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### First Sunday Drives



#### **FIRST SUNDAY DRIVE**

January 5, 2020

Castro Valley to Crockett

No Host Lunch at The Dead Fish

The starting point: Peets Coffee, 20439 Redwood Road, in the Castro Village Shopping Center, Castro Valley  
Departing 10AM!

Hello Sunday Drivers, this month Board Members Nadine & Barton Lane (650-888-8952) will be leading the adventure.

We'll all meet at Peet's between 9:15 and 9:45 am. We leave together in caravan after sign-in and instructions, promptly at 10 a.m. Our route will take us from Castro Valley to Crockett, passing along the way regional parks of Alameda and Contra Costa, before finishing at the Dead Fish restaurant in Crockett, for no-host lunch at approximately noon.

PS: PB4UGO

The luck of the draw for January weather will determine if we have sun, overcast, rain, or fog; we will finish the drive as planned unless there are road closures along the way. (It has happened before!)

For a map and complete details, [click here](#).





## FIRST (SECOND) SUNDAY DRIVE

February 9, 2020

Third Annual "Delta Drive" to Brunch\* at the Grand Island Mansion

Actually the Second Sunday, as the GIM (Grand Island Mansion) was closed on the 2nd of February ... Ground Hog Day or something!

The starting line begins at Peet's Coffee in Concord.

We'll meet up at Peet's Coffee in the "Clayton Valley Shopping Center" at the intersection of Clayton Valley and Ygnacio Valley Roads in Concord at 9 to 9:45 a.m. for coffee and snacks. Peet's is located behind the Bank of America on the corner at 5458 Clayton Valley Road, Concord. Sign ins and map handouts completed by 10:00 a.m.; ladies and gentlemen... "start your engines" ... for a prompt departure and a right turn east onto Clayton Valley Road.

We then get on Marsh Creek Road passing by the historic city of Clayton and then into the wilds of the northeast side of Mt. Diablo. Expect great views and possibly lush green grass covered hills as we wind down the road towards the Delta. Note, there are warning signs posted regarding the possibility of "ICY" road conditions.

There is a lot of early California packed into this area, as John Marsh was the first "Anglo" landowner in "Alta California" (2). We are driving thru history! About 11 miles down Marsh Creek Road, we'll make a left turn on to Deer Valley Road headed towards Antioch and a right turn onto Hwy 4 (9 miles) then onto the gateway to "The Delta" Hwy 160, staying to the right. Next is "The High Bridge", which is a "toll bridge", if you don't have "Fastrak", have dollars ready! The plan is to go thru the "collection side" to keep our run together, a beep = \$!

Just past Isleton, we follow Hwy 160 over the old bridge and a right turn following Hwy 160. Next is a left turn on to Hwy 220 just past the Ryde Hotel in Walnut Grove. This is where the driving gets little more interesting as we drive across Grand Island with farm vistas! Take a right turn on to "Grand Island Road" heading North East. (Note, "The Grand Island Road" is basically a "loop" around the perimeter of the Island can not get lost!) A short distance on this levee road is our destination on the right ... The Grand Island Mansion ("GIM") 13415 Grand Island Road!

The Finish Line ends at "GIM" with a delicious brunch.

\* **Brunch Reservations are required!** They sell out 2-3 weeks in advance, if you plan on having brunch please book yours with "GIM" as early as possible! The run is about 1.5 - 2 hours, 12 o'clock or after should be safe. Book on "Open Table" - Note "MBZ Club Group", call GIM directly @ 916.775.1705. Informational links:

[Grand Island Mansion](#)  
[Mount Diablo](#)  
[John Marsh](#)



## 2019 Member Appreciation Holiday Party - Blackhawk Museum



85 members and guests braved the storm clouds and attended our annual holiday gala, held at the Blackhawk Museum in Contra Costa County.

Our brunch, catered by Scott's, included hot and cold menu choices to be washed down with beverages from a full bar.

Our dining area was adjacent to beautiful classic and exotic cars from the museum's famous auto collection. After brunch, members were invited to tour all the museum's collections, including African artifacts and the new Western collection.

During the business program, club membership pins were awarded for five to forty years, and next year's officers were announced. Barton Lane will continue as vice-president, and Nadine Lane as treasurer. Past president Jack Weir will serve as interim president, as Mikey Vasquez, our 2019 president, has relocated.

Many new members showed up, and a number of guests asked how to join. Our section enjoys a great reputation, as one of the most active sections in the club.

Some of next year's events, including a tour of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant, were announced. The event calendar will be completed next month, and, of course, the popular First Sunday Drive program remains in high gear.

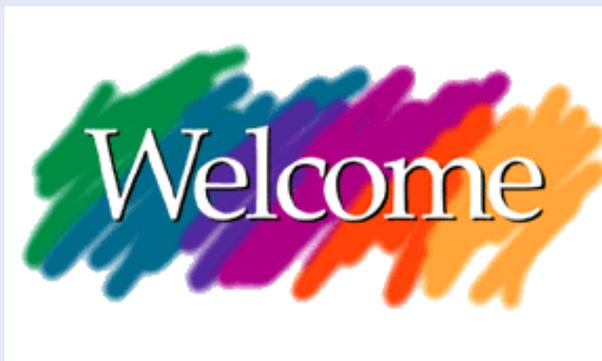
Many thanks to Barton and Nadine, and museum staff, for another fabulous holiday gathering! For additional photos,

[click here.](#)



## Welcome New Members

David Nicolai, Pebble Beach  
Gary Davis, Aptos  
Bill Reising, Novato  
Joe Garappolo, Mountain View  
Sandy Perley, Newark  
Eric Zhang, Concord  
Wayne Meyer, San Francisco  
Nick Ascencio, Brentwood  
David Meinhardt, Palo Alto  
Cheryl Hogan, San Francisco



**Your suggestions for club activities are always welcome!**  
**Please feel free to contact your Officers to talk about any club-related matter!**

**Visit our club website for up-to-date information on club events.**  
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1965 230 SL



83,500 miles. This is an estate sale. Only two owners. Auto was literally owned by a little old lady that drove it to church weekly. Convertible with pagoda hard top and flexible soft top. Automatic transmission. Air conditioning. All original parts and options in excellent working condition. All original papers, owner's manuals etc. The vehicle has been impeccably maintained by Mercedes professionals. VIN number: 001855F230SL

Contact: Tim Lahey 925-837-6219 [tblahey@gmail.com](mailto:tblahey@gmail.com). Car is located in Danville, CA.

Price \$54,500 [Click here for more photos.](#)

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2011 E550 Wheels



Set of 4 stock wheels from a 2011 E Convertible 550. These appear to be almost new as the original owner switched over to some custom wheels. They appear to be 18 inch. The stamp on the inside of the wheels is 85J X 18 H 2. There is another stamp: SL 2115. Made in Italy ... also stamped. Look perfect.

Best offer. Joe Webb 650-851-8284. Woodside, California

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1983 300D



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### Other Events of Interest



Patrick Ottis's 1934 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300  
WELCOME TO FIRST SATURDAY

**BISCOTTI & CARS**

Biscotti and Cars  
First Saturday Each Month  
Sausalito



Blue/Tan, 165K miles

The car runs and drives perfectly and has no rust. This is probably one of the only single-owner 300D's you can still find - my grandfather purchased the car new in 1983 and I inherited it from him a few years ago. I have records going back to the original purchase, the car has never been in an accident, and it's been housed in a covered garage it's entire life. In the past 9 months I've changed the oil, installed new fuel filters and injector hoses, replaced the brakes, and put in a brand new audio system. The tires are also in great shape. The exterior and interior are both in excellent condition. There is a small dent in the back right door - this will be fixed by the time I sell the car. The paint on the trunk is also a bit aged. This 300D features the highest European trimmed leather interior, climate control A/C, heat, power sunroof, power windows, and power side mirror. The turbo and engine perform smoothly as well as the transmission which shifts seamlessly. With only 165k meticulously maintained miles, she has the potential to drive north of 500k miles and beyond with regular maintenance. These cars are legendary for this. [You can see more photos here.](#)

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1979 450SL



1979 Mercedes Benz 450 SL Roadster All original silver exterior, black interior, black soft top in perfect condition. California garaged car, non smoker, driven regularly, a real cruiser, good condition overall. V8 engine, 3 speed auto transmission, cruise control. Mechanically well maintained original vehicle, all services performed by MBZ mechanics. Clean title w/smog certificate, manuals, tools, spare tire and service records available. Newer tires, new AC/Heater, Pioneer CD, tape, radio. Updated wheel rims, new brake discs & rotors, water pump and power steering pump. Driver window and Master lock system disabled, original keys lock car and trunk. Original leather seats are worn. Millage odometer at 87750, actual mileage estimated at 115,000 VIN 10704412052526 \$5000 or best offer. [Click here for more photos.](#)

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### San Francisco



[Pete's Inc.](#), 1745 Clay Street, San Francisco, 415.441.5896

### Campbell



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