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Weber's Wanderings



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(Verdugo Vintage Vehicles region of the CHVA, From the Motormeter)

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With the temperatures in the Valley in the 90's, it was a great time to take advantage of the invitation to display our cars in the ideal weather of Marina del Rey at the 26th annual event sponsored by the Classic Yacht Assn. and the L.A. County Department Of Beaches And Harbors.

Bob and Maryellen Zarnosky have been leading a tour from Woodley Park in Van Nuys to the Marina for a number of years, but bouts with "the sicklies" this year left them both a bit too far under the weather to make it. I'm happy to report they are both well on the road back to good health, though. In the meantime, they asked Lu & me to fill in for them.



We drove "Yeller", the '58 Edsel Pacer convert over to Woodley bright and early Sunday morning, and found Mike Frankovich, Jr. in his newly acquired 1965 Cadillac limousine waiting patiently. Like most of Mike's cars, this Caddy is "unusual". It was a one owner car originally purchased by an Oklahoma oilman and only has about 75K. miles. It was produced right at the time of a styling change for the big Series 75 limos, and still featured holdovers such as 1961 style tail fins. And it is indeed *big!*

Waiting with Mike was Coastal Valleys' Bob Boynton, who drove his '65 Mustang. We were soon joined by C.V.'s Larry & Karen Bauman in their '56 Buick Century, Chuck Shubb in a '50 Studebaker Champion Starlight coupe, and the Piots, with Larry and Mary in the "Busy Bee" '56 Buick with trailer and son John driving their '65 Dodge Dart. They were accompanied by friend and Buick motor builder Patrick who was driving a nice '58 Olds 98 hardtop.



Last to arrive were Doug and Gretchen Caister in the beautiful '57 Corvette. It was such a lovely morning, it was top down time for those of us who could convert.

We left Woodley Park right on schedule at **8:15**, and enjoyed a nice, traffic—free jaunt down the 405 to the Marina Freeway and Burton Chace Park in time to get parked along the fence by the water by 9:00.



We were greeted by John and Joanne LaMonte who had already parked their '55 Studebaker President Speedster. Dave, Betty, and Mark Higby arrived a bit later with their 1962 Buick Skylark convertible.

There were a number of other fine vintage cars on display, as well as a number of old huff and puff engines, wonderful model yachts, and the fine collection of pre-WW II yachts, which were available for the public to tour, tied up at the guest dock.

Any time I feel that I've done something special making one of my old cars look good, all I have to do to be humbled is look at the relatively vast areas of varnished wood and shiny brass fittings that have to be maintained on these old yachts that spend their life in the unfriendly environs of the salt water sea.

By 3 PM we were free to return to the warmth of home. What a great way to spend a hot July day.

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