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July 4 Novato 4th of July Parade Cheer as World War II vehicles, live music acts, vintage cars, a boat from the U.S. Coast Guard, and elaborate floats cruise through the historic downtown. (415) 899-8900.

July 7 Truckee AirFair & Family Festival T-38 Talon jets fly overhead as you examine some 50 aircraft on display, shake hands with two Tuskegee Airmen, and dance to Brazilian funk music. Truckee Tahoe Airport. (530) 587-4119.

July 8-September 16 Moraga *The Nature of Collecting: The Early 20th Century Fine Art Collection of Roger Epperson* Admire 90 works of nature-inspired art from a late regional park ranger's vast collection. Saint Mary's College Museum of Art. (925) 631-4379.

July 14 Placerville Bastille Day-French Market Festival Picture yourself in Provence for the day as you amble through a market packed with fresh produce, cheese, and wine. David Girard Vineyards. (530) 295-1833.

July 14-28 Monterey County Carmel Bach Festival Now in its 75th season, the elegant gala presents acts from around the globe such as classical mandolinist Caterina Lichtenberg. Various locations. (831) 624-1521.

July 19-August 6 San Francisco Bay Area San Francisco Jewish Film Festival Venues in five cities host panel discussions and screenings including the world premiere of Roberta Grossman's *Hava Nagila (The Movie)*. Various locations. (415) 621-0523.

Wheel fun

Gear up for **Pedalfest**, a day for bicycle buffs in Oakland, on August 18. Families cruise around Jack London Square for races through an obstacle course, a BMX stunt show in a wooden velodrome, and the pop-up exhibit *Art of the Bicycle*. If you need to wind down, grab smoothies and ice cream churned by pedal power and sit along the waterfront. (510) 645-9292, pedalfestjacklondon.com.



Be on the lookout for wild rides such as penny-farthing bicycles in Oakland.

Want more?

Hit the road this summer and visit these don't-miss festivals around the West.

Waterfront Blues Festival July 4-8, Portland. (503) 282-0555, waterfrontbluesfest.com.

Fillmore Jazz Festival July 7-8, San Francisco. (800) 310-6563, fillmorejazzfestival.com.

Park City Kimball Arts Festival August 3-5, Park City, Utah. (435) 649-8882, kimballartcenter.org.

Hot August Nights August 7-12, Reno. (775) 356-1956, hotaugustnights.net.

Russian River Beer Revival & BBQ Cook Off August 18, Guerneville, Calif. (707) 869-0705, stumptown.com/revival.

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July 21 Petaluma Rivertown Revival Drift down the Petaluma River in a colorful art-boat flotilla, or stay on land for aerialists, live Americana bands, and budget weddings. Steamer Landing Park. (707) 290-6723.

July 22 Sacramento Ledisi The Grammy Award-nominated soul diva performs songs from her fifth album *Pieces of Me*. Fellow soul maven Eric Benét serenades with numbers from his new release, *The One*. The Woodlake Hotel. (916) 833-1576.

July 27 Walnut Creek Bluegrass, Brats, & Beer Visit a lush garden for music from the Alhambra Valley Band, Kinder's barbecue grub, and Pyramid Brewery's summery suds. Ruth Bancroft Garden. (925) 944-9352.

July 28-29 San Francisco San Francisco Symphony: *Pixar In Concert* Hear songs from beloved animated films such as *Toy Story* and *Cars* while memorable scenes flash above the orchestra at this world premiere. Davies Symphony Hall. (415) 864-6000.