

# **Altamont Cruisers Newsletter**

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# **President speaks:**

Welcome to all the new members, we look forward to getting to know you more! Heather and Rod hosted an outing to Blackhawk Museum that was enjoyed by many members, and we look forward to many fun events and a great year! The board meetings will be held every other month and will be announced in advance.

Here is the link to the photos of the tour, compliments of Dick Jones our wonderful photographer extraordinaire. <a href="https://rjaerial.smugmug.com/Cars/3-23-2024-Cruisers-Blackhawk-tour">https://rjaerial.smugmug.com/Cars/3-23-2024-Cruisers-Blackhawk-tour</a>

Rod West

## **UPDATE FROM OUR VP!**

Our first Cruise In will be Saturday, May 25th at:

Chardonnay Shopping Center 4010 East Ave Livermore, CA 94550 3:00pm to 6:00pm (NEW TIME)

Jay thanks all the host for the cruise-ins!

Our Hosts:

May 25th - Alex Medeiros June 29th - Kelly O'Hair July 27th - Rod West August 31 - The Veteres September 28 - Bill Miller Jay Hope to see you all there, it's a fun time!

The upcoming shows are emailed to the Altamont Cruisers group list and if you have any not on the list, please contact Jay.

Thank you,

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Treasurer Report:

The roster has been updated and we currently have 80 current member families with 142 actual members. Registration monies are coming in and all accounts reported to the club.

Tom Duprey	
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#### NOSTALGIA DAY CAR SHOW REPORT:

Hope you're enjoying the wonderful weather. It's going to turn for a few days but hopefully that's it for this year!

We have successfully received volunteers for all the leadership/Co-chair positions for this year's car show. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up so far. Now has come the time for general car show

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volunteers. To make this show the success it has been we need the membership's help at large. If you have never helped, it is quite straightforward, fun and a way to help our club create a successful event and help raise the money we need to raise for our local charities. Remember, if you work the show, you can also show your car for free (after registration please send Tom Duprey a note and ask for the refund). You also get a special worker only show shirt (Please reach out to Cathy Duprey to request your size)

I emailed a list of the current volunteer openings. (Please look and see where you can help!) If it's Red ... we need help. The Co-chair/Leader will help assign specifics and provide directions for you. If you have any questions in the meantime, you can reach out to me or the co-chair. Please sign up for a shift (or 2!) by sending myself and the co-chair a note. I can help facilitate if need be.

#### A few additional notes:

- 1) The Volunteer list is our current best look at timing and needs. Slight changes could occur.
- 2)If you plan to show your car and work at the show. Please contact Tom Duprey for a refund after you have registered through the website.
- 3) If you sign up, please contact Cathy Duprey for your worker shirt size
- 4) If you are going to a different car show or event and want to hand out our NDCS flyers, please contact Cathy Duprey for a stack to take.
- 5) If you are signed up for a shift, please plan to work the whole shift. At times it might get quiet but will likely pick back up again so please don't abandon post during your assigned shift.
- 6) If you have a high schooler that requires community service for graduation. Members have had this count previously!

Appreciate all of you who can step up and help. We cannot make the club and Livermore proud without you.

Keep Motoring!

Jason Whetstone NDCS Chair Rod West NDCS Chair



Altamont Cruisers Social Report From: Cathy Duprey, Social Coordinator April 9, 2024

Last month on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heather & Rod West organized a Club Social and event to the Black Hawk Museum. We had about 30 members attend this function. It was a rainy morning, so most attendees did not bring their classic cars, but we did have a few diehards that did bring them. The museum was great and Fat Maddie's for lunch worked out extremely well. A BIG\* thank you to the Wests for a planning an outstanding day.

Our next Club breakfast will be this Sunday, April 14th, at Emil Villas at their current location. After speaking to the Hickory Pit's staff, it appears their final move will not be until June, so May's Saturday breakfast, May 11<sup>th</sup> will also be at their current location. May is a Saturday breakfast, the Saturday before Mother's Day. We are hoping starting in June, the Hickory Pit will have moved to their new location at the corner of L Street and Portola. We will continue to have our monthly breakfast at 9:00 am at the new location.

#### **April 25, 2024 – April 28, 2024**

Several Club members will be attending the Kool April Nights Car Show, in Redding. If you are attending, you will soon be receiving an email with all the particulars of this 4-day event soon. Although our block of rooms is full, if you would like to attend this car show and are not currently signed up to go, let me know, I can assist you with the hotel to see if we can't still get you a room.

#### May 4, 2024:

Joe & Carole Shurko have arranged for our Club Members to tour The East Bay Muscle Car Shop in Tracy. We will depart Livermore at 11:00 am, drive to Tracy East Bay Muscle Car, have a tour, then head over to Black Bear Diner in Tracy for a late lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet at the monthly Club meetings, or please reach out to Joe Shurko directly to sign up to attend this event.

Jay Morris has been keeping up with a list of Car Show, which has been great. If there is a car show that you would like to attend as a club and organize the caravan, please let Jay or myself know and we will help with that.

We have 2 very important events happening on Father's Day this year. We hope if you do not have other obligations on Father's Day you will join Club members by attending one or both of these very fun events.

#### June 16, 2024:

Father's Day Car show, Blue Oaks Church in Pleasanton. Steve Akacsos is hosting a Father's Day Car Show at his church. Cars should arrive at 9:30AM, the show goes until 12:30PM. This is a Show and Shine event, no fee to participate and there will be no awards, but you will be provided with a free lunch. A sign-up sheet will be at the monthly Club meeting, or you can contact Steve Akacsos at 925 872-6506 if you wish to attend.

#### June 16, 2024:

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Father's Day Car Show at Garre Winery in Livermore. As a Club we have participated in this event the last 2 years. They will have live music, food vendors and crafts. This Car Show starts at 12:00 noon and goes to 4:30 pm. In the past cars that participated in the show were given a bottle of Garre wine for their participation. There will be a

sign- up sheet at the monthly Club meeting or reach out to me at cpduprey@gmail.com to be added to the list of attendees.

#### July 13, 2024:

Ice Cream Social, Ken and Abbie Reichmuth are organizing an Ice Cream Cruise to Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory in Tracy. We will gather at 1:15PM at the Starbucks on First Street, Arroyo Park Shopping Center. Depart for Ghirardelli at 1:30PM. Arrive at 2:15PM to enjoy Ice Cream and Chocolate. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the Club monthly meetings, or you can contact Ken & Abbie at 510 693-0917 or 925 998-3168 to sign up.

#### August 21, 2024

Cogir of Brentwood Senior Living and assisted Care Car Show and live music by TNT, Club members Lydia and Mike Vetere. 6:00PM-8:00PM. We will plan to leave at 3:00pm to avoid traffic and bring snacks and drinks to enjoy kicking tires before the party begins.

Please sign up at the Club monthly meeting or reach out to Lydia Vetere 925 548-6702, if you wish to attend this event, you must RSVP by August 10, 2024, to be included in the food provided.

**August:** Coming... Hot Deli Night at the Livermore Butcher Shop, watch for more details to come.

At recent Board Meeting, the Board agreed that they wanted to have a Holiday Party again this year in December. I am looking for someone who would like to host and organize this year's Holiday Party. If you would like to volunteer to host this year's holiday party, please contact me at: cpduprey@gmail,com.

Hope to see you all at one of the upcoming
events.
Cathy

#### A BUG AND A SNAKE

A Historically correct Truth Kelly O'Hair

Back when the old VW bugs were all the rage (yes, this was a long time ago) I had a friend whose name was Pete (not his real name). I'm not sure where he got that name, but he was a very energetic friend of mine who had a nice 1963 VW Bug.

So a bunch of the gang was sitting around drinking beer in the front yard when a small gopher snake crawled up the tire of Pete's VW and somehow disappeared inside the body of the VW. Of course, all of us were laughing except Pete. Apparently, Pete didn't like snakes, and he started to take drastic actions to get the snake out of his VW Bug. Within a few minutes a large part of the car was dismantled, nothing that couldn't be put back together, but we all thought it was a bit extreme. Soon he had a pair of tin snips, and he was cutting into the body of his VW so that he could reach in and grab this snake. Well as soon as he would start to grab it, it would slither off into another part of the VW. Well, to make a long story short, the end result was a severely trashed VW Bug and a very frustrated Pete, who still wanted that snake out of his VW. As we handed Pete a fresh beer and sat down to give Pete our support, the snake dropped out of the VW and crawled away.

Now you might not think Pete was very smart, but sometimes everyone gets so hung on making something happen, that they don't realize the damage they are doing.

#### Moral of the story:

Sometimes you need to limit the extremes you go thorough to force something to happen.

Sometimes they just happen when they are ready to happen.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

WE LOST 3 DEAR MEMBERS THIS YEAR AND WILL REMEMBER THEM WITH FOND MEMORIES. WE SEND OUR CONDOLENSCES TO THE FAMILIES AND PLEASE KEEP THEM IN. YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS!



#### **Herb Guidry III**

Herb was a very fun guy and always made us laugh. He is remembered with fondness for his fashion (a Farmer overall) this and his beard was his distinct look! He and his wife, Judy, were active participants and helped in many car shows as Publicity Chairs and social functions. They enjoyed driving the '39 4 door Chevy to many mystery Tours and joined in the fun! He will be missed.

# Ellen R. Hayes

25 June 1923 - 1 March 2024 Pleasanton, CA

Long time Pleasanton resident Ellen Hayes passed away on March 1, 2024, under hospice care after an extended illness. Ellen was born on 25 June 1932 in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin, one of five girls in the Sikorski Family. She is survived by her youngest sister, Emily Gibson and her family of Edmonton, Canada. No Roger and Ellen enjoyed working together



restoring classic Thunderbirds and touring the US in their Corvette while socializing with their car clubs.

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## Ellen is missed by her family and

friends.:https://enewspaper.eastbaytimes.Source com/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&pubid= c847751d-ccc4-46e5-adcf-0b65cffdec56 2/2 submitted by Kelly O'Hair

Rita Holliday

November 30, 1939 - April 9, 2024

Rita and Ron Holliday lived in Hayward. I still regret not taking her up on how to make tamales. They own a '51 Chevy coupe. They are both lovely people and we will miss her and am sure she is missed by her family and friends!





We received a Thank you Letter from the **Good News Bears** in appreciation for the grant received!

Keep Phil Schuyler and April Iraeta in your thoughts and prayers for continued healing!





# Board & Reminders 2024 Board

## Officers/Chairs

President	Rod West
Vice-President	Jay Morris
Treasurer	Tom Duprey
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Membership	Ken Reichmuth
Social	Cathy Duprey
Webmaster	Ed King
Car Show Chairman	Rod West/Jason Whetstone
Sergeant at Arms	Joe Shurko

# **Latest Roster!!!**

You can find the roster by going to the Google group page at <a href="https://groups.google.com">https://groups.google.com</a>, then select the group "altamont-cruisers". The shared folder contains the latest minutes, newsletter, and roster

# Reminders

Club Second Saturday Breakfast Only once a month then back to Second Sunday of the month	
Club Meeting	May 14th @7PM
Club Meeting	June 11th @7PM
Cruise In	May 25th @3PM

# The Last Word:

"It is never too late to be what you might have been."

— George Eliot



With Gratitude, Lydia Vetere-Editor