

CENTRAL COAST TRIUMPHS Newsletter-December, 1986

Because the first Thursday of January, 1987, falls on January 1, an inconvenient date for many of our members to meet, we have made an exception to our rule of meeting on the first Thursday of every month for our January meeting only. Instead of meeting on January 1st, our meeting will be held on the second Thursday, January 8th.

Place: Tony's Restaurant, 699 Linden Ave., Carpinteria.

Date: Thursday, January 8th.

Time: 7:00pm.

"Le Monstre", "Petite Pitaud", "Columbia", Fordilac, and Le Mans are items intimately tied to our January club event. Care to guess the connections. Well, for those members who are less informed on this country's racing histories in the Fifties, the above mentioned items were the creations of Briggs Cunningham, who nearly single handedly represented America in the international motor racing scenes, and captained the 12 meter boat, Columbia, in defense of the America's Cup, successfully I might add. And it is his private collection of sporting automobiles that we'll be viewing on January 17th., Saturday. This collection is currently ranked among the top 10 car collection in this country. I like to quote the following description of the collection from a recent publication:

Briggs Cunningham, Costa Mesa, California. A fine museum setting with a good variety of cars and a strong emphasis on racing cars. The Bugatti Royale, Bentley 8-liter, and Duesenberg SSJ(ex-Gary Cooper) are among the highlights of the great 100-car collection. Open to the public, admission charged.

I like this opportunity to thank Sue Davis of T.O.S.C. for inviting our members to join them on this opportunity to visit Cunningham's collection. Because the museum is down near Orange County Airport and we are to meet up with T.O.S.C. members at Woodley Park in Van Nuys, it is very important for us to be prompt with our departures.

Date: January 17th., Saturday.

Point of departures: Santa Barbara area members will depart from Bob's Big Boy Restaurant at Calle Real, near Earl Warren's Show-Ground. We depart at 9:00am. to join up with Ventura members.

Ventura members please gather at Charlie Brown's Restaurant near Seaward. We will depart at 9:40am. for Woodley Park at Van Nuys.

I have seen this collection 13 years ago, and I was very impressed. I can assure all members that it will be a worthwhile experience, even if you can't tell the differences between "Le Monstre" and "Petite Pitaud". Again, let us be prompt.

This is the REAL December Newsletter. Did any of you catch your editor's error? If you have a copy of November titled newsletter, you would have a collector's item in hand. What was our November's newsletter was incorrect titled as December newsletter. Sorry.

Stay sober during this holiday season and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the January 8th. meeting. M.L.

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