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**Dancing with the Cars**  
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**Orinda Classic Car Show**  
 Sept. 10th, 10 am to 2 pm  
 www.OrindaCarShow.com  
**Keep on Truckin'**



Campolindo defeated Moreau Catholic Aug. 27, winning the opener 28-17.

Photo Jeff Heyman

# After undefeated openers, hope springs eternal for Lamorinda football

By Jon Kingdon

Coming off a season where all three Lamorinda football teams made the playoffs, highlighted by Campolindo's NCS championship, there's nothing but optimism pervading the high schools as they began their seasons this past Friday.

### Miramonte

With a solid group of returners from last year's squad and a number of talented players from last year's JV squad, head coach Jack Schram sees things looking up for the Matadors: "We've got a really good returning senior class," Schram said. "They've gelled and played through seasons when we only had about

20 players and they've supplied great leadership. Along with a good junior class, the team has done a good job of coming together."

The offense will be leaning heavily on Luke Duncan, a UCLA commit, who had a quarterback rating of 98.2 last year with 30 touchdowns and only 12 interceptions.

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# 18th Annual Orinda Classic Car Show focuses on trucks; supports Seniors Around Town

By Sora O'Doherty

B.C. Forbes once said, "There is more credit and satisfaction in being a first-rate truck driver than a tenth-rate executive." Fortunately, Lawrence Siegel doesn't have to choose, being the very satisfied owner of a business, Cuesta Antiques, and a vintage truck: his prized Diamond T. If you missed it in Orinda's 2022 Fourth of July parade, you'll have another chance to view this elegant truck in the 18th Orinda Classic Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The show will feature vintage pickup trucks (stock and custom or resto-mod). There will also be all other types of vehicles, including some exotic, electric vehicles.

This year's theme, "Keep On Truckin'!" is well embodied by Siegel's lovingly restored vintage vehicle. Siegel acquired his truck about a decade ago. At the time, he saw it advertised in Hemmings auto trade vintage book. The truck, which was located in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, was about 60% restored, but had no wood and no hubcaps. The man who had begun the restoration had died, and his son needed money for college. Siegal bought the Diamond T for \$35,000, and reckons that he has invested that much and more in completing the restoration, although, he notes, restoration of a vintage vehicle is always ongoing.

Siegel and his wife own and run Cuesta Antiques in Lafayette, and you can often find the Diamond T parked near Whole Foods. Siegel says the truck attracts a lot of business for the shop. Siegal has always had a vintage vehicle of some type. He's participated in many car shows, including every one that has been held in Orinda. "We like to participate in the community," he said. Siegal and his wife have lived in Orinda for 35 years.

The truck stays pretty close to home. The farthest Siegel has driven it was to Napa to work on the truck's unique bed made of wine barrel slats, which he installed over the original steel bed. The bed is made of French oak, while the wooden sides are Sapele Mahogany from Brazil.

Siegel kept the original commercial license plates on the Iowa farm truck. While



Photo Sora O'Doherty

Theme, **Keep On Trucking**, entry, 1948 Diamond T one-ton pickup truck owned by Lawrence and Sarah Siegel of Orinda.

Ford and Chevrolet had pickup trucks back in the day that carried loads of a half or three-quarters of a ton, the Diamond T hauled an amazing one ton. To cope with that heavy load, the truck originally had springs so firm, Siegel says, "your teeth would chatter." He made adjustments to soften the ride. He was able to find original Coker replica tires, and restored the original wheel rims and hub caps. The Diamond T now has a 1995 Chevy Corvette engine, which replaced the original Hercules engine. It runs on premium 91 octane gasoline, and the tank holds 15 gallons.

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