Drive to Locke & Lunch at Al’s Place
With the Golden Gate Chapter
Saturday, May 23, 2009, 10 a.m.

Our next event will be a scenic drive through the Delta with the ultimate destination being the small historic town of Locke. This event has been an intermittent tradition with the Golden Gate Chapter over the years and we are pleased to join the tradition this year.

The Sacramento Meet-Up Location will be in the town of Freeport, about nine miles south of Sacramento at 10:00A.

Directions to Freeport (Sacramento Meet-Up Location):

- Take the Pocket Rd / Meadowview exit from I-5 (about 10 miles south of downtown Sacramento)
- Go east and take second right at about 0.3 miles to Freeport Blvd.
- Turn right (south) at Freeport Blvd (2-lane Rd.) and drive another 1.0 mile south to the Freeport City limits.
- Drive another 0.6 miles south along Freeport Blvd. to a parking area on the west side of the Rd. (adjacent to a white sign against the levy that says (Freeport Marina). This is the location where we will congregate and then embark to Locke by crossing the Freeport Bridge which is only another 0.1 miles down the road. 
  ➢ Please see the attached map (page two). A copy (and explanation) will be available for everyone when we meet in Freeport.
  ➢ Please take a look at a map on your own beforehand to reduce risks of getting lost!

From there we will caravan down the river road (Hwy 160) to the town of Locke. Our expectation is to arrive between 11:00AM to 11:30 AM. The Golden Gate Chapter will meet us in Locke at about the same time. They will be coming in from Hwy 12 through Rio Vista from the South.

Hwy 160 is a narrow levy road. If anyone is uncomfortable with this, you can take the “Twin City Rd." exit from I-5 to Walnut Grove, and from there travel for a few miles south to Locke.

When we arrive in Locke, we can wander around the town, visit the shops, enjoy the architecture, and get a sense as to what it was like to live in this town when it was occupied by a Chinese population more than 80 years ago. (Please see the associated links on page three).

We will eat at “Al’s Place,” an old institution that serves a simple fare of steak and chicken sandwiches, salads, soft drinks and beer between noon and 1:00 PM.

On the way back, there are the options of hanging around town, taking a walk through the nearby “Delta Meadows State Park,” or driving home - north on Hwy 160 and perhaps stopping at the art deco “Ryde Hotel,” which used to be a speakeasy during the 1920’s.

Please RSVP if you would like to come along.

Event posts are also available at the chapter websites:
www.sacvolvoclub.org  www.goldengatevcoa.org

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Information about Locke and the Surrounding Areas
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Associated Links:
http://www.goldengatevcoa.org/locke_09.html
http://www.locketown.com/Walking%20Tour.htm
http://www.locketown.com/als.htm
http://www.panoramio.com/photo/8366864
http://www.rydehotel.com

Delta Meadows State Park and Historic Locke

Public areas and trails in the nearby Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta are few and far between. The undeveloped Delta Meadows State Park and the adjacent historic Chinese town of Locke offer a great opportunity to take a scenic drive through the west's largest estuary, enjoy some local history, and get a glimpse of the natural Delta as it existed before it was leveed and drained.

Best Time
This is a year-round walk. Summer afternoons can be hot.

Finding the Trail
From Sacramento, drive 20.4 miles south on Interstate 5 to the Twin Cities Road exit. Turn right on Twin Cities Road and proceed 6.3 miles east to River Road; turn left. Drive 2.0 miles south on River Road, which follows a levee parallel to the Sacramento River, to the historic town of Locke. Proceed 0.7 mile south on River Road past Locke, turn left before the bridge at the Chuck Tison Memorial Park. Make an immediate left on a gravel road with a Delta Meadows River Park sign. Proceed 0.3 mile along the gravel road and park near the boat ramp.

Logistics
Bring money so you can shop for antiques and trinkets, and eat a meal in Locke. To learn more