



**GOLDEN GATE CHARTER REGIONAL GROUP #1
V-8 CLUB - FIFTH 2026 CALENDAR PLANNER**

EVENTS, TOURS, AND SWAP MEETS

May:

1-3 - The 75th Sacramento Autorama – 10am to 6pm at Cal-Expo1600 Exposition Blvd
Sacramento

2 – Washington High School 25th Annual Car Show – 7am – 2:30pm – 28442 Fremont Blvd,
Fremont – Info 510-505-7300 Ext. 67361 or dnahale@mvrop.org

3 – Niles Spring Fever Car Show – 9am – 3pm - Information
at <https://www.niles.org/spring-fever-car-show>

3 – Spring Turlock Swap Meet – 6am – 2pm – Stanislaus County Fairgrounds – 900 N.
Broadway, Turlock. Info at 209-201-8491 Or SFTURLOCK.com

9 - Golden Gate RG#1 – 9:30am General Meeting and Breakfast – Le Paradis, 22809
Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541 – Open to all members and guests. You could win a free
breakfast just by attending!

15 - 17 – Charlie Chaplin Days– Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum 37417 Niles Blvd.
Fremont – For information email pr@nilesfilmmuseum.org or leave a message at 510-494-
1411

17 – Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club Friendship Day– 8:00am to 2:00 pm - 441 Seaport Blvd, Redwood City –info at <https://www.mpotac.com/friendship-day.php>

22 – Stanford Dept of Public Safety 3rd Annual Car Show – 10:30am – 1:30 – 233 Bonair Siding Rd. Stanford – Info call Pete at 650-723-9633 or POLICE.STANFORD.EDU

23 – Alameda Naval Air Museum – Save The Museum Event – Noon to 4:00pm – Special event: May 23, noon to 4:00 PM. Fundraiser. Come see and save the museum. More details to follow at <http://alamedanavalairmuseum.org/>

28 Foster Freeze Pinole Classic Car Show – 4pm - ?? – 993 San Pablo Ave, Pinole – Free Event

June:

6 – Hot Rod Row Classic Car Show – 10am to 4pm Downtown Pleasanton. For more info contact info@pleasantondowntown.net or 925-484-2199

6 – San Leandro Cherry Festival Car Show – 11am to 6:00pm – W. Estudillo Ave, Historic Downtown San Leandro – info at <https://downtownsanleandro.com/cherryfest/>

13 - Golden Gate RG#1 – 9:30am General Meeting and Breakfast – Le Paradis, 22809 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541 – Open to all members and guests. You could win a free breakfast just by attending!

20 – Castro Valley Car Show – 11:00am to 5:00pm – Castro Valley Blvd, Downtown Castro Valley – info at <https://castrovalleycarshow.com>

21 – Drive Your V-8 Day – 1:00pm – Meet at the Beall’s home 955 Arbor Drive, San Leandro for a ride in your V-8 to the Factory Store OR meet us at 1111 139th Ave, San Leandro at around 1:30pm. We will follow our drive by rewarding ourselves with some tasty ice cream treats. For questions contact Matt Beall at 510-910-4321.

SAVE THESE 2026 DATES:

GOLDEN GATE Charter RG#1 – 37th Annual Bean Bash – November 1, 2026

CARS AND COFFEE/ CRUISE IN EVENTS:

(Get your car out of the garage and share it, or just enjoy the cars of like-minded individuals, maybe meet our next new member!) (Provided by [Upcoming Events - NorCal](#))

[Car Culture - NorCalCarCulture.com](#)) (Some of these may be seasonal. Check at the above link to verify event dates)

Alameda Cars and Coffee - Every First Saturday 8AM - 10AM - Greer Family Mortuary 2694 Blanding Ave, Alameda (May through November)

Castro Valley Moose Lodge Cars and BBQ - Every Fourth Wednesday 3PM - 7PM - Hayward Castro Valley Lodge #1491, 20835 Rutledge Rd Castro Valley (May thru Aug). More info - castrovalleymooselodge1491@gmail.com

Danville Livery Cars and Coffee - Fridays from 8:30am to 10am at 400 Sycamore Valley Road, Danville

(New) Niles Flying A: Cruise In + Grill n' Chill – Every Friday 5:00pm to 9:00pm until October 16th

Niles Flying A Classics and Coffee - Every Second Sunday 7AM - 11AM - Niles Flying A 37810 Niles Blvd, Fremont

Redwood City Cars and Coffee - Every Second Sunday 7AM - 10AM - Breakers Cafe 270 Woodside Road, Redwood City. More info carsandcoffeepeninsula@gmail.com

Rob's Zombies Cars and Coffee - Every Saturday 8AM – 12PM - Rob's Zombies 1776 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord

Rose's Cars and Coffee – First Saturday 8AM - 10AM - Lloyd's Donuts 5200 Mowry Avenue Fremont

The Hot Concord Nights Cruise-In - every Saturday evening at 6pm at Los Tacos de Pancho, 2699 Clayton Road

The San Francisco Ocean Beach Cars and Coffee - every third Sunday at Ocean Beach in San Francisco

San Leandro Rodder's Night Out – Every 2nd and 4th Thursday 3:30PM till Dusk. Parking Lot at the corner of Washington and Floresta, San Leandro (Near Elio's Restaurant) (April through October)

The San Mateo Cars and Coffee is every other Sunday at 10am at Auto Vino, 380 Industrial Road.

South San Francisco - The Bay Area Summer Nights is every Friday from 6pm to 10pm at 925 El Camino Real.

Benicia - Benicia Cars and Coffee is the first Saturday of the month from 8am to 11am at Starbucks, 90 Solano Square.

Foster City - The Peninsula Mustang's Cars and Coffee is every first Sunday from 8am to 10am at Armadillo Willy's, 2260 Bridgepointe Parkway

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Me and My V8 - It would be great to feature club members and their cars and/or experiences in this publication so we can continue to get to know one another. Please consider writing a short story about one of your cars or an experience that I can share. Include pictures if you have them and any other facts to peak club member curiosity. Submit your story to Matt Beall, mbeall_ra@yahoo.com, (510)910-4321.

EVENTS and TOURS – Plan, lead or suggest a tour. Do you have a favorite tour from days past? Is there somewhere you'd love to take a drive? A Museum? A Park? Someone's Garage? A Car event? Let's make it happen! Let me know... Matt Beall, mbeall_ra@yahoo.com, (510)910-4321.

CALENDAR INPUT - If you have any Dates, For Sales Items, information or additional content you would like to share with the Club, please reach out to mbeall_ra@yahoo.com or (510)910-4321.

PARTS WANTED/FOR SALE:

Parts for sale – Miscellaneous Ford Parts. Lots to choose from, reasonably priced, (some FREE!) - Call Mike Aahl @ (510)760-1260

We help Sell or Buy your Cars and Parts - Complete cars, unfinished projects, and parts - Call Mike Aahl @ (510)760-1260

Automobile Storage - Safe and Secure facility - Call Mike Aahl @ (510)760-1260

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

May: 6th Ken Bredlau, 22nd Kristina Gonsalves, 26th Linhares Anniversary, and 27th Strohecker Anniversary.

June: 1st Jim Palmer, 5th Dominguez Anniversary, 17th Toni Wilkerson, 18th Emery Anniversary, 20th Derickson Anniversary, 27th Bettie Keyser and 30th Callen Anniversary.

SIDE NOTES:

HELP OUR FRIENDS AT THE ALAMEDA NAVAL AIR MUSEUM

Officials Seek funding to Reopen Naval Air Museum

By Paul Kilduff

Since Naval Air Station Alameda's closure in 1997, the buildings that made up the base have been turned into thriving breweries, distilleries, a bakery and even a pickle ball emporium. However, one of the few sites linked to the base's military past, the Alameda Naval Air Museum, is on life support.

Closed since November, the museum at the former air station's old Building 77, is a treasure trove of World War II naval aviation artifacts, books and other items collected since the base shut down. After its first stint from 1995 to 1997 in Hangar 41, the museum closed for several years before reopening from 2004 until last fall.

That's when, due to a massive increase in the facility's insurance that they couldn't afford (from about \$915 a month to about \$3,170), the all-volunteer staff who operate the museum were forced to shut down. A short walk from the USS Hornet Sea, Air & Space Museum, Building 77 is owned by the city of Alameda, to which the volunteer staff pays insurance and maintenance fees.

"The age of the building is a problem. It has some issues, especially the front, the face of the building," says Larry Pirack, the president of the Alameda Naval Air Museum's Board of Directors. "So they upped our insurance from \$11,000 a year to \$38,000 a year, which is an enormous increase."

One reported problem with the building, built in 1942, is that lead paint — now known to be toxic — was used on the exterior.

"That might be some of it, but it's just the age of the building and the condition of some of the areas inside," says Pirack. "Water leaks. There is some deterioration of the concrete.

The building's a very strong building. But it's a concrete building that has got issues. If you look around the windows, you'll see some of the issues there. I would say the building is probably earthquake-proof the way it's built, but it needs a lot of sprucing up."

As to exactly what's wrong with the building, Pirack says all the insurance company would say was that it's "too old. The city put a value of \$8 million on it. It does need work, and we can't afford to do it."

An email sent to Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ashcraft's office on whether the city would help the museum pay the increased insurance bill went unanswered. As far as the building's track record on insurance claims, there has only been one.

"That was because of a sprinkler head on the ground floor. It was in a closet underneath the stairway. But that's the only claim we ever had, and we had a \$5,000 deductible, which we took care of. But insurance is hard to get nowadays," says Pirack, 85, a longtime Alamedan and military history buff.

In a fundraising letter sent out to Alameda Naval Air Museum members, Pirack said the organization is "continuing to search for alternative sources of insurance. We need donations from our membership and other concerned folks to continue operations. Our work is necessary and invaluable as a resource and living museum." Pirack did not mention how much money they've raised so far.

Founded by two longtime former base employees, Marilyn York and Barbara Baack, the museum features exhibits and archive materials on the rich aviation history at Alameda Point, as the former base is known today — even before it became a Navy base in 1940. For example, an exhibit explains how the site was the starting point for the first trans-Pacific flight from the U.S. West Coast to the Philippines by Pan Am's China Clipper in 1935.

The museum also houses exhibits on World War II events such as Doolittle's Raid on Tokyo and the Battle of Midway. Among the many photos are ones of President John F. Kennedy, who landed at the airport in 1962 on his way to give a speech at UC Berkeley's Memorial

Stadium. Other presidents who have passed through include George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

A popular feature of the building is the third-floor, wood-paneled “Crow’s Nest” dining area featuring a bar and small stage with stunning views of San Francisco Bay. The museum rented it out when it was open and would like to attract a restaurant interested in renovating it.

Museum docent Bob Caturegli, 67, who like Pirack knows his military history, calls the museum “a hidden gem. It’s unknown by a lot of people. I think it’s important to keep some of the old and bring in the new and develop this into a modern playground, but at the same time, respect its history.

“And frankly, it’s a tribute to the thousands and thousands of service men and civilians who either came through here during the time that the base was open or worked here and had their livelihood here.”

A fundraiser will be held May 23 at the museum to support its reopening. For more information on donating to the Alameda Naval Air Museum’s fundraising effort to reopen, visit alamedanavalairmuseum.org.

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