Hoffbrau, RWC (RSVP Jeff Nielsen)
May 19	Friendship Day <i>Dennis May will host our club table.</i>
June 1-2 11-15	Livermore Tour Grand National (Louisville, KY)
July 6 July 28	Board Meeting 11:30 am – Walnut Creek Don Frolich Annual Event Portal Park, Cupertino
August 10 or 11	SF Tour
Sept 7 or 8 22-24	Petaluma Tour (Charles) Fall Fest (Hickory Corners, MI)
October TBD October 19 22	North South (SoCal) Board Meeting 11:30 am – Novato National Driving Tour (Pennsylvania)
November 10	Planning Meeting
Dec TBD	Holiday Party watch for details.

Monthly Cars & Coffee Events

First Saturday – 8 - 11 am
1499 Halibut Ct., San Francisco

First Sunday Monthly – 8 - 11:00 am
Vintage Oaks Starbucks
132 Vintage Way, Novato

First Sunday Monthly – 8 - 10:00 am
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville

Second Saturday – 8 am - Noon
June 9 & October 13
Canepa's - 4900 Scotts Valley Dr.
Scotts Valley

Second Saturday – 7 am – 10 am
Kaffeehaus
92 E. 3rd, San Mateo



CLC NorCal Director's Message

Happy New Year CLC Members,

Our Planning Meeting was a great success. Check out your CLC Calendar and block out some dates. Lets support those members who have stepped up to put on a tour.

Thanks to Charles and Diane Thompson for hosting the Planning Meeting.

Our Christmas Party had a good turn out and we had a fun gift exchange. Thanks to David and Karen Barnhardt for setting up this great event.

It is with great sadness to inform you of the passing of our previous Western Regional VP Local Director, long time Portal Park Coordinator and all around great guy Fred Bausch. If you would like to send a card to Penny Bausch please send to: 806 El Camino Real, San Carlos, CA 94070.

Looking forward to seeing you on February 9th!

Happy Motoring!

Jeff Nielsen



More Marin Tour... The weather proved to be ideal for our trip out through Olema to Inverness and the Cypress Tunnel. We had 11 people and 6 cars (one modern non-Cadillac). Attending were Joe McDonald and friend Leah (Leah's modern wheels), Don Barnes and friend George ('58 Eldorado Biarritz), Ed and Kim Grabowski (XLR-V), Cliff and Bev Thompson ('39 Cadillac Series 75), Charles Thompson ('49 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible). After enjoying the goodies at Starbucks, we all enjoyed driving through the beautiful west Marin scenery and basking in the cathedral-like Cypress Tunnel at the historic radio station. We motored on to Nicasio for Sunday Brunch at the Rancho Nicasio restaurant. Wendie Worthen and Mike Hoge joined us at the restaurant in their Chrysler PT Cruiser with 1959 Cadillac tail lights. It was great spending time with friends and fellow car enthusiasts, and hearing about everyone's families and activities.

Big thanks to everyone who attended! Charles



Adopt-A-Car: National Automobile Museum, Reno, NV

The members of NorCal CLC can present this card for possible discounts at The National Automobile Museum in Reno.

This membership is a result of our \$100 donation for the 1973 Eldorado once owned by Elvis Presley.



Days Gone By...

This is an email to Jeff Nielsen from Dennis May



Friendship Day 1981

“It was good to join you and the others at the planning meeting today. I look forward to being an active member in the NorCal region. I enjoyed talking to you and Jeanene, and was surprised when you told me about your ‘49 convertible and I realized I had taken a photo of it at Friendship Day in 1981, back when it was held at the Stanford Linear Accelerator. (Photo Left) Is that you leaning on the car? *It sure is.* Do you recognize who you were talking to? That is my maroon ‘49 sedan next to your car.

More from Dennis: I’ve attached a couple of images of the photos I showed you today. I had recently joined the Cadillac-LaSalle Club when I went on this North-South Meet at Sequoia National Park in 1974. Back then your Cadillac had to be 25 years old in order to qualify for membership. I was 22 years old, a student at San Jose State, and was excited to be able to acquire a 1949 Cadillac Series 61 Sedan for \$700 from a man in Santa Clara. I didn’t realize it at the time, but the engine had a collapsed piston. I drove it on the tour to Sequoia where some Cad-LaSalle members heard the funny noise the



engine was making and informed me that I had a collapsed piston. Luckily the car made the trip without incident. Soon after my brother rebuilt the engine at his auto repair business in Ventura.



Dennis May with his 1961 62S Convertible Caddie...
Great Shot!!!

If you are involved in anything related to your vintage car, please take a few good contrast photos and send them along with a brief article to our newsletter editor.



BLACKHAWK MUSEUM



February 9, 2019

**Meeting Place - Starbucks at the Blackhawk Plaza (9:30 - 10 am)
4000 Blackhawk Plaza Circle a1, Danville**

This is your invitation to join a tour of the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. The museum has a renowned display of antique and classic automobiles as well as an outstanding collection of Western American artifacts and a unique exhibit of African art. We will enjoy lunch in a restaurant in the Blackhawk Museum. The day will allow us an opportunity to get together and socialize while enjoying a first-class museum.

**Tour of Blackhawk Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville**

- Group Photo at the Museum - weather permitting (please bring a cardboard piece if your vehicle leaks oil - the museum is concerned about oil leaks marring the grounds where the photos are taken)
- Tour of Museum - the Automotive Gallery
- Lunch - at a restaurant TBD in the Blackhawk Plaza
- Optional - enjoy the afternoon and visit the Spirit of the Old West, Art of Africa and Into China exhibits. The museum is open until 5 pm

There is no cost to register. I encourage you to bring your classic Cadillac (weather permitting of course) for the group photo. Please **RSVP** by **January 22** to Ed Grabowy at edgrabowy@rocketmail.com or call 206 552-6376 and leave your name and number of people attending.

To members of NorCal CLC:

I received a letter during the holidays from NorCal CLC club member Michael Snyder letting me know that he and his wife Patricia had lost their home in Paradise, CA in the Camp Fire. Despite this tragic loss, they were fortunate in that they were away from home in another state when most of Paradise was reduced to ashes. Also, fortunate is that Michael's 1949 Cadillac Convertible survived the fire because it was in a shop in Hamilton City which is about 24 miles west of Paradise. Michael especially lamented that he had lost an extensive library of automotive books and railway historical books. Michael mentioned that they had good insurance and that they would be moving soon to Edmonds, WA.

We were very sorry to hear of their loss and everyone has been thinking of all of those who lost so much due to the devastating fires in California. I'm sure Michael and Patricia would love to hear from fellow club members at this time. Michael's email address is: **MSnyderV8@comcast.net**. We are so glad to know Michael and Patricia are well and are moving on to the next chapter. We wish them every success in rebuilding and we hope to stay in touch.

Charles Thompson
NorCal CLC Board of Directors

FOR SALE

1938 Cadillac 7523

7-Passenger Touring Sedan; was in process of restoration before David's death – great project car – complete including partially rebuilt engine with NOS block \$10,000

Contact Patti Ricci at pkricci@hotmail.com, (925) 270-6900 or Adam Powell at (925) 207-6767



1973 Eldorado CVT

Original California car all its life, solid #3 cruiser owned since 1990. Body and interior good to very good, top excellent, no rust. Includes hard boot, extra parts, original owners manual, shop and top manuals. Familiar sight for many years on tour with Norcal Region, rarely driven anymore. Needs body fillers. Appraised at 15K a few years ago...please make reasonable offer. Sandy Carrion (530) 205-9750 leave msg or Cadwomn1@gmail.com



**Long Overdue Mention...
To our longtime club member**



THE KATIE ROBBINS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (FORMERLY THE CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE)

ED GUNTHER

The Katie Robbins Award is our Club's highest honor and is presented by the Nationally-Elected Board of Directors to the CCCA member who (or members who) in the Board's opinions, have distinguished themselves through exceptional leadership, vivid imagination and rare organizational ability, inspiring their associates in a concerted effort toward the fulfillment of worthwhile Club goals.

This year's recipient is Ed Gunther of California. Ed is a longtime CCCA member who served as Regional Director of the Northern California Region and continued service as treasurer for more than 25 years. His contributions go well beyond service to his home Region; Ed served as coordinator for the 1997 Gold'n Wine CARavan, coordinator for the last week of 1995 Coast-to-Coast CARavan and as co-Coordinator for the 2009 Far Out West CARavan. He also coordinated the highly successful 2002 Annual Meeting in San Jose. That event marked the Club's 50th anniversary with more than 450 attendees and over 100 Classics displayed.

Ed continues to volunteer and will serve as co-coordinator for the Northern California/Oregon Regional tour in September of this year. Thank you Ed for your many years of service to the Club.

**Academy of Arts
Auto Collection Tour**

**March 16, 2019
10:30 AM**

We will meet at 950 Van Ness @O'Farrell building and tour this fantastic collection. Lunch at Tommy's Joint. Then if folks want we can tour the Van Ness and Washington building about 8 blocks away. Parking is difficult so it's recommended that people use the parking garage on O'Farrell at Polk, behind the AMC Theater. If you are planning to attend please let me know, email donald_barnes@msn.com or call 415 387 8965. There is a \$10.00 donation to see the collection.

Cadillac LaSalle Club Badges

They are 3'' wide and 1.5" tall, plastic black and white with the local region logo. Similar to the image shown: approx. size.

Total cost is \$10.00 each.

Please select **pin** or **magnet**. Provide the name as you want it to appear on the badge to: Carolyn Dippel at cadillacrazy@yahoo.com **and** make out a check for \$10 to NorCal CLC Send to: Charles Thompson, 700 Albatross Dr. Novato, CA 94945-1506



If you have questions, please email or call Carolyn at 650-823-5584.

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*Holiday
Party Fun
for All!*

Over 20 CLC Members and guests shared a great meal and good conversation. The gift exchange was a great success. Thanks go out to the Barnhardt's for making it so festive.



Can't wait for next year!