

Historical Home

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Bolstered by the company's success, Frank Fageol and wife started on the home that shares many design elements found in the Orinda Country Club, which was founded a few years before construction started on the home in 1926 and was completed in 1929.

Call it creative differences, the brothers left Fageol Motor Company in 1927 to form a venture in Ohio that focused on a dual engine city bus called Twin Coach. That enterprise eventually branched out into trolley buses to keep pace with demand. The streetcar version for city use featured what's believed to be the first bus with air brakes. Sadly the firm couldn't survive the Depression, and went into receivership. It was re-organized as Fageol Truck and Coach in 1938. The factory was purchased by T.A. Peterman which produced Peterbilt trucks starting in 1939.

The gracious hacienda-style home just off Camino Sobrante, now 84-years-old, has three apartments on the property, set up as a family compound around a central patio area facing the golf course. Each apartment – two in the main house and one above the detached garage – has a separate kitchen with one bathroom and one bedroom. With a total of five kitchens, nine-plus bedrooms and nine full bathrooms with two powder rooms, the property has approximately 11,000 square feet of living space.

Original owner Frank Fageol and his wife had a

keen eye for detail; the main home is full of custom design work that has stood the test of time along with many current upgrades, like wi-fi that was unimagin-

able when ground was broken on the house at the time Herbert Hoover was president.

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Rear courtyard area with fountain.

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