Mercedes Headed North on 101

Somewhere between Petaluma and Santa Rosa I spotted you heading north

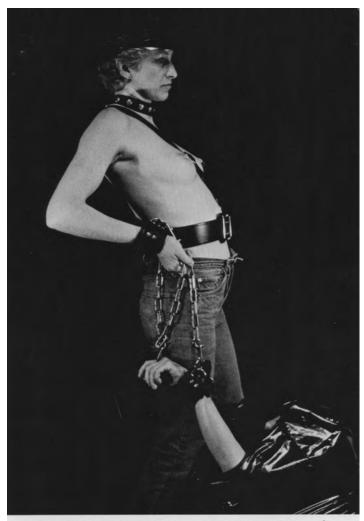
Classic station wagon an estate car with original roof rack filled with brown leather trunks fastened by brass buckled straps

The faded racing-green finish said you were not restored but kept in shape

Your driver
well into his 60s
held his liver-spotted hands
firmly at ten and two
while looking straight ahead
he kept you at 55
long before cruise control

Were you purchased decades ago in a West German postwar deal complete with factory tour or at some long-closed foreign dealership's polished showroom on North Van Ness 180 Jim Stewart

Is your driver an emeritus professor in ancient arcane languages taught at Berkeley or a retired banker from the City headed for weekend pleasures at the Russian River Folsom Street Blues 181



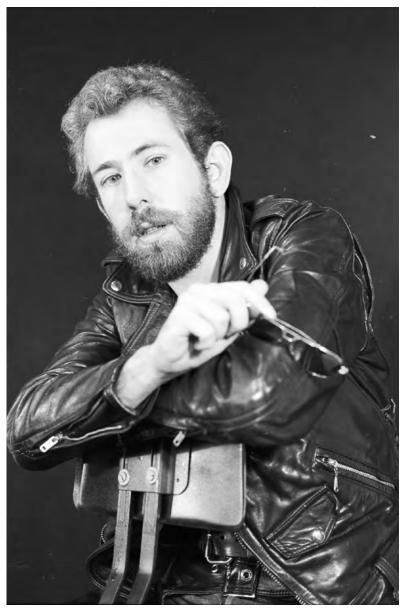
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Lou Rudolph at Keyhole Studios on Clementina Street 1979: photo by Jim Stewart

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Steve The Bartender: Drummer Compound

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