

Sir's Branch 8 - Car Enthusiasts Activity yearend report 2015
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The Car Enthusiasts activity was initiated in March of 2015. The interest sign up cards identified about 14 members interested in participating. Our 1st meeting was on March 3rd and we had a good turnout for lunch at our 1 PM, Round Table Pizza meeting location, Oak Grove Road and Treat Blvd, Concord. The group has grown to 21 members.

Early efforts were made to identify member interest and deliver enjoyable theme events to participate in each month. The 1st group event was held at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in San Ramon and was attended by 20 Sir's members and significant others. A museum tour of the auto collection and the new "Western History" exhibit was docent guided. A band concert followed and finally a dinner at the Blackhawk Grille. The event was enjoyed by all.

This set the bar pretty high for our activity. Efforts were made to set dates and times for future events at monthly meetings. However, participation at meetings and events over the last year have dropped off considerably.

Two meetings were canceled along with associated events.

The scheduled activities included:

April - "1st Street Green" car show, Benicia - Cancelled, no participation.

May - California Auto Museum Tour, Sacramento - 8 participants, Lunch at El Toritos

June - Crusin' in the Sun, Pinole - 6 sign ups, no one showed (was originally proposed as a Tesla Plant tour which could not be scheduled)

July - "Hot Summer Nights" Danville - 7 couples, dinner at Maria Maria's

Aug - "American Iron Car show" - Pleasant Hill - 9 participants, lunch at Jack's

September - "Madness on the Main" car show - Martinez - 7 participants, breakfast at the Copper Skillet.

October - "Coffee & Cars" Blackhawk Museum, San Ramon - Canceled not enough participation

November - SF International Car Show - Moscone Center - at present 9 sign up's to travel by BART to and from show

No meeting or event planned for December Meeting to resume in January.

Currently searching for 2016 activities. Tom and I have suggested we limit meetings and events to 4 per year, but members have rejected only 4 meetings. Core group of 8-10 want to continue monthly meetings. We will pursue only 4 events for 2016. Group needs to be more invested in event planning to assure good participation.