

Blackhawk Tour

We had 13 members meet at the Bridges Golf Restaurant in San Ramone Saturday morning at 11 for brunch.

The food was delicious and the service excellent. Five Oldsmobiles showed up and the four oldest parked right up front.

After brunch we caravanned over to the Blackhawk Auto Museum and at 2 pm had a docent take us around and give us facts and his perspective on the vehicles. He apologized for only having one Oldsmobile.

A 1940 4-door 2-tone blue with a Hydramatic. Not nearly as flashy as the one-off multi-million dollar cars but he said it was significant because it was the first fully automatic transmission offered by anyone. He mentioned they had a 1904 Curved Dash Oldsmobile but it was out on loan so he spent time with now their earliest car, a 1906 Cadillac.

Our docent Jon Mouller mentioned that many of the pre-world war II cars on display were Art Deco styling and very very expensive. Some now worth as much as 7 million dollars each today. Many of these were built during the Great Depression and sold to movie stars and other wealthy folks as the unemployment and soup lines grew longer in many parts of our country and the world. Could we be in for a repeat of history?



Club Oldsmobiles outside the restaurant. Left to right, Diane Kauffman's '70 SX, Harv Goldhammer's '70 442, Larry and Linda Ewing's latest '50 88 Club Sedan and Don and Linda Sutherland's '63 Cutlass F-85



Blackhawk Auto Museum's only Oldsmobile, a 1940 blue on blue 4 door with hydramatic

Linda and Linda at their respective cars. Sutherland's '63 f-85, and Ewing's '50 88 Club Sedan which she calls Verde.



Docent Jon Mouller explaining details of the 1906 Cadillac and while pointing to the white rubber tires he said "this is the true color of rubber"

Over at a Mercedes Benz car he asked if anyone knew what the 3 pointed hood ornament stood for and Diane Kauffman quickly said "air, land and sea" Wow! I was impressed.



Here stands the lucky 13! From left; Janice and Bruce Pruett, Dan and Elaine Haggerty, Linda and Don Sutherland, Linda and Larry Ewing. Back row, Alan and Jeanie Marsden, Diane Kauffman and the Goldhammer brothers, Harv and Howard.